

## Summary Sheet

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**Meeting dates:** January 22-23, 2016

**Agenda item:** Periodic Status Reviews

**Presenter(s):** Penny Becker Ph.D., Diversity Division Manager; Joseph Buchanan, Natural Resource Scientist; Derek Stinson and Gary Wiles, Wildlife Biologists

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**Background summary:**

Department staff will brief the Commission on the Periodic Status Reviews compiled for Northern Spotted Owl, Snowy Plover, Western Gray Squirrel, and Greater Sage-grouse in accordance with WAC 232-12-297. These documents on four state listed species outline the current status of the species and include information and comments provided by peer scientists and the public. Staff will provide their recommendations to the Commission as to the appropriate classifications for these species (i.e. retain current status, up-list, down-list or de-list).

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**Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:**

- Protect and conserve Washington's native wildlife.
  - Continue recovery actions for these state-listed species.
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**Public involvement process used and what you learned:**

On February 11<sup>th</sup> 2014, the agency sent out a press release and launched a website to solicit information from the public to be included in the periodic status reviews. According to the WAC, individuals and organizations had one year to contribute information for the reviews. Staff included this information, as applicable, to the status review documents. The documents were reviewed by WDFW staff and external species experts before a 90 day public comment period began on the document and our findings. The comments were collated, responded to and included in the final periodic status reviews.

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**Action requested:**

Briefing and public hearing only.

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**Draft motion language:**

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**Justification for Commission action:**

Conserve and recover Washington's state listed species.

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**Communications Plan:**

WDFW Website  
News Releases

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