

Fish Screening Oversight Committee

DATE: April 26, 2018
TO: Fish Screening Oversight Committee (FSOC)
FROM: Neil Ward
SUBJECT: April 26, 2018 FSOC Teleconference Draft Action Notes

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Portland, OR

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Attendees: Neil Ward (QW Consulting)

By Phone: Jeff Brown (NOAA), Paddy Murphy (IDFG), Eric Leitzinger (BPA), Mark Fritsch (NPCC), Danny Didricksen (WDFW), Jody Brostrom (USFWS), Ken Loffink (ODFW), and Michelle McGree (MFWP)

ITEM 1	Introductions
ITEM 2	<p>Fish Screen Inventory – Template and Prioritization Criteria Updates</p> <p>Eric Leitzinger (BPA) and Mark Fritsch (NPCC) provided updates regarding BPA’s progress reviewing IDFG’s inventory template and the status of the strategic plan that will allow for screen maintenance needs to be addressed beyond the projects’ basic operations and maintenance budgets.</p> <p>Mark informed the participants that the O&M Subcommittee has a desire to ensure additional funds are available to address urgent screen maintenance needs; however, Mark indicated that the challenge is finding funds that can be dedicated to such an effort. The participants were advised to review their list of urgent needs as later this year there could be funding for FY2020. The Westland project is being funded during FY2019.</p> <p>Regarding the template, Eric informed the participants that IDFG has submitted their revisions and that progress is being with some additional work being required to reach the desired endpoint. Paddy Murphy (IDFG) suggested that to help facilitate the final push towards completion, he was willing to travel to Portland to meet with BPA staff in an effort to improve the efficiency of the process.</p> <p>In the context of funding, Danny Didricksen (WDFW) indicated that they have been observing a significant increase in materials cost, specifically perforated plate. Danny inquired whether, as a cost-savings action, BPA would consider allowing project sponsors to purchase of materials in advance of scheduled out-year work.</p> <p>Basically, purchase the materials in quantity in advance to save the program money. Mark indicated that such an approach has been implemented relative to projects using PITs. Eric indicated that he would inquire whether such an approach could be developed. To better promote the need, Eric asked Danny to draft an example of what he is proposing and to demonstrate how savings would be realized.</p>
ITEM 3	<p>NOAA Screen Criteria – Update</p> <p>Jeff Brown informed the participants that NOAA is completing the revisions to their 2011 Criteria and that they anticipate releasing the document for the FSOC’s review within the next couple weeks. Jeff</p>

	<p>indicated that the amount of time for the review will be limited as there is goal to realize th document to the public in August 2018. Although the review period will be of a short duration, Jeff indicated that there are few significant changes that will require extensive review and discussions. One item that likely will garner some attention is related to exposure time. Jeff indicated that the updated criteria includes language that indicates bypass will be required if exposure time is greater than 60 seconds. The NOAA considered requiring a shelter area as an alternative; however, such an area was deemed unacceptable as it would provide ideal habitat for predators. Subsequently, if exposure time exceeds 60 seconds, the approach velocity criteria has been proposed to be .33 instead of the current .4</p>
ITEM 4	<p>FSOC Participant List</p> <p>Neil Ward reminded the participants to submit their entity’s list to him so that complete the effort and forward the comprehensive list to the FSOC. The FSOC recommended that the list should not be posted to the FSOC website; however, to ensure the list remains current, Ken Loffink suggested that this should be an annual agenda item.</p>
ITEM 5	<p>Review and Approve Action Notes from the January 25, 2018 FSOC Meeting</p> <p>The action notes were reviewed and approved with no changes.</p>
ITEM 6	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, July 26, 2018 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (Pacific)</p>