

## Staff Summary for February 14-15, 2024

**15. White Sturgeon (Consent)****Today's Item**Information Action 

Consider approving the Department's request for a 30-day extension to review the petition to list white sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*) as a threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA).

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

- Received petition November 29, 2023
- Transmitted petition to Department December 6, 2023
- Public receipt of petition December 13-14, 2023
- **Today consider Department's request for 30-day extension February 14-15, 2024**

**Background**

On November 29, 2023, the Commission received a [petition](#) from San Francisco Baykeeper, the Bay Institute, Restore the Delta, and the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance to list white sturgeon as threatened under CESA. On December 6, 2023, Commission staff transmitted the petition to the Department for review.

California Fish and Game Code Section 2073.5 requires that the Department evaluate the petition and submit a written evaluation with a recommendation to the Commission within 90 days of receiving the petition; under this section, the Department may request an extension of up to 30 days to complete the evaluation.

The Department has requested a 30-day extension (Exhibit 1); if approved, the due date for the Department's evaluation would change to April 5, 2024.

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

**Commission staff:** Approve the Department's request for a 30-day extension.

**Exhibits**

1. [Department memo requesting 30-day extension, received January 9, 2024](#)

**Motion**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that the Commission adopts the staff recommendations for items 15 through 17 on the consent calendar.

# Memorandum

**Date:** December 27, 2023

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

**From:** Charlton H. Bonham  
Director

**Subject: Request for 30-day Extension, White Sturgeon Petition Evaluation**

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) requests a 30-day extension of time pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2073.5 to allow the Department additional time to analyze and evaluate the petition to list the White Sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*) under the California Endangered Species Act and to complete the evaluation report. This extension would extend the Department's review time from 90 to 120 days and would change the due date of the Department's evaluation report from March 6, 2024, to April 5, 2024.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jay Rowan, Fisheries Branch, at [Jay.Rowan@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Jay.Rowan@wildlife.ca.gov).

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