

STAFF SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 11-12, 2019

6. MOUNTAIN LION (CONSENT)**Today's Item****Information** **Action**

Receive 90-day evaluation report from DFW for the petition to list mountain lion as a threatened or endangered species under CESA.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Received petition | Jun 25, 2019 |
| • FGC transmitted petition to DFW | Jul 5, 2019 |
| • Published notice of receipt of petition | Jul 26, 2019 |
| • Public receipt of petition and action on DFW's request for a 30-day extension | Aug 7-8, 2019; Sacramento |
| • Receive DFW 90-day evaluation | Dec 11-12, 2019; Sacramento |
| • Determine if petitioned action may be warranted | Feb 5-6, 2020; Sacramento |

Background

A petition to list one or more evolutionarily significant units of mountain lion (*Puma concolor*) in southern and central coastal California as threatened or endangered under CESA was submitted by the Center for Biological Diversity and the Mountain Lion Foundation (petitioners) on Jun 25, 2019. On Jul 5, 2019, FGC transmitted the petition to DFW for review. A notice of receipt of petition was published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on Jul 26, 2019.

California Fish and Game Code Section 2073.5 requires that DFW evaluate the petition and submit a written evaluation with a recommendation to FGC within 90 days of receiving the petition; under this section, DFW may request an extension of up to 30 days to complete the evaluation.

At the Aug 2019 FGC meeting, DFW requested and FGC granted a 30-day extension. At the time this staff summary was prepared, FGC staff did not anticipate receiving the evaluation for this meeting and expects DFW will recommend this item be continued to a future meeting.

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

FGC staff: Schedule receipt of the petition evaluation for the Feb 5-6, 2020 FGC meeting.

Exhibits (N/A)**Motion/Direction**

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission adopts the staff recommendations for items 4-8 on the consent calendar.