

STAFF SUMMARY FOR APRIL 26-27, 2017

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

Adopt findings for the Aug 25, 2016 decision to accept the petition to list northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*) as a threatened species pursuant to Section 2075.5, Fish and Game Code.

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 |
| • Deferred decision whether listing may be warranted | Apr 17, 2013; Santa Rosa |
| • FGC determined listing may be warranted | Aug 7, 2013; San Luis Obispo |
| • Approved DFW request for six month extension | Dec 3, 2014; Van Nuys |
| • Received DFW status review report | Feb 10-11, 2016; Sacramento |
| • Discussion; deferred action to Jun 2016 meeting | April 13-14, 2016; Santa Rosa |
| • Discussion; deferred action to Aug 2016 meeting | Jun 22-23, 2016; Bakersfield |
| • Determination that listing is warranted | Aug 24-25, 2016; Folsom |
| • Considered draft findings; deferred action | Feb 8-9, 2017; Rohnert Park |
| • Today's meeting (proposed to defer action) | April 26-27, 2017; Van Nuys |
| • Proposed date to adopt findings | Jun 21-22, 2017, Smith River |

Background

On Aug 25, 2016, FGC determined, pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2075.5, that the petitioned action to list northern spotted owl as threatened under the California Endangered Species Act is warranted.

On Feb 8, 2017, FGC considered draft findings supporting the Aug 2016 determination. FGC received several comments suggesting revisions to the draft finding and, in light of those comments, FGC directed staff to review the comments and the findings.

Environmental Protection Information Center, the sole entity that filed the petition to list the northern spotted owl has requested that FGC delay this item until the Jun 21-22, 2017 FGC meeting in Smith River.

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

FGC staff: Continue the item to the June 21-22, 2017 FGC meeting in Smith River

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Exhibits (N/A)

Motion/Direction

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission adds this item to the agenda for the June 21-22, 2017 Commission meeting in Smith River.