

## **12m Finding/Proposed Listing Coastal Marten (*Martes caurina humboldtensis*)**

### ***About the Document***

**Title: Species Status Assessment for the Coastal Marten (SSA):** Dated June 2018.

**Subject and Purpose:** This document evaluates the species needs, threats, current and potential future condition of the coastal marten. The coastal marten is a distinct population segment (DPS) of the Pacific Marten. We intend to use the SSA to inform our decision on whether the coastal marten requires listing under the Endangered Species Act (Act). Our determination is due to the Federal Register on or before September 30, 2018.

### ***About the Peer Review Process***

**Type of review:** Letter.

**Number of reviewers:** The peer review process included written requests sent on May 2, 2018, to 8 species and/or habitat experts to conduct peer review of the coastal marten SSA. We received peer review from 2 experts as of June 4, 2018. We have contacted the remaining available experts to request peer review of the SSA.

**Reviewer Expertise:** Primary expertise for the review is familiarity with the life history, threats, and habitat requirements of the coastal marten.

**Selection of Peer Reviewer:** The Service selected peer reviewers based on their expertise with the subject matter and lack of any conflicts of interest as described in the Office of Management Peer Review Guidelines.

**Management of Peer Review:** The peer review is being managed by the Service.

**Estimated Start Date of Peer Review:** May 2, 2018.

### ***About Public Participation***

**Opportunities for the Public:** We are in the process of determining if the coastal marten is warranted for listing. If we determine that the coastal marten warrants listing we will develop a proposed rule and make it available to the public. A proposed rule typically provides for a 60-day comment period for the public. Our timeframe for determining if the coastal marten warrants listing is September 30, 2018. If we determine that the coastal marten does not warrant listing, the public

may provide information and comments at anytime after our determination is published in the Federal Register. Public comments are to be submitted either electronically through *www.regulations.gov* or by hard copy to the Service (Division of Policy and Directives Management).

**Public nominations of peer reviewers:** No other individuals or groups were asked to nominate peer reviewers.

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