

STAFF SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 7-8, 2019

4. NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SUMMER STEELHEAD (CONSENT)**Today's Item**Information Action

Consider DFW request for six-month extension to complete its status review report on the petition to list northern California summer steelhead as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA).

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Received petition | Sep 28, 2018 |
| • FGC staff transmitted petition to DFW | Oct 8, 2018 |
| • Published notice of receipt of petition | Oct 26, 2018 |
| • Public receipt of petition and approval of DFW's request for a 30-day extension | Dec 12-13, 2018; Oceanside |
| • Received DFW 90-day evaluation | Feb 6, 2019; Sacramento |
| • FGC determined listing may be warranted | Jun 12-13, 2019; Redding |
| • Today act on DFW's request for 6-month extension | Aug 7-8, 2019; Sacramento |
| • Receive DFW's status review report | Feb 2021; TBD |
| • Determine if listing is warranted | Apr 2021; TBD |

Background

On Sep 28, 2018, FGC received a petition from Friends of the Eel River to list northern California summer steelhead as endangered under CESA. On Jun 12, 2019, FGC accepted the petition for further evaluation, which initiated a 12-month review of the status of northern California summer steelhead by DFW. In Jul 2019, DFW submitted a request for FGC to grant a six-month extension of time to complete its review (Exhibit 1). The extension would allow time for further analysis and evaluation of the available science, completion of the status review, and a peer review process.

If the extension is approved at this meeting, DFW will have until Dec 18, 2020 to complete its status review, resulting in receipt by FGC at its Feb 2021 meeting. It is anticipated that FGC will be able to schedule at its Apr 2021 meeting the petition, DFW's status review, and other information submitted to determine if listing is warranted.

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

FGC staff: Approve DFW's request for a six-month extension, under a motion to adopt the consent calendar.

Exhibits

1. [DFW memo, received Jul 11, 2019](#)

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Motion/Direction

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission adopts the staff recommendations for items 3-5 on the consent calendar.

Memorandum

Date: July 11, 2019

To: Melissa Miller-Henson
Acting Executive Director
Fish and Game Commission

From: Charlton H. Bonham
Director

Subject: Request for 6 Month Extension, Northern California Summer Steelhead Status Review

Per Section 207 4.6 of the Fish and Game Code, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) requests an extension of time, by 6 months, to further analyze and evaluate available science, new information the Department anticipates to be published during our status review that may affect our review, to undergo the peer review process, and to complete the Northern California Summer Steelhead status review. Such an extension would change the due date of the Department's report to December 18, 2020, which is 18 months from the date the candidacy findings were published (June 18, 2019).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kevin Shaffer, Fisheries Branch Chief at (916) 327-8841.

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