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Peregrine Falcon Biological Status Review June 2008

Phase I of the listing process – Biological status assessment

- Petition received, direction to evaluate status
- Biological Review Panel of scientists approved at June 2007 meeting
- Draft report reviewed by independent experts
- Final report completed and presented at Commission meeting



Listing criteria

- A – population trend
- B – range and critical habitat areas
- C – combination of population trend, population size, and other factors
- D – number of mature individuals
- E – probability of extinction (model projections)



Peregrine falcon status assessment

- Population trend – appears to be increasing
- The falcon ranges world-wide with two sub-species migrating through Florida
- At least 3,800 adult pairs occur in the United States
- None of the five listing criteria were met for any listing category, nor were they met when the regional guidelines were applied
- Report conclusion to de-list the falcon was supported by all independent reviewers



Staff recommendations

- Having considered the biological status report, independent scientific reviews, and public comment, make a final determination that removing the peregrine falcon from Rule 27.003 (endangered species list) is warranted.
- Direct staff to move to phase II of the listing process, development of the management plan
- Due date for completion of peregrine falcon management plan – June 2009

