E Staff Tasking:
Programmatic Evaluation (PEIS) Engagement Planning

April 2024

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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)

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.
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