

STAFF SUMMARY FOR APRIL 15-16, 2020

20. BUMBLEBEES CESA PETITION (CONSENT)**Today's Item**Information ☐Action ☒

Consider granting a six-month extension to DFW to deliver the one-year status review report on the petition to list four species of bumble bee as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA).

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Received petition | Oct 17, 2018 |
| • FGC staff transmitted petition to DFW | Oct 26, 2018 |
| • Public receipt of petition and approved DFW's request for a 30-day extension | Dec 12-13, 2018, Oceanside |
| • Received DFW 90-day evaluation | Apr 17, 2019; Santa Monica |
| • Determined that listing action may be warranted | Jun 11, 2019; Redding |
| • Today consider granting a six-month extension to complete status review report | Apr 15-16, 2020; Teleconference |

Background

In Oct 2018, FGC received a petition from three organizations to list Crotch bumble bee (*Bombus crotchii*), Franklin's bumble bee (*Bombus franklini*), Suckley cuckoo bumble bee (*Bombus suckleyi*), and western bumble bee (*Bombus occidentalis occidentalis*) as endangered under CESA. The petition was formally received by the public at the Dec 2018 FGC meeting.

At its Jun 2019 meeting, FGC determined that the petition provides sufficient information to indicate that the petitioned action may be warranted. FGC published notice of that determination on Jun 28, 2019. Pursuant to Section 2074.6 of the Fish and Game Code, DFW has one-year to complete a status review from the date of that notice unless FGC grants an extension of time.

Today FGC will consider a request by DFW for a six-month extension to complete its status review, per section 2074.6 of the Fish and Game Code, to further analyze and evaluate the available science, to undergo the peer review process, and to complete its status review (Exhibit 1). FGC must receive the DFW status review report before FGC can make a final listing decision.

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

FGC staff: Approve request for a six-month extension to complete status review under a motion to adopt the consent calendar.

DFW: Approve request for a six-month extension to complete status review.

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Exhibits

1. [DFW memo](#), received Mar 16, 2020

Motion/Direction (N/A)

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission adopts the staff recommendations for items 15-22 on the consent calendar.

Memorandum

Date: March 10, 2020

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

From: Charlton H. Bonham
Director

Subject: Request for 6 Month Extension, Bumble Bee Status Review

Per Section 2074.6 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, to undergo the peer review process, and to complete the Bumble bee status review. Such an extension would change the due date of the Department's report to December 28, 2020, which is 18 months from the date the candidacy findings were published (June 28, 2020).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kevin Shaffer at (916) 376-1654.