

Charge Statement for Peer Review of the Proposed Rule to Remove *Siderastrea glynni* from the Federal List of Threatened and Endangered Species

The purpose of this peer review is to help ensure the quality, credibility, and completeness of our synthesis and assessment of the scientific information supporting this action.

In conducting your review, please address the following four questions.

1. Does the proposed rule include and cite the best scientific and commercial information available on the taxonomy and identity of *S. glynni*?
2. Is the conclusion about the identity of *S. glynni* factually supported, sound, and logical?
3. Where available and relevant, are opposing scientific studies or theories acknowledged and discussed?
4. Are uncertainties assessed and clearly stated?

The information to be reviewed is in the section titled “New Information Regarding Species Taxonomy” on pages 4-8. To the extent possible, you are asked to limit your review to the topics and questions listed above regarding the use and interpretation of the best available data, rather than address any legal or policy matters. All information associated with the proposed rule is to remain strictly confidential until it is published in the *Federal Register*.