



PUBLIC NOTICE

March 26, 2013

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has reinitiated status review of the Pacific fisher (*Martes pennanti*) pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2074.6, and is providing this notice pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2074.4 to solicit data and comments on the petitioned action from interested and affected parties.

The Department has reinitiated status review pursuant to court order following related action by the Fish and Game Commission. (*Center for Biological Diversity v. California Fish and Game Commission and California Department of Fish and Game*, (Super. Ct. San Francisco County, 2012, No. CGC-10-505205).) Consistent with that order, on November 7, 2012, the Fish and Game Commission set aside its September 15, 2010 findings that listing the fisher as threatened or endangered was not warranted. Having provided related notice, the fisher is now a candidate species under the California Endangered Species Act (Cal. Reg. Notice Reg. 2013, No. 12-Z, pp. 487-488; see also Fish & G. Code, §§ 2074.2, 2085).

The Department has 12 months to review the petition, evaluate the available information, and report back to the Commission whether or not the petitioned action is warranted (Fish & G. Code, § 2074.6). The Department's recommendation must be based on the best scientific information available to the Department.

Therefore, **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that anyone with data or comments on the taxonomic status, ecology, biology, life history, management recommendations, distribution, abundance, threats, habitat that may be essential for the species in California, or other factors related to the status of the above species, is hereby requested to provide such data or comments to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Attn: Fisher Status Report
1812 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California 95811

Please submit a hard copy and a digital/electronic copy if submitting by surface mail.
Comments may also be sent via email to: Wildlifemgt@wildlife.ca.gov

Responses and information received by **May 27, 2013** will be evaluated for possible incorporation in the Department's final report to the Fish and Game Commission. The Department's written report will indicate, based on the best scientific information available, whether the Department concludes that the petitioned action is warranted or not warranted. Receipt of the report will be placed on the agenda for the next available meeting of the Commission after delivery. The report will be made available to the public at that time. Following receipt of the Department's report, the Commission will allow a 30-day public comment period prior to taking any action on the Department's recommendation.

If you have any questions, please contact the Department via email at wildlifemgt@wildlife.ca.gov or at the address above.

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