

RAWA

Recovering America's Wildlife Act

*Louisiana Department
of Wildlife & Fisheries'
Plan for Utilizing Funds*

RAWA Funding

RAWA would provide approximately \$16 million to Louisiana annually. These funds are proactive and intended to keep species off the Endangered Species Act (ESA) List

There are 27 species occurring in Louisiana that have been petitioned for federal listing. Funds can be used to conduct surveys and research projects to address data gaps to prevent listing

- *EXAMPLE:* Recent research by LDWF into the status of the frecklebelly madtom, a small catfish, revealed that population numbers were higher than anticipated. This new data kept this fish species from being listed.

Funds could also be used:

- to partner with DOTD to build wildlife corridors.
- for land acquisition with focal areas near wildlife management areas and Conservation Opportunity Areas.



Threatened & Endangered Species

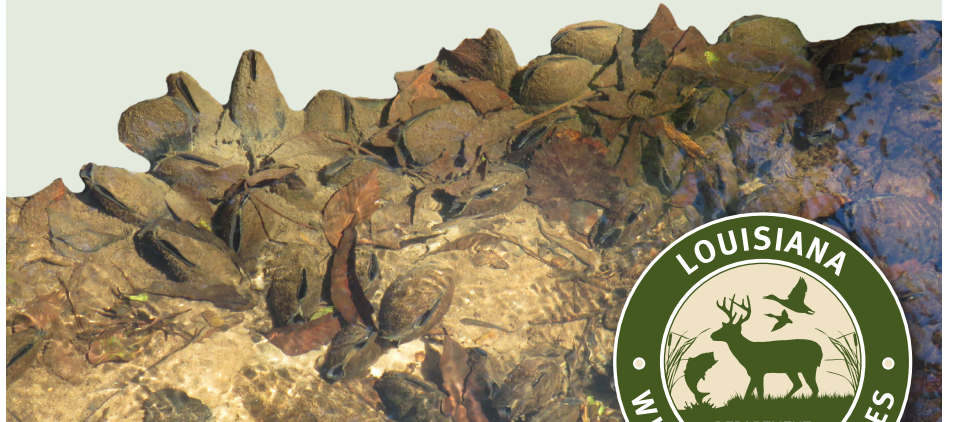
Louisiana currently has 23 species that are listed as federally threatened or endangered.

LDWF plans to spend at least \$12 million over five years on projects aimed at delisting Federally Threatened and Endangered Species. We would prioritize species such as:

- Louisiana pearlshell
- Louisiana pinesnake

Species of Greatest Conservation Need

Louisiana has 362 Species of Greatest Conservation Need, these funds would be used to accelerate recovery by addressing critical data gaps to determine how best to manage species and their habitats, reduce key threats and promote population increases



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