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Review of petition information finds rare Island Marble butterfly requires additional study

Today the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced that a petition it received to list the Island Marble butterfly as endangered under the Endangered Species Act contains substantial scientific information that indicates the need for additional study and status review of the species. The Service does not have information to suggest the butterfly requires emergency listing at this time.

Historically, the Island Marble butterfly (*Euchloe ausonides insulanus*) was rare and restricted in its range. It was believed extinct until it was rediscovered on San Juan Island, Washington, in 1998 and Lopez Island, Washington, in 2005.

The Service will continue to work with the interagency Island Marble Recovery Team, university researchers, conservation organizations, landowners on San Juan Island, and the public to increase awareness and implement conservation measures to conserve the butterfly.

To read the Federal Register notice, or for more information about management activities and conservation of the Island Marble butterfly, visit <http://www.fws.gov/wafwo/imb.html>

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