

Peer Review Reporting Plan for five San Clemente Island taxa

About the Document

- Species Status Assessments for five taxa on San Clemente Island.
 - San Clemente Bell's sparrow
 - San Clemente Island paintbrush
 - San Clemente Island larkspur
 - San Clemente Island lotus
 - San Clemente Island bush-mallow
- These species status assessments present the needs and life history of each the SCI taxa. A threats discussion of current and future conditions is also presented to help provide an objective view of their current status to help inform a reclassification decision.
- We anticipate making a recommendation for the SCI taxa in 2020. For those taxa where reclassification is warranted, a proposed rule will publish in the *Federal Register* in 2020.

About the Peer Review Process

- Emails requesting peer review will be sent to at least three species or habitat experts. Responses to peer review comments will be incorporated in revised species status assessments.
- Peer reviewers will be selected by Science Applications at the Pacific Southwest Regional Office based on their knowledge and expertise of San Clemente Island taxa, and island ecology.
- Peer reviewers will have until the end of the 30-day comment period, to submit their comments to the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office.
- We anticipate peer review being conducted from 12/20/19 – 1/20/20.

About Public Participation

- A 30-day public comment period will be initiated with publication of the proposed rule for each of the San Clemente Island taxa. In the notice, we will ask that comments be submitted by mail, email, or in person to the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office.

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For more details, see OMB Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review, available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/memoranda/fy2005/m05-03.pdf>