

Sherry Barrett/R2/FWS/DOI  
06/22/2006 07:49 AM

To FW2 AZ ES Biologists

cc

bcc

Subject Fw: 90-day petition briefing statement - new guidance

Here's a new format for briefing statements on petitions.

Sherry Barrett  
Assistant Field Supervisor  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
520.670.6150 ext 223  
Fax 670.6155

----- Forwarded by Sherry Barrett/R2/FWS/DOI on 06/22/2006 07:49 AM -----

Susan Jacobsen

06/21/2006 03:34 PM



To: Steve Spangle/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS, Sherry Barrett/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS, Tom Cloud/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS, Robert Pine/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS, Allan Strand/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS, Joy Nicholopoulos/R2/FWS/DOI, Brian Hanson/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS, Lyle Lewis/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS, Jerry Brabander/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS, Ken Frazier/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS, Ken Collins/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS, Brenda Smith/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS, Alisa Shull/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS, Brian Cain/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS, Debra Bills/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS, Wally Murphy/RO/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS

cc: Steve Spangle/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS, Elizabeth Oms/RO/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS, Sarah Quamme/RO/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS, Wendy Brown/RO/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS

Subject: Fw: 90-day petition briefing statement - new guidance

Hi all, we have some new guidance on briefing papers for 90-day findings that needs to be applied to the shovel-nosed snake (Tucson) and the Jollyville salamander and San Felipe gambusia (Austin). These are the only species remaining this FY that this should apply to. We are assuming the briefing papers already in the WO are okay. The guidance will likely change again before next year so stay tuned and sorry for the moving target on these; it's completely out of our control.

sj

----- Forwarded by Susan Jacobsen/RO/R2/FWS/DOI on 06/21/2006 04:17 PM -----

Douglas  
Krofta/ARL/R9/FWS/DOI  
06/21/2006 10:09 AM



To Deborah Pierce/SAC/R1/FWS/DOI@FWS, Michael Fris/SAC/R1/FWS/DOI@FWS, Andy Devolder/SAC/R1/FWS/DOI@FWS, Susan Jacobsen/RO/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS, Sarah Quamme/RO/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS, Scott McCarthy/RO/R1/FWS/DOI@FWS, Michael Roy/R7/FWS/DOI@FWS, Sonja Jahrsdoerfer/R7/FWS/DOI@FWS, Robert Dach/R6/FWS/DOI@FWS, Kelly Bibb/R4/FWS/DOI@FWS, Gloria Bell/R4/FWS/DOI@FWS, Julie Lyke/R6/FWS/DOI@FWS, Laura Ragan/R3/FWS/DOI@FWS, Ron Refsnider/R3/FWS/DOI@FWS, Martin Miller/R5/FWS/DOI@FWS, Diane Lynch/R5/FWS/DOI@FWS

cc Kurt Johnson/ARL/R9/FWS/DOI@FWS, Susan Jewell/ARL/R9/FWS/DOI@FWS, Maricela Constantino/CBFO/R5/FWS/DOI@FWS, Adam Zerrenner/ARL/R9/FWS/DOI@FWS

Subject 90-day petition briefing statement - new guidance



All:

Attached below is guidance concerning a new briefing statement that the Assistant Secretary's office would like us to do for 90-day petition findings. The recovery branch sent this out a couple of weeks ago, but I was trying to obtain clarification as to the specifics of when we needed to implement it - now or if we could wait until the guidance on petition management was finalized by the Director. I have been told that we need to implement this now. We have a couple of 90-day findings here in the WO that we are going to try to move forward without this new BP, but we may be asked to follow up with them. I will keep all posted. Thus, please ask your FOs to do them for all 90-day findings that they are working on or that are in the ROs.

Thanks.

Doug

\*\*\*\*\*

Douglas Krofta  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Chief, Branch of Listing  
4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 420  
Arlington, Virginia 22203  
Phone: 703.358.2527  
Fax: 703.358.1735  
douglas\_krofta@fws.gov

Michelle Morgan/ARL/R9/FWS/DOI

Hi everyone, attached is the new format for a briefing statement for a 90-day petition finding. The main point of the new format is to highlight the information that the petition is presenting, as it relates to the 5-factor analysis, and whether the information has been peer reviewed or not. As a reminder, these briefing statements are due to the WO no later than 45 days prior to the statutory/litigation deadline.



90 day finding Brfg Stmt.doc

Thanks.

**DATE:**

**BRIEFING FOR DIRECTOR**

**PREPARED BY:**

**FROM:** Regional Director

**SUBJECT:** 90-day {substantial/not substantial} petition finding for the {species} located in {state}.

**ISSUES/ BACKGROUND:**

- PETITION INFORMATION

Literature cited in the petition relative to the factor.	Peer Reviewed?	
	Yes	No
<b><i>Petition claims for Factor A.</i></b>		
<b><i>The present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of its habitat or range</i></b>		
<u>Example</u> Schilling, C.N., N.A. Peters, and T.D. Johnson. 1997. Habitat loss of an endemic species. Scientific Journal 359: 149-158.	X	
<b><i>Petition claims for Factor B.</i></b>		
<b><i>Overutilization for commercial, sporting, scientific, or education purposes</i></b>		
<b><i>Petition claims for Factor C.</i></b>		
<b><i>Disease or predation</i></b>		
<b><i>Petition claims for Factor D.</i></b>		
<b><i>The inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms</i></b>		
<b><i>Petition claims for Factor E.</i></b>		
<b><i>Other natural or manmade factors affecting their continued existence</i></b>		

- SERVICE EVALUATION OF THE INFORMATION
  - \* Summarize in bulleted format our evaluation of the reliability of the information in the petition.
  - \* Provide any relevant litigation information

**MAIN DECISION OR MESSAGE:**

*As a whole, is the petition substantial or not and why (in about 2 sentences)?*

**CONTACT:**