

American Red Wolf Partnership Coordination Call – Q1
FWS General Recovery Update
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The FWS Red Wolf Recovery Program is focusing on:

- 1) Updating the Red Wolf Recovery Plan
- 2) Increasing the captive populations to maintain the genetic health of the population and support future reintroductions
- 3) Management of the nonessential experimental population in North Carolina

The updated recovery plan will follow FWS's fairly new Recovery Planning Implementation Process (RPI). RPI is a 3-document approach consisting of:

- 1) Species Status Assessment (SSA) – this document evaluates species viability and provides the foundational biological information to develop and support a recovery plan.
 - a. The red wolf SSA was completed in April 2018
- 2) Recovery Plan – this recovery plan is more concise than what recovery plans have traditionally been in the past. They contain the Endangered Species Act statutorily required elements: recovery criteria, recovery actions, and time and cost estimates.
- 3) Recovery Implementation Strategy – this document itemizes the prioritized on-the-ground activities needed to implement the actions identified in the recovery plan.

To help ensure a transparent, joint stakeholder/agency/partner process based on the best scientific information, we will be contracting out facilitation and modeling services.