



Nationwide Monarch Conservation Agreement (CCAA/CCA) for Energy and Transportation Lands

Fall 2019 Working Group Update

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When We Last Met...

- > February 2019 Working Group Meeting
- > May 2019 How to Enroll Webinars
- > June expectations
 - End of Public Comment Period
 - Listing Decision
 - Final Agreement Approval

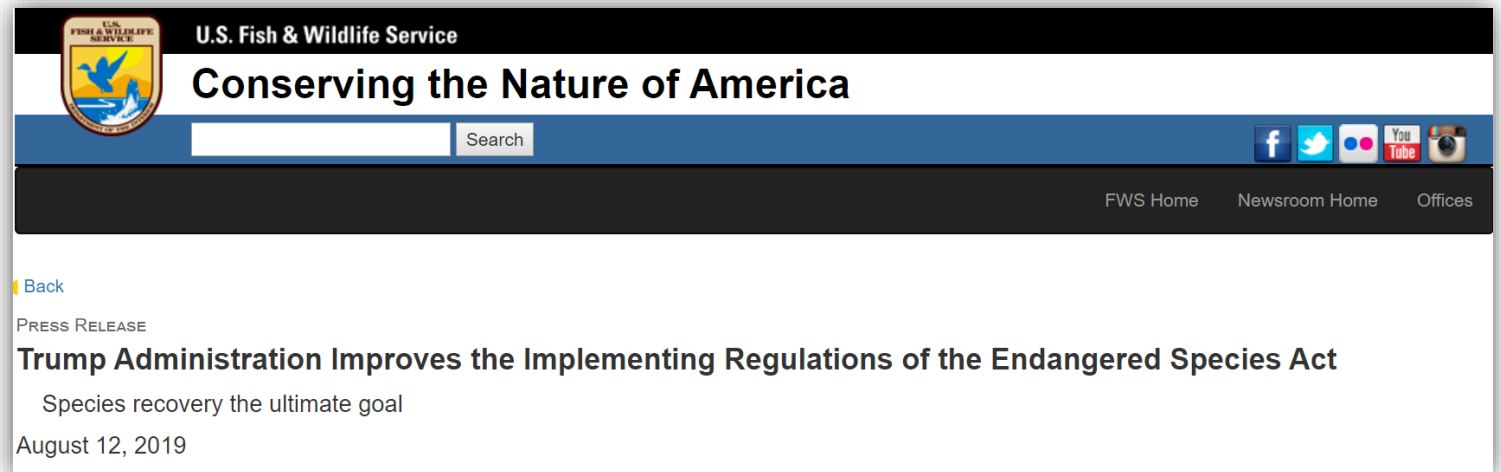


And Then...

> Listing Decision delayed until December 15, 2020



> Endangered Species Act rule updates made for the first time in 45 years



How are Monarchs doing?

> Eastern population status highlights

- Good reports of monarch numbers from mid MN to ME in a 5 degree band from 40-45N.
- Expect a good migration, with overall numbers reaching the overwintering sites likely to be around 5 hectares (or lower pending migration conditions)

> Western population status highlights

- Western monarch population is struggling to bounce back.
- Numbers of breeding monarchs seen during spring/early summer in CA, OR, WA, ID have been very low.



Thank you to Chip Taylor and Monarch Watch for the late summer status update! All predictions will be updated as season continues.

What does all this change mean for the CCAA?

Will Recent ESA Rule Updates Impact the CCAA?

- > Recent rule changes impact many aspects of how the ESA is applied. Most of them are minor and codify existing USFWS implementation practices.
- > At least one challenge to ESA rule updates has been filed.
- > Takeaways
 - There is still uncertainty in implementation.
 - There are no changes that would impact or change the CCAA or listing criteria.

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Monarch Listing Decision Coming in 2020

