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Process for Considering LTEMP Flow Experiments

Adaptive Management Work Group Meeting
February 10, 2022

Communication and Consultation

Annual Reporting meeting

- Present learning from previous experiments
- Provide best available scientific information

Technical Work Group meeting

- Meet to discuss potential experimental actions for the year

1.4 COMMUNICATION AND CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR ALTERNATIVE D

In implementing the processes described in Section 1.3 and the associated decision process shown in Figures 4 and 5, the DOI will exercise a formal process of stakeholder engagement to ensure decisions are made with sufficient information regarding the condition and potential effects on important resources. As an initial platform to discuss potential future experimental actions, the DOI will hold GCDAMP annual reporting meetings for all interested stakeholders; these meetings will present the best available scientific information and learning from previously implemented experiments and ongoing monitoring of resources. As a follow-up to this process, the DOI will meet with the TWG to discuss the experimental actions being contemplated for the year.



Consultation

With Tribes, AZGFD, States, and UCRC as requested

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DOI will also continue separate consultation meetings with the Tribes, AZGFD, the Basin States, and UCRC upon request, or as required under existing RODs.

6.5 Commitments to Tribes

- Traditionally Associated Tribes³ shall be notified at least 30 days in advance of planned experimental flows (including HFEs, TMFs, MPFs, and LSFs).
- The DOI is committed to finding beneficial uses with Traditionally Associated Tribes for nonnative fish that are mechanically removed as part of the LTEMP actions to the extent practicable.
- The DOI recognizes the opportunities for cooperative and collaborative partnerships with tribes in the management of Federal lands and resources related to the LTEMP as stated in Secretarial Order No. 3342.



Planning and Implementation

- Planning / Implementation team coordination
- Strives for consensus recommendation to DOI
- Secretary of the Interior / Designee makes decision

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To determine whether conditions are suitable for implementing or discontinuing experimental treatments or management actions, the DOI will schedule implementation/planning meetings or calls with the DOI bureaus (USGS, NPS, FWS, BIA, and Reclamation), WAPA, AZGFD, and one liaison from each Basin State and from the UCRC, as needed or requested by the participants. The implementation/planning group will strive to develop a consensus recommendation to bring forth to the DOI regarding resource issues as detailed at the beginning of this section, as well as including WAPA's assessment of the status of the Basin Fund. The Secretary of the Interior will consider the consensus recommendations of the implementation/planning group, but retains sole discretion to decide how best to accomplish operations and experiments in any given year pursuant to the ROD and other binding obligations.



Resource Considerations

1. Water quality and water delivery
2. Humpback Chub
3. Sediment
4. Riparian Ecosystems
5. Historic properties and traditional cultural properties
6. Tribal Concerns
7. Hydropower production and WAPA's assessment of the status of the Basin Fund
8. Rainbow Trout Fishery
9. Recreation
10. Other Resources

Reference: 2016 LTEMP ROD, p. B-8,

Section 1.3 Implementation Process for Experiments Under Alternative D



Planning and Implementation Schedule – Fall 2021 Example

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16-Aug	Week 1	AMWG MEETING				
23-Aug	Week 2				PI Team #1	
30-Aug	Week 3				PI Team #2	
6-Sep	Week 4			Notified Tribes	PI Team #3	
13-Sep	Week 5				PI Team #4	
20-Sep	Week 6		AMWG/TWG Webinar		PI Team #5 (2 hrs)	
27-Sep	Week 7			Leadership Team		
4-Oct	Week 8	DECISION WINDOW				
11-Oct	Week 9	Power Scheduling, Coordination for Operations and Monitoring, and Public Notification & Outreach / Technical Work Group Meeting				
18-Oct	Week 10					
25-Oct	Week 11					
1-Nov	Week 12	IMPLEMENTATION WINDOW				

Potential Tribal Consultation



Questions?



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