

**CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
NOTICE OF FINDINGS**

Pacific Leatherback Sea Turtle
(*Dermochelys coriacea*)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2074.2 of the Fish and Game Code, the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), at its August 19-20, 2020 meeting, accepted for consideration the petition submitted to list the Pacific leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*) as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act.

Pursuant to subdivision (e)(2) of Section 2074.2 of the Fish and Game Code, the Commission determined that the amount of information contained in the petition, when considered in light of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (Department) written evaluation report, the comments received, and the remainder of the administrative record, would lead a reasonable person to conclude there is a substantial possibility the requested listing could occur.

Based on that finding and the acceptance of the petition, the Commission is also providing notice that the Pacific leatherback sea turtle is a candidate species as defined by Section 2068 of the Fish and Game Code.

Within one year of the date of publication of this notice of findings, the Department shall submit a written report, pursuant to Section 2074.6 of the Fish and Game Code, indicating whether the petitioned action is warranted. Copies of the petition, as well as minutes of the August 19-20, 2020 Commission meeting, are on file and available for public review from Melissa Miller-Henson, Executive Director, California Fish and Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1320, Sacramento, California 95814, phone (916) 653-4899.

Written comments or data related to the petitioned action should be directed to the Department contact via email (Travis.Buck@wildlife.ca.gov): include "Pacific Leatherback Sea Turtle in the subject line. Comments may also be submitted by mail to California Department of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090, Attn: Travis Buck. Submission of information via email is preferred.

August 25, 2020

Fish and Game Commission

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