

Timeline for Listing *Puma concolor* Under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA)

The criteria and process for listing species as candidate, threatened or endangered are outlined in: [California Endangered Species Act \(CESA\) \(Fish and Game Code Sections 2050, et seq.\)](#) and [Section 670.1, Title 14, California Code of Regulations \(CCR\)](#)

The first column represents a minimum timeline from receipt of a petition to the effective date of the listing of the species as threatened or endangered from the California Fish Game Commission web site. If the cell is colored white the step is complete. The yellow columns represent the fastest timeline given the usual scheduling of California Fish and Game Commission meetings. The green columns represent a timeline should the Department request an additional 30 days to complete their initial Evaluation Report.

Day	Action	Day	Fastest Timeline	Day	Delayed Timeline
1	Petition is filed with the Commission.	1	June 25, 2019	1	June 25, 2019
10	Commission forwards to Department to evaluate.	16	July 5, 2019	16	July 5, 2019
	Notice of receipt of petition published.		July 26, 2019		July 26, 2019
	Public receipt of petition at Commission meeting.		August, 7, 2019		August, 7, 2019
100	Commission receives 90 (120) day Department Evaluation Report.	108	October 9-10, 2019 San Diego FGC Mtg.	169	December 11-12, 2019 Sacramento FGC Mtg.
130	End 30 day notice. Department Evaluation Report.	139	November 10, 2019	200	January 10, 2020
146	Commission votes to find petition may be warranted or not.	169	December 10-11, 2019 Sacramento FGC Mtg.	231	February 2020 FGC Mtg.
511	Deadline for Department to submit Status Report to Commission.	535	December 2020	597	February 2021
541	End 30 day notice. Commission formally receives Status Report.	597	February 2021 FGC Mtg.	656	April 2021 FGC Mtg.
601	End 60 day notice. Commission votes as to whether the petitioned action is warranted. If so, rulemaking begins.	656	April, May or June 2021 (Depends on date of meeting, 60 days may require push to May.)	717	May or June 2021
617	Regulations Notices published and mailed.	672	30-Apr-21	733	30-Jun-21
664	Adoption of regulations.	719	16-Jun-21	780	16-Aug-21
674	Regulations filed with Office of Administrative Law.	729	26-Jun-21	790	26-Aug-21
719	Filed with Secretary of State.	774	10-Aug-21	835	10-Oct-21
739	Effective date of Regulation.	794	30-Aug-21	855	30-Oct-21

A description of the process is given at https://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/nongame/t_e_spp/list_proced.html

A minimum timeline is listed at <https://fgc.ca.gov/CESA/index>

California Fish and Game Commission meeting schedules are/will be listed at:

<https://fgc.ca.gov/Meetings/2019>

<https://fgc.ca.gov/Meetings/2020>

<https://fgc.ca.gov/Meetings/2021>

The following represents a basic **minimum** timeline from receipt of a petition to the effective date of the listing/uplisting/downlisting/delisting of the species as threatened or endangered.

Day 1: The petition to list, uplist, downlist or delist a species is received in the Commission office, and is reviewed by Commission staff for proper format and for the presence or absence of the required information.

Day 10: An incomplete petition will be returned to the petitioner within 10 days. An accepted petition will be referred to the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) within 10 days and a notice of receipt of the accepted petition will be published in the California Regulatory Notice Register (Notice Register) and mailed to interested and affected parties.

Day 100: The Department will evaluate the petition according to the criteria listed subsection 670.1(d)(1), Title 14, CCR, and will provide its evaluation report to the Commission within 90 days of receiving the petition from Commission staff; however, the Department may request a 30-day extension.

Day 130: The Commission will take action on the petition at its next available meeting after the Department's evaluation report has been available to the public for 30 days. At the meeting, the Commission will make a finding on whether or not the petition contains sufficient scientific information to indicate that the petitioned action may be warranted. If the Commission finds there is sufficient scientific information to indicate that the petitioned action may be warranted, the Commission will designate the species as a candidate species (Section 2068, Fish and Game Code).

Day 146: A notice of the Commission's findings will be published in the Notice Register and mailed to interested and affected parties. If the Commission finds there is not sufficient scientific information to indicate that the petitioned action may be warranted, the process ends. If the Commission finds there is sufficient scientific information to indicate that the petitioned action may be warranted, the process continues.

Day 511: Within 12 months of the date of publication of the "candidacy" notice, the Department will prepare and submit a Status Report to the Commission.

Day 541: The Commission will receive the Department's Status Report at a regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

Day 601: Final consideration of the petition will be scheduled for the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting after official receipt of the Status Report. At this meeting, the Commission will make a finding of whether or not the petitioned action is warranted. Ratification of the findings will be scheduled for a future meeting. If the Commission finds that the petitioned action is not warranted, the process ends and the species will be removed from the list of candidate species. If the Commission finds that the petitioned action is warranted, a rulemaking process to add the species to the list of threatened and endangered species in Section 670.2 (plants) or Section 670.5 (animals) will begin.

Day 617: Notice of Findings and, if applicable, Notice of Proposed Changes in Regulations published in the Notice Register and mailed to interested and affected parties.

Day 664: Adoption of regulations.

Day 674: Regulations filed with the Office of Administrative Law.

Day 719: Regulations filed with Secretary of State.

Day 739: Effective date of Regulation.