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Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 7:43 PM
To: Barry Thom - NOAA Federal
Cc: Howard Brown - NOAA Federal; Beverly Pies - NOAA Federal
Subject: Re: Check in? Science integrity and peer review.

Barry,

Regarding any Directors discussion of what interim products NMFS decides to send to scientific peer review, I would highlight this is a NMFS decision. I re-read NOAAs scientific integrity policy over the weekend. It has two different places it discusses peer review as part of science process being considered by NOAA managers on what are science policy decisions. I think for DOI to dictate what NMFS can or cannot send to peer review definitely raises a flag with respect to science integrity. I am hoping we can discuss this tomorrow, but just wanted to send this in case it comes up on 10 am tomorrow.

Maria

Sent from my iPhone

On May 28, 2019, at 8:24 AM, Barry Thom - NOAA Federal <barry.thom@noaa.gov> wrote:

Howard,

This update works for me and I'm fine not having a call today. We can check in again tomorrow am, as I am sure we'll be getting some DOI inquiries throughout the week.

Thanks,

Barry

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On May 28, 2019, at 8:01 AM, Howard Brown - NOAA Federal <howard.brown@noaa.gov> wrote:

Barry, as I mentioned before, I am available at 10 but Maria will be on the San Joaquin today and I am not sure if she will be in cell range. Here is an update on this weeks priorities and game plan:

1. NMFS to send revised Shasta and Delta analyses for the following excerpts:
 - a. Shasta: (1) Uncertainties table, (2) concepts for building storage
 - b. Delta: (1) Revisions related to the steelhead population context for salvage and loss, (2) more discussion of the "indirect" effects related to OMR management, (3) Resolution on DCC operations.

2. Without Operations Insert: After further discussion on this, Maria and I discussed the need to coordinate with NOAA GC, Rosalie and Barry (possibly on Wednesday) before we send a draft.
3. Directors agreed to a rolling release of revised sections as they are ready to share, with all revised sections shared by COB Friday. There was significant interest from Reclamation to see American River revisions as soon as possible.
4. Integration and Synthesis: Agencies did not make a decision on submitting this section for peer review. Decision was made to revisit this week at the Thursday Director's meeting.
5. Decision made by Directors to revisit performance measure development until after the NMFS BiOp goes to peer review.
6. NMFS to develop notes to peer reviewers that the agencies are working on performance measures for Delta salvage and loss and for Shasta temperature management and survival. Discussed asking peer reviewers for suggestions for performance measure development.

On Tue, May 28, 2019 at 5:51 AM Barry Thom - NOAA Federal <barry.thom@noaa.gov> wrote:

It is possible to have a short check in at 10 this morning?

We can use 1-866-762-6723 code 8924216.

Thanks,

Barry

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