

Meeting of the BSEACD Management Advisory Committee (MAC)

4-14-2014

“Prompting” Questions for MAC Consideration of the District’s Review Draft HCP

The following questions were developed by staff to facilitate and organize the MAC’s discussion of the review draft of the HCP. The questions represent particular issues that were identified in the Board’s initial work sessions. The Board is now soliciting feedback from the MAC as an advisory body to the Board on these issues to facilitate their consideration of the HCP.

Please note that these questions are provided as a template to prompt small group discussion. The groups are not “required” to respond to each and every question. While consensus responses to each question are the goal, it is not a prerequisite for recording responses. For responses that are provided, please indicate which represent consensus vs. individual opinions.

1. Estimate of Take (Chapter 5)

- Does the methodology provide an acceptable method of estimating take?
- Given the uncertainties, are the assumptions reasonable?
- What are the strengths/weaknesses of the method?
- Is there an obvious, demonstrably better method to estimate take quantitatively?
Please describe or cite example.

2. Avoidance and Minimization Measures (Chapter 6)

- Qualitative review of avoidance and minimization measures (excessive, appropriate, inadequate). Why?
- Additional measures that should be considered?
- Measures that should be removed?
- Concerns/Compliments

3. Research and Mitigation Measures (Chapter 6)

- Qualitative review of research measures (excessive, appropriate, inadequate). Why?
- Qualitative review of mitigation measures (excessive, appropriate, inadequate). Why?
- Additional measures that should be considered?
- Measures that should be removed?
- Concerns/Compliments

4. Responses for Changed Circumstances (Chapter 7)

- Qualitative review of circumstances identified and responses for changed circumstances (excessive, appropriate, inadequate)
- Classification of circumstances as Changed and Unforeseen?
- Additional circumstances and response measures that should be considered?
- Circumstances and Measures that should be removed?
- Concerns/Compliments

Overarching Question - Given the District's purpose, authority and available resources, do you feel that the proposed HCP sufficiently avoids, minimizes and mitigates take of the covered species? (Yes or No)