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Transmitted via Electronic Mail

California Fish and Game Commission
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RE: Agendizing White Sturgeon Status Review Report for April 15-16, 2026 Commission Meeting

Dear Executive Director Miller-Henson:

We write to request the California Fish and Game Commission (FGC) include on its agenda for its April 15-16, 2026 meeting the status review report for the White Sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*). The California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s (CDFW) deadline to produce the status review report pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2074.6 was on January 12, 2026. On February 27, 2026, we sent a letter to you and CDFW’s Director requesting CDFW finalize the status review report immediately and produce it for public comment. Since then, our communications with CDFW staff indicate no additional progress has been made.

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The best information available when we submitted the listing petition to FGC in 2023 was sufficient to support listing the White Sturgeon as threatened under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). Scientific information produced since the petition was filed reinforces the need to protect this population under CESA. We ask the Commission to help move this process forward by directing CDFW staff to prioritize and finalize the status review report as soon as possible. This starts with adding White Sturgeon to the April 15-16, 2026 meeting's agenda.

Sincerely,



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