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Ben Nelson's e-mail, forwarded below, includes an attachment with what he refers to as "the most up-to-date language to be include[d] in the ROC on LTO". This is different from the last version I saw; not sure if significantly so. **Sharing FYI; defer to you three to share (or not) with the Sac and Delta drafters.**

I'll e-mail Garwin separately re: Ben's request for NMFS engagement in a kickoff meeting.

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From: **Nelson, Benjamin** <[bcnelson@usbr.gov](mailto:bcnelson@usbr.gov)>  
Date: Fri, Mar 29, 2019 at 3:09 PM  
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Good afternoon,

We are planning to implement the Summer-Fall Delta Smelt Habitat for this year in preparation for the process that will be included in the Final Reinitiation of Consultation BA and associated BO. That means we need to begin assembling the **Delta Coordination Group** and planning for what the proposal will look like.

One of the first steps will be to develop a **schedule** of drafting and review for the month of April.

This planning includes developing a hypothesis to be tested, determining the actions and/or operations, any off-ramps, and the expected outcomes. We will need to plan for variations in forecasted hydrology and temperatures. The proposal will need to be sent to USFWS by **April 30th** to confirm the effects are within what was analyzed in the BO.

Attached is the most up-to-date language to be include in the ROC on LTO for Delta Smelt Summer-Fall Habitat. This will guide our process.

Please send me your availability **next week** (April 1 - April 5) for a **2-hour kickoff meeting/call**. I understand not everyone may be able to attend, but this will be a process and needs to start immediately to ensure implementation in 2019. If you aren't the right person please forward and/or let me know who to include.

Thank you in advance and have a good weekend.

Ben

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