

# Barred Owl Science Team Update

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# Formation

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- Listing process, Fish and Game Commission
- To address the threat of barred owls to spotted owl populations
  - Northern spotted owl and California spotted owl
- Formed officially September 2017
- First meeting January 2018



# Purpose

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Provide objective scientific review and recommendations to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to promote the recovery and conservation of spotted owls in California.



# Structure

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- Meeting frequency - as often as necessary to carry out responsibilities
- Membership includes invited scientists
- Agency liaisons and invited participants
- Co-chairs
- Work products



# Objectives

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- Collect and review the necessary information for providing scientific advice
- Ensure recommendations are based on the best available scientific information
- Identify and prioritize research needs
- Review research proposals
- Develop standard methodologies
- Devise large-scale regional experiments in California
- Address outreach and education
- Seek input from stakeholders



# Future Actions

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- Develop research needs
- Prioritize needs
- Strategy for large-scale experiments
- Others yet to be determined...