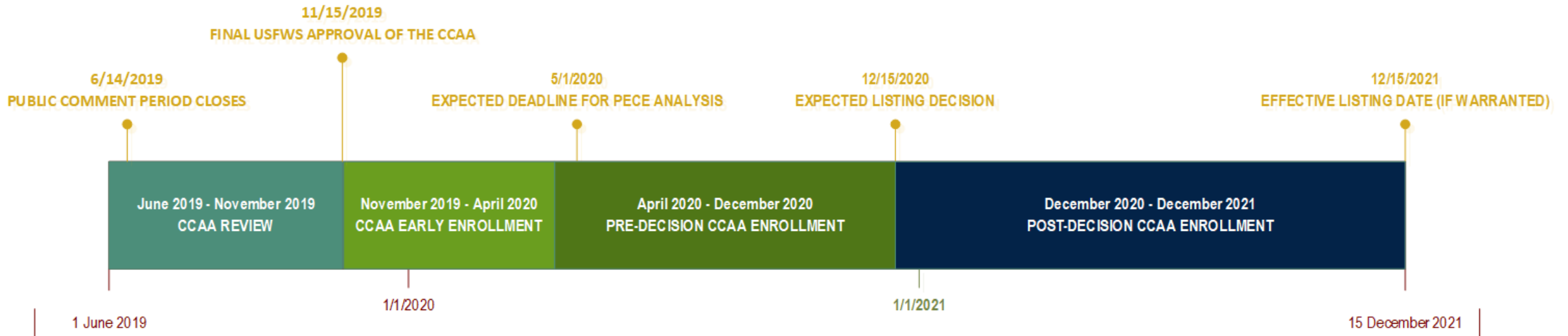
- > USFWS extended the deadline for the listing determination to December 15, 2020
- > What does this mean for the CCAA?
 - Still a conservation need
 - Monarch are still being considered for listing
 - Extension allows time for the CCAA to create on-the-ground habitat that may impact the listing determination, especially if commitments made before May 2020.



<https://www.fws.gov/savethemonarch/>

So where is the CCAA amidst these changes?

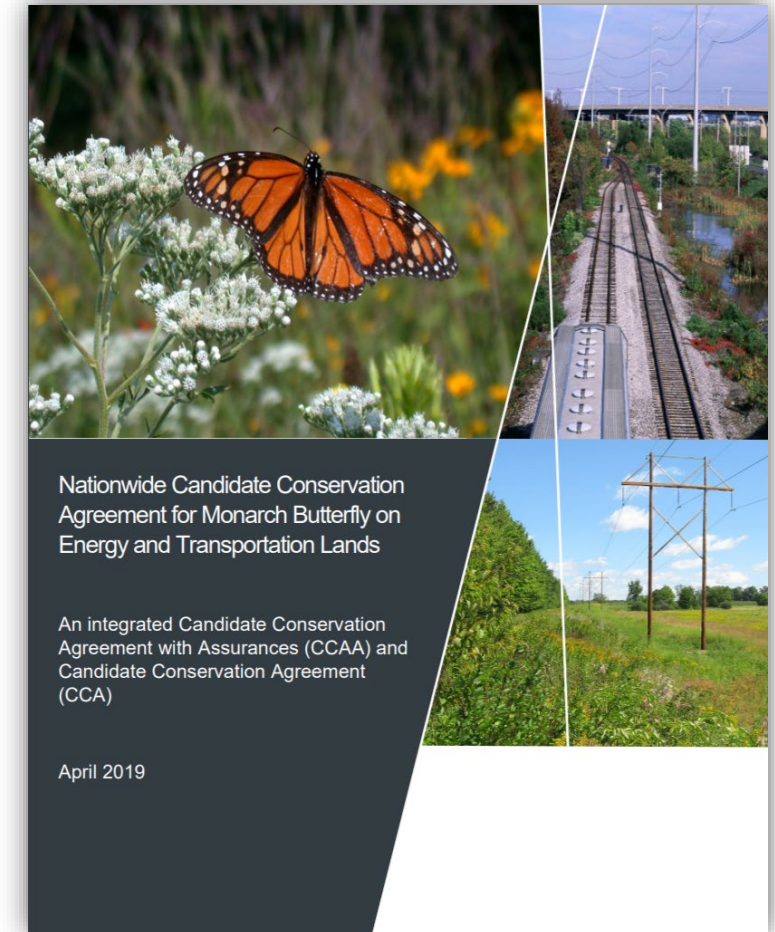
Enrollment Timeline



- > USFWS approval expected between end of October and end of November.
- > Early enrollment period is important to weigh in to listing decision.

