

Tufted Puffin Technical Committee (TPTC)

The Tufted Puffin has declined significantly throughout the California Current System during the past century and is currently listed by Washington as “Endangered”, Oregon as “Vulnerable”, and California as a “Bird Species of Special Concern, priority 1.” The species has also been found by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to warrant a full status review under the Endangered Species Act. Given this background, and the fact that there is little published information on a) the species’ status and trends throughout its range, b) genetic structuring, and c) consensus on potential threats, there is a pressing need for scientific input on these topics. To address these needs, the Tufted Puffin Technical Committee (TPTC) formed in 2016 to (1) provide technical advice on Tufted Puffin status, distribution, and life history; 2) identify, encourage, facilitate, and prioritize research needs; 3) identify and assess population threats and potential conservation measures; 4) act as a liaison between research and management; 5) bring together and create partnerships of interested parties throughout the range of the species. The TPTC is currently comprised of approximately 35 members from California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and Alaska who plan to meet annually at the PSG Annual Meeting to advance short and long-term objectives, in addition to ongoing communications throughout the year. For more information, please contact [Peter Hodum](#) or [Scott Pearson](#).