

Comments must be received by EPA on or before July 30, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2021-0255 via the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov/> (our preferred method). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2021-0255 for this rulemaking. Comments received may be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov/>, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on sending comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the “Public Participation” heading of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document. Out of an abundance of caution for members of the public and our staff, the EPA Docket Center and Reading Room are closed to the public, with limited exceptions, to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19. Our Docket Center staff will continue to provide remote customer service via email, phone, and webform. We encourage the public to submit comments via <https://www.regulations.gov/> or email, as there may be a delay in processing mail and faxes. Hand deliveries and couriers may be received by scheduled appointment only. For further information on EPA Docket Center services and the current status, please visit us online at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erik Helm at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Standards and Risk Management Division (Mail Code 4607M), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone: 202-566-1049; or email: Helm.Erik@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 5, 2021, EPA published a document in the **Federal Register** (86 FR 17571), announcing that the agency will host virtual engagements beginning in April 2021. The goal of the events is to obtain further public input on EPA’s LCRR, particularly from individuals and communities that are most at-risk of exposure to lead in drinking water. For more information on each event, visit EPA’s drinking water website: <https://www.epa.gov/safewater>. In addition to these events, EPA opened a docket (No. EPA-HQ-OW-2021-0255) to collect input from the public on the LCRR.

EPA hosted public listening sessions on April 28, 2021 and May 5, 2021, and is now working to schedule the

community, tribal, and stakeholder roundtables from the beginning of June to mid-July. EPA intends to make each roundtable available for viewing to those who are not participating but are interested in listening. EPA will be posting meeting materials and additional event details on <https://www.epa.gov/safewater> as they become available. In order to provide the public with opportunities to submit additional comments to the LCRR Virtual Engagements docket once these virtual meetings have been held, EPA is extending the comment submission date to July 30, 2021.

A. Opportunities To View Additional Information and Public Input on the LCRR

EPA is hosting virtual community, tribal, and stakeholder roundtables through mid-July. Community roundtables offer an opportunity through which local organizations can participate in a discussion of LCRR related topics and provide their unique perspective to EPA. These roundtables will focus on communities that are disproportionately impacted by the challenges of lead in drinking water. Participants in these community roundtables will be representative of the interests in these individual communities including, but not limited to, local government entities, public water utilities, community-organized groups, environmental groups, and elected officials.

EPA will also host a virtual tribal roundtable regarding the LCRR in mid-July. This will be a facilitated discussion of topics related to the LCRR among participants who represent tribes and tribal communities including, but not limited to, tribal governments, public water utilities serving Indian country, tribal consortia, and tribally authorized organizations. EPA will soon invite these groups to self-nominate individuals to participate in this discussion. Information and updates on the tribal roundtable will be posted on <https://www.epa.gov/safewater> as it becomes available.

In addition, EPA intends to host a stakeholder roundtable where representatives of national organizations (e.g., environmental, industry, consumer, intergovernmental) can participate in a discussion of LCRR related topics and provide their perspective to the agency.

Lastly, EPA will meet with state coregulators to consider their input provided up to that point to understand the states’ perspectives on the LCRR.

For specific information on the scheduled times and participants in

these roundtable events, visit EPA’s drinking water website: <https://www.epa.gov/safewater>.

B. Public Participation

Submission of Written Comments to the Docket

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2021-0255, at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from the docket. EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (i.e., on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

[Docket No. FWS-R1-ES-2020-0079; FF09E22000 FXES11130900000 212]

RIN 1018-BE02

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reclassification of the Hawaiian Stilt From Endangered to Threatened With a Section 4(d) Rule

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of comment period, and announcement of a public informational meeting and public hearing.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), recently proposed to reclassify the Hawaiian stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus knudseni*) from an endangered species to a threatened

species with a rule issued under section 4(d) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended. We are reopening the proposed rule comment period to give all interested parties an additional opportunity to comment on the proposed rule. We also announce a public informational meeting and public hearing on the proposed rule.

Comments previously submitted need not be resubmitted as they are already incorporated into the public record and will be fully considered in the final rule.

