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# Rulemaking Hearing Rule(s) Filing Form

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### Revision Type (check all that apply):

- X Amendment
  - New
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1660-01-3202	Threatened and Endangered Species Lists and Rules	
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Wehrle's Salamander	Plethodon wehrlei

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Northern Pine Snake	Pituophis melanoleucus melanoleucus
Western Pygmy Rattlesnake	Sistrurus miliarius streckeri

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Golden-winged Warbler	Vermivora chrysoptera

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Tippecanoe Darter	Etheostoma tippecanoe
Tuscumbia Darter	Etheostoma tuscumbia
Wounded Darter	Etheostoma vulneratum
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Flame Chub	Hemitremia flammea
Plains Minnow	Hybognathus placitus
Lined Chub	Hybopsis lineapunctata
Southern Brook Lamprey	Ichthyomyzon gagei
Silver Lamprey	Ichthyomyzon unicuspis
Sturgeon Chub	Macrhybopsis gelida
Sicklefin Chub	Macrhybopsis meeki
Rainbow Shiner	Notropis chrosomus
Bigmouth Shiner	Notropis dorsalis
Bedrock Shiner	Notropis rupestris '
Piebald Madtom	Noturus gladiator
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Black Mountain Salamander	Desmognathus welteri
Pygmy Salamander	Desmognathus wrighti

Junaluska Salamander	Eurycea junaluska
Four-toed Salamander	Hemidactylium scutatum
Crawfish Frog	Lithobates areolatus
Weller's Salamander	Plethodon welleri .
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Kirtland's Snake	Clonohis kirtlandii
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Coal Skink	Plestiodon anthracinus

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Wood Thrush	Hylocichla mustelina
Least Bittern	Ixobrychus exilis
Loggerhead Shrike	Lanius Iudovicianus
Swainson's Warbler	Limnothlypis swainsonii
Black-crowned Night-heron	Nycticorax nycticorax
King Rail	Rallus elegans
Cerulean Warbler	Setophaga cerulea
Bewick's Wren	Thryomanes bewickii

## (f) Mammals

Common Name	Scientific Name
Star-nosed Mole	Condylura cristata
Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat	Corynorhinus rafinesquii
Southern Rock Vole	Microtus chrotorrhinus carolinensis
Eastern Small-footed Bat	Myotis leibii
Southern Appalachian Woodrat	Neotoma floridana haematoreia
Eastern Woodrat	Neotoma floridana illinoensis
Allegheny Woodrat	Neotoma magister
Hairy-tailed Mole	Parascalops breweri
Long-tailed Shrew	Sorex dispar
American Water Shrew	Sorex palustris
Southern Bog Lemming	Synaptomys cooperi

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 70-1-206, 70-8-104, 70-8-105, and 70-8-107.

\* If a roll-call vote was necessary, the vote by the Agency on these rulemaking hearing rules was as follows:

Board Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Signature (if required)
Angie Box	X				
<b>Dennis Gardner</b>	X				
Jimmy Granbery	X				
Kurt Holbert				Х	
Steve Jones	X				
Connie King	X				
Brian McLerran	X				
Jim Ripley	X				
Tony Sanders	X				
James Stroud	X				
Kent Woods	X				
Tommy Woods	X				
Hank Wright	X				

I further certify the following:		
Notice of Rulemaking Hearing	g filed with the Departr	ment of State on: 08/31/2020
Rulemaking Hearing(s) Cond	ucted on: (add more d	ates). 10/23/2020
	Date: Signature: Name of Officer: Title of Officer:	
Agency/Board/Commission:	Tennessee Fish a	nd Wildlife Commission
Rule Chapter Number(s):	1660-01-32	
	proved as to legality p	been examined by the Attorney General and Reporter of the sursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures  Herbert H. Slaten III  Attorney General and Reporter  2/2/2021  Date

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#### **Public Hearing Comments**

One copy of a document that satisfies T.C.A. § 4-5-222 must accompany the filing.

The Southern Environmental Law Center submitted a written comment to the Fish and Wildlife Commission. The Commission's response is as follows:

The Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission appreciates the comments submitted by the Southern Environmental Law Center. In summary, the SELC supports listing the Nashville Crayfish on the state threatened and endangered list, but the SELC "strongly encouraged" the Commission to list the Nashville Crayfish as endangered rather than threatened.

