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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET Tracking No. <u>DSC7-19</u>

DATE: October 4, 2019

AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT: AMENDING AND UPDATING THE NAVAJO NATION'S NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST

PURPOSE: Approving and updating the Navajo Nation's Natural Heritage Program Endangered Species List.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate review the proposed resolution in detail.

5-DAY BILL	HOLD PERIOD: 2300 Resources & Development Comm	nittee
	sting Time/Date:	
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Eligible for <i>i</i>	ction: <u>10//3//9</u>	
1	PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COMMITTEE RESOLUTION	
2	24 TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019	
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12	UPDATING THE NAVAJO NATION'S NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM	
13	ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST	
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15	Section One. AUTHORITY	
16	A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council	
17	exercises oversight authority over wildlife on the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C.	
18	§500(C)	
19	B. The Navajo Nation Criminal Code protects wildlife, endangered species in	
20	particular, on the Navajo Nation, 17 N.N.C. § 507	
21	C. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is	
22	charged with developing a list, by regulation, of those species and subspecies of	
23	wildlife indigenous to the Navajo Nation which are determined to be endangered	
24	within the Navajo Nation giving their common and scientific names by species and	
25	subspecies. 17 N.N.C. § 507(A)	
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27	Section Two. FINDINGS	
28	A. The Navajo Natural Heritage Program is tasked with maintaining and managing the	
29	Navajo Endangered Species List (NESL) as one of its responsibilities under contract	
30	with the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs.	

1	B.	Under the Navajo Nation Nation Criminal Code wildlife on the Navajo Nation,
2		endangered species on the NESL in particular, are protected. 17 N.N.C. § 507
3	С.	The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is charged
4		with developing a list, by regulation, of those species and subspecies of wildlife
5		indigenous to the Navajo Nation which are determined to be endangered within the
6		Navajo Nation giving their common and scientific names by species and subspecies.
7		17 N.N.C. § 507(A)
8	D.	The Navajo Natural Heritage Program has submitted an updated Navajo Endangered
9		Species List. See Exhibit A.
10	E.	The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council finds it to
11		be in the best interest of the Diné to approve the updated Navajo Endangered Species
12		List as submitted by the Navajo Natural Heritage Program and as found at Exhibit A.
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14	Section	n Three. APPROVAL
15		The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby
16		approves the updated Navajo Endangered Species List as submitted by the Navajo
17		Natural Heritage Program and as found at Exhibit A.
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