

Agenda Item 8

WAC 220-200-100 and 220-610-110

Decisions

Status Review: Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Periodic Status Review: Loggerhead Sea Turtle



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Yellow-billed Cuckoo

- Uses primarily riparian habitats
- Rare in Washington
 - Significant historical decline
 - No documented breeding since 1940s
- Western US popn listed as threatened under the ESA in 2014
- Primary threat is loss and degradation of riparian habitat (e.g., dams, flood control, development)
- Habitat restoration underway in breeding range



Recommendation

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Status Report for the Yellow-billed Cuckoo



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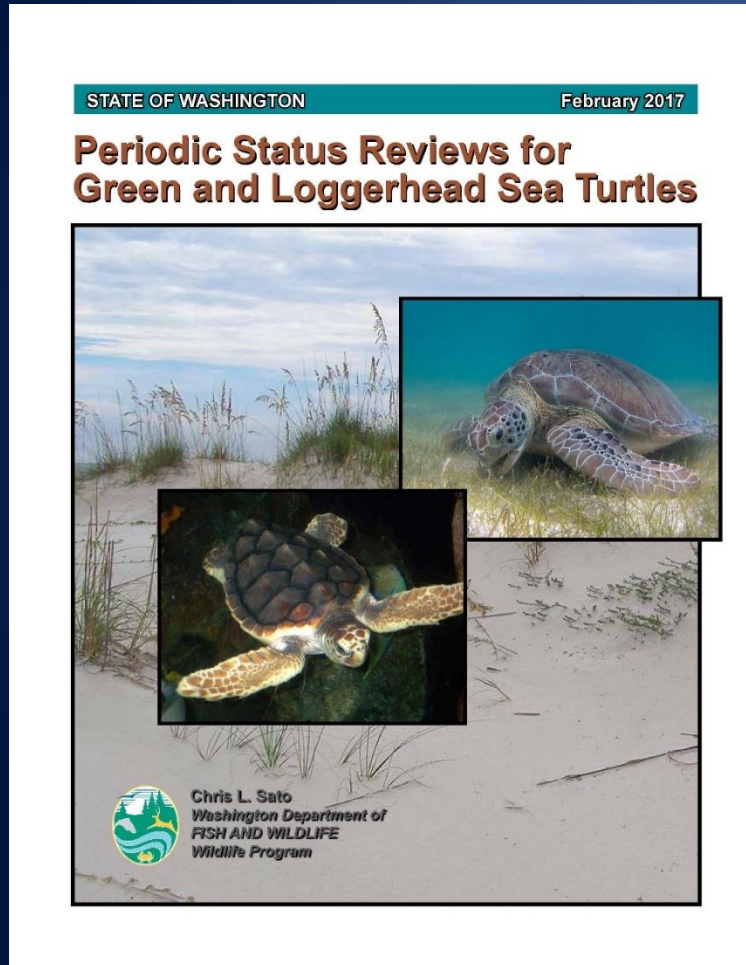
- Classify the Yellow-billed Cuckoo as a state endangered species
 - Required in WAC because of federal listing
- Public comment
 - 9 supported listing as E
 - 4 were opposed and would rather we spend time on game species

Loggerhead Sea Turtle

- Trans-pacific migration
 - Japan to Baja
- Omnivores, but pelagic red crabs preferred
- Legal status
 - WA threatened in 1990
 - ESA threatened in 1978
 - North Pacific Population uplisted to ESA endangered in 2011
- Global decline of 47% since mid-20th century
- Multiple threats
- 8 records in WA, mixed survival



Recommendation



- Considering decline of North Pacific population and the federal uplisting to endangered
- We recommend that the loggerhead sea turtle be reclassified as a state endangered species
- 7 public comments all supported endangered listing

Questions?

