

Process notice was published on December 21, 2000 (65 FR 80686).

III. Applicable Regulations and Notices

Itemized in the chart below are the applicable regulations and scoring process notices that, together with the

four elements extended by this notice, govern the assessment and scoring of PHAs under the PHAS for PHAs with fiscal years ending September 30, 2003 and after.

Item	Publication date	Federal Register Page No.
Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Amendments; Final Rule	January 11, 2000	65 FR 1738.
Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS): Technical Correction; Final Rule.	June 6, 2000	65 FR 36042.
Public Housing Assessment System Physical Condition Scoring Process; Notice.	June 28, 2000	65 FR 39988.
Public Housing Assessment System; Financial Condition Scoring Process; Notice.	December 21, 2000	65 FR 80686.
Public Housing Assessment System Management Operations Scoring Process for PHAs With Fiscal Years Ending On or After March 31, 2000; Notice.	June 28, 2000	65 FR 40028.
Public Housing Assessment System	June 28, 2000	65 FR 40034.
Resident Service and Satisfaction Scoring Process; Notice.		

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Michael Liu,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 90-day Finding for a Petition To List as Endangered or Threatened Wolverine in the Contiguous United States

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of 90-day petition finding.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce a 90-day finding for a petition to list the wolverine (*Gulo gulo luscus*) in the contiguous United States as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. We find the petition and additional information available in our files did not present substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that listing the wolverine in the contiguous United States may be warranted. We will not be initiating a further status review in response to this petition. We ask the public to submit to us any new information that becomes available concerning the status of or threats to this species. This information will help us monitor and encourage the conservation of this species.

DATES: The finding announced in this document was made on October 15, 2003. You may submit new information

concerning this species for our consideration at any time.

ADDRESSES: Data, information, comments, or questions concerning this petition should be submitted to the Montana Ecological Services Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 100 North Park Avenue, Suite 320, Helena, Montana 59601. The petition, finding, and supporting information are available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours, at the above address. Submit new information, materials, comments, or questions concerning this species to the Service at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Nordstrom, at the address given in the **ADDRESSES** section (telephone (406) 449-5225; facsimile (406) 449-5339; electronic mail FW6_wolverine@fws.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 4(b)(3)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), requires that we make a finding on whether a petition to list, delist, or reclassify a species presents substantial scientific or commercial information to indicate that the petitioned action may be warranted. We are to base this finding on all information available to us at the time we make the finding. To the maximum extent practicable, we must make this finding within 90 days of receiving the petition and publish a notice of the finding promptly in the **Federal Register**. Our standard for substantial information with regard to a 90-day petition finding is "that amount of information that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the measure proposed in the petition may

be warranted" (50 CFR 424.14(b)). If the finding is that substantial information was presented, we are required to promptly begin a review of the status of the species, if one has not already been initiated, under our internal candidate assessment process.

On July 14, 2000, we received a petition dated July 11, 2000, submitted by the Biodiversity Legal Foundation, Predator Conservation Alliance, Defenders of Wildlife, Northwest Ecosystem Alliance, Friends of the Clearwater, and Superior Wilderness Action Network. The petition requests that we list the wolverine within the contiguous United States as a threatened or endangered species and designate critical habitat for the species.

On April 19, 1995, we published a notice of our finding that a previous petition submitted by the Predator Project (now named the Predator Conservation Alliance) and Biodiversity Legal Foundation to list the wolverine in the contiguous United States did not provide substantial information indicating that listing the wolverine in the contiguous United States may be warranted (60 FR 19567).

Since 1995, little new information on wolverine biology, distribution, habitat requirements, or possible threats has been published. The species is still considered one of the least understood medium carnivores. The only new research completed for the contiguous United States is that on wolverine ecology in Idaho (Copeland 1996; Magoun and Copeland 1998; Edelman and Copeland 1999), and a genetic study (Cegelski 2002). Banci (1994) is a compilation of existing wolverine information plus suggestions for research or management considerations. Additional research on wolverine ecology, current and historic