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**SECTION I: Required Information.**

*Please be succinct. Responses for Section I should not exceed five pages*

**1. Person or organization requesting the change (Required)**
Name of primary contact person:
Akira Lincome
Address: [redacted]
Telephone number: [redacted]
Email address: [redacted]

**2. Rulemaking Authority (Required) -** Reference to the statutory or constitutional authority of the Commission to take the action requested:
The requested regulation change is within the California Fish and Game Commission's authority under California Fish and Game Code Sections 2118 and 2120, which govern the importation, transportation, and possession of restricted species, and under Title 14, California Code of Regulations Section 671 (Restricted Species), which includes mammals of the order Primates.

**3. Overview (Required) -** Summarize the proposed changes to regulations:
This petition requests that the California Fish and Game Commission amend Title 14, California Code of Regulations Section 671 (Restricted Species) to create a narrow exemption that allows responsible legal possession of specified non-human primates (monkeys) as household companion animals, without requiring a restricted-species permit, under defined conditions. The proposed exemption would distinguish between larger or higher-risk primates and certain small to medium-sized monkey species that can be safely housed in a controlled home environment and would authorize the Commission to adopt clear standards for care, containment, and public safety for these exempt species. The monkey species requested for consideration under this exemption include: Common marmoset (Callithrix jacchus) and closely related marmoset species, Capuchin monkeys (Cebus spp. and Sapajus spp.),

Macaques (Macaca spp.), including pigtail macaques (Macaca nemestrina), Spider monkeys (Ateles spp.)

**4. Rationale (Required) -** Describe the problem and the reason for the proposed change: Under current regulations, non-human primates are classified as “restricted species” under Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 671, and are effectively prohibited as household pets for ordinary California residents, regardless of species, size, temperament, or advances in animal-care standards. This blanket approach does not distinguish between larger, higher-risk primates and smaller or medium-sized monkey species that can be safely managed in a structured home environment by responsible owners following appropriate standards. By contrast, many other U.S. states regulate pet monkeys rather than imposing a total ban. Common examples include Texas, Ohio, Alabama, Mississippi, Nevada, and North Carolina, where state wildlife or agriculture agencies regulate primate ownership through permits, enclosure standards, and species restrictions. In several jurisdictions, only smaller species such as marmosets are allowed for private ownership, while larger or higher-risk primates remain prohibited. These approaches show that states can differentiate between species and manage risk through clear standards instead of total prohibition. Publicly available, long-term observational sources indicate that certain small and medium-sized monkey species can be safely kept in a home setting when appropriate enclosures, enrichment, training and daily routines are provided. These monkeys are highly intelligent and social and can learn consistent routines, are capable of feeding themselves from eating and drinking cookware, can groom, bath, use toilet, and clothe themselves, as well as follow simple cooperative tasks in helping with household chores and other functions which makes them great suitable companion animals for both children and adults.Under appropriate care and supervision, their overall risk of causing harm or injury appears comparable to, or lower than, that of many common companion animals such as cats and dogs, which currently do not require comparable permits, specialized permits and not banned. Creating a narrow exemption in section 671 for specified small and medium-sized monkey species, combined with clear standards for care, containment, and oversight, would modernize California’s approach and align it more closely with these other regulatory models. The petition therefore asks the Commission to allow responsible ownership of these species without an individual restricted-species permit, conditioned on baseline requirements such as: (1) an initial home inspection to verify secure indoor and outdoor enclosures and an appropriate household setting; (2) written standards for diet and food preparation and presentation; (3) daily access to exercise and enrichment areas that allow natural climbing, swinging, and running behaviors: and (4) proof of ongoing veterinary care and pet insurance to cover immunizations and reasonably anticipated illness or injury. These measures would protect public safety and animal welfare while allowing Californians to benefit from living with highly intelligent, socially complex primates as emotional or family pets.

## SECTION II: Optional Information

**5. Date of Petition:** April 18, 2026

**6. Category of Proposed Change**

☐ Sport Fishing
☐ Commercial Fishing
☐ Hunting

[X] Other, please specify: **Restricted Species/Wildlife possession regulations change (Non-Human Primates)**

**7. The proposal is to:** (*To determine section number(s), see current year regulation booklet or https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs*)
[X] Amend Title 14 Section(s):
☐ Add New Title 14 Section(s):
☐ Repeal Title 14 Section(s):

**8. If the proposal is related to a previously submitted petition that was rejected, specify the tracking number of the previously submitted petition**
Or [X] Not applicable.

