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Service Reopens Comment Period for Fisher Endangered Species Act Listing Proposal

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is announcing the reopening of the public comment period for 15 days on the revised proposed rule to list the West Coast Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of fisher as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Reopening the comment period will ensure that the latest information regarding the species is incorporated into the final rule.

Previously submitted comments do not need to be resubmitted. The Service will consider all comments received by January 3, 2020. The original comment period was open from November 7 through December 9, 2019. Information on how to submit comments is available at www.regulations.gov under docket number FWS-R8-ES-2018-0105.

The West Coast DPS of fisher is a member of the weasel family and resides in mixed conifer-hardwood forests in southern Oregon and California. The species once occurred throughout much of Canada and the northeastern and western United States, however, various stressors including wildfire, drought, tree diseases, vehicle mortality, predation and exposure to toxins has led to the species' decline.

More information regarding the species can be found here: <https://www.fws.gov/cno/es/fisher/>.

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