DATES: Comment submission: The comment period on the proposed rule that published March 25, 2021 (86 FR 15855), is reopened. We will accept comments received or postmarked on or before July 23, 2021. Comments submitted electronically using the Federal eRulemaking Portal (see **ADDRESSES**, below) must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the closing date.

Public informational meeting and public hearing: On July 7, 2021, we will hold a public informational meeting from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Hawaii Time, followed by a public hearing from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Hawaii Time.

ADDRESSES: Availability of documents: You may obtain copies of the March 25, 2021, proposed rule and associated documents on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. FWS-R1-ES-2020-0079.

Comment submission: You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

(1) **Electronically:** Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter FWS-R1-ES-2020-0079, which is the docket number for the March 25, 2021, proposed rule. Then click on the Search button. On the resulting page, in the Search panel on the left side of the screen, under the Document Type heading, click on the Proposed Rule box to locate this document. You may submit a comment by clicking on "Comment Now!"

(2) **By hard copy:** Submit by U.S. mail to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R1-ES-2020-0079, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB/3W, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

We request that you send comments only by the methods described above. We will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see Public Comments, below, for more information).

Public informational meeting and public hearing: The public

informational meeting and the public hearing will be held virtually using the Zoom platform. See Public Hearing, below, for more information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Koob, Deputy Field Supervisor for Programmatic Operations, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 3-123, Honolulu, HI 96850; telephone 808-792-9449. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 25, 2021, we published a proposed rule (86 FR 15855) to reclassify the Hawaiian stilt from endangered to threatened (*i.e.*, to "downlist" the species) with a rule issued under section 4(d) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The proposed rule opened a 60-day public comment period, ending May 24, 2021. During the open comment period, we received a request for a public hearing from the Center for Biological Diversity. Therefore, we are reopening the comment period on the March 25, 2021, proposed rule and announcing a public informational meeting and a public hearing to allow the public an additional opportunity to provide comments on the proposed rule.

For a description of previous Federal actions concerning the Hawaiian stilt and information on the types of comments that would be helpful to us in promulgating this rulemaking action, please refer to the March 25, 2021, proposed rule (86 FR 15855).

Public Comments

If you submit information via <http://www.regulations.gov>, your entire submission—including any personal identifying information—will be posted on the website. If your submission is made via hard copy that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will post all hardcopy submissions on <http://www.regulations.gov>. Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation we used in preparing the proposed rule, will be available for public inspection on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Public Hearing

We have scheduled a public informational meeting and public hearing on our March 25, 2021, proposed rule to downlist the Hawaiian

stilt with a rule issued under section 4(d) of the Act (86 FR 15855). We will hold the public informational meeting and public hearing on the date and at the times listed above under *Public informational meeting and public hearing* in **DATES**. We are holding the public informational meeting and public hearing via the Zoom online video platform and via teleconference so that participants can attend remotely. For security purposes, registration is required. To listen and view the meeting and hearing via Zoom, listen to the meeting and hearing by telephone, or provide oral public comments at the public hearing via Zoom or by telephone, you must register. For information on how to register, or if you encounter problems joining Zoom the day of the meeting, visit <https://www.fws.gov/pacificislands>. Registrants will receive the Zoom link and the telephone number for the public informational meeting and public hearing. If applicable, interested members of the public not familiar with the Zoom platform should view the Zoom video tutorials (<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-video-tutorials>) prior to the public informational meeting and public hearing.

The public hearing will provide interested parties an opportunity to present verbal testimony (formal, oral comments) regarding the March 25, 2021, proposed rule to downlist the Hawaiian stilt with a rule issued under section 4(d) of the Act (86 FR 15855). While the public informational meeting will be an opportunity for dialogue with the Service, the public hearing is not. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide a forum for accepting formal verbal testimony, which will then become part of the record for the proposed rule. In the event there is a large attendance, the time allotted for verbal testimony may be limited. Therefore, anyone wishing to provide verbal testimony at the public hearing is encouraged to provide a prepared written copy of their statement to us through the Federal eRulemaking Portal or by U.S. mail (see **ADDRESSES**, above). There are no limits on the length of written comments submitted to us. Anyone wishing to provide verbal testimony at the public hearing must register before the hearing (<https://www.fws.gov/pacificislands>). The use of a virtual public hearing is consistent with our regulations in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at § 424.16(c)(3) (50 CFR 424.16(c)(3)).

