

**481B.1 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#):

1. “*Commission*” means the natural resource commission.
2. “*Director*” means the director of the department of natural resources.
3. “*Endangered species*” means any species of fish, plant life, or wildlife which is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant part of its range. “Endangered species” does not include a species of insecta determined by the commission or the secretary of the United States department of interior to constitute a pest whose protection under [this chapter](#) would present an overwhelming and overriding risk to humans.
4. “*Fish or wildlife*” means any member of the animal kingdom, including any mammal, fish, amphibian, mollusk, crustacean, arthropod, or other invertebrate, and includes any part, product, egg, or offspring, or the dead body of parts thereof. Fish or wildlife includes migratory birds, nonmigratory birds, or endangered birds for which protection is afforded by treaty or other international agreement.
5. “*Import*” means to bring into, or introduce into, or attempt to bring into, or attempt to introduce into, any place subject to the jurisdiction of this state.
6. “*Person*” means person as defined in [section 4.1, subsection 20](#).
7. “*Plant*” or “*plant life*” means any member of the plant kingdom, including seeds, roots, and other parts thereof.
8. “*Species*” includes any subspecies of fish, plant life, or wildlife and any other group of fish, plants, or wildlife of the same species or smaller taxa in common spatial arrangement that interbreed or cross-pollinate when mature.
9. “*Take*”, in reference to fish and wildlife, means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, collect and it includes an attempt to engage in any such conduct.
10. “*Take*”, in reference to plants, means to collect, pick, cut, dig up or destroy in any manner.
11. “*Threatened species*” means any species which is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.  
[C77, 79, 81, §109A.1]  
[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1856, 1857](#)  
C93, §481B.1