

Agenda
ROC on LTO Director Meeting
Performance Objectives
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June 6, 2019
10:30-1:30

1. Purpose and need for objectives

2. Report out on Delta objectives from morning technical meeting
 - a. Areas of agreement
 - b. Gaps

3. Director discussion on Delta objectives

4. Report out on Shasta objectives from morning technical meeting
 - a. Areas of agreement
 - b. Gaps

5. Director discussion on Shasta objectives

6. Need for other objectives (American?)

Talking Points:

1. NMFS views the development of science-based performance metrics to be critical components of the BiOp to address, what are probably the biggest three areas of effect that we have identified in our draft analysis (Shasta temperature effects, loss at the export facilities (particularly during spring months), and effects related to the loss of an I:E ratio.
2. Our teams have both invested some important effort, thought and coordination on developing objectives for the Delta and Shasta Divisions
3. From NMFS perspective, we have a very productive meeting on this topic on May 23. NMFS left the meeting with the impression that we were close to if not on the same page.
4. Clearly, though, something happened after our meeting because Reclamation voiced a serious disconnect at the Director meeting the following day. However, we remain solution oriented and focused on reaching an agreement that works for both agencies.
5. We have reviewed Reclamations proposals and have spent the last 24 hours trying to incorporate your ideas and approaches into the NMFS proposal.
6. We are also not interested in developing these objectives with an interest in triggering reinitiation. In fact, we want to land on an agreement that minimizes that outcome but there must be clear parameters to identify when effects to the species warrant that.
7. Another important consideration, that we have not really talked much about, is the need to provide Incidental Take Coverage to Reclamation for their actions. This is important for all of the action components, but using Shasta as an example, if we cannot, in some manner, quantify the potential occurrence or frequency of different Tier-types and then tie that frequency to expected downstream survival, it would be very difficult to exempt the amount and extent of take from Shasta Operations and that could put Reclamation in a vulnerable situation.