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Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 8:44 AM
To: Howard Brown - NOAA Federal; garwin.yip@noaa.gov
Subject: Re: CONFIDENTIAL ROC on LTO Proposed Action

Howard -

Thanks for passing this on. NMFS has taken swift steps to review it in the last ten days, but there are resource constraints that I note for you and the record.

While NMFS appreciates the opportunity for an early look at the proposed action in order to provide pre-consultation technical assistance, the we did not receive any advanced warning of the opportunity and therefore could not plan for review, especially given that it was sent late on the Friday afternoon (Nov 16 2018) before a holiday (Thanksgiving) week. Several key staff had pre-approved leave scheduled for the next week, and there was no opportunity to change that in short order. Specifically, both you and Garwin were on leave all days of the week of 11/19; Maria all but 11/19; Barb Byrne (lead scientist) on 11/23; any myself on 11/20 and 11/21.

Despite these constraints in resources, NMFS did make review a priority. On Monday 11/19 we learned of a Reclamation "Tiger Team" meeting scheduled for 11/20. Barb attended, mostly in an information-gathering mode since NMFS had not had an opportunity to develop comments or suggestions. She passed that information on to others named in this email. I reviewed the document later in the week, compiled high-level comments to date, and provided them to you in order to expedite efforts on 11/26 when all staff were back in the office.

Please also note that, out of an abundance of caution and in deference to the request of Reclamation in their transmission email, to my knowledge, distribution of the proposed action was limited to those named in this email. It was not shared with other NMFS staff who are expected to be working on this; we waited for further guidance on that from NMFS management.

Thanks --
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On Nov 16, 2018, at 2:10 PM, Howard Brown - NOAA Federal <howard.brown@noaa.gov> wrote:

Here you go...

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From: **Harrison, Katrina** <kharrison@usbr.gov>
Date: Fri, Nov 16, 2018 at 2:08 PM
Subject: CONFIDENTIAL ROC on LTO Proposed Action

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Cc: Callejo, Russell <rcallejo@usbr.gov>, David Mooney <dmmooney@usbr.gov>

Hello all -

Attached is the draft proposed action for the Reinitiation of Consultation on the Coordinated Long-term Operation of the CVP and SWP. This is a confidential, deliberative draft - it is close hold, please do not share.

Please note that no written comments are requested at this time. We look forward to discussing with you starting next week.

Thank you,

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