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**Fish and Wildlife Service Completes Five-Year Status Review of 20 Species
*Service Recommends Delisting Two species, Downlisting Four and no Change in
Status for 14 Others***

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) today announced the completion of 5-year reviews for 20 species in California. Of the reviews being announced today, two are recommended for delisting, four for downlisting from endangered to threatened and 14 for no change in status.

These 5-year reviews were undertaken as required by section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). This list of completed reviews incorporates species that were noticed for review on July 7, 2005 and March 3, 2006. The 5-year review constitutes a recommendation by the Service. Any change in the listing status will require a separate rulemaking process.

The species included in this announcement are: Plants: Eureka Valley dunegrass, Eureka Valley evening-primrose, San Clemente Island broom, San Clemente Island paintbrush, San Clemente Island bushmallow, Santa Cruz Island bushmallow, Ben Lomond spineflower, Catalina Island mountain mahogany, Hoffman's rockcress, Howell's spineflower, San Clemente Island woodland star, Chorro Creek bog thistle, Yreka phlox; Lepidoptera: Kern primrose sphinx moth, Laguna Mountains skipper; Fish: tidewater goby and; Invertebrates: conservancy, longhorn, and vernal pool fairy shrimp and vernal pool tadpole shrimp

"The hard work of our partners -- a cross-section of Californians that includes ranchers, landowners, local governments, the State of California and the Department of Defense -- is paying off." said Steve Thompson Service Manger in California and Nevada

Recommended for delisting are Eureka Valley dunegrass and Eureka Valley evening-primrose.

Recommended by the Service's 5-year review for downlisting from endangered to threatened are three plants, the San Clemente Island broom, San Clemente Island paintbrush, San Clemente Island bushmallow, and a fish, the tidewater goby.

No status change was recommended for the Kern primrose sphinx moth, Laguna Mountains skipper, Ben Lomond spineflower, Catalina Island mountain mahogany, Hoffman's rockcress, Howell's spineflower, San Clemente Island woodland star, Chorro Creek bog thistle, Yreka phlox and conservancy, longhorn, and vernal pool fairy shrimp and vernal pool tadpole shrimp.

Copies of the 5-year reviews can be found on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/cno/es/5yr.html> and also at the following offices and/or websites:

Office	Species	Current Status	Recommendation	website
Arcata FWO	Howell's spineflower	Endangered	No status change recommended	www.fws.gov/arcata
Carlsbad FWO	Laguna Mountains skipper	Endangered	No status change recommended	www.fws.gov/carlsbad
	Catalina Island mountain mahogany	Endangered	No status change recommended	
	San Clemente Island broom	Endangered	Recommend downlisting	
	San Clemente Island paintbrush	Endangered	Recommend downlisting	
	San Clemente woodland star	Endangered	No status change recommended	
	San Clemente Island bushmallow	Endangered	Recommend downlisting	
Sacramento FWO	Kern primrose sphinx moth	Threatened	No status change recommended	www.fws.gov/sacramento
	conservancy fairy shrimp	Endangered	No status change recommended	
	longhorn fairy shrimp	Endangered	No status change recommended	
	vernal pool fairy shrimp	Threatened	No status change recommended	
	vernal pool tadpole fairy shrimp	Endangered	No status change recommended	
Ventura FWO	Ben Lomond spineflower	Endangered	No status change recommended	www.fws.gov/ventura
	Eureka Valley dunegrass	Endangered	Recommend delisting	
	Eureka Valley evening primrose	Endangered	Recommend delisting	
	Hoffman's rockcress	Endangered	No status change recommended	
	Tidewater goby	Endangered	Recommend downlisting	
	Chorro Creek bog thistle	Endangered	No status change recommended	
	Santa Cruz Island bushmallow	Endangered	No status change recommended	
Yreka FWO	Yreka phlox	Endangered	No status change recommended	www.fws.gov/yreka

Under the Act, the Service maintains a list of endangered and threatened wildlife and plant species at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants). The Act also requires that we

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conduct a review of listed species at least once every five years and on the basis of such reviews determine whether or not any species should be removed from the List (delisted), or reclassified from endangered to threatened or from threatened to endangered. Any change in federal classification requires a separate rulemaking process distinct from the 5-year review.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 97-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses 548 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 69 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resources offices and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign and Native American tribal governments with conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Assistance program, which distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

More information about the Fish and Wildlife Service operations in California, Nevada and the Klamath Basin is available at www.fws.gov/cno

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