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Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 5:52 PM
To: Jim Milbury - NOAA Federal
Cc: Howard Brown
Subject: Re: Couple quick question on ROC on LTO

See below

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On Feb 5, 2019, at 5:40 PM, Jim Milbury - NOAA Federal <jim.milbury@noaa.gov> wrote:

I just received this.. can you provide quick answers?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lauren Sommer <lsommer@KQED.org>
Date: February 5, 2019 at 5:06:29 PM PST
To: Jim Milbury <jim.milbury@noaa.gov>
Subject: Couple quick question on ROC on LTO

Hi there,

This is for background, but can you remind me...

* What happens next with the Bureau's BA? Does NMFS now commence on revising it into a biop?

Submission of the final BA to NMFS and FWS starts the formal consultation process which is scheduled to take 135 days. During that time, NMFS and FWS will prepare coordinated biological opinions for species under their jurisdictions.

* Will there be a draft biop released, or just a final?

There is no formal public review draft of Biop being considered at this time, given the tight time frame. NMFS does intend to share an administrative draft with Bureau of Reclamation before finalizing, and additional details of the schedule and process are in development.

* Has NMFS already filed comments with the Bureau on the draft BA? If so, can you send them?

NMFS has not filed any formal comments on the BA. NMFS did participate in several meetings led by Reclamation in late November and December and provided some input at that time, prior to the government

shutdown.

Thanks!

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