

STAFF SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 17, 2018

21. CASCADES FROG (CONSENT)**Today's Item**Information Action

Consider approving DFW request for a six month extension to submit its status review report on the petition to list Cascades frog (*Rana cascadae*) as threatened or endangered under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA).

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • Received petition | Mar 1, 2017 |
| • FGC transmitted petition to DFW | Mar 6, 2017 |
| • Published notice of receipt of petition | Mar 31, 2017 |
| • Public receipt of petition | Apr 26-27, 2017; Van Nuys |
| • Approved 30-day extension for evaluation of petition | Jun 21-22, 2017; Smith River |
| • Received DFW evaluation of petition | Aug 16, 2017; Sacramento |
| • FGC determined listing may be warranted | Oct 11-12, 2017; Atascadero |
| • Candidacy findings published | Oct 27, 2017 |
| • Today act on DFW's request for 6-month extension | Oct 17, 2018; Fresno |
| • Receive DFW's status review report | Jun 12-13, 2019; TBD |
| • Determine if listing is warranted | Aug 7, 2019; TBD |

Background

On Mar 1, 2017, FGC received a petition from the Center for Biological Diversity to list Cascades frog as a threatened or endangered species under CESA. On Oct 11, 2017, FGC determined listing may be warranted for further evaluation, initiating a 12-month review of the status of Cascades frog in California. Receipt of the status review was originally scheduled for the Dec 2018 FGC meeting; in Aug 2018, DFW submitted a request that FGC grant a 6-month extension of time pursuant to Section 2074.6 of the Fish and Game Code. The extension would allow time for further analysis and evaluation of the available science, completion of the status review, and peer review (Exhibit 1). If the extension is approved, the due date for DFW's report would change to Apr 27, 2019—18 months from the date candidacy findings were published—and would be scheduled for receipt at the Jun 12-13, 2019 FGC meeting. FGC would then consider the petition, DFW's evaluation, and other information submitted, to determine if listing is warranted at its Aug 7-8, 2019 meeting.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation**

FGC staff: Under a motion to adopt the consent calendar, approve DFW's request for a six-month extension.

Exhibits

1. [DFW memo, received Aug 29, 2018](#)

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Motion/Direction

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission adopts the FGC staff recommendations for items 17-22 on the consent calendar.

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Memorandum

Date: August 28, 2018

To: Valerie Termini
Executive Director
Fish and Game Commission

From: Charlton H. Bonham
Director



Subject: Request for 6 Month Extension, Cascades Frog Status Review

Per Section 2074.6 of the Fish and Game Code, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) requests an extension of time, by 6 months, to further analyze and evaluate available science, to undergo the peer review process, and to complete the Cascades Frog status review. Such an extension would change the due date of the Department's report to April 27, 2019, which is 18 months from the date the candidacy findings were published (October 27, 2017).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kari Lewis, Wildlife Branch at (916) 445-3789.

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