The state threatened and endangered species list incorporates the federal threatened and endangered species list by reference in Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1660-01-32-.01. Therefore, the Nashville Crayfish is still listed as endangered under the proposed rule.

The Commission feels that the Nashville Crayfish should still be afforded some level of protection in the event the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service removes the Nashville Crayfish from the federal endangered species list. The Commission feels this is appropriate to provide the protection needed while respecting the competing needs and circumstances at this time.

## **Regulatory Flexibility Addendum**

Pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 4-5-401 through 4-5-404, prior to initiating the rule making process, all agencies shall conduct a review of whether a proposed rule or rule affects small business.

There are no businesses, small or otherwise, that would bear the cost of or directly benefit from the proposed rule.

### Impact on Local Governments

Pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 4-5-220 and 4-5-228 "any rule proposed to be promulgated shall state in a simple declarative sentence, without additional comments on the merits of the policy of the rules or regulation, whether the rule or regulation may have a projected impact on local governments." (See Public Chapter Number 1070 (<a href="http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/106/pub/pc1070.pdf">http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/106/pub/pc1070.pdf</a>) of the 2010 Session of the General Assembly.)

The Agency does not believe that the rule amendment/repeal will have any impact on local governments.

### Additional Information Required by Joint Government Operations Committee

All agencies, upon filing a rule, must also submit the following pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-226(i)(1).

(A) A brief summary of the rule and a description of all relevant changes in previous regulations effectuated by such rule;

The rule updates the state threatened and endangered species list. The Fish and Wildlife Commission must review the list every two years as required by Tenn. Code, Ann. § 70-8-105.

(B) A citation to and brief description of any federal law or regulation or any state law or regulation mandating promulgation of such rule or establishing guidelines relevant thereto;

No federal or state law requires this rule amendment. However, Tenn. Code Ann. § 70-8-105 requires the Fish and Wildlife Commission to review the state endangered species list every two years. As a result of that review, the Commission felt an update to the rule was needed.

(C) Identification of persons, organizations, corporations or governmental entities most directly affected by this rule, and whether those persons, organizations, corporations or governmental entities urge adoption or rejection of this rule;

None.

(D) Identification of any opinions of the attorney general and reporter or any judicial ruling that directly relates to the rule or the necessity to promulgate the rule;

None.

(E) An estimate of the probable increase or decrease in state and local government revenues and expenditures, if any, resulting from the promulgation of this rule, and assumptions and reasoning upon which the estimate is based. An agency shall not state that the fiscal impact is minimal if the fiscal impact is more than two percent (2%) of the agency's annual budget or five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), whichever is less;

The proposed rule amendment will not impact state or local revenues or expenditures.

 (F) Identification of the appropriate agency representative or representatives, possessing substantial knowledge and understanding of the rule;

Chris Richardson, Assistant Director, TWRA

(G) Identification of the appropriate agency representative or representatives who will explain the rule at a scheduled meeting of the committees;

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(H) Office address, telephone number, and email address of the agency representative or representatives who will explain the rule at a scheduled meeting of the committees; and

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Any additional information relevant to the rule proposed for continuation that the committee requests.

None.

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Southern Bog Lemming	Synaptomys cooperi

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 70-1-206, 70-8-104, 70-8-105, and 70-8-107.

**Board Member** No Abstain **Absent** Signature Aye (if required) Angie Box ✓ ✓ **Dennis Gardner** Jimmy Granbery ✓ **Kurt Holbert** Steve Jones Connie King **Brian McLerran** Jim Ripley √ **Tony Sanders James Stroud Kent Woods Tommy Woods** Hank Wright I certify that this is an accurate and complete copy of rulemaking hearing rules, lawfully promulgated and adopted by the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission (board/commission/other authority) on 10/23/2020 (mm/dd/yyyy), and is in compliance with the provisions of T.C.A. § 4-5-222. I further certify the following: Notice of Rulemaking Hearing filed with the Department of State on: 08/31/2020 Rulemaking Hearing(s) Conducted on: (add more dates). 10/23/2020 Signature: Name of Officer: Bobby Wilson Title of Officer: Executive Director Agency/Board/Commission: Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission Rule Chapter Number(s): 1660-01-32 All rulemaking hearing rules provided for herein have been examined by the Attorney General and Reporter of the State of Tennessee and are approved as to legality pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5. Herbert H. Slatery III Attorney General and Reporter Date **Department of State Use Only** Filed with the Department of State on:

