# Amend Section 670.1, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Listing of Endangered and Threatened Species, Pursuant to Section 100, Title 1, CCR

The amendments to Section 670.1, Title 14, CCR, do not materially alter any requirement, right, responsibility, condition, prescription or other regulatory element of any California Code of Regulations provision.

Section 670.1 was revised to update the California Fish and Game Commission's (Commission) office address and references to the corrected Form 670.1. Subsection 670.1(j) was also revised to update the regulations to be consistent with Fish and Game Code 2075.5(e)(2). Form DFW 670.1 was revised to comply with California Government Code Sections 7405 and 1135, and the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG).

In all subsections "California" has been added to "California Fish and Game Code". This is to clarify that the regulations are referring to California Fish and Game Code.

In all subsections "Commission" has been changed to "commission" for consistency throughout Title 14.

# Revision to subsection 670.1(a)

- The address of the Commission office was updated to 715 P Street, 16<sup>th</sup> floor. This change is necessary to provide the public the correct physical address of the Commission office.
- The Commission's email address (<u>fgc@fgc.ca.gov</u>) and P.O. Box have been added as additional ways to submit petitions. This was necessary to provide more options for the public to submit petitions.
- The language, "...petitions submitted on an authorized..." has been changed to "... submitted with a completed..." This change is necessary to clarify that the petition does not have to be submitted on the form but must accompany it.
- The form 670.1 revised date, 3/94, is replaced with 10/2024. This is necessary so the reference to the form in the regulation language matches the updated form.
- Two additional ways to obtain form 670.1 were added to the regulation language. This
  change was necessary to make it easier to obtain the necessary form to submit a
  petition.
- The Department of Fish and Game has been changed to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. This change is necessary update the title of the Department to its current name.

## **Revision to subsection 670.1(b)**

• The form 670.1 revised date, 3/94, is replaced with 10/2024. This is necessary so the reference to the form in the regulation language matches the updated form.

#### **Revision to subsection 670.1(c)**

• To clarify who will be submitting the notices to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), "commission shall submit a notice..." has been added to the second sentence.

### **Revision to subsection 670.1(e)**

 In subsections 670.1 (e)(1) and (e)(2) to clarify who will be submitting the notices to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), "commission shall submit a notice..." has been added.

# **Revision to subsection 670.1(f)(3)**

• The word "staff" has been removed to clarify that the Commission is responsible for deciding what will be on Commission meeting agendas.

# Repeal of subsection 670.1(i)(1)(B)2

 This subsection was removed as the process for the removal of a species from sections 670.2 and 670.5 is now done through a file and print rulemaking.

## Revision to subsection 670.1(j)

 Reference to the Commission preparing a standard rulemaking if the petitioned action is found to be warranted has been updated to be consistent with Fish and Game Code 2075.5(e)(2). This change is necessary, so the regulatory language reflects the rulemaking process to update subsections 670.2 and 670.5, Title 14, Fish and Game Code.

#### **Revisions to Form 670.1**

- All pages
  - The date of the form has been changed from 3/94 to 10/2024 to reflect the recent revision date.
  - Any language in all capital letters has been changed to sentence capital formatting. This is necessary to meet requirements of WCAG.
- Page 1
  - "(page 6 of this document)" has been added to the first paragraph to direct the users to the form that must be submitted with their petitions.
- Page 2
  - Form "Petition to the State of California Fish and Game Commission" has been moved to page 6 of the document. This was done so that the instructions for what needed to be included in the petition would be in the beginning of the document
- Page 3
  - The heading "A petition to the..." has been removed and replaced with "Information to be included in the petition". This is necessary to clarify that this page is not part of the form but information to be included in the petition.
  - Spaces to enter the specie's common name and scientific name have been removed since the page is not required to be submitted with the petition.

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# o Section II

- An option of "As Threatened or Endangered" has been added. This was done as many petitions are submitted with this request.
- "From" and "To" have been capitalized to make the formatting of the document consistent.

# o Section III

 Email Address has been added as this is the preferred form of communication for the Commission to contact petitioner when possible.