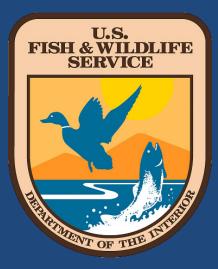
# Federally Listed Species in the APNEP Region





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## U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



#### Our Mission:

Working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

## **USFWS in North Carolina**



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### **USFWS Trust Resources**

- Threatened and endangered species
- National Wildlife Refuges
- Migratory fish
- Migratory birds











## Federally-listed Threatened and Endangered Species in NC





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Mammals	11
Birds	7
Reptiles	7
Insects/spiders	2
Fish	6
Mussels	9
Snails	1
ants and Lichens	27







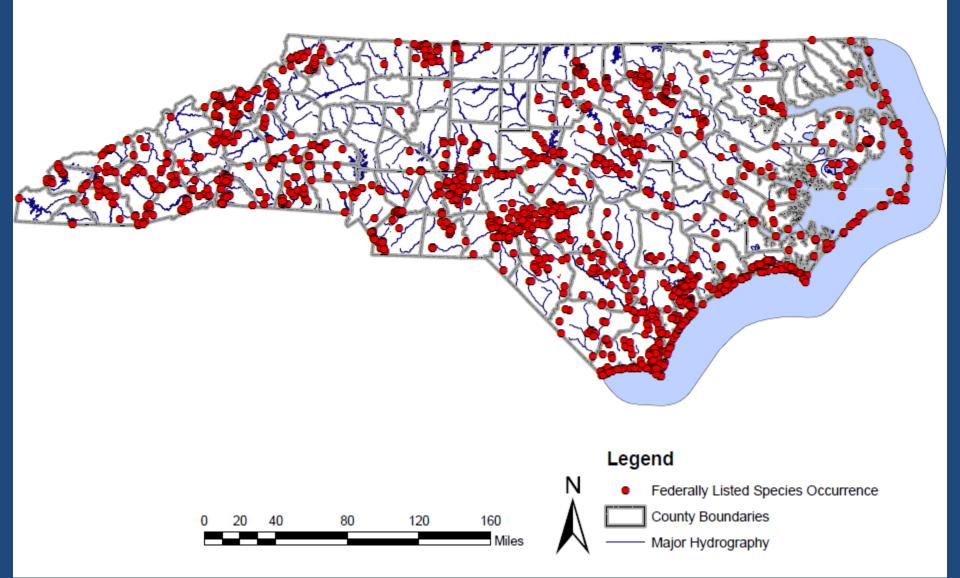
## Raleigh FWS Strategic Priorities (the "short list")

- 1. Cape Fear shiner recovery
- 2. Tar River spinymussel/dwarf wedgemussel conservation
- 3. Golden sedge recovery
- 4. Red-cockaded woodpecker recovery
- 5. Anadromous fish spawning habitat restoration
- Support of FWS regional ecoteam priorities (including NWR and migratory bird initiatives)

## **FWS Restoration Priorities in NC**

- Focus on habitats that support priority trust resources
- Examples
  - <u>T/E species</u>: enhance, restore, or protect priority habitat (acquisitions/easements, water quality threat abatement)
  - <u>Mig Fish</u>: dam removal, fish passage, restoration to enhance water quality conditions in priority habitat
  - <u>NWRs</u>: on-refuge habitat restoration or off-refuge priority acquisition/protection
  - <u>Mig Birds</u>: enhance, restore, or protect (through acquisitions or easements) priority habitat

## Federally-Listed Species in NC



## **Terrestrial Fed-Listed Priorities**

#### Red-cockaded woodpecker

 Habitat: forests with trees old enough for roosting, at least 60-120 yrs old; longleaf pine prefered; dense stands with hardwood midstory avoided

#### Seabeach amaranth

 Habitat: barrier island beaches; overwash flats at accreting ends of islands and lower foredunes and upper strands of non-eroding beaches