\* If a roll-call vote was necessary, the vote by the Agency on these rulemaking hearing rules was as follows:

Effective on:

Tre Hargett Secretary of State

### **Public Hearing Comments**

One copy of a document that satisfies T.C.A. § 4-5-222 must accompany the filing.

The Southern Environmental Law Center submitted a written comment to the Fish and Wildlife Commission. The Commission's response is as follows:

The Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission appreciates the comments submitted by the Southern Environmental Law Center. In summary, the SELC supports listing the Nashville Crayfish on the state threatened and endangered list, but the SELC "strongly encouraged" the Commission to list the Nashville Crayfish as endangered rather than threatened.

The state threatened and endangered species list incorporates the federal threatened and endangered species list by reference in Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1660-01-32-.01. Therefore, the Nashville Crayfish is still listed as endangered under the proposed rule.

The Commission feels that the Nashville Crayfish should still be afforded some level of protection in the event the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service removes the Nashville Crayfish from the federal endangered species list. The Commission feels this is appropriate to provide the protection needed while respecting the competing needs and circumstances at this time.

### **Regulatory Flexibility Addendum**

Pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 4-5-401 through 4-5-404, prior to initiating the rule making process, all agencies shall conduct a review of whether a proposed rule or rule affects small business.

There are no businesses, small or otherwise, that would bear the cost of or directly benefit from the proposed rule.

### **Impact on Local Governments**

Pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 4-5-220 and 4-5-228 "any rule proposed to be promulgated shall state in a simple declarative sentence, without additional comments on the merits of the policy of the rules or regulation, whether the rule or regulation may have a projected impact on local governments." (See Public Chapter Number 1070 (<a href="http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/106/pub/pc1070.pdf">http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/106/pub/pc1070.pdf</a>) of the 2010 Session of the General Assembly.)

The Agency does not believe that the rule amendment/repeal will have any impact on local governments.

### **Additional Information Required by Joint Government Operations Committee**

All agencies, upon filing a rule, must also submit the following pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-226(i)(1).

(A) A brief summary of the rule and a description of all relevant changes in previous regulations effectuated by such rule;

The rule updates the state threatened and endangered species list. The Fish and Wildlife Commission must review the list every two years as required by Tenn. Code. Ann. § 70-8-105.

**(B)** A citation to and brief description of any federal law or regulation or any state law or regulation mandating promulgation of such rule or establishing guidelines relevant thereto;

No federal or state law requires this rule amendment. However, Tenn. Code Ann. § 70-8-105 requires the Fish and Wildlife Commission to review the state endangered species list every two years. As a result of that review, the Commission felt an update to the rule was needed.

**(C)** Identification of persons, organizations, corporations or governmental entities most directly affected by this rule, and whether those persons, organizations, corporations or governmental entities urge adoption or rejection of this rule;

None.

**(D)** Identification of any opinions of the attorney general and reporter or any judicial ruling that directly relates to the rule or the necessity to promulgate the rule;

None.

(E) An estimate of the probable increase or decrease in state and local government revenues and expenditures, if any, resulting from the promulgation of this rule, and assumptions and reasoning upon which the estimate is based. An agency shall not state that the fiscal impact is minimal if the fiscal impact is more than two percent (2%) of the agency's annual budget or five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), whichever is less;

The proposed rule amendment will not impact state or local revenues or expenditures.

**(F)** Identification of the appropriate agency representative or representatives, possessing substantial knowledge and understanding of the rule;

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**(G)** Identification of the appropriate agency representative or representatives who will explain the rule at a scheduled meeting of the committees;

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**(H)** Office address, telephone number, and email address of the agency representative or representatives who will explain the rule at a scheduled meeting of the committees; and

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(I) Any additional information relevant to the rule proposed for continuation that the committee requests.

None.