

Council motion**D-3 Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement
February 12, 2024**

The Council supports continuing pre-scoping activities and supports tribal consultations (between NOAA and tribes) to receive input to further develop alternatives prior to formal scoping via the Notice of Intent to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). The Council supports a transparent, inclusive, and meaningful process to develop the PEIS. At this time, the Council supports issuing the Notice of Intent to prepare a PEIS in fall 2024, with review of the resulting public scoping comments as soon as feasible thereafter.