



Introduction

Endangered Species Act (ESA) Implementation: Introduction



Red-cockaded Woodpecker



Cyanea superba



Gopher Tortoise
Photo Courtesy of USFWS



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Course Objectives

- Ensure all staff who engage in ESA issues on behalf of the Navy have full knowledge of the ESA and its implementing regulations, as well as Navy policies and requirements such that:
 - (1) All staff are skillful and consistent in their ESA interactions with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
 - (2) Compliance with the ESA results in reasonable and cost-effective requirements (when necessary) that avoid or minimize adverse impacts to protected species and their habitats, and to Navy missions



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Agenda: Morning

- Endangered Species Act Implementation Background
- Section 7

Agenda: Afternoon

- Section 7 continued
- Relationship to other laws
- Administrative record
- Consultation discussion

