

Overarching framework: What additional information do we want, and why? What question would it answer and how does that fit into our analysis? What will we assume absent the information, and how will that affect our analysis?

A: BA Section

B: Description of the Proposed Action

--Is it clear what action is being proposed?

--Is the timing, frequency, magnitude, and duration of the proposed action described clearly enough to allow assessment of exposure/risk/response?

--If the answer to any of the above is "no", what details are missing?

C: Description of the specific area that may be affected by the proposed action

--Is any area NOT included in the action area that should be?

--If so, what area, and why?

D: A description of any listed species or critical habitat that may be affected by the action.

--Are all relevant species, life-stages, and critical habitats included in the BA in all appropriate places?

--If the answer to any of the above is "no", what species or lifestages are missing?

E: A description of the manner in which the action may affect any listed species or critical habitat, and an analysis of any direct, indirect, or cumulative effects

--Are effects analyzed sufficiently for all species, lifestages, and stressors?

--Is the analysis of effects robust and logical?

--Does the analysis use the best available analytical methods (tools, models, etc.)?

--Is the analysis supported by the best available science (focus on literature)?

--Is the analysis supported by the best available science (focus on data)?

--Is the description detailed enough to support a quantification of incidental take?

--If the answer to any of the above is "no", what details are missing?

F: Relevant reports, including any environmental impact statements, environmental assessments, biological assessments or other analysis prepared regarding the proposal

--Are all relevant reports included in the BA?

--If not, what relevant reports are missing?

G: Any other relevant studies or other information available on the action, the affected listed species, or critical habitat

--Are all relevant studies/data etc. included in the BA?

--If not, what relevant studies/data etc. are missing?