



# Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

## Coordination Recommendations

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### Coordination Recommendations by Species Status

STATUS	AGENCY FOR COORDINATION
Federal Endangered (FE) <i>Animals</i> <small>(other than insects)</small>  <i>Plants and listed insects</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)</li> <li>➤ VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF)</li> <li>➤ USFWS</li> <li>➤ VA Department of Conservation and Recreation – Division of Natural Heritage* (VDCR-DNH)</li> </ul>
Federal Threatened (FT) <i>Animals</i> <small>(other than insects)</small>  <i>Plants and listed insects</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ USFWS</li> <li>➤ VDGIF</li> <li>➤ USFWS</li> <li>➤ VDCR-DNH*</li> </ul>
Federal Candidate <i>Animals</i> <small>(other than insects)</small>  <i>Plants and listed insects</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ USFWS</li> <li>➤ USFWS</li> <li>➤ VDCR-DNH*</li> </ul>
Federal Species of Concern (FS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ USFWS (at applicant's discretion)</li> </ul>
State Endangered (SE) <i>Animals</i> <small>(other than insects)</small>  <i>Plants and listed insects</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ VDGIF</li> <li>➤ VDCR-DNH*</li> </ul>
State Threatened (ST) <i>Animals</i> <small>(other than insects)</small>  Plants and insects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ VDGIF</li> <li>➤ VDCR-DNH*</li> </ul>
Wildlife Action Plan (WAP) Tiered Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ VDGIF (at applicant's discretion)</li> </ul>

\* the VA Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) retains legal authority for the protection of all plants and listed insects. However, through a memorandum of agreement with VDCR-DNH, coordination regarding these resources should be initiated with VDCR-DNH.

## Coordination Recommendations by Dataset

Only when you get a confirmed documentation\* of a species or resource **in your search area**, defined as a two-mile radius around the project area, do you need to consider coordination with this Department or other agencies. Coordination recommendations depend on which database makes the confirmation:

**Species Observations (SppObs)** – The Species Observation dataset includes all verified species documentations maintained by VDGIF. Follow the above guidelines (coordination recommendations by species status) for coordination if a species is documented by SppObs within the search area. Below is a list of the taxa experts who should be contacted based on the species confirmed by the SppObs dataset:

Reptiles and Amphibians – John (JD) Kleopfer  
804-829-6703 or [John.Kleopfer@dgif.virginia.gov](mailto:John.Kleopfer@dgif.virginia.gov)  
Birds – Jeff Cooper  
540-899-4169 or [Jeff.Cooper@dgif.virginia.gov](mailto:Jeff.Cooper@dgif.virginia.gov)  
Sergio Harding  
804-367-0143 or [Sergio.Harding@dgif.virginia.gov](mailto:Sergio.Harding@dgif.virginia.gov)  
Mollusks/Aquatic Invertebrates – Brian Watson  
434-525-7522 or [Brian.Watson@dgif.virginia.gov](mailto:Brian.Watson@dgif.virginia.gov)  
Fishes – Mike Pinder  
540-961-8387 or [Mike.Pinder@dgif.virginia.gov](mailto:Mike.Pinder@dgif.virginia.gov)  
Mammals/terrestrial Invertebrates – Rick Reynolds  
540-248-9360 or [Rick.Reynolds@dgif.virginia.gov](mailto:Rick.Reynolds@dgif.virginia.gov)  
Eastern Shore – Ruth Boettcher  
757-787-5911 or [Ruth.Boettcher@dgif.virginia.gov](mailto:Ruth.Boettcher@dgif.virginia.gov)

**Bald Eagle Nests (BAENests)** – The Bald Eagle Nests dataset includes bald eagle nest locations maintained by VDGIF. Follow the above guidelines (coordination recommendations by species status) for coordination if a bald eagle nest is documented by BAENests within the search area. Jeff Cooper (contact information above) should be contacted regarding bald eagle nests.

**Bald Eagle Concentration Area and Roosts (BECAR)** – The Bald Eagle Concentration Area and Roosts dataset includes the locations of bald eagle concentration areas, defined as 660 feet landward or channelward of the shoreline, and documented roosting sites maintained by VDGIF. Follow the above guidelines (coordination recommendations by species status) for coordination if a bald eagle roost site or concentration zone is documented by BECAR within the search area. Jeff Cooper (contact information above) should be contacted regarding bald eagle roosts and concentration zones.

**Threatened and Endangered Species Waters (TEWaters)** – The Threatened and Endangered Species Waters dataset includes the location of waters in which a listed species has been documented and which agency biologists have determined are currently occupied by such species. Coordinate with VDGIF any time a TEWater is documented from your project area using the above list of appropriate contacts.

**Anadromous Fish Use Areas** – The Anadromous Fish Use Areas dataset includes the locations of streams known to provide migratory and spawning habitats for anadromous fish. Coordinate with VDGIF any time an Anadromous Fish Use Area is documented within your project area. Alan Weaver, VDGIF Fish Passage Coordinator, should be contacted at 804-367-6795 or [Alan.Weaver@dgif.virginia.gov](mailto:Alan.Weaver@dgif.virginia.gov) regarding anadromous fish use areas.

**Cold Water Streams** – The Cold Water Streams dataset includes the locations of waters designated as cold water habitat. Many of these streams represent designated wild trout streams. Coordinate with VDGIF any time a Cold Water Stream is documented within your project area. DGIF's Verona office should be contacted at 540-248-9386 regarding cold water streams.

**Stocked Trout Waters** – The Stocked Trout Waters dataset includes the locations of waters currently stocked with trout by VDGIF and those suitable for stocking. Coordinate with VDGIF any time a Stocked Trout Water is documented within your project area. DGIF's Verona office should be contacted at 540-248-9386 regarding stocked trout waters.

**Colonial Waterbird (CWB)** – This dataset includes all documented locations of colonial waterbird colonies maintained by VDGIF. Coordinate with VDGIF and the USFWS any time a colonial waterbird colony has been documented within your search area. Sergio Harding (contact information above) or Jeff Cooper (contact information above) should be contacted regarding colonial waterbird colonies on Virginia's mainland. Ruth Boettcher (contact information above) should be contacted regarding colonial waterbird colonies on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

**DGIF Lands (boat ramps, WMA's, Fish Hatcheries)** – The DGIF Lands dataset includes locations of all VDGIF facilities. Coordinate with VDGIF any time your project is located adjacent to or will impact VDGIF property identified by the DGIF Lands dataset. James Adams, VDGIF Facilities Manager, should be contacted at 804-367-0183 or [James.Adams@dgif.virginia.gov](mailto:James.Adams@dgif.virginia.gov) regarding DGIF properties.

**Predicted Habitat, Aquatic and Terrestrial** – The Predicted Habitat dataset includes the locations of habitats that, through agency modeling efforts, have been identified as potential habitat for listed or WAP tiered species. No coordination with VDGIF is recommended if a species is only documented by this dataset.

**Impediments to Fish Passage** – The Impediments dataset includes the locations of known impediments to aquatic species passage. No coordination with VDGIF is recommended based on documentations only from this dataset.

**Breeding Bird Survey (BBS)** – No coordination recommended if species only documented by this dataset.

**Breeding Bird Atlas (BBA)** - No coordination recommended if species only documented by this dataset.

**Christmas Bird Count (CBC)** - No coordination recommended if species only documented by this dataset.

*\*Time sensitivity: Any data 30 years old or older is considered historical and does not need to be evaluated when making coordination decisions.*