**9. Effective date**: If applicable, identify the desired effective date of the regulation.
If the proposed change requires immediate implementation, explain the nature of the emergency: Petitioner requests that the regulation change be adopted April 18, 2026 immediately upon approval after filing, or on the earliest date permitted by law. There is an immediate implementation to provide a lawful pathway for responsible ownership of specified small- and medium-sized monkey species as emotional-support and companion animals for persons with physical and mental health conditions, and for families, while also supporting the long-term conservation and welfare of primate species through regulated, humane captive care. Under the current blanket prohibition, individuals who could safely and humanly keep these animals in appropriate home settings have no legal option to do so, which puts individuals at risk for breaking the law to have these animals, which creates ongoing hardship for prospective owners and leaves existing animals in precarious legal status and in endangered situations. Prompt implementation of a narrowly tailored exemption allowing responsible ownership and possession of monkeys as pets, subject to clear care, housing, and safety conditions, is necessary to remove these ongoing obstacles without delay.

**10. Supporting documentation:** Identify and attach to the petition any information supporting the proposal including data, reports and other documents:

**Overview Of Supporting Documentation**

**Scientific and veterinary sources recognize that small and medium-sized primates (macaques, including pig-tailed macaques, marmosets, capuchins, and spider monkeys) can present health, safety, welfare, and conservation concerns if they are kept in poor or unregulated conditions. The proposed regulation is intended to minimize these risks by requiring responsible owners to maintain ready access to veterinary services, follow species-appropriate diet and housing guidelines, supervise interactions with children and visitors, provide secure but humane enclosures and supervised outdoor activity, retain documentation of lawful origin, and carry liability insurance. Based on years of observing small and medium-sized monkeys living in stable home environments, Petitioner has found that, under these managed conditions, such monkeys typically show gentle, affectionate, and intelligent behavior toward people and do not behave as inherently dangerous animals. The written sources below show what the risks are for each group and how the proposed management measures are designed to keep real-world incidents to a minimum.**

**1. Health / public-safety impacts**

**(macaques, marmosets, capuchins, spider monkeys)**

**Risk:** Scientific and veterinary sources show that some small and medium-sized primates—particularly macaques and pig-tailed macaques—can carry viruses such as Herpes B, and that pet primates of several species (including macaques and capuchins) have occasionally bitten or escaped when not properly supervised.

**Management:** Under the petition, owners of all covered species (macaques including pig-tails, marmosets, capuchins, and spider monkeys) will work with veterinarians for initial health checks, follow written bite/escape response plans, supervise interactions (especially with children), and provide secure but humane housing and liability insurance. These measures are intended to keep incident rates very low and comparable to other companion animals that can bite, such as dogs, while still permitting supervised outdoor activity and family contact.

**Macaques / pig-tailed macaques (disease risk):**
Merck Veterinary Manual – "Viruses That Cause Disease in Nonhuman Primates":
https://www.merckvetmanual.com/exotic-and-laboratory-animals/nonhuman-primates/viruses-that-cause-disease-in-nonhuman-primates

**CDC / Emerging Infectious Diseases – "Prevalence of Herpes B Virus in Wild Long-Tailed Macaques":**
https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/31/4/24-1197_article

**PubMed – "B-virus from pet macaque monkeys: an emerging threat in the United States":**
https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/9452406/

All species (documented incidents, including capuchins and other pet primates):

**Animal Welfare Institute – "Incidents Involving Primates Kept as Pets 1990 to present":**
https://awionline.org/sites/default/files/uploads/documents/Incidents-Primate-Pets.pdf

**2. Welfare / husbandry / veterinary needs**
**(marmosets, capuchins, spider monkeys, applied to all small/medium monkeys)**

**Risk:** Marmosets, capuchins, and other small primates can develop serious health and behavioral problems—such as metabolic bone disease, rickets, dental disease, and stress behaviors—when kept without correct diet, space, enrichment, or veterinary care. Spider monkeys need large, complex spaces and can suffer if confined in small or barren environments.

