

**CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
NOTICE OF FINDINGS**

**Black-backed Woodpecker
(*Picoides arcticus*)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2074.2 of the Fish and Game Code, the California Fish and Game Commission, at its December 15, 2011, meeting in San Diego, California, accepted for consideration the petition submitted to list the Black-backed Woodpecker (*Picoides arcticus*) as a threatened or endangered species. Pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of Section 2074.2 of the Fish and Game Code, the aforementioned species is hereby declared a candidate species as defined by Section 2068 of the Fish and Game Code.

Within one year of the date of publication of this notice of findings, the Department of Fish and Game shall submit a written report, pursuant to Section 2074.6 of the Fish and Game Code, indicating whether the petitioned action is warranted. Copies of the petition, as well as minutes of the December 15, 2011, Commission meeting, are on file and available for public review from Sonke Mastrup, Executive Director, Fish and Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, Box 944209, Sacramento, California 94244-2090, phone (916) 653-4899. Written comments or data related to the petitioned action should be directed to the Commission at the aforementioned address.

Fish and Game Commission

December 27, 2011

Sonke Mastrup
Executive Director