

**Slide 23: Conclusion**

We've just covered the factors and basis for listing determinations under the Endangered Species Act.

If you will remember, the objective was...

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For you to be able to given a scenario involving an "at-risk" species, recognize whether a species is threatened or endangered by citing the requirements listed in Section 4 of the ESA of 1973.

In order to get you to that objective we covered several important topics and had you complete a couple of exercises.

**Slide 25: Review**

- Keep these key points in mind:
- Listing isn't arbitrary. It's based on science and commercial data;
- We consider five major factors in decisions to list, delist, or reclassify;
- Internal assessments and petitions trigger the listing process;
- "Warranted but precluded" species become candidates;
- Emergencies can trigger immediate, temporary protections; and
- Some species are treated as endangered or threatened because of their resemblance to listed species.

**Slide 26: End**

Your understanding of Section 4 of the Endangered Species Act and your skill in making these initial decisions set in motion an entire range of protections for imperiled species. It all largely begins here. The integrity of your review will determine how well the strength of the Endangered Species Act benefits animals and plants in need of protection.

Congratulations on your successful completion of this topic! Good luck in the next section on the Petition Process.