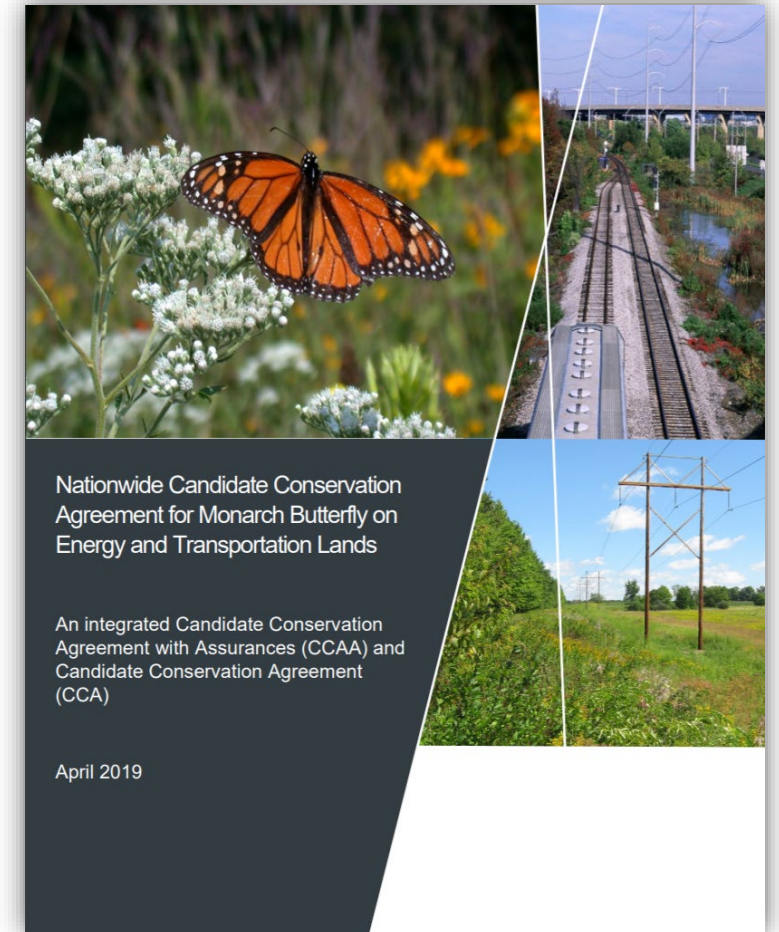
Finalizing the CCAA

- > Responding to Comments Received
- > Finalizing the Service's internal Section 7 Analysis of the CCAA/CCA Activities
- > Internal Briefings within USFWS and DOI



Preparing for Enrollment

- > Creation of Advisory Committee Bylaws
- > Creation of content for the Monarch CCAA Implementation Toolbox
- > Refining Application requirements
- > Scorecard development and CCAA alignment
- > Continued outreach to stakeholders



Interested in enrolling?

How to Get Involved?

- Find more information here: <http://rightofway.erc.uic.edu/>
 - Check out *Monarch CCAA* page and *CCAA Task Force* under *Working Group Access*
 - Webinar recordings
 - FAQs
 - Talking Points
 - Cost-Benefit Analysis
- Support UIC during Phase 3 of CCAA Development (Final Approval and Initial Program Development)
- Reach out to UIC and setup your pre-application meeting



Why Enroll Early?

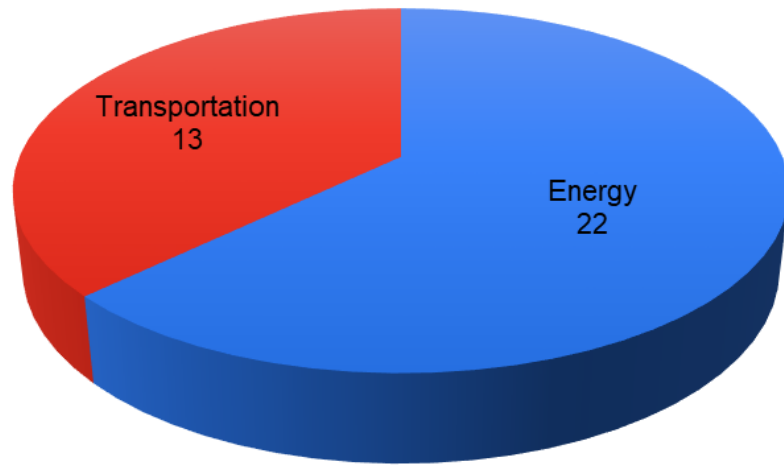
- > Be an industry leader
- > Demonstrate your commitment to monarch conservation
- > Commitments will be considered in the listing decision
- > More time to “ramp up” implementation ahead of a potential listing
- > Low-risk investment to minimize business risks
- > Participation is completely voluntary
- > Reduced administrative fee if enrolled before April 15, 2020



