



# The Desert Protective Council, Inc.

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**Re: Agenda Item #24 for Fish and Game Commission meeting agenda February 11-12, 2015:  
Consideration of petition, Department's report, and comments received on whether listing the  
flat-tailed horned lizard (*Phrynosoma mcallii*) as an endangered species may be warranted  
(Pursuant to Section 2074.2 of the Fish and Game Code).**

Via email to [fgc@fgc.ca.gov](mailto:fgc@fgc.ca.gov)

Dear Members of the Fish and Game Commission,

I am writing on behalf of the Desert Protective Council in support of Fish and Game's finding in the report related to the Center for Biological Diversity's petition that listing the flat-tailed horned lizard (FTHL) may be warranted.

The Desert Protective Council is a 60-year old 501(c) (3) non-profit membership organization. Our members and Board of Directors supported the Department of Fish and Wildlife's decision to list the FTHL in 1989. During the last 25 years human impacts on the Flat-tailed horned lizard habitat throughout its California range have increased.

Population growth, road expansion, agriculture, and increasing off-road vehicle activity on federal and state lands continue to cause negative habitat impacts.

Planned and already built remote large-scale energy projects in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys have caused direct and indirect alteration of the lizard's habitat.

FTHL populations that are monitored continue to decline.

We agree with the Department of Fish and Wildlife's staff report conclusions that "there is sufficient scientific information to indicate that the petitioned action may be warranted."

The Desert Protective Council supports the listing of the FTHL based on the data in the Center's petition and in the Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area monitoring records and elsewhere.

Thank you very much for your consideration of our comments.

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