**Management:** The petition requires, for all covered species, species-appropriate diet plans prepared with a veterinarian, regular wellness exams, adequate indoor and outdoor space with climbing structures and enrichment, and owner education. These measures are intended to keep small and medium-sized monkeys healthy and calm and to allow safe, supervised interaction with family members, rather than the problems seen in poorly managed situations.

**Marmosets (diet and bone disease):**
**PubMed – "Unusual Case of Metabolic Bone Disease in a Common Marmoset":**

https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/9717224/

**"Bone Disease in the Common Marmoset" (Veterinary Pathology):**
https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0300985815589354

**New England Primate Conservancy – "Common Marmoset (Pro)" (care and dietary needs):**
https://neprimateconservancy.org/common-marmoset-pro/

**Capuchins (space, enrichment, behavior):**
**RSPCA – "Keeping Capuchin Monkeys as Pets" (welfare problems and needs for capuchins kept as pets):**
https://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/pets/other/primates/capuchins

**Spider monkeys (specialized housing and care):**
San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance – "Illegally Trafficked Spider Monkeys Receive Expert Care":
https://sandiegozoowildlifealliance.org/PR/spider-monkey-confiscation

Application to all covered monkeys:
The same husbandry principles—proper diet, veterinary oversight, adequate space and enrichment, and owner education—are applied in the petition to macaques (including pig-tailed macaques) as well as marmosets, capuchins, and spider monkeys, so that each species' needs are met in a family home.

**3. Environmental / conservation / illegal-trade impacts**
**(macaques, marmosets, capuchins, spider monkeys)**

**Risk:** Conservation organizations report that many primate species—including macaques, marmosets, capuchins, and spider monkeys—are threatened by habitat loss, hunting, and illegal capture for the pet trade. Capture of wild monkeys for sale often harms family groups and leads to high mortality.

**Management:** To avoid contributing to these problems, the petition limits eligibility to captive-bred or legally rescued monkeys of all four groups, requires owners to keep documentation of lawful origin, and is intended to provide safe long-term homes for existing captive animals and future captive-bred companions, not to encourage removal of any monkeys from the wild.

**All primates / general threats:**
**New England Primate Conservancy – "Primates in Jeopardy":**
https://neprimateconservancy.org/primates-in-jeopardy/

**Capuchins (status and pet-trade impacts):**
**New England Primate Conservancy – "Capuchin Monkeys":**
https://neprimateconservancy.org/capuchin-monkeys/

**"Impact of the pet trade on the Margarita capuchin monkey Cebus apella margaritae":**
https://www.int-res.com/articles/esr2010/12/n012p057.pdf

**Marmosets (status and threats):**
**New England Primate Conservancy – "Common Marmoset, Callithrix jacchus":**
**https://neprimateconservancy.org/common-marmoset/**

**Spider monkeys (illegal trafficking):**
**San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance – "Illegally Trafficked Spider Monkeys Receive Expert Care":**
**https://sandiegozoowildlifealliance.org/PR/spider-monkey-confiscation**

**(Macaques are included in the general NEPC "Primates in Jeopardy" overview and the broader discussion of trade impacts; the petition's captive-bred / lawful-origin requirement applies to macaques as well.)**

**4. Overall justification / regulatory context**
**(all small/medium monkeys together)**

**Risk:** **Reviews of the U.S. pet-primate trade describe welfare and safety concerns and gaps in oversight when primates of any species are kept without clear rules, including small and medium-sized monkeys similar to those covered by this petition.**

**Management / justification:** **Instead of unregulated possession, the petition proposes clear expectations for all owners of macaques (including pig-tailed macaques), marmosets, capuchins, and spider monkeys: maintaining veterinary care and appropriate diet, supervising interactions, providing secure housing and supervised outdoor activity, using only captive-bred or legally rescued animals, and carrying liability insurance. These measures aim to keep incident rates very low while allowing California residents to responsibly share their homes with small and medium-sized monkeys.**

**All species / national context:**
**Open Access Government – "The pet primate trade in the U.S.":**
**https://www.openaccessgovernment.org/article/the-pet-primate-trade-in-the-u-s/175099/**

**Petitioner will also provide a list of online videos documenting small and medium-sized macaques (including pig-tailed macaques), marmosets, capuchins, and spider monkeys living in supervised home environments. These videos show that, in practice, when these monkeys are kept with proper care, supervision, and veterinary support, their behavior toward family members is typically gentle, affectionate, and not consistent with the image of universally dangerous animals. here to enter text.**