Reasonable Accommodation

The Service is committed to providing access to the public informational meeting and public hearing for all participants. Closed captioning will be available during the public informational meeting and public hearing. Further, a full audio and video recording and transcript of the public hearing will be posted online at <https://www.fws.gov/pacificislands> after the hearing. Participants will also have access to live audio during the public informational meeting and public hearing via their telephone or computer speakers. Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations to participate in the meeting and/or hearing should contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** at least 5 business days prior to the date of the meeting and hearing to help ensure availability. An accessible version of the Service's public informational meeting presentation will also be posted online at <https://www.fws.gov/pacificislands> prior to the meeting and hearing (see **DATES**, above). See <https://www.fws.gov/pacificislands> for more information about reasonable accommodation.

Authors

The primary author of this document is Ecological Services staff of the Interior-Region 9/12 Regional Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon.

Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Signing Authority

The Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Martha Williams, Principal Deputy Director Exercising the Delegated Authority of the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, approved this document on June 21, 2021, for publication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

[Docket No. FWS-R1-ES-2020-0082; FF09E22000 FXES1113090000 212]

RIN 1018-BD97

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reclassifying the Fender's Blue Butterfly From Endangered to Threatened With a Section 4(d) Rule

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), propose to reclassify the Fender's blue butterfly (*Icaricia icarioides fenderi*) from endangered to threatened (downlist) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The Fender's blue butterfly is endemic to the Willamette Valley of Oregon. The proposed downlisting is based on our evaluation of the best available scientific and commercial information, which indicates that the species' status has improved such that it is not currently in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range, but that it is still likely to become so in the foreseeable future. We also propose a rule under section 4(d) of the Act that provides for the conservation of the species.

DATES: We will accept comments received or postmarked on or before August 23, 2021. Comments submitted electronically using the Federal eRulemaking Portal (see **ADDRESSES**, below) must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the closing date. We must receive requests for public hearings, in writing, at the address shown in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** by August 9, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

(1) *Electronically:* Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter FWS-R1-ES-2020-0082, which is the docket number for this rulemaking. Then, click on the Search button. On the resulting page, in the Search panel on the left side of the screen, under the Document Type heading, click on the Proposed Rule box to locate this document. You may submit a comment by clicking on "Comment."

(2) *By hard copy:* Submit by U.S. mail to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R1-ES-2020-0082, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB/3W, 5275

Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

We request that you send comments only by the methods described above. We will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see *Public Comments*, below, for more information).

Document availability: This proposed rule and supporting documents, including the 5-year review, the Recovery Plan, and the species status assessment (SSA) report are available at <https://www.fws.gov/oregonfwo> and at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. FWS-R1-ES-2020-0082.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Henson, State Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office, 2600 SE 98th Avenue, Suite 100, Portland, OR 97266; telephone 503-231-6179. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Summary

Why we need to publish a rule. Under the Act a species may warrant reclassification from endangered to threatened if it no longer meets the definition of endangered (in danger of extinction). The Fender's blue butterfly is listed as endangered, and we are proposing to reclassify (downlist) the Fender's blue butterfly as threatened because we have determined it is not currently in danger of extinction. Downlisting a species as a threatened species can only be made by issuing a rulemaking.

What this document does. This rule proposes to downlist the Fender's blue butterfly from endangered to threatened (*i.e.*, to "downlist" the species), with a rule issued under section 4(d) of the Act, based on the species' current status, which has been improved through implementation of conservation actions.

The basis for our action. Under the Act, we may determine that a species is an endangered species or a threatened species because of any of five factors: (A) The present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of its habitat or range; (B) overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes; (C) disease or predation; (D) the inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; or (E) other natural or manmade factors affecting its continued existence. We may downlist a species if the best available commercial and scientific data indicate the species no