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Service Reopens Comment Period on Proposal to List West Coast Fisher Populations

Requests Additional Information on Toxicants, Survey Data

YREKA, Calif., — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reopened the comment period on a proposal to list the West Coast population of fisher as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The Service has also extended its deadline to make a final decision whether to list the species to April 7, 2016.

The Service is opening a 30-day public comment period to solicit additional information to more fully inform the final listing decision. Specifically, the agency is seeking additional information on threats to the fisher population. The deadline for submitting comments is May 14, 2015 at 11:59 p.m. EDT.

During the reopened comment period, the Service seeks information related to toxicants and rodenticides used at marijuana grow sites, including law enforcement information on the scope and severity of this problem, and trend data related to the use of toxicants/rodenticides. Previously submitted comments are in the record and they do not need to be resubmitted.

The Service is also seeking additional information for West Coast fisher population surveys, which will help assess fisher distribution and population trends. The Service is particularly interested in the surveys in which no fishers were found.

Additional guidance on submitting public comments can be found in the Federal Register notice at <https://www.federalregister.gov> (search for key word “fisher”), or on the agency website at <http://www.fws.gov/cno/es/fisher/>.

Comments and information can be submitted by one of the following methods:

- Electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter FWS–R8–ES–2014–0041. You may submit information by clicking on “Comment Now.”
- Paper copy, via the U.S. mail or hand delivery, to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS–R8–ES–2014–0041. Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

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