



Periodic Status Reviews

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WAC Requirement

- Currently 46 listed species
- WAC 232-12-297 requires that we review the status of listed species every five years to determine if they require:
 - Uplisting
(e.g. sensitive to endangered)
 - Downlisting
(e.g. endangered to threatened)
 - No change in status



Petitions for Uplisting or Downlisting

- **WAC also allows for interested parties to send a petition to the Director**
- **Should set forth specific evidence and scientific data showing 1) a species may be failing, declining, or vulnerable or 2) a species may no longer be failing, declining, or vulnerable.**
- **Within 60 days, the agency shall either deny the petition, stating the reasons, or initiate a status review.**



Periodic Status Review Process

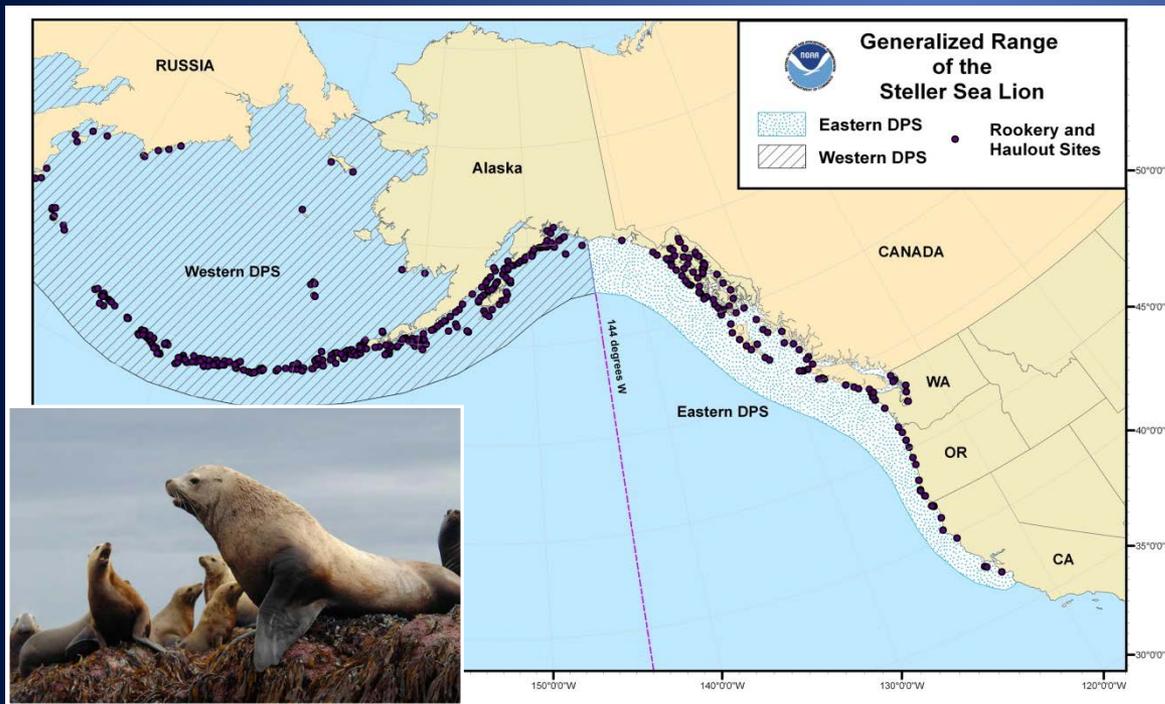
- Listing and Recovery Section
- Streamlined status review for most, with more detail/info for species that require a listing change
- Press Release Feb 11- One year for interested parties to contribute information:



- Species demographics
- Habitat conditions
- Threats and trends
- Conservation measures benefiting the species
- New data since last status review

Status Review Underway

- Federal Delisting of Steller Sea Lion Eastern Distinct Population Segment (1997= 37,000 to 2010 = 70,000)
- WA State population is only a small proportion of DPS, requirement to review for WA specifically



- Notice for reviewing status sent out in 2012
- This year review completed & recommendation to commission

2014 Species



2014 BATCH SPECIES- STATUS	DIVERSITY LEAD
Brown Pelican- E	Stinson
Columbian White-tailed Deer- E	Wiles\Stinson
Gray Wolf- E	Becker
Greater Sage Grouse- T	Stinson
Killer Whale- E	Wiles
Marbled Murrelet- T	Desimone
Mardon Skipper- E	Potter
North American Lynx- T	Lewis
Pygmy Rabbit- E	Wisniewski
Snowy Plover- E	Stinson
Spotted Owl- E	Buchanan
Streaked Horned Lark- E	Stinson
Taylor's Checkerspot- E	Potter
Western Pond Turtle- E	Hallock
Woodland Caribou- E	Wiles
Western Gray Squirrel-T	Wiles



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Species of Concern

Species Status Review

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is embarking on a multi-year process to review the status of wildlife species listed as endangered, threatened or sensitive in the state.