. **Statement of Purpose – Companionship**
**For Emotional Support And Families**
**and Managed Safety Of Pets**
**The purpose of this petition is to allow small and medium-sized monkeys (macaques, including pig-tailed macaques, marmosets, capuchins, and spider monkeys) to be kept as companion animals in California under managed, family-home conditions, so that residents with physical and mental-health challenges can benefit from their companionship while risks are kept very low through clear care and safety expectations. Research on emotional-support and companion animals in general shows that close daily interaction with animals can reduce anxiety, depression, loneliness, and stress hormones, while increasing feelings of calm and social connection.**

**My goal is to extend those benefits to carefully selected small and medium-sized monkeys in homes that meet basic standards for veterinary access, supervision, housing, and insurance. Publicly available observational sources, including long-term educational channels, show that certain small and medium-sized monkey species can be safely kept when proper enclosures, a loving and stable home environment, enrichment, training, and daily routines are provided.**

**In these settings, the monkeys are highly intelligent and social and are able to feed themselves from designated dishes, follow daily routines, bathe and groom, use the restroom or diapers on a schedule, dress in their own clothes, and participate in simple household tasks such as retrieving objects or helping with light chores, all while interacting gently with family members. Informal examples documenting these behaviors in household environments, such as the "Monkey Kyo Family" channel (for example, a small monkey calmly feeding herself, assisting with small tasks, and safely playing with adults and children in the home), are provided in the attached video list to illustrate that, under structured conditions, small and medium-sized monkeys can live peacefully in family homes and often behave more predictably than some common pets like cats and dogs.**

**The accompanying regulation change and supporting documentation explain how the identified risks (disease, bites, welfare problems, and illegal trade) can be minimized through responsible ownership—regular veterinary care, species-appropriate diet and housing, supervision of interactions, lawful sourcing of animals, and liability insurance—so that Californians can safely experience the emotional and practical benefits of living with these intelligent and affectionate animals.**

**Observation You Tube Channels Of Videos Showing Multiple Types Of Monkeys Including Small to Medium Sized-(Macaques, Pigtail, Marmosets, Spider Monkeys, And Capachins)**

**Macaques Monkeys (also known as pigtails)**

1. **Kyo Family Channel**- small monkey Kyo feeding herself, safely interacting with family members, and participating in daily home activities.
https://youtu.be/sbguCdqv0bk?si=2ndC-KwGrHotjiCL

**2.Curious Monkey Family Channel**-small monkey Kiki feeding herself and lovingly interacting with the owner giving food.
https://youtube.com/shorts/AG0F-FcupPE?si=W04Uhvta2ziurRXF

**3.Monkey Lily's Life Channel**-small Monkey Lily is feeding himself after the parent owner gives him a meal showing highly intelligent monkeys capable of eating like humans from cookware.
https://youtube.com/shorts/_BR1nAK3dTg?si=w56SwX2xWxhuZCmJ

**4.Monkey Lily's Life Channel**-small Monkey Lily cleans up own drink spill accident and becomes playful after showing they are helpful with cleaning up after themself and playful and funny.
https://youtu.be/SODnteYYb9k?si=FjlNOP1Yqmp6hz-P

**5.The Springangel Channel**-medium monkey showing owner teaching monkey to brush teeth demonstrating highly intelligent to follow routine.
https://youtube.com/shorts/eC0H_flSzu4?si=Bp8iflB3P9tfDjL7

**6.Monkey Lyly Channel**-medium size Monkey Lyly is highly intelligent to be sent to the store with money by the owner and buy product and return home demonstrating the monkey is adaptable to carry out routine on its own in public setting outside and successfully return safely back home.
https://youtube.com/shorts/CWJwjQXjmpU?si=EwkjaodNCsJ0FIU1

**7.Xuxu Monkey Channel-**small macaques monkeys being trained by owners to retrieve their own food and feed themselves demonstrating they are harmless than most domestic animals such as cats and dogs.
https://youtube.com/shorts/XHcsKbhWBOY?si=KVmgaIch1RA_ZXd9

**8.Xuxu Monkey Channel**-small monkey being observant of environment and other species calm demonstrating no kind of harm to others eventually they have shown to love and interact with other animals forming a bond.
https://youtube.com/shorts/3S4vUtG2aNQ?si=OYm3mxy8c3pgiKJQ