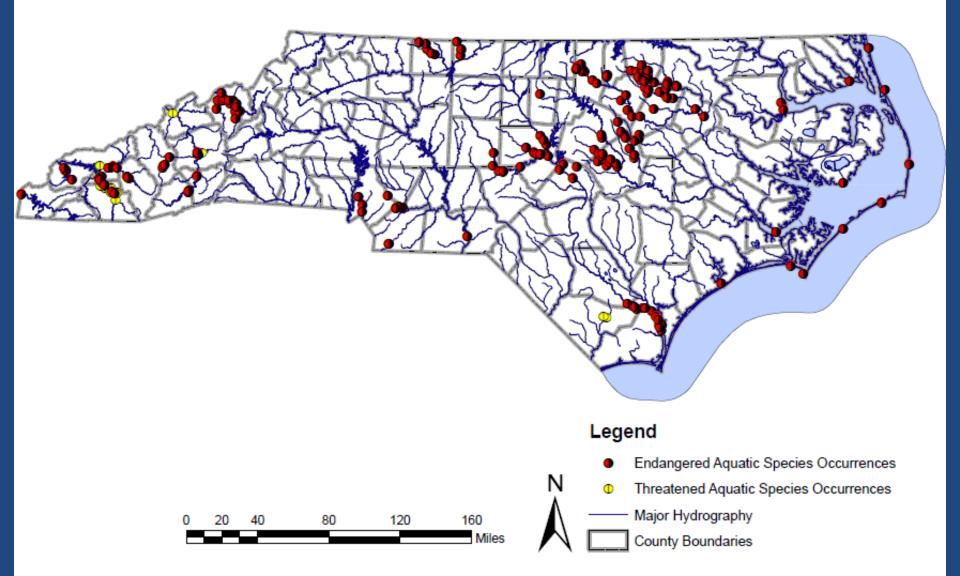




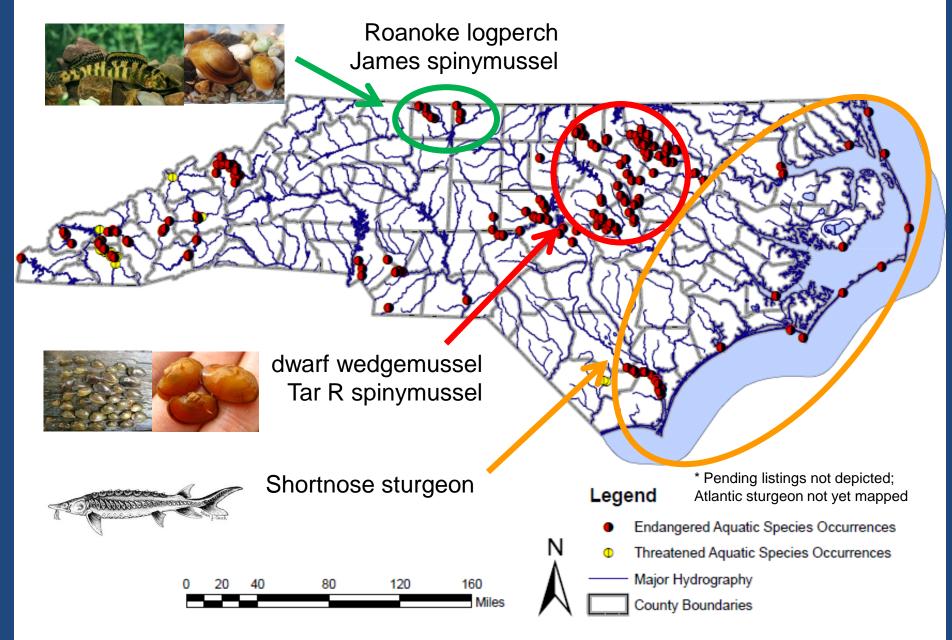




## **Aquatic Federally-Listed Species**



#### Aquatic Fed-Listed Priorities in APNEP Region\*



# Aquatic Fed-Listed Priorities

#### <u>Dwarf wedgemussel / Tar R spinymussel</u>

- Tar River Basin: Sandy/Swift Cr, Little Fishing Cr, Fishing Cr, Shocco Cr, Tar River and headwaters (roughly above I-85)
- Neuse River Basin: Swift Creek, Little River
- James spinymussel/Roanoke logperch
- Dan River basin (including Mayo and Smith Rivers)

#### Shortnose Sturgeon

• All anadromous fish rivers; most recent records in Roanoke and Cape Fear Rivers







# Mega-Petition Species in the APNEP Region







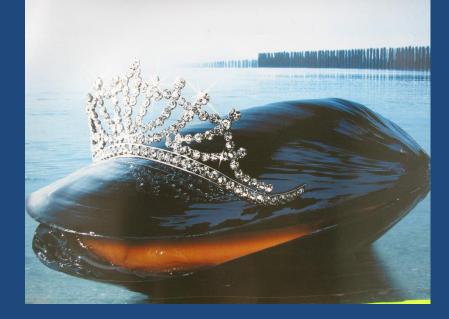




## Questions?

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