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CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF PETITION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2073.3 of the Fish and Game Code, the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), on September 28, 2018, received a petition from Friends of the Eel River to list northern California summer steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss irideus*) as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act.

Summer steelhead migrate further inland into smaller tributaries than winter fish. They spend summer months resting in pools with consistent cool temperatures as they mature, waiting for winter rains to spawn in December-February. Summer steelhead can tolerate water temperatures up to approximately 23°C (about 73°F) for short periods of time, but seek refuge in deep pools with cool seeps and springs. They prefer pools with boulders, large woody debris, and undercut banks that provide cover from predators and visual separation from other fishes.

Pursuant to Section 2073 of the Fish and Game Code, on October 8, 2018, the Commission transmitted the petition to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) for review pursuant to Section 2073.5 of said code. The Commission will receive the petition at its December 12-13, 2018 meeting in Oceanside. It is anticipated that the Department's evaluation and recommendation relating to the petition will be received by the Commission at its February 6-7, 2019 meeting in Redding.

Interested parties may contact Kevin Shaffer, Fisheries Branch Chief, at California Department of Fish and Wildlife, 830 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95811 or (916) 327-8841 or Kevin Shaffer@wildlife.ca.gov, for information on the petition or to submit information to the Department relating to the petitioned species.

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