**9.Xuxu Monkey Channel** -
small/medium macaque monkeys are
extremely playful, harmless, and fun to
watch as a pet owner.
https://youtube.com/shorts/5SVjXOpgzho?si=kEzkUkF-w0NS3_cK

**10.Xuxu Monkey Channel**-owner of a small monkey at doctors visit ensuring health is followed-up on demonstrates proper care and veterinary check-ups along with requiring pet insurance for any accidents or injury that may arise is in place will prevent or minimize diseases and illnesses that should be required as standard regulation.
https://youtube.com/shorts/aLnQR63YkYw?si=rBzMzV5uLDKniBDv

**11.Xuxu Monkey Channel**-medium macaque monkey drinking own bottle to feed self interacting with owner non violent and harmless dressed in clothes and cared for like human children.
https://youtube.com/shorts/wnayAVpgt7M?si=QEWQpMbpsBYKoNI9

**Capuchin Monkeys**
1.**Life With Gaitlyn Channel**-medium size Monkey Gaitlyn is highly intelligent and loves performing cooking skills. Capuchin monkeys demonstrate being highly technical.
https://youtube.com/shorts/i6L19AcnfTU?si=a7TbUKeBBin2rlKO

2.**Life With Gaitlyn Channel**-medium size monkey eating breakfast at family table feeding himself demonstrating extreme intelligent capabilities to self care for self with assistance of owner.
https://youtube.com/shorts/rwic4FcyBzs?si=1tgfoc7qtx9U64hZ

3.**Life With Gaitlyn Channel**-medium sized Monkey Gaitlyn sitting with owner and family enjoying movies and eating popcorn together demonstrating the monkey is in a safe environment and reacting within family safely around children.
https://youtube.com/shorts/OGAOThaYAcg?si=X1a_gAPcmGPbBcU5

4.**Life With Gaitlyn Channel**-medium size Monkey Gaitlyn shows he loves to help clean the household demonstrating structure and routine to help owners with chores as companion animals that can be helpful for disabled persons needing assistance.
https://youtube.com/shorts/CHxMWIGMgQg?si=BWSPq94BH1_s4Lzk

5. **Mrs. Bench Channel**-this channel promotes toys and is a friend to Monkey Gaitlyn owners on Life With Gailyn Channel who gave monkey toys and demonstrate capuchin monkeys are very smart and love technical toys to play with and put together showing.
https://youtube.com/shorts/M2DATWcWbO4?si=TKhEnx5xsyW9kmGa

**Spider Monkeys**
**1.**Medium sized spider monkey from small infant through growth demonstrates being friendly in nature and adaptable to being taught routine by owner.
https://youtube.com/shorts/4_mMIfJz_MU?si=SCQ6_dlgAvaEXKwb

**2.ViceGoneWild Channel**-Small sized baby spider monkey wearing diaper patiently sitting while owner talks demonstrating no harm or threat to humans.
https://youtube.com/shorts/LljIuxaYiA8?si=hdppbp9qxuKR60lN

**3.You-Tube Channel-**small spider monkey Winston chillin cool with his owner enjoying the monkey demonstrating spider monkey as a great pet to have that is not harmful or dangerous.
https://youtube.com/shorts/K3upz3CNxMA?si=b92N2DHBG6tb4Fm9

**4.Wildlife Command Center Channel**-small spider monkey just being cute and adorable without causing any harm.
https://youtube.com/shorts/OIjafjU4Vxk?si=peKAicZoJKDL1vqQ

**5.Viral Hog Channel**-large spider monkey being playful and non-violent and harmless while following request by owner to obtain item from refrigerator and bring for whip cream treat demonstrating small/medium monkeys may grow to large size and remain a friendly pet raised within the family, contradicting claims all monkeys are dangerous and should not be around humans.
https://youtube.com/shorts/bS4W2BTGTO4?si=oStDUIsWVFjooVd1

**Marmoset Monkeys**
**1.Exotic Pet Ranch Channel-**this owner of a small marmoset monkey explains monkey is non-harmful and a great pet that is not wild demonstrating these types of monkeys are suitable in home settings and outside with supervision and care by the owner.
https://youtu.be/4q-DnUA1KKY?si=3oZusdf0e4AcLNaB

