

Summary Sheet

Meeting dates: June 10-11, 2016

Agenda item: Periodic Status Reviews – Briefing, Public Hearing, and Decision

Presenter(s): Hannah Anderson, Listing and Recovery Section Manager;
Derek Stinson and Gary Wiles, Wildlife Biologists

Background summary:

Department staff members will brief the Commission on the Periodic Status Reviews compiled for Killer Whale and Streaked Horned Lark in accordance with WAC 232-12-297. These documents on two 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 to retain the current status as the appropriate classifications for these species.

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, 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. In accordance with WAC 232-12-297, individuals and organizations had one year to contribute information for the reviews. Staff included this information, as applicable, in the status review documents. The documents were then 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.

Action requested:

Decision to retain classification designations of Killer Whale and Streaked Horned Lark as presented.

Draft motion language:

I move to retain the Killer Whale as endangered and the Streaked Horned Lark as endangered, as presented by department staff.

Justification for Commission action:

Conserve and recover Washington's state-listed species.

Communications Plan:

WDFW Website
News Releases