Early Enrollment

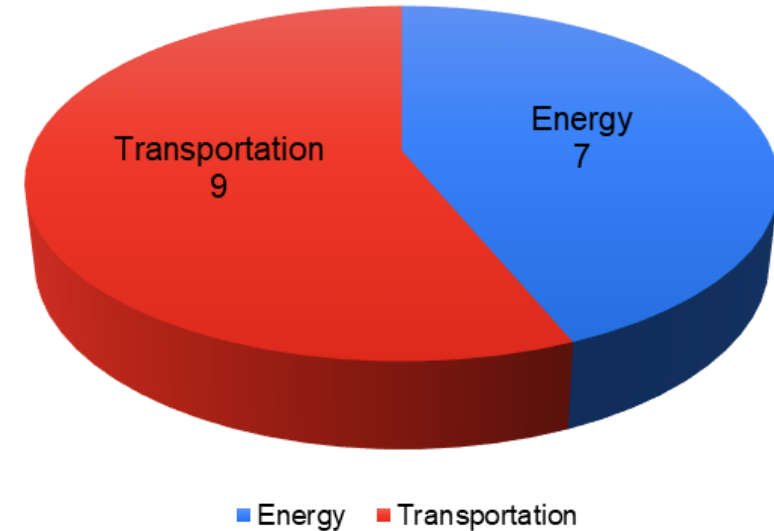
> Early signs indicate continued interest in early enrollment!

Interested Potential Applicants



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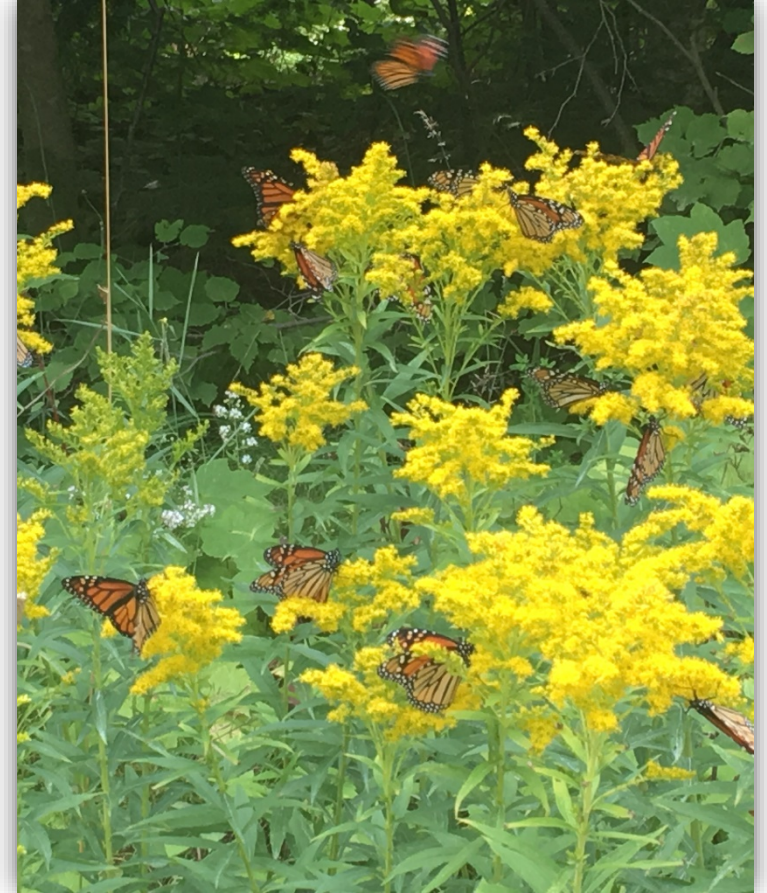
Committed Applicants



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Interested in Enrolling?

- > Review Draft CCAA and supporting webinars
- > Estimate your commitments (enrolled lands and resulting adopted acres)
- > Use the new pollinator habitat scorecard to familiarize yourself with habitat conditions and monitoring
- > Reach out to UIC for a pre-application meeting



This is Not a New Problem

*The crux of the [conservation] problem is that every landowner is the custodian of two interests, not always identical, the public interest and his own. **What we need is a positive inducement or reward for the landowner who respects both interests in his actual land practice.** All conservation problems — erosion, forestry, game, wild flowers, landscapes — ultimately boil down to this.*

— Aldo Leopold, 1934



Image: Aldo Leopold seated on rimrock above the Rio Gavilan in northern Mexico while on a bow hunting trip in 1938. Image from Aldo Leopold Foundation and USDA.

Thank you to our partners who helped make this happen!



Questions?

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