

Tidewater Goby
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Dear Bradd,

Recognition of a new species such as the southern tidewater goby (*Eucyclogobius kristinae*) depends on the judgement of the scientific community, but according to Camm Swift it typically is accepted since it has passed peer review to get published.

For the American Fisheries Society (AFS), the Names of Fishes Committee deals with matters of common and scientific names. This is a joint committee of AFS and the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (ASIH). The AFS-ASIH Names of Fishes Committee is aware of the description of this taxon and have added this taxon to the draft future list, according to committee member Robert Lea. The Committee concluded the analysis was well-documented and there is no reason to question its validity. It is unclear when the next updated list will be published (last update in 2013, 7th edition; AFS Special Publ. 34). If you have questions, Committee Chair Larry Page (lpage1@ufl.edu) may have further information.

Regards,
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