

NEPA for Lands Managed for Wildlife and Fish

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Programmatic NEPA – the FWIP

- ◆ Fish and Wildlife Implement Plan EIS (2003), known as FWIP, covers many proposed activities
 - Incorporates by reference the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS (1997) and Watershed Management Program EIS(1997)
- ◆ General categories of actions that can be covered by the FWIP EIS include, but are not limited to:
 - Aquatic and terrestrial habitat improvements
 - Passage barrier removal
 - Land and water right acquisition and
 - Research and monitoring efforts to evaluate the efficacy of BPA actions.
- ◆ Tiered Record of Decision for 2007-2009 Council program described validation process for specific projects/contracts.
- ◆ 10/05/2009 Supplemental Analysis of the FWIP continued the validation process for each project covered in the FWIP, including public involvement

Projects Not Covered by FWIP

- ◆ Projects that are not consistent with the PA 2002 alternative adopted in the FWIP ROD;
- ◆ Projects that meet the criteria for the Council's Step Review Process
- ◆ Projects that involve substantial modification to an ongoing fish production program (for example, expansion of the program to include a new species)
- ◆ Projects with complicating factors such as:
 - controversy over effects on resources,
 - special regulatory requirements (federal, state or local),
 - the participation of other federal agencies (where environmental review methodologies may differ),
 - unprecedented actions (with accompanying uncertainty in impacts), or
 - extraordinary environmental circumstances.

NEPA for Land Purchases

MOA Provides Guidance – Management Plans To Be Developed within 12-24 months of Purchase

NEPA CX for
Land Purchase

Public Notice is
not NEPA related

Land
Purchase

(Conservation
Easement Restricts
Activities)

Until Management Plan Completed,
Activities Supporting Maintenance
of Existing Condition Only Allowed

Post Land Purchase Scenarios

- ◆ **Scenario 1** – No change to land use, basic maintenance only – possible that no Land Management Plan needed
- ◆ **Scenario 2** – Proposed restoration or changes to land use - Management Plan needed (see next slide)
- ◆ **Scenario 3** – Significant change to property use not covered in FWIP (e.g. build hatchery), or significant scientific controversy – Need SA, EA, EIS, or other more intensive NEPA. Public involvement would be tied to the NEPA process. Management Plan required.

NEPA for Scenarios 1 & 2

Land Purchase Complete – Is there an existing Management Plan?

Yes

Are Planned Activities Covered in Plan?

Yes

Implement Planned Activities after Environmental Compliance Validated, including **public involvement**

No

Develop a Management Plan with Public Input

No

Amend Management Plan with Public Input

Approve Management Plan

