

Peer Review Plan

About the Document(s)

Title: Navasota Ladies'-tresses (*Spiranthes parksii*) Recovery Plan, Draft Amendment 1

Estimated Dissemination Date for Peer Review:

April 2019

Purpose:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has identified best available information that indicates the need to amend recovery criteria for the Navasota ladies'-tresses (*Spiranthes parksii*). In this proposed modification, we evaluate the existing recovery criteria, show amended recovery criteria, and provide the rationale supporting the proposed recovery plan modification. Once finalized, the modification will be an addendum that supplements the recovery plan, superseding only the affected recovery criteria from the previous recovery plan version.

About the Peer Review Process

Type of Review:

Influential

Timeline for Peer Review:

30 days

Reviewers:

Reviewers will be selected based upon the following criteria:

- **Expertise:** Reviewers will be experts or should have knowledge in one or more of the following areas: the ecology and genetics of the family Orchidaceae and the genus *Spiranthes*, population level ecology and dynamics, post oak savanna ecosystems, and/or familiar with the post oak communities and habitats of central east Texas.
- **Independence:** Reviewers are not employed by the Service. Academic and consulting scientists have sufficient independence from the Service or the Department of the Interior.
- **Objectivity:** Reviewers are recognized by their peers as being objective, open-minded, and thoughtful. The reviewers should be comfortable sharing their knowledge and identifying their knowledge gaps.
- **Advocacy:** Reviewers are not known or recognized for an affiliation with an advocacy position regarding the protection of this species under the Endangered Species Act.
- **Conflict of Interest:** Reviewers should not have any financial or other interest that conflicts with or that could impair their objectivity.

About Public Participation

A 30-day public comment period for the draft amendment will begin when the Notice of Availability publishes in the Federal Register. During this period, the public will have the opportunity to review and provide input to the draft recovery plan amendment. The Service will also implement an outreach plan to provide ample opportunity for public involvement in the review process, and the draft amendment will be posted on Service websites with solicitations for public comment.

The draft recovery plan amendment will be available at:

<https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp0/profile/speciesProfile?sId=1570>

This peer review plan is made available on this website to allow the public to monitor our compliance with the Office of Management and Budget's Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review.

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