

"Historically Occupied" in this chapter shall mean that there is credible documentation that a threatened or endangered species that normally occurs in the state has used or resided in a delineated location. A species normally occurs in the state if it has been documented in the state over a 15 year period within the past 25 years or, it has been documented to occur in the state more than 25 years ago and it has been rediscovered. Whether the habitat for a threatened and endangered species has been historically occupied will be determined on a case by case basis and shall be designated only if the species normally occurs in the state, was documented to use or reside in the habitat location between 25 to 225 years ago, and otherwise complies with the definition of critical habitat.