



Center for Biological Diversity and USFWS Reach Agreements on Boreal Toad and Eastern Hellbender Salamander Status

Agreement should speed federal protections for both species.

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The Center for Biological Diversity announced today that it has reached agreements with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the years that the service will determine whether the Boreal toad (*Bufo boreas*) and the eastern hellbender salamander (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis*) will receive endangered species protections. The service will determine in fiscal year 2017 whether the Boreal toad will be given protections under the Endangered Species Act and will make a decision if the eastern hellbender salamander will be afforded protections in fiscal year 2018.