

Summary Digest of Revisions

Conservation Plan for Gray Wolves in California, December 2016

Part I

Introduction

- Included a discussion regarding the role of the California Fish and Game Commission and authority.
- Included clarification and discussion regarding the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and additional relevant enabling legislation and policy direction.
- Identified the effective date of gray wolf (*Canis lupus*) formal listing under the California Endangered Species Act.
- Specified that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is not proposing delisting criteria at this time.

Implementation

- Updated the likely range of estimated wolf number based on breeding pairs in Phases 1 and 2.
- Included a heading and discussion on the rationale for the Three Phase Strategy.

Part II

- Included minor editing to add or remove text for readability and to remove redundancy within and between related Chapters.
- Updated tables and figures throughout reflecting gray wolf population numbers in the western states.
- Added additional relevant published scientific papers as citations to support existing text throughout Part II. Includes some minor discussion in the text of appropriate Chapters.

Chapter 3 Human Interactions and Current Perceptions of Wolves

- Updated information relative to include recent gray wolf habituation behavior in Canada and corresponding management actions by respective management entities.

Chapter 6 Wolf Interactions with Ungulates

- B. Influence of Wolves on Prey Population – added an additional threshold (presumed to be influenced by wolf predation) to trigger management considerations to include: “Reduction in survival of adult females below 90% and 80% for elk and deer respectively”.
- Updated the estimated current elk distribution map (Figure 6.2) and elk management units (Figure 6.4)

Chapter 7 Effects of Wolves on Livestock and Herding/Guard Dogs

- Updated information on wolf depredation on livestock based on statistics from 2015.
- Expanded discussion regarding livestock depredation and wolf lethal control.

Chapter 11 Funding Needs and Opportunities

- Added information regarding federal funding opportunities to include U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Wolf Livestock Demonstration Project Grants.

Appendix G Phases of Wolf Re-Establishment and Options/Actions

- Clarified breeding pair numbers within the discussion and tables
- Revised total estimated number of wolves based on information from other western states.

Appendix H Summary of Public Comments

- Added this appendix to include a summary of the public comments to the Draft California Gray Wolf Conservation Plan (dated December 2015) during the public comment period. Comments were received by the California Department of Fish and Game during public meetings, web portal, email, and written comments submitted through the U.S. Postal Service.