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Subject: NMFS ROC LTO BiOp Review

Michelle--

We are hearing from leadership in DC that there is potential to extend the ROC LTO BiOp deadline by two weeks, and with this comes a request that the peer review also be pushed later. There is concern that when the draft sections go to peer review, they also get released to other stakeholders (in alignment with an agreement the services made with the water users and NGOs), and Reclamation is not wholly comfortable with some things in the effects analysis being released for public consumption just yet. This is all very new and developing, but I wanted to explore early whether there was even the potential to have the review occur 1 or 2 weeks later.

I know this is last minute...please don't be angry at the messenger!!! I know that it can also make for "grumpy" reviewers, which is not a good mindset for them to have when embarking upon a review. But it's the potential path right now so I wanted to at least apprise you early so that we can sniff out the possibility. Please let me know what you think of this in terms of feasibility and what we need to address.

Thanks,
Cathy