

Middle Columbia Recovery Status Update for ESA Listed Steelhead

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Abstract:

Section 4 of the ESA requires that the NMFS conduct a review of listed species at least once every five years. A Federal Register Notice was released on February 6, 2015 to announce 5-year reviews of 32 species listed under the ESA and request any information that has become available since the last status review in 2011. The purpose of these reviews is to ensure the accuracy of the listing classification. Middle Columbia steelhead is included in the status review. After completing this review, NMFS will determine if middle Columbia steelhead should: (1) be removed from the list; (2) have its status changed from threatened to endangered; or (3) have its status remain threatened. The 5-year reviews will be based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. NMFS must receive your information no later than May 7, 2015. Submit electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal www.regulations.gov.