The agency will consider approximately 15 species at a time and will seek information from the public for one year before concluding the reviews. This process allows WDFW to determine whether each species warrants its current listing or deserves to be reclassified or delisted.

Explanations for the status categories can be found on WDFW's [Species of Concern Website](#).

The species evaluations will help WDFW and its partners to assess progress toward recovery of state-listed species. The process also will help WDFW to identify and prioritize conservation needs for these species.

Species Under Review:

Click on the species for more information

- [Brown pelican](#)
- [Columbian white-tailed deer](#)
- [Gray wolf](#)
- [Greater sage grouse](#)
- [Killer whale](#)
- [Marbled murrelet](#)
- [Mardon skipper](#)
- [North American lynx](#)
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- [Streaked horned lark](#)
- [Taylor's checkerspot](#)
- [Western pond turtle](#)
- [Woodland caribou](#)

Updated status reports will be posted on the department's website beginning next spring. Additional public comment would be sought if WDFW proposes to change a species' status after concluding its review.

More Information on Species of Concern

- [Threatened and Endangered Wildlife in Washington: 2012 Annual Report](#)
- [Washington State Species Status Report](#)
- [Washington State Species Recovery Plans](#)



Public Input

WDFW is accepting public input on the 15 species listed on this page until February 11, 2015.

WDFW is specifically looking for information on:

- Species demographics
- Habitat conditions
- Threats and trends
- Conservation measures that have benefited the species
- New data collected since the last status review for the species

[Submit comments online](#)

Written information may also be submitted via email to TandEpubliccom@dfw.wa.gov, or by mail to Penny Becker, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 600 Capitol Way N., Olympia, WA 98501-1091.

Comment Webpage



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Species Status Review Comment Form

WDFW is preparing updated status reviews for 15 of the 46 wildlife species currently listed as endangered, threatened, or sensitive under state law. As part of the review process, the agency is inviting the public to submit relevant information on the following topics for each species:

- Species demographics
- Habitat conditions
- Threats and trends
- Conservation measures that have benefited the species
- New data collected since the last status review for the species.

Comments must be submitted by February 11, 2015. Previous species status reports may be [viewed here](#).

* Denotes a required field

Your contact information

* First Name:

* Last Name:

Institutional Affiliation:

Street Address:

City:

State/Province: Zip/Postal Code:

Country:

* E-mail:

* Phone: xxx-xxx-xxxx

Your comments

* Please select a species:

* Please write your comments:

Attachments

If you have documents, images, or other information you wish to provide, please use the attachment fields below. No single file may be larger than 8 mb in size.

Attachment #1:

Attachment #2:

Attachment #3:

You may also e-mail your comments to TandEpubliccom@dfw.wa.gov

2015 BATCH

<u>Species- Current State Status</u>	<u>Staff Lead</u>
Bald Eagle- S	Stinson
White Pelican- E	Stinson
Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse- T	Stinson
Common Loon- S	Stinson
Peregrine Falcon- S	Hayes
**Fisher- E	Lewis
Gray Whale- S	Wiles
Humpback Whale- E	Wiles
Sperm Whale- E	Wiles
**Mazama Pocket Gopher- T	Stinson
Oregon Silverspot- E	Potter
Oregon Spotted Frog- E	Hallock
Sandhill Crane- E	Stinson
Leatherback Sea Turtle- E	Wiles
Loggerhead Sea Turtle- T	Wiles
Green Sea Turtle- T	Wiles

2016 BATCH

<u>Species- Current State Status</u>	<u>Staff Lead</u>
**Ferruginous Hawk- T	Hayes
**Northern Leopard Frog- E	Hallock
Grizzly Bear- E	Becker
**Larch Mountain Salamander- S	Hallock
Sea Otter- E	Wiles
**Margined Sculpin- S	Stinson
**Olympic Mudminnow- S	Stinson
**Pygmy Whitefish- S	Stinson
Sei Whale- E	Wiles
North Pacific Right Whale- E	Wiles
Blue Whale- E	Wiles
Upland Sandpiper- E	Wiles



Conclusion

- **Periodic Status Reviews will be continually accomplished on a rotating basis**
- **There will consistently be opportunities for public input for the review process**
- **In accordance with WAC 232-12-297, if there are any recommendations for a change in species status, they will be:**
 - **Vetted through the public review process**
 - **Presented to the Commission**

Thank you!

