

# Vulnerability Assessment Workshop: Day Two



# Species & Assemblages List

- Hand out on table
- Species and assemblages grouped according to Ecosystem Type
- Species listed according to priority ranking
  - Ranking criteria decided by Stakeholder Committee
  - Ranking resources provided by experts

# Criteria and Ranking

1. Is the resource federally listed as threatened, endangered, proposed or candidate, or is the resource a species of conservation concern (e.g., G/T 1-2 on NatureServe, state listed, SGCNs, Birds of National Conservation Concern, etc.)? (*Extremely Important*)
2. Is the resource considered to be: ecologically foundational, a dominant species, an ecosystem engineer, keystone species, strong interactor, or umbrella species? (*Extremely Important*)
3. Does the resource have available data and information upon which to do the vulnerability assessment? (*Moderately Important*)
4. Does the resource have substantial management implications? (*Moderately Important*)
5. Is the resource considered to be rare or endemic? (*Moderately Important*)
6. Is the resource used as an indicator species? (*Moderately Important*)
7. Does the resource have socio-economic significance? (*Less Important*)

# Species & Assemblages Assessment

## Group options:

- Can assess the top-ranked species
- Can assess another species or assemblage on the list, but document *why* you chose to address that species
- Can assess another fine filter resource altogether, but document *why* you chose to address that resource

# Morning Objectives

1. Complete remaining worksheets for Ecosystem assessments
2. Assess vulnerability of species (or other “fine filter” resource)
  - As a group, decide on fine filter resource to evaluate
  - Please document *why* you chose to focus on it
  - Assess vulnerability using worksheets
3. Identify at least one resource management or conservation objective for Ecosystem and at least one for Species