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**From:** Garwin Yip - NOAA Federal <garwin.yip@noaa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2019 3:44 PM  
**To:** Benjamin Nelson  
**Cc:** Barbara Byrne  
**Subject:** Delta Coordination Group - Delta Smelt Summer-Fall Habitat 2019 Planning

Thanks, Barb.

Ben:

1. Your e-mail, below, says "...most up-to-date language to be included in the ROC on LTO for Delta Smelt Summer-Fall Habitat." Is this Reclamation's final proposal to be included in the revised BA, or is there a potential for it to change?

a. To the extent that the "fall X2" action has been in flux in the ROC on LTO BA, NMFS has been unsure about what the final proposal is in order to be able to analyze it.

b. At the last Directors' meeting on March 8, Reclamation, USFWS, and NMFS Directors all agreed that the ROC on LTO BiOps would not be effective upon issuance, but rather, when Reclamation issues the ROD. So, how does your e-mail and attached "fall X2" proposal fit with the agreement/understanding?

2. NMFS won't be able to engage, at least your requested kick-off meeting next week. Please keep us apprised of the effort, though.

Thanks.

-Garwin-

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Thanks, Barb.

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On Fri, Mar 29, 2019 at 3:26 PM Barbara Byrne - NOAA Federal <[barbara.byrne@noaa.gov](mailto:barbara.byrne@noaa.gov)> wrote:  
Garwin -- Sharing this e-mail from Ben regarding potential NMFS engagement in a Fall DSM habitat kickoff meeting next week. I can't make it given my current priorities. Please let Ben know who, if anyone, might be able to participate in this planning effort.

Thanks,  
Barb

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Nelson, Benjamin** <[bcnelson@usbr.gov](mailto:bcnelson@usbr.gov)>  
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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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