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## Fish and Game Commission



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### California Fish and Game Commission Notice of Receipt of Petition

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the provisions of California Fish and Game Code Section 2073.3, that on July 16, 2024 the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) received a petition from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department), to list Bear Lake buckwheat (*Eriogonum microtheca* var. *lacus-ursi*) as an endangered species under the California Endangered Species Act.

The Bear Lake buckwheat is a subshrub in the buckwheat family with only a single known occurrence on the south shore of Big Bear Lake in San Bernardino County, California. The plant grows on a unique substrate of gray, silty, clay soil in a Jeffrey pine and juniper woodland. Bear Lake buckwheat occupies an area of less than 1.5 acres with 150 plants estimated in 2023.

In the absence of a petition from an interested party, the Department may recommend to the Commission that it add a species to the endangered species list pursuant to Section 2072.7 of the California Fish and Game Code. If the Department makes a recommendation under this section, the Department shall include the information specified in Section 2072.3 of the California Fish and Game Code. A Department recommendation under this section shall be considered by the Commission as a petition with a Departmental recommendation to accept and consider as described in subdivision (b) of Section 2073.5 of the California Fish and Game Code.

The Commission will publicly receive the petition at its August 14-15, 2024 meeting. At its October 9-10, 2024 meeting, the Commission is scheduled to consider the Department's petition and recommendation as well as comments received to determine whether listing Bear Lake buckwheat as endangered under CESA may be warranted.

For information about the petition or to submit information to the Department relating to the petitioned species, interested parties may contact Kristi Lazar, Native Plant Program Specialist, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, by mail at P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, California 94244-2090, or email at [nativeplants@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:nativeplants@wildlife.ca.gov).

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