

Peer Review Plan for the Southern Sea Otter (*Enhydra lutris nereis*) Species Status Assessment

About the Document

Title: Southern Sea Otter (*Enhydra lutris nereis*) Species Status Assessment

Description of Document:

The species status assessment is intended to be an in-depth review of the species' biology and stressors, an evaluation of its biological status currently and in the future if delisted, and an assessment of the resources and conditions needed to maintain long-term viability.

About the Peer Review Process

Type of Review: Individual letters

Number of reviewers: The peer review process will include written requests for peer review from five peer reviewers.

Selection of Peer Reviewers: The Service selected peer reviewers based on their expertise with the subject matter.

Reviewer expertise: Expertise sought for the review includes familiarity with the life history, threats, and habitat requirements for the species, its morphological and genetic characteristics, and similarities with other similar plants.

Estimated start date of peer review: February 15, 2020.

About Public Participation

Opportunities for the Public: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 2019. Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of 5-Year Status Reviews of 58 Species in California, Nevada, and the Klamath Basin of Oregon. Federal Register 84:36116-36118.

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