

DRAFT - California Mammal Species of Special Concern Project Timeline

| Date | Event | Activities | |
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| 2009 | October | Start project | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor and Contract Manager meet. • Contractor and BDB meet to discuss mapping conventions and data handling. • Finalize TAC membership. • Prepare list of California Mammals. • Prepare initial draft MSSC nominee list. |
| | November | Prep for TAC meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assemble master locality database; prepare initial maps for nominee taxa. |
| | | First TAC meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review/Revise list of California Mammals. • Review/Revise MSSC definition. • Review/Revise draft MSSC nominee list. • Review/Revise locality maps; identify data errors. • Revise and test MSSC scoring procedure. |
| | December | TAC meeting summary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor summarizes decisions and work products from first TAC meeting. |
| 2010 | January | First peer review | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer review of information compiled to date; identify other information sources. • Correct data errors. • Apply the TAC-approved scoring process to MSSC nominee taxa*. • Finalize list of California mammals. |
| | | Document outline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft outline of “California Mammal Species of Special Concern” provided to TAC and DFG. |
| | February | Second TAC meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review/Revise MSSC nominee list. • Review/Revise scoring procedure. • Review/Revise MSSC nominee scores**. • Review MSSC ranking schemes. • Review document outline and species account format and content. • Review range-mapping methods. |
| | March | TAC meeting summary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor summarizes decisions and work products from second TAC meeting. |
| April | Pre-writing activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize MSSC nominee list. • Finalize MSSC scores***. • Select MSSC taxa for preparation of species accounts and range maps. • Assign authorship for document sections and species accounts/range maps. | |

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| | | • Distribute writing guidelines. |
| May | Prepare species accounts and geographic range maps | • Authors work on assignments. |
| June | | |
| July | | |
| August | | |
| September | | |
| October | Compile and review document and maps | • Contractor compiles draft document sections and species accounts and maps. • Contractor reviews and edits draft species accounts and maps. |
| November | | |
| December | Peer Review | • Contractor distributes draft MSSC document, including all sections, species accounts, and maps to Contract Manager, TAC, and Peer Reviewers. |
| 2011 | January | |
| | February | Revision of Document |
| | March | |
| | April | |
| | May | Final document due date |
| | | • Revisions incorporated and document accepted by Contract Manager. |

Scoring of MSSC Nominee Taxa:

* Initial scoring of nominee taxa will be in January 2010. We currently envision TAC Members will do most of the initial scoring with support from other Contributors.

** Second TAC meeting in February 2010. TAC members with scoring assignments will present the scores they developed in collaboration with other contributors, highlighting unusual or problematic taxa. As a group, the TAC will reconcile scoring issues and adjust the scoring procedure to account for taxon-specific considerations. Draft scores will be made available online for review by interested persons after the second TAC meeting.

*** After an approximately 60-day review and discussion period, MSSC Nominee Taxa scores will be finalized in April 2010.