Our mission is to work with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.
Atlantic Salmon were listed under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) in 2000. Listed Atlantic salmon in Midcoast, Downeast, Penobscot, Kennebec and Androscoggin watersheds. Outside this geographic boundary, there are no ESA-listed Atlantic salmon.
Projects Involving Atlantic Salmon

If a Federal agency is involved in your project because

1) a federal permit from the Army Corps of Engineers, or
2) federal funding or technical assistance is used,

the USFWS will work with you and the federal agency through an ESA section 7 consultation.

For projects not involving a federal agency, the ESA still protects salmon; please talk to USFWS about how
Streamlining the Permit Process

USFWS worked with ACOE and FEMA to streamline ESA consultation and permitting:

- Based on Stream Smart principles
  - Don’t pinch the stream
  - Set elevation, slope, and alignment to match the stream
  - Natural stream bottom
- Focuses on Atlantic Salmon, but there may be other listed species to deal with
- Dramatically speeds Federal approval process
Streamlining the Permit Process

What happens once you submit application...

- Technical review of design
- Federal agency consultation with USFWS
- Consultation timeline within 14-30 days

*MUCH* faster than before!
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Can Help

Help with the ESA

- Federal Projects & Permits:
  Wende Mahaney (207) 902-1569

Technical assistance

- Gulf of Maine Coastal Program:
  Bill Bennett (207) 781-8364

- Fish & Wildlife Conservation Office:
  Scott Craig (207) 902-1561

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https://www.fws.gov/mainefieldoffice/