CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION NOTICE OF FINDINGS

Milo Baker's Lupine (*Lupinus milo-bakeri*)

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 February 10, 2021 meeting, found that there is sufficient information to indicate that a change in the status of Milo Baker's lupine (*Lupinus milo-bakeri*) from threatened to endangered may be warranted based on the information in the record before the Commission.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department), pursuant to the provisions of Section 2077 of the California Fish and Game Code, completed a five-year status review of Milo Baker's lupine. At its December 2020 meeting, the Commission received the Department's five-year status review report; based on its review, the Department recommends a change in the species' status from threatened to endangered. This Department report is equivalent of a listing petition with a Department recommendation for the Commission to accept and consider under the California Fish and Game Code Section 2073.5 (Fish and Game Code Sections 2072.7, 2077(e)).

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 Department's five-year status review, 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 Milo Baker's lupine 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 February 10, 2021 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 California Department of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090, Attn: Raffica La Rosa or email <u>nativeplants@wildlife.ca.gov</u> (include "Milo Baker's Lupine in the subject line). Submission of information via email is preferred.

February 16, 2021

Fish and Game Commission

Melissa Miller-Henson Executive Director