

ERReview

Endangered Resources

Standard Reviews

About the Endangered Species Law

Wisconsin's Endangered Species Law (s. 29.604, Wis. Stats.) requires the protection of our state's endangered and threatened species. To be in compliance with the state Endangered Species Law, all projects should be reviewed for potential impacts to rare species.

What is an ER Review?

An ER Review is a formal letter detailing the rare species, high-quality natural communities and other endangered resources likely to be impacted by a specific proposed project.

Reviews allow the project proponent to identify, address and develop solutions for endangered resources concerns. The letter includes required and/or recommended actions to help projects comply with endangered species laws. The state endangered species law applies on both public and private land. Landowners are responsible for avoiding take of listed species and an ER Review is the best mechanism for determining if impacts to a species will occur.



Blanchard's Cricket Frog, photo © Rori Paloski

ER Reviews are completed for any activity the Department conducts, funds or approves. A review may be completed in one of three ways: Department permitting staff may conduct a review as part of their permit process; a project proponent may request a review for their project directly from the Endangered Resources Review Program; or they may utilize the ER Certification Program to complete the review.

When to request a review

Requesting an ER Review well in advance of your project's start date helps identify and plan for any potential seasonal limitations. Early review may be necessary to avoid impacts to rare species and to allow sufficient time for field surveys that must be conducted during specific times of year (e.g., breeding seasons).

How long will a review take?

Standard ER Review turnaround times and costs vary based on workload, staffing, and project complexity. A typical ER Review has an average turnaround time of 2–4 weeks and a fee of \$75.

If you are working under a tight deadline, you may request an expedited review, which guarantees a 7-business-day turnaround for a fee of \$420.

More information

For more information, please visit <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/ERreview> or contact us at DNREReview@wisconsin.gov

