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COASTAL MARTEN POPULATIONS IN CALIFORNIA AND OREGON NOT WARRANTED FOR ESA PROTECTIONS

Arcata, Calif. – The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service today announced that the coastal distinct population segment (DPS) of the Pacific marten, *Martes caurina*, which includes coastal Oregon populations of marten and the current classification of Humboldt marten that occurs in coastal northern California, is not warranted for ESA protections at this time.

The Service evaluated stressors that may be impacting coastal marten populations, including wildfire, climate change, vegetation management such as timber harvest, development, trapping and research, disease, predation, collision with vehicles, exposure to toxicants such as rodenticides, and effects associated with small and isolated populations.

After a thorough evaluation of the best information and data available, the Service concluded that these stressors do not rise to the level of a threat either individually or cumulatively. As part of its evaluation, the Service also determined that existing regulations involving multiple Federal and State land use plans are being implemented effectively. In addition, policies and regulations associated with the Northwest Forest Plan continue to abate the large-scale loss of forested habitat types that may be suitable for coastal martens.

This finding is available on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket Number **FWS–R8–ES–2011–0105**. Supporting documentation we used in preparing this finding is available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office, 1655 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA 95521. Please submit any new information, materials, comments, or questions concerning this finding to the above street address.

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