



# NOAA FISHERIES

Southeast Region  
Protected Resources Division

## North Carolina's Threatened and Endangered Species

For more information on listed species please visit:

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/esa/listed.htm>

[http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/protected\\_resources/index.html](http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/protected_resources/index.html)

Marine Mammal Species	Scientific Name	Status
blue whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Endangered
fin whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Endangered
humpback whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Endangered
North Atlantic right whale	<i>Eubalaena glacialis</i>	Endangered
sei whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Endangered
sperm whale	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	Endangered
<b>Sea Turtle Species</b>		
green sea turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Threatened <sup>1</sup>
hawksbill sea turtle	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	Endangered
Kemp's ridley sea turtle	<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	Endangered
leatherback sea turtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Endangered
loggerhead sea turtle	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Threatened <sup>2</sup>
<b>Fish Species</b>		
Atlantic sturgeon	<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus</i>	Endangered <sup>3</sup>
shortnose sturgeon	<i>Acipenser brevirostrum</i>	Endangered

## Critical Habitat Designations

For final rules, maps, and GIS data please visit:

[http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/maps\\_gis\\_data/protected\\_resources/critical\\_habitat/index.html](http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/maps_gis_data/protected_resources/critical_habitat/index.html)

**North Atlantic right whale:** Coastal and offshore waters from the Altamaha River in Georgia to Sebastian Inlet in Florida. There is a [proposed rule](#) to expand critical habitat to include all marine waters from Cape Fear, North Carolina, southward to about 45 miles north of Cape Canaveral, Florida.

**Loggerhead sea turtle:** There are 38 designated marine areas that occur throughout the Southeast Region.

<sup>1</sup> Florida's breeding population is listed as endangered.

<sup>2</sup> Northwest Atlantic distinct population segment.

<sup>3</sup> The Carolina and the South Atlantic distinct population segments have spawning populations in Southeast rivers. Additional distinct population segments occur in Southeast waters.



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## Species Proposed for Listing Under the Endangered Species Act

Federal action agencies are encouraged to include species proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in their Section 7 consultation requests. Species that are proposed for listing are those which have been found to warrant federal protection under the ESA, but a final rule formally listing the species has not yet published. By including these species in your Section 7 consultation, reinitiating consultation after the ESA listing is finalized may not be necessary.

For more information on species proposed for listing under the ESA, please visit:

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/esa/candidate.htm#proposed>