

Barred Owl Science Team Update

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Formation

- 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

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

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



Objectives

- 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

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



