

Nebraska’s Conservation and Environmental Review Tool (CERT) Interpret an Environmental Review Report

Overall Result: “Potential impacts on listed species may occur, further consultation with the Nebraska Game and Parks...”

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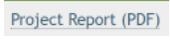
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Locating Your Report

Once CERT is finished analyzing your project, you'll receive an email notification to review your report.

Note: (Check your Junk folder if the notification email is not within your Inbox.)

1. Log back into your CERT account and click on **My Projects**  in the orange toolbar.
 - a. This page shows all the projects you've created using your account.
2. Click on the name of your project to open the Project Review Results page.
3. Under Report File, click on **Project Report (PDF)**   to open the Environmental Review Report.
4. Download or print off the report.

Environmental Review Report, aka CERT Report

Project Information and Contact Information Sections

The information provided under these sections includes details from the submission form you filled out, and automatically generated information about your location in Nebraska.

The Nebraska Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act (NESCA) Section

This section explains the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission's (NGPC) responsibility for protecting state-listed endangered and threatened species and outlines the legal obligation you are taking when filling out the report. Once the steps outlined in the bulleted list are complete, the review process is considered complete.

The Overall Results Section

Per the red text, locate the Overall Results Section for next steps. This help document will walk you through how to complete the review process if you have the result shown below.

Overall Results

The following result is based on a detailed analysis of your project.

- Potential impacts on listed species may occur as a result of this project, further consultation with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is required. Please review all the information provided in this document, then sign and date the Certification section. Upload the report under the Edit Details tab using the File Attachments feature and change the Edit Status to Final. Email a copy of your certified (i.e., signed and dated) report with a request for further review to the Commission (ngpc.envreview@nebraska.gov). Attach supporting documentation that may aid in the review such as designs, survey reports, site photos. etc.

Your project may have impacts on listed species, and further consultation with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Environmental Review Team is required. This does not mean that your project will be canceled or stopped, just that it requires a more in-depth review from Environmental Review Team staff. Further consultation is typical for projects in close proximity to a listed species, sensitive ecosystem, or that may impact water resources. Follow the numbered steps below.

1. Read the text under the **Certification Section**.
 - a. Note: If your project information isn't accurate, please see our How to Create a Project help document for instructions on how to edit your project boundary or submission form details.

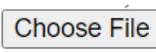
2. Sign and date in the spaces provided if all the project information in the report is correct and true.
3. Save your completed report (in PDF format) to your computer or scan and upload a copy if you printed your report.
4. Log back into CERT if necessary and open the My Projects tab  and click on the project title.
5. Click the Edit Details  tab.
6. Scroll to the bottom of the page.
7. Under **Project Edit Status**,  select Final .
8. Click on Choose File  and upload the report you signed and dated.
9. Click Save .
 - a. Note: CERT will automatically generate a new report once you Save the project but ignore the additional report. The report you uploaded with your signature and date is the official environmental review.
10. **Email a copy of the report you signed and dated with a request for further review to NGPC (ngpc.envreview@nebraska.gov).** The request must include supporting documentation, which may include engineering designs, wetland delineations, biological assessments, site photos, etc.
 - a. Once you contact NGPC via email, your project is put into a queue. The Environmental Review staff always have projects in their queue, and so the more information provided up front the quicker they can process your project.
 - b. We also recommend reviewing the listed species within range of your project (found in Table 4) located at the end of the report. The listed species are denoted with a 'T' or 'E' under the USFWS and State columns, example shown below. This table denotes what species NGPC will be paying attention to in our review. Within your request, try to explain how your project may or may not impact these species. For example, if you see the Northern Long-eared Bat (a species of bat) you should give information on any tree/brush clearing and artificial lighting. Information on these species can be found at <https://outdoornebraska.gov/learn/nebraska-wildlife/threatened-and-endangered-species/>.

Table 4
Potential Occurrences in Immediate Vicinity of Project (project review area):
Special status species (Tier 1 at-risk species and Bald and Golden Eagle), based on models or range maps

Scientific Name	Common Name	Data Type	USFWS	State	SGCN	SRank	GRank	Taxonomic Group
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Fundulus sciadicus	Plains Topminnow	Range			Tier 1	S3	G4	
Grus americana	Whooping Crane	Range	E	E	Tier 1	S1	G1	
Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Bald Eagle	Range			Tier 2	S3	G5	
Hesperia ottoe	Ottoo Skipper	Range			Tier 1	S2	G3	
Lanius ludovicianus	Loggerhead Shrike	Range			Tier 1	S3	G4	
Lasiurus borealis	Eastern Red Bat	Range			Tier 1	S3	G3G4	
Lasiurus cinereus	Hoary Bat	Range			Tier 1	S3	G3G4	
Lethe eurydice fumosus	Smoky-eyed Brown	Range			Tier 1	S3	G5T3T4	
Myotis septentrionalis	Northern Long-eared Myotis	Range	E	E	Tier 1	S1S2	G2G3	