

## Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

Wayne F. MacCallum, Director

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Wayland Conservation Commission 41 Cochituate Road Wayland, MA 01778

RE:

Applicant:

Raytheon Company

Project Location:

430 Boston Post Road

Project Description:

Installation of monitoring wells and soil borings in the wetland and Buffer Zone

NHESP File No.

02-10733

## Dear Commissioners:

The applicant listed above has submitted a Notice of Intent with project plans to the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP) in compliance with the inland rare wildlife species section of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10.59) for the subject project. The proposal is to temporarily impact 130 square feet of Bordering Vegetated Wetland for the installation of monitoring wells.

Based on a review of the information that was provided and the information in our database, the NHESP has determined that this project occurs near or within actual habitats of the least bittern (Ixobrychus exilis), American bittern (Botaurus lentiginosus), king rail (Rallus elegans), common moorhen (Gallinula chloropus) and spotted turtle (Clemmys guttata), five state-protected rare wildlife species. The common moorhen and spotted turtle are state-protected as species of "Special Concern", the king rail is listed as "Threatened", and the least bittern and American bittern are listed as "Endangered" pursuant to the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (M.G.L. c.131A). The NHESP has determined that the proposal will have negligible effects on actual rare wildlife habitat, provided that no heavy equipment is driven into wetland resource areas and that wash water and well tailings are confined and all tailings and sediment are removed from the site after drilling operations.

Please note that this determination addresses only the matter of <u>rare</u> wildlife habitat and does not pertain to other wildlife habitat issues that may be pertinent to the proposed project. A<u>ll parties shall copy revisions and Orders of Conditions associated with this project to this office.</u> If you have any questions about this matter please call Nancy Putnam at ext. 306.

Sincerely,

Patricia Hučkery

NHESP Wetlands Environmental Reviewer

cc:

Raytheon Company

John C. Drobinski, Environmental Resources Management

**DEP Northeast Regional Office** 



## Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program

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