

WDFW/WSACE HPA Full-Process Work Group

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RELATIONSHIP GROUP HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore a programmatic template approach
- Develop “MOA” for establishing/maintaining a working relationship
- Develop an early, interim working framework as soon as possible
- Develop and conduct joint, collaborative training for consistency and shared resources
- Develop an informal dispute resolution process as option prior to formal appeal
- Establish a “Certification” process to enable fast tracking applications from certified counties or submitters
- Reduce “opinions” and variations in interpretations.
- Develop and communicate references and other guidelines to help smaller agencies without environmental staff
- Encourage early interaction between WDFW and county staff
- Address AHB turnover (newer AHB’s assigned larger area, public agencies only)

PROCESS TECHNICAL GROUP HIGHLIGHTS

- Improve clarity in communicating county’s/applicant’s needs
- Improve clarity in communicating WDFW requirements\
- Work to resolve the conflict in differing objectives/goals between applicant and WDFW requirements
- Work to improve mutual understanding
- Develop clarity about what constitutes a “complete” application
- Clarify mitigation options
- Encourage early interaction between participant staff (counties and WDFW)
- All parties clearly articulate their needs up front
- Clarify what is “Guidance” vs. “Required”
- Explore how to get FEMA funding for WDFW mitigation requirements

Next Steps and Assignments.

PROCESS	RELATIONSHIP
<p>Work through a specific project to identify issues, problems and jointly develop an initial checklist for application for design and mitigation (Emergency, expedited and standard) - <i>BRUESKE & REINDERS; MANLOW & D'HONDT</i></p> <p><i>Progress Report (person & date)</i></p>	<p>Review / refresh/ report on and be involved in earlier work in progress (Dispute resolution process, “complete” application, mitigation work in process. Dispute resolution process; complete application; mitigation work group; “over water” template; bridge design manual; aquatic habitats guideline committee; I-Permit process-Business process group; MAPT; HCP rule committee) - <i>BIRCH & DAILY</i></p> <p><i>Progress Report (Person & date)</i> <i>Working on first draft of dispute resolution process – will be ready for work group review by 5/21/09.</i> <i>PB, MD & SM 5/15/09</i></p>
<p>Update/ develop HPA process flow chart – <i>MANLOW</i></p> <p><i>Progress Report (person & date)</i></p>	<p>Interim relationship framework draft – <i>BIRCH, DAILY, ROWE, REINDERS</i></p> <p><i>Progress Report (person & date) Gary drafting first version (PB 5/15/09)</i></p>
<p>“Project overview” template for initial communication – <i>BANONIS</i></p> <p><i>Progress Report (Person & date)</i></p>	<p>Explore and document training and education options – <i>REINDERS</i></p> <p><i>Progress Report person & (date)</i></p>
	<p>Collaboration for resource sharing/ consolidation (EPA Grants, etc.) UNASSIGNED</p>
<p><i>Next Meeting :</i></p>	<p><i>Next Meeting: Not yet planned (PB 5/15/09)</i></p>

Related Improvements and Solutions:

- “Legal Interpretations” issues may be addressed informally by county legal resources (Prosecuting Attorney Association-Sub Committee) with WDFW Attorney General Office resources
- Involvement in clarifying “Guidance” vs. “Required”

- Declaration of “Emergency” who has the authority, for what period of time, conditions/circumstances