

**RESPONSES FROM INTERESTED AGENCIES
DATED MAY 16, 2014**

- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation



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To: Virginia Robbins

Date: May 16, 2014

Regarding: Wilmot Casino and Resort

Town/County: Town of Tyre / Seneca County

We have received your request for information regarding occurrences of federally-listed threatened and endangered species within the vicinity of the above-referenced project/property. In an effort to streamline project reviews, species lists may now be obtained from our website at

<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/nyfo/es/section7.htm>. Please go to this site and follow the instructions to obtain: an official list request response; information about listed, proposed, and candidate species; and steps to complete initial assessments of whether a species may be present and impacted by a proposed action. Please note that this process involves two parts: (1) visiting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's IPaC website to obtain an official species list; and (2) returning to the New York Field Office's website to complete the remaining steps in determining your project's potential impacts.

As a reminder, Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) prohibits unauthorized taking* of listed species and applies to federal and non-federal activities. Additionally, threatened and endangered species and their habitats are protected by Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA, which requires federal agencies, in consultation with the Service, to ensure that any action they authorize, fund, or carry out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of listed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. An assessment of the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts is required for all federal actions that may affect listed species.

For projects not authorized, funded, or carried out by a federal agency, we provide technical assistance to individuals and other non-federal entities to assist with project planning to avoid the potential for "take," or when appropriate, to provide assistance with their application for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA.

Project construction or implementation should not commence until all requirements of the ESA have been fulfilled. If you have any questions or require further assistance regarding threatened or endangered species, please contact the Endangered Species Program at (607) 753-9334. Please refer to the above document control number in any future correspondence.

*Under the ESA and regulations, it is illegal for any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to **take** (includes harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect; or to attempt any of these), import or export, ship in interstate or foreign commerce in the course of commercial activity, or sell or offer for sale in interstate or foreign commerce any endangered fish or wildlife species and most threatened fish and wildlife species. It is also illegal to possess, sell, deliver, carry, transport, or ship any such wildlife that has been taken illegally. "Harm" includes any act which actually kills or injures fish or wildlife, and case law has clarified that such acts may include significant habitat modification or degradation that significantly impairs essential behavioral patterns of fish or wildlife.



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Re: DOT, NYSTA
Wilmot Casino and Resort
NY 414, east side; at I-90, north side
Town of Tyre, Seneca County
14PR01895

Dear Mr. McGreevy:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the project in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (Section 14.09 of the New York Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law). These comments are those of the Division for Historic Preservation and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include potential environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project. Such impacts must be considered as part of the environmental review of the project pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8) and its implementing regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617).

Based upon this review, it is the OPRHP's opinion that your project will have **No Impact** upon cultural resources in or eligible for inclusion in the State and National Register of Historic Places.

If further correspondence is required regarding this project, please be sure to refer to the OPRHP Project Review (PR) number noted above.

Sincerely,

Ruth L. Pierpont
Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation

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