

STAFF SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 10-11, 2016

31. NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL**Today's Item****Information** **Action**

Receive DFW's status review report on the petition from the Environmental Protection Information Center to list northern spotted owl as threatened or endangered under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA).

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Received petition | Sept 7, 2012 |
| • FGC transmits petition to DFW | Sept 10, 2012 |
| • Published notice of receipt of petition | Oct 5, 2012 |
| • Approved DFW request for 30-day extension | Dec 12, 2012; San Diego |
| • Received DFW's evaluation and recommendation | Mar 6, 2013; Mount Shasta |
| • Postponed whether petitioned action may be warranted | Apr 17, 2013; Santa Rosa |
| • Accepted petition for candidacy | Aug 7, 2013; San Luis Obispo |
| • Approved DFW request for six month extension | Dec 3, 2014; Van Nuys |
| • Today receive DFW status review report | Feb 10-11, 2016; Sacramento |
| • Take action to determine if listing is warranted | April 13-14, 2016; Santa Rosa |

Background

California Fish and Game Code, Section 2074.6 requires that within 12 months of the date of publication of a notice of acceptance of a petition for consideration, FGC may grant an extension of up to six months if the director of DFW determines an extension is necessary to complete independent peer review of the report, and to provide a minimum of 30 days for public review of the peer reviewed report prior to the public hearing for final consideration.

DFW will provide one paper copy of the status review report on Feb 11, 2016. The document will be available for public review at www.wildlife.ca.gov.

The status review report represents DFW's final written review of the status of northern spotted owl and is based upon the best scientific information available to DFW. The status review report will contain DFW's recommendation on the petition to list the northern spotted as threatened or endangered.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation**

Final consideration of the petition should occur at the next scheduled meeting, Apr 13-14, 2016 in Santa Rosa.

Exhibits (N/A)**Motion/Direction (N/A)**