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Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2010 8:33 AM
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Cc: Mcdowell, Bruce K; Pham, Bo; Bunn, Amoret L; Imboden, Andy; Rivera, Alison
Subject: RE: Columbia Biological Assessment

Dan,

By the way, we had talked about this before: We will need post-editing sections of Chapters 1-3 to extract pieces into the BA and EFHA. When would they be ready? It just takes more time to take pre-edited sections, modify and include them in the assessments, and then later check to see that the editorial changes from the main document are all accounted.

Dennis

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Dennis and Becky,

This is from the ESA regulations:

*§402.12(i) Completion time. The Federal agency or the designated non-Federal representative shall complete the biological assessment **within 180 days** after its initiation (receipt of or concurrence with the species list) unless a different period of time is agreed to by the Director and the Federal agency. If a permit or license applicant is involved, the 180-day period may not be extended unless the agency provides the applicant, before the close of the 180-day period, with a written statement setting forth the estimated length of the proposed extension and the reasons why such an extension is necessary.*

The NMFS response letter (ML101830405) was dated June 23, 2010. 180 days from this date is Monday, **December 20**, 2010.

Please provide a recommendation about any action that I need to take. For example, should I send NMFS a letter requesting an extension? If so, how much additional time should I propose? What reason should I provide for requesting this extension? (e.g., more complex document, combining BA and EFH...delays in the NEPA process (SAMA), which we are consolidating section 7 consultation with).

If I receive the final input on December 16, I think we can have it tech edited and reviewed by the end of January. If we are going to request more time, though, maybe it would be better to just say "we'll get it to you by the end of April" so we can just plug it into the draft SEIS.

Thanks,

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