

## Summary

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**Meeting dates:** August 4-5, 2017

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

**Presenter(s):** Hannah Anderson, Listing and Recovery Section Manager;  
Chris Sato, Wildlife Biologist

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**Background summary:**

Department staff members will brief the Commission on the Periodic Status Reviews compiled for Green and Leatherback Sea Turtle. 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 maintain the status of these species.

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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, 2015, 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, 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 on the document and our findings. The comments were collated, responded to, and are included in the final documents.

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**Action requested:**

Briefing, public hearing, and decision.

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**Draft motion language:**

I move to retain threatened status for the Green Sea Turtle and endangered status for the Leatherback Sea Turtle, as presented by department staff.

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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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