NMFS/USFWS/Reclamation ROC Director Check-in NMFS talking points March 27, 2019

Good news:

- Adaptive Management Discussions: NMFS, USFWS and Reclamation staff met on Friday, March 22 to discuss adaptive management in the context of Appendix C, Real Time Operations Charter. The meeting was very productive, centered around finding common ground and we agreed to continue working together to develop a framework.
- 2. Reclamation and ICF have been very responsive to our requests for technical support.
- 3. NMFS Milestone for Draft Effects Analysis: Thursday, March 28 is the due date for the first admin draft of the Effects Analysis for the NMFS BiOp.
- 4. Environmental Baseline Coordination: NMFS and USFWS staff have been discussing coordination on Baseline. Meeting scheduled to discuss on Monday, April, 1.

Concerns:

- 1. Schedule: The NMFS drafting team is feeling the pressure of the schedule. The Shasta and Delta sections are slipping, mainly due to the complexity and number of Proposed Action components.
- Integration and Synthesis Drafting (aggregate effects analysis): The NMFS schedule has the next 2 weeks blocked to work on the Integration and Synthesis. Schedule slippage with Shasta and Delta Divisions is going to make this a difficult task to stay on top of.

Questions:

1. Is the timing right for an April 4 Director meeting?