

**AGENCY ANNEX G2  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

**I. MISSION**

To conserve and protect the fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the people of Vermont.

**II. AUTHORITY**

3 VSA 2871  
10 VSA 1022, Stream Alterations  
10 VSA 1282, Oil and Hazardous Materials  
10 VSA 4041-4047, 4081-4907, 4131-4152 and 4191-4197, Fish and Wildlife

**III. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS**

State agency and department heads and their staffs develop, plan and train to internal policies and procedures to meet preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery needs as identified in this plan including annexes, appendices, tabs and other supporting documents including the State Hazard Mitigation Plan. Training includes not only what may be accomplished within the agency but multi-level, interagency training and exercises to develop and maintain necessary capabilities.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife is the branch of Vermont state government primarily involved with all conditions affecting the fish, wildlife, and fur-bearing animals, as well as threatened and endangered species within the State. The Department is headed by a commissioner who is appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources. The Department has emergency response assignments.

Disasters within the State of Vermont can create adverse conditions affecting fish and wildlife. The Department has the capability and expertise to respond to particular types of emergencies and disasters in a support position. In addition, the uniformed personnel are trained and equipped to assist in emergency situations requiring additional law enforcement and search and rescue operations. In most emergency situations requiring the activation of the EOC the uniformed personnel are subject to the chain of command of the Vermont State Police.

The Commissioner is responsible for notification of hatchery workers and dispersed field personnel.

The Commissioner must arrange for around the clock staffing in emergencies requiring the activation of the Emergency Operations Center.

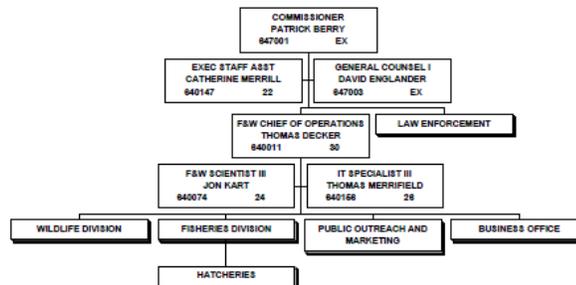
The situation and assumptions in section ii of the Base plan also apply.

**IV. ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The following chart outlines the emergency response organization of the Department:

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND  
WILDLIFE  
ORGANIZATION CHART  
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE  
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The Department is a support agency for State Support Function #1 (Transportation), #2 (Communications), #5 (Emergency Management, Recovery, and Mitigation), #7 (Resources Support), #9 (Search and Rescue), #10 (Hazardous Materials), #11 (Natural Resources and Agriculture), #13 (Law Enforcement), and #14 (Public Information) and assumes the responsibilities as outlined in those annexes. The Department is also a participating agency in the Recovery and Restoration Multi-Agency Coordination Group as designated in the Disaster Recovery and Restoration Annex.

## V. IMPLEMENTATION

This Annex will be implemented with the assigned responsibilities by means of direct coordination from the Commissioner, Department of Public Safety or Director, VEM with the Commissioner and/or upon the order of the Governor within the framework of the State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP).

## VI. ADMINISTRATION

The Commissioner is responsible for the overall emergency response of the Department.

## VII. CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

**STATE OF VERMONT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN  
2013**

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In accordance with the provisions of title 20, “agency heads will in addition to any deputy authorized pursuant to law, designate by title three emergency interim successors and specify their order of succession. These designations shall, each year, be reviewed and revised, as necessary, to ensure their current status.”

Line of succession for the Agency is as follows: