

Brown Pelican Periodic Status Review

WAC 220-200-100

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Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

9/23/2022

Agenda item:

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Presenter(s):

Derek Stinson and Taylor Cotten

Background summary:

Presenting the Periodic Status Review and status recommendation on the Brown Pelican. WDFW staff delisted and removed Brown Pelican from the Endangered, Threatened, or Sensitive Species lists in 2016. This Periodic Status Review is the final status review described in WAC 220-610-110 and the last step in recovery of the Brown Pelican.

Staff recommendation:

The Brown Pelican is currently delisted (no longer an Endangered, Threatened, or Sensitive species in the state of WA), and we are recommending it remain unlisted. Brown Pelican will remain Protected Wildlife under WAC 220-200-100 as are all non-predatory or game birds.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

None.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

None.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

The agency sent out a press release and posted a request on our website to solicit information from the public for inclusion in the coming Periodic Status Reviews and Status Reports. In accordance with WAC regulations, individuals and organizations had one year to contribute information for the reviews. Department staff included this information as applicable in the status review documents. The documents underwent review by Department staff and external species experts before a 90-day public comment periods on the document and our findings. There were three responses to the 90-day public comment period on the Periodic Status Review: all three support our recommendation to maintain the delisted status for the species.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Draft motion language:

I move that the Brown Pelican maintain its current status as an unlisted species in Washington as recommended by Department staff.

Post decision communications plan:

WDFW Staff are recommending that the brown pelican remain unlisted, our current management of the species will not change. We will share information with the public affairs team for any necessary news release as well as update the website with the final Periodic Status Review for the species.

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