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To: Interested Parties

Subject: Status Report on the Pacific Fisher in California - Additional Scientific Review

On March 3, 2010, the Department of Fish and Game (Department) submitted its status review on the Pacific fisher in California to the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) for consideration in its listing determination under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA).

Prior to preparation of the final status review, the Department secured scientific reviewers knowledgeable about the fisher to review the draft scientific report. Unfortunately, the Department was unable to provide the reviewers with the amount of time initially expressed when they agreed to participate in the process. Scientific review time was reduced to meet the statutory deadline. In addition, the draft received by reviewers required further edits along with those resulting from reviewers' comments.

Members of the Commission, the scientific review group, and the public have subsequently expressed concern that the scientific review process was poorly implemented and that the document changed between the review and the final versions. I wish to address these concerns. I have directed my Leadership Team to solicit comments on the final document beginning May 5 and continuing until May 28, 2010. The final status review, which should be used as the basis for this additional scientific review, may be obtained at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/nongame/publications/docs/FisherStatusReviewComplete.pdf>.

We invite and encourage legitimate scientific input on the document focusing on the scientific facts as presented in the subject document. The Department will consider all comments and provide our evaluation to the Commission and make it available to the public upon completion. If you would like to participate, access the document from the link above and submit comments so they are received by 5:00 p.m. on May 28, 2010, by mail or email to Dr. Eric Loft ([eloft@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:eloft@dfg.ca.gov)) at the letterhead address.

Sincerely,

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