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## Listing Salamanders as Injurious Due to Risk of Salamander Chytrid Fungus (January 12, 2016)

To help prevent a deadly fungus from killing native salamanders, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published an interim rule to list 201 salamander species as injurious wildlife under the Lacey Act. The fungus *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans*, also known as Bsal or salamander chytrid, is carried on the skin of various salamander species. Bsal has caused major die-offs of salamanders in Europe and poses an imminent threat to U.S. native salamander populations. The fungus is not yet known to be found in the United States, and to help ensure it remains absent, the Service published an interim rule that took effect on January 28, 2016. The importation and shipment between the continental United States, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any possession of the United States of the listed species is prohibited. (This paragraph was revised **December 14, 2017**).

**News Release** "Service Lists 201 Salamander Species as Injurious to Help Keep Lethal Fungus Out of U.S." January 12, 2016

**Interim rule** (pdf) in *Federal Register* on January 13, 2016

**United States Association of Reptile Keepers, Inc. v. Zinke, No. 15-5199 (D.C. Cir. UPDATE: Implementation of the D.C. Circuit Court Decision in April 7, 2017)**

**Summary of Background and Decision with Q&As** (posted July 27, 2017)

**Please note that this court decision is effective for all current interim and final rules and will be for subsequent rules, although the current rules and the supporting documents have not been revised.**

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The rough-skinned newt (*Taricha granulosa*) is native to the western coastal mountains from southeastern Alaska to California.

**Draft Economic Analysis and Regulatory Flexibility Analysis** (pdf)

**List of Salamander Species Designated as Injurious effective on January 12, 2016** (pdf)

**ESA Section 7 Intra-Agency Consultation** (pdf)

**Environmental Action Statement** (pdf)

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**Information about obtaining permits:** The permit application form for import, acquisition, and transport of injurious wildlife for zoological, educational, medical, or scientific purposes can be found at <http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-200-42.pdf> . Additional guidance is available at <https://www.fws.gov/international/permits/do-i-need-a-permit.html#4> that includes FAQs, instructions for filling out application 3-200-42, and infographics that explain double escape-proof containment. For questions about these permits, please call the Division of Management Authority at 1-800-358-2104 or 703-358-2104."

**Salamander Listing - What It Means for Salamander Owners and Scientists (Fact Sheet)**

Last updated: April 20, 2018

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The Fisheries Program applies scientific data to focus conservation activities on high-priority species and habitats. We are committed to protecting and maintaining stable populations and healthy habitats and restoring degraded habitats and depleted populations. The healthy habitat is vital to well managed aquatic resources, continuing ecological, recreational, commercial, and subsistence contributions to our nation's prosperity.



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