6. MOUNTAIN LION (CONSENT)

Today’s Item Information ☒ Action ☐
Receive 90-day evaluation report from DFW for the petition to list mountain lion as a threatened or endangered species under CESA.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Received petition
- FGC transmitted petition to DFW
- Published notice of receipt of petition
- Public receipt of petition and action on DFW’s request for a 30-day extension
- Receive DFW 90-day evaluation
- Determine if petitioned action may be warranted

Jun 25, 2019
Jul 5, 2019
Jul 26, 2019
Aug 7-8, 2019; Sacramento
Dec 11-12, 2019; Sacramento
Feb 5-6, 2020; Sacramento

Background

A petition to list one or more evolutionarily significant units of mountain lion (Puma concolor) in southern and central coastal California as threatened or endangered under CESA was submitted by the Center for Biological Diversity and the Mountain Lion Foundation (petitioners) on Jun 25, 2019. On Jul 5, 2019, FGC transmitted the petition to DFW for review. A notice of receipt of petition was published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on Jul 26, 2019.

California Fish and Game Code Section 2073.5 requires that DFW evaluate the petition and submit a written evaluation with a recommendation to FGC within 90 days of receiving the petition; under this section, DFW may request an extension of up to 30 days to complete the evaluation.

At the Aug 2019 FGC meeting, DFW requested and FGC granted a 30-day extension. At the time this staff summary was prepared, FGC staff did not anticipate receiving the evaluation for this meeting and expects DFW will recommend this item be continued to a future meeting.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)

Recommendation

FGC staff: Schedule receipt of the petition evaluation for the Feb 5-6, 2020 FGC meeting.

Exhibits (N/A)

Motion/Direction

Moved by __________ and seconded by __________ that the Commission adopts the staff recommendations for items 4-8 on the consent calendar.