

Agenda- ESA Section 7 Consultation Training

August 25th, 2016

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General Schedule:

8am Welcome, Introductions

10am Coffee/ snack break

12pm- 1:30pm Lunch break

2:30pm Coffee break

4:30pm Wrap Up

Topics to be discussed:

- ESA Overview
- Interagency Cooperation- Context for Consultation
- 7(a)(1)- Intent and Benefits of the Proactive Conservation Mandate
- 7(a)(2)- Who, What, Where, When, How
 - Action Agency, Applicant, NFR- Roles of each
 - JAM prohibitions
 - “Actions” subject to consultation
 - Trigger for consultation
- Consultation Process
 - Species List- FO Websites
 - Agency Effects Determinations
- Informal Consultation
 - Outcomes of informal consultation
 - Analysis of effects of the action; indirect effects
- Formal Consultation
 - Biological Assessment
 - Initiation Standards

- Contents of Biological Opinion
 - Proposed action
 - Status of species/critical habitat
 - Environmental baseline
 - Effects of the action
 - Cumulative effects
 - Conclusion- JAM
 - Incidental take statement
 - RPMs/TCs
 - Conservation recommendations
 - Reinitiation Standard
- Emergency Consultation
 - What is an emergency
 - Scope of consultation
 - Process