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# E Staff Tasking: Programmatic Evaluation (PEIS) Engagement Planning



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## Feb 2024 Council Motion

- Supported continuing pre-scoping activities
- Supported tribal consultations (between NOAA and tribes) to receive input to further develop alternatives prior to formal NEPA scoping
- Supported a transparent, inclusive, and meaningful process to develop the PEIS.
- Supported 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.



# Revised Timeline and Current Plans for Engagement

## (Timeline A)

**April 17:** Tribal engagement meeting

**Late April/early May:** additional Tribal engagement meeting (date tbd)

**August:** NMFS notify Tribes of Programmatic Evaluation at October Council meeting (Tribal consultation)

**October:**

- **Council meeting:**
  - Review feedback from pre-scoping/tribal engagement and tribal consultation.
  - Review workshop report
  - Review/revise staff strawman of management goals and objectives
- NOI published after Council meeting (begins formal NEPA scoping process)

Pre-scoping

**Oct 2024- Jan 2025:** NEPA scoping

**April 2025:**

- **Council meeting:** review scoping comments, workshop reports. Refine alternatives for analysis as needed.



## Option: Timeline B

**April 17:** Tribal engagement meeting

**Late April/early May:** additional Tribal engagement meeting (date tbd)

**Fall 2024:** additional pre-scoping activities?

**November 2024:** NMFS notify Tribes of Programmatic Evaluation at Dec Council meeting (Tribal consultation)

**December 2024:**

- **Council meeting:**
  - Review feedback from pre-scoping/tribal engagement and tribal consultation.
  - Review workshop report
  - Review/revise staff strawman of management goals and objectives
- NOI published after Council meeting (begins formal NEPA scoping process)

**Dec 2024- Feb/Mar 2025:** NEPA scoping

**June 2025:**

- **Council meeting:** review scoping comments, workshop reports. Refine alternatives for analysis as needed.

Pre-scoping

## NEXT STEPS FOR AP/COUNCIL

- What types of pre-scoping activities would the AP/Council like to recommend?
- Early consideration of scoping activities during formal NEPA scoping