**2.Dr. K's Exotic Animal ER Channel-**veterinary doctor enforces importance of small marmoset monkeys of having a proper diet to follow and area for environmental enrichment for monkeys to thrive, while also instilling owners taking extra precaution to keep monkey safe

from public until older which demonstrates these same recommendations requesting in regulation change to legalize monkeys in California with proper standards and guidelines implemented to ensure safety, proper nutrition to follow, and offer home inspection to ensure environment is safe to have environment enrichment areas and shows the monkeys are not harmful and at more risk of being in public at early age.
https://youtu.be/dbZLUHKngj8?si=Ezb5EMyer7SyFaCb

3.**Trim That Weed Channel**-video informers viewers who take on ownership of marmoset monkeys suggest the type of housing they require for environmental habitat and health care to include which aligns with the requested standard regulation requirement to inspect home for proper housing safety for monkey that provides proper enclosure space for them to thrive and stay healthy.
https://youtu.be/KNtx_xK9FP8?si=-HLIhNuqOj_YTBf5

**Spider, Marmoset, Capuchin, Monkeys**
Taken together, spider, marmoset, capuchin, and macaque (including pig-tailed) monkeys are highly intelligent, social, nurturing, playful, and fun-loving animals. With responsible owners and clear Wildlife and Fish and Game regulation standards for housing, veterinary care, and supervision, these monkeys can be safe companion animals for individuals and families, including as emotional or physical support animals. Under this petition, owners would follow regulation standards requiring appropriate health insurance, a primary veterinarian with a species-appropriate care plan and diet, and an inspected, safe habitat that allows monkeys to live in a familiar, enriched animal space where they can climb, play, and interact, while still protecting people and other animals. These inspections and regulation standards are designed to ensure that each monkey's habitat supports its natural behaviors and well-being, and to minimize the risk of injury or illness to humans and the monkeys. With these regulation standards in place, it is unnecessary to keep all of these small to medium monkeys completely banned as pets in California, because a targeted regulatory approach can protect public safety and animal welfare without assuming that every monkey, in every situation, is too dangerous to live around humans.
https://youtube.com/shorts/o7l4A4_8Ya4?si=GiHW8p1OhFjk1fux

Many members of the public have the misconception that all monkeys are inherently dangerous and can never be safely kept as pets. From my experience and research, these particular small- and medium-sized species are no more likely to be harmful than common household pets such as cats and dogs when they are kept under clear regulation standards and responsible care. Without long-term observation or experience with these particular small and medium species, people often do not see that they are highly intelligent, social, and capable of forming affectionate, stable bonds with responsible caretakers. With clear regulation standards for housing, veterinary care, and supervision, these primates can provide family companionship and meaningful emotional and physical support to qualified owners, while also reducing incentives for illegal possession and abuse. I respectfully request that the Commission review this petition and the supporting information without bias from the general stigma that all primate species are too dangerous to be around people, and consider allowing Californians a carefully regulated opportunity to enjoy and care for these animals.

**11. Economic or Fiscal Impacts:** Identify any known impacts of the proposed regulation change on revenues to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, individuals, businesses, jobs,

other state agencies, local agencies, schools, or housing: This proposal is not expected to have significant negative economic or fiscal impacts. It may generate modest additional revenue to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife through application and inspection fees associated with the proposed exemption, and could create limited new business activity in veterinary care services, enclosure construction, and specialized primary-care services. No adverse impacts are anticipated for other state or local agencies. By establishing clear legal standards for responsible care, housing, and veterinary oversight, the exemption is intended to increase the number of safe, regulated homes for small and medium-sized monkeys, reduce incentives for illegal trafficking and unsafe, unregulated possession, and complement broader conservation efforts for primate species that are already threatened in the wild by habitat loss, hunting, and illegal pet trade.

**12. Forms:** If applicable, list any forms to be created, amended or repealed: None.

**SECTION 3: FGC Staff Only**

Date received: 4/20/2026

FGC staff action:

- ☑ Accept - complete
- ☐ Reject - incomplete
- ☐ Reject - outside scope of FGC authority

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Date petitioner was notified of receipt of petition and pending action: _____

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FGC action:

- ☐ Denied by FGC
- ☐ Denied - same as petition _____

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- ☐ Granted for consideration of regulation change