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Renewable Developers Locked Out of FWS Online Tool

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Ben Cowan, a partner in Troutman Pepper Locke's Energy Industry Group, was quoted in the April 7, 2026 *E&E News GreenWire* article, "[Renewable Developers Locked Out of FWS Online Tool](#)."

Benjamin Cowan, an attorney at Troutman Pepper Locke who is representing plaintiffs in the Renew Northeast lawsuit, said the database allowed developers of many projects to essentially "self-certify" their compliance with the Endangered Species Act before being eligible for a general Army Corps permit.

"It alleviated the need to speak to the Fish and Wildlife Service as frequently," Cowan said. "That was something that developers used on a regular basis in their planning process."

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