

Draft Recovery Plan Revision for the Lost River Sucker and Shortnose Sucker

About the Document

Title: Draft revised recovery plan for the Lost River sucker (*Deltistes luxatus*) and shortnose sucker (*Chasmistes brevirostris*)

Subject and Purpose: This document is a draft revised recovery plan for Lost River sucker and shortnose sucker. These fish species are found in lakes and rivers in southern Oregon and northern California. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is revising this plan because a substantial amount of new information is available related to the recovery of both species, making it appropriate to incorporate new information into the recovery program. The objective of a recovery plan is to provide a framework for the recovery of species so that protection under the Endangered Species Act is no longer necessary. Recovery plans help guide our recovery efforts by describing actions we consider necessary for each species' conservation and by estimating time and costs for implementing needed recovery measures.

Importance of Scientific Information: This recovery plan includes scientific information about the two species and provides criteria and actions necessary that would enable the Service to potentially downlist or delist the species.

About the Peer Review Process

Type of review: Letter.

Number of reviewers: Letters to three peer reviewers requesting peer review were sent at the time of publication of the Federal Register notice of availability for the draft revised recovery plan (October 18, 2011). Responses to peer review comments will be published in the final revised recovery plan.

Reviewer Expertise: Western lake-sucker biology, genetics, conservation, and ecology; biology of other suckers (Catostomidae) and long-lived freshwater fish species; biology and ecology of freshwater fish within arid ecosystems.

Selection of Peer Reviewers: Peer reviewers were selected based on their expertise with the subject matter and have no conflicts of interest as described in the Office of Management Peer Review Guidelines.

Management of Peer Review: The peer review was managed by the Service.

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