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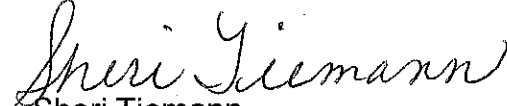


October 3, 2012

TO ALL AFFECTED AND INTERESTED PARTIES:

This is to provide you with a Notice of Receipt of Petition to list the northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*) as threatened or endangered under the California Endangered Species Act. This notice will appear in the California Regulatory Notice Register on October 5, 2012.

Sincerely,


Sheri Tiemann
Staff Services Analyst

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CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF PETITION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2073.3 of the Fish and Game Code, the California Fish and Game Commission, on September 7, 2012 received a petition from the Environmental Protection Information Center to list the northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*) as threatened or endangered under the California Endangered Species Act.

Large areas of older, structurally complex forests provide the habitat necessary to support viable populations of northern spotted owls.

Pursuant to Section 2073 of the Fish and Game Code, on September 10, 2012 the Commission transmitted the petition to the Department of Fish and Game for review pursuant to Section 2073.5 of said code. It is anticipated that the Department's evaluation and recommendation relating to the petition will be received by the Commission at its February, 2013 Commission meeting. Interested parties may contact Dr. Eric Loft, Wildlife Branch, Department of Fish and Game, 1812 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95811, or telephone 916-445-3555 for information on the petition or to submit information to the Department relating to the petitioned species.

September 20, 2012

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