



Endangered and Threatened Species and Critical Habitats
under the Jurisdiction of the NOAA Fisheries Service

Florida-Atlantic

Listed Species	Scientific Name	Status	Date Listed
Marine Mammals			
blue whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
finback whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
humpback whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
North Atlantic right whale	<i>Eubalaena glacialis</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
sei whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
sperm whale	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
Turtles			
green sea turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Threatened ¹	07/28/78
hawksbill sea turtle	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	Endangered	06/02/70
Kemp's ridley sea turtle	<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
leatherback sea turtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Endangered	06/02/70
loggerhead sea turtle	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Threatened	07/28/78
Fish			
shortnose sturgeon	<i>Acipenser brevirostrum</i>	Endangered	03/11/67
smalltooth sawfish	<i>Pristis pectinata</i>	Endangered	04/01/03
Invertebrates			
elkhorn coral	<i>Acropora palmata</i>	Threatened	5/9/06
staghorn coral	<i>Acropora cervicornis</i>	Threatened	5/9/06
Seagrasses			
Johnson's seagrass	<i>Halophila johnsonii</i>	Threatened	09/14/98

Designated Critical Habitat

Right whale: Between 31°15'N (approximately the mouth of the Altamaha River, Georgia) and 30°15'N (approximately Jacksonville, Florida) from the coast out to 15 nautical miles offshore; the coastal waters between 30°15'N and 28°00'N (approximately Sebastian Inlet, Florida) from the coast out to 5 nautical miles.

¹ Green turtles are listed as threatened, except for breeding populations of green turtles in Florida and on the Pacific Coast of Mexico, which are listed as endangered



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Designated Critical Habitat (continued)

Johnson’s seagrass: A final rule designating Johnson’s seagrass critical habitat was published on April 5, 2000 (65 FR 17786) and 10 geographic areas (units) within the range of the species were identified along the east coast of Florida.

Elkhorn and Staghorn Corals: All waters in the depths of 98 ft (30 m) and shallower to the 6 ft (1.8 m) contour from Boynton Inlet, Palm Beach County, to Government Cut, Miami-Dade County; and the mean low water line from Government Cut south to 82° W longitude in Monroe Counties. Within these specific areas, the essential feature consists of natural consolidated hard substrate or dead coral skeleton that are free from fleshy or turf macroalgae cover and sediment cover. Maps and details regarding coral critical habitat can be found at: <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/esa/acropora.htm>

Proposed Critical Habitat

Smalltooth Sawfish: A proposed rule to designate smalltooth sawfish critical habitat was published on November 20, 2008 (73 FR 70290). Proposed critical habitat consists of two coastal habitat units: the Charlotte Harbor Estuary Unit and the Ten Thousand Islands/Everglades Unit. Maps and details regarding the proposed critical habitat rule can be found at: <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/SmalltoothSawfish.htm>

Species Proposed for Listing

None

Candidate Species ²	Scientific Name
None	

Species of Concern ³	Scientific Name
Fish	
Atlantic sturgeon	<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus</i>
dusky shark	<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>
key silverside	<i>Menidia conchorum</i>
largetooth sawfish	<i>Pristis pristis</i>
mangrove rivulus	<i>Rivulus marmoratus</i>
Nassau grouper	<i>Epinephelus striatus</i>

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night shark	<i>Carcharinus signatus</i>
opossum pipefish	<i>Microphis brachyurus lineatus</i>
saltmarsh topminnow	<i>Fundulus jenkinsi</i>
sand tiger shark	<i>Carcharias taurus</i>
speckled hind	<i>Epinephelus drummondhayi</i>
striped croaker	<i>Bairdiella sanctaeluciae</i>
Warsaw grouper	<i>Epinephelus nigritus</i>
Invertebrates	
ivory bush coral	<i>Oculina varicosa</i>

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