

CCAAs and what this means for landowners

CCAA Background and Fisher Template CCAA Enrollment Info

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Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances

Through CCAs the Fish and Wildlife Service works with private landowners to:

- Identify impacts to candidate species
- Develop measures to conserve species
- Work with willing landowners and develop agreements
- Implement conservation measures and monitor effectiveness



Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances

- CCAAs are formal agreements between FWS and one or more parties to address conservation needs of unlisted species.
- Participants voluntarily commit to implementing specific actions that reduce/remove impacts and thereby contribute to stabilizing or restoring the species.



Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances

- CCAAs address landowners' concern regarding potential land use restrictions that could occur if a species becomes ESA listed (authorize future take).
- CCAAs provide an ESA permit with assurances that if the landowner implements agreed-upon conservation actions, no additional measures would be required if the species become listed.
- CCAAs vary widely in size, scope, structure, complexity, and in the activities they address.



Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances

Assurances to non-Federal property owners:

- No additional conservation measures required activities if species listed in the future
- No additional land, water, or resource use restrictions

Does not guarantee we won't list the species



Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances

When are CCAs most appropriate?

Threats/requirements of species are known

Conservation measures can be determined

There are willing partners/landowners



Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances

When are CCAs most appropriate?

There is sufficient time to reduce threats & preclude listing

Species can withstand some amount of take from identified and described management actions





Fisher CCAA

- Template Candidate Conservation Agreement With Assurances
 - Den site protection
 - Prioritized program of work



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Fisher CCAA

- Template CCAA streamlines process for non-Federal landowners by not having to develop individual CCAAs.
- Landowners submit applications and individual Site Plans to enroll.





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Things to be included in Site Plan:

- Maps of enrolled area
- Population levels of fishers (if known); existing habitat characteristics
- Conservation measures that the landowner will implement



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Things to be included in Site Plans, continued:

- Allow access with prior coordination
- Monitoring/ Reporting provision
- Notification requirement

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- Regulatory assurances to landowners who agree to implement conservation measures as outlined
- Forest management = covered activities



Questions?

