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### NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF PETITION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2073.3 of the Fish and Game Code, the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), on June 14, 2021, received a petition from California Trout to list Southern California steelhead (also known as southern steelhead) (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act.

The Southern California steelhead is a highly migratory and adaptive species utilizing multiple habitat types over their complete life-history. This species of fish will spend one to four years maturing in the Pacific Ocean. Once Southern California steelhead have reached maturity, they will typically return to their natal river system to spawn. Upon entering the river system, Southern California steelhead can migrate several to hundreds of miles to reach suitable spawning habitat. Southern California Steelhead require cool, clean water, and complex, connected habitat that provides sufficient nutrients and foraging opportunities. The geological character of their geographic range is young, highly erodible sedimentary rock that is suitable for spawning and incubation. Freshwater spawning sites must provide sufficient water quantity and quality. The primary habitat conditions that influence the species are temperature, dissolved oxygen, water depth and velocity.

Pursuant to Section 2073 of California Fish and Game Code, on June 23, 2021, the Commission transmitted the petition to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) for review pursuant to Section 2073.5 of said code. The Commission will receive the petition at its August 18-19, 2021 meeting which will be held via teleconference and webinar. It is anticipated that the Department's evaluation and recommendation relating to the petition will be received by the Commission at its October 13-14, 2021, meeting in Sacramento.

Interested parties may contact Jonathan Nelson, Environmental Program Manager I, Anadromous Fisheries Conservation and Management Program, at California Department of Fish and Wildlife, 1010 Riverside Parkway, West Sacramento, CA 95605 or (916) 376-1641 or [Jonathan.nelson@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Jonathan.nelson@wildlife.ca.gov), for information on the petition or to submit information to the Department relating to the petitioned species.

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