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Subject: New petition outline (revised)

Below is some revised petition guidance from Michelle (I've pasted her email into this message). Please pass this on to anyone I've missed. Thanks!

Hi everyone - Upon further discussion with the Asst. Sect. office, we have modified the petition outline template again. The new and improved outline template has three columns. The new column was added to allow for information from Service files that refutes the information presented in the petition to be included. We have also included additional guidance on how to fill out the form.



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Again - this will likely be an evolving document until we get it just right, you're patience is appreciated. If you have any questions or comments, please give me or Rick a call.

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Hi all--We received some guidance/direction for 90-day petition findings that I'm passing on to you since Glen is working on the finding for the chubs (tentatively due by SA on June 30th). There is a template for a table that needs to be submitted to us when you send us the 90-day finding package. If you have any questions let me know. I'll likely be out tomorrow and back in on Weds.

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Hi folks - a few weeks back a request was made by FWP to send up 90-day petition outlines so that we could discuss any issues early in the process. Attached is a new template to use when creating petition outlines. We have provided a few bullets with guidance in front of the outline to help with filling it out. These should be sent up to the WO when the regional office receives the 90-day petition package from the FO.

This is still a very new process, so hopefully everyone will be patient as we work through the kinks that will likely come up as we send the first few up the chain.



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- Submit the outline to the appropriate WO liason when the package has been received by the RO. The WO will forward through the surname process to the office of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.
 - The outline is a synopsis of the information provided in the petition. It does not need a conclusion.
 - Each petition must have its own outline.
 - The overarching information listed in the table, for both column B (petition information) and C (other information), should be limited to scientific and commercial information. This should include a description of the information in the source and the source itself. As an example – The threat to a species may be mortality due to off-road vehicle use. The petition should provide evidence that mortality has occurred, not simply a discussion of destruction of habitat. The use of personal communication as a source should be limited.
 - In the case of a delisting where the petition responds to an original listing document, the threats as described in the final listing rule should be in column A (threats), and the petitioner's rebuttal and information source in column B.
 - For a new listing petition, the threat as described by the petitioner is in column A, and the information supporting the assertion (with citations) that the threat exists column B.
 - Column C should be used for providing information in Service files or other information that refutes the petitioner's information. If the petitioner did not provide information for the threat listed in column A, then there should be no information listed in column C. This should not be used to clarify the petition or provide more information than was presented in the petition.
 - Each threat should be in a separate box on the table.
 - For the proposal of a DPS, there should be a separate side-by-side table defining the various reasons the species fits the DPS policy. One side should be elements considered in the DPS decision and the other should be the justification, including the sources.
 - The following outline should be used as the template.
 - A literature cited appendix should be attached to the petition.
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Date:

Petitioned Action: List/delist the [species name]; submitted by <name of petitioner> on **/**/200*

<i>The present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of its habitat or range</i>	Petition Information	Information in Service Files
Describe the issue(s) related to this factor presented by the petitioner or described in the rule(s) listing the species	<p>Delisting: Rebuttal and source from the petition</p> <p>Listing: Information supporting the assertion and source from the petition</p>	This is scientific information from the Service files that refutes data in the petition.
Destruction of habitat due caused by military training	Military training operations result in some habitat impacts on San Clemente but little habitat impact on San Nicolas. <cite source(s) provided by petitioner>	
Herbivores destroying habitat	Herbivores degrade habitat of island night lizards <cite source(s) provided by petitioner>; Herbivore abundance increasing on San **** island <cite source(s) provided by petitioner>	
<i>Overutilization for commercial, sporting, scientific, or education purposes</i>	Petition Information	Information in Service Files
Species is threatened by overharvest caused by recreational collecting	Recreational collecting reduces population of ***** butterflies by 10%/year <cite source(s) provided by petitioner>	
<i>Disease or predation</i>	Petition Information	Information in Service Files

Predation caused by feral cats	<p>A program to remove feral cats on San ***** Island has been in place since 1986 and has been intensified since 1999 as part of the recovery program for this species <cite source(s) provided by petitioner></p> <p>Feral cat population reduced to levels that no longer affect the species <cite source(s) provided by petitioner></p>	
<i>The inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms</i>	Petition Information	Information in Service Files
Major sources of habitat reduction are unregulated or ineffectively regulated by State/local government	<p>State and local codes allow for unregulated removal of habitat <cite source(s) provided by petitioner></p>	
<i>Other natural or manmade factors affecting their continued existence</i>	Petition Information	Information in Service Files
Areas inhabited by the species are particularly prone to flooding	<p>Flood frequency data <cite source(s) provided by petitioner></p>	