

ESA Listing Process (Module 3)

Slide 1: Title

Hello, I'm Karen Anderson, a biologist in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's endangered species program. I work in our candidate conservation program, coordinating our annual candidate notice and working on policy issues for candidate species.

I'll be taking you through the factors and basis for listing determinations for endangered and threatened species under Section 4 of the Endangered Species Act.

First, let's set an objective for ourselves ...

Slide 2: Objective

In the last module, you learned the basic purpose of the Endangered Species Act and the definitions associated with the Act.

We'll start by learning how our two agencies – the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service – review the status of a species to determine the need for protection under the Act.

Specifically, our objective is 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.

Now that you know what the objective is, let's take a look at what we'll be covering.

Slide 3: Topics

We'll start by learning the overall listing process. Then we'll discuss candidate species and protections that are extended to species under “similarity of appearance” provisions. Then we will discuss emergency listing of a species and finally we'll tackle our exercises to test your application of the knowledge in this section.