
From: Jennifer Ise - NOAA Federal <jennifer.ise@noaa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 9, 2018 1:02 PM
To: Emma Htun - NOAA Federal
Cc: Barry Thom; Scott Rumsey - NOAA Federal; Brianne Szczepanek - NOAA Federal; Alesia Read - NOAA Federal; Samantha Guidon - NOAA Federal; _NMFS WCR Clearance-Taskers
Subject: Re: FW: Urgent - Talking points on CA water by 3:30
Attachments: California Water NOAA Projects -- NMFS_08082018_CoS_WCR updates_8-9-18_12pm_WCRtoHQ.docx

Hi Emma. Attached is our response / updated table. Thank you. Sorry for the delay!

~~~~~  
Jennifer Isé  
Special Assistant to the Deputy Regional Administrator  
NMFS West Coast Region, Long Beach, CA  
562-980-4046

On Thu, Aug 9, 2018 at 12:31 PM, Jennifer Ise - NOAA Federal <[jennifer.ise@noaa.gov](mailto:jennifer.ise@noaa.gov)> wrote:  
Yes, I'm compiling the updates from program staff and gc into one document now. Sorry for the delay!

~~~~~  
Jennifer Isé
Special Assistant to the Deputy Regional Administrator
NMFS West Coast Region, Long Beach, CA
562-980-4046

On Thu, Aug 9, 2018 at 12:29 PM, Emma Htun - NOAA Federal <emma.htun@noaa.gov> wrote:
Hi Jennifer - sorry for all the emails from us today. Any progress on revisions?

Thank you,
Emma

Emma Htun
Advisor for Regulatory Programs
Office of the Assistant Administrator, 14631
NOAA Fisheries
emma.htun@noaa.gov
301-427-8070

On Thu, Aug 9, 2018 at 11:07 AM, Jennifer Ise - NOAA Federal <jennifer.ise@noaa.gov> wrote:
Hi Emma. Ok, our folks are on it. Stay tuned.

~~~~~

Jennifer Isé  
Special Assistant to the Deputy Regional Administrator  
NMFS West Coast Region, Long Beach, CA  
562-980-4046

On Thu, Aug 9, 2018 at 6:46 AM, Emma Htun - NOAA Federal <[emma.htun@noaa.gov](mailto:emma.htun@noaa.gov)> wrote:  
Dear Jennifer and WCR,

We got some NOAA questions on the first iteration of the response (before you added Klamath and United Water).

Can you please see the attached comments and questions and add a bit more detail? The comments seem relatively straightforward - but let me know if any issues.

Please let me know if feasible for you to return this by NOON PST today. I've included the revised document that we sent up yesterday evening after adding Klamath and United Water, hopefully we can just copy the new pieces over.

Best regards,  
Emma

Emma Htun  
Advisor for Regulatory Programs  
Office of the Assistant Administrator, 14631  
NOAA Fisheries  
[emma.htun@noaa.gov](mailto:emma.htun@noaa.gov)  
301-427-8070

On Wed, Aug 8, 2018 at 5:45 PM, Jennifer Isé - NOAA Federal <[jennifer.ise@noaa.gov](mailto:jennifer.ise@noaa.gov)> wrote:  
Emma -- GC had updates -- see track changes attached.

~~~~~

Jennifer Isé
Special Assistant to the Deputy Regional Administrator
NMFS West Coast Region, Long Beach, CA
562-980-4046

On Wed, Aug 8, 2018 at 1:39 PM, Jennifer Isé - NOAA Federal <jennifer.ise@noaa.gov> wrote:
Hi Emma -- We added two additional projects to the list (see last 2 rows), per our conversation. Let me know if you have questions.

Thank you (apologies again for only focusing on CV yesterday).
Jennifer

~~~~~

Jennifer Isé  
Special Assistant to the Deputy Regional Administrator  
NMFS West Coast Region, Long Beach, CA  
562-980-4046

On Wed, Aug 8, 2018 at 10:02 AM, Emma Htun - NOAA Federal <[emma.htun@noaa.gov](mailto:emma.htun@noaa.gov)> wrote:  
Dear WCR -

Thanks very much again for pulling all this, and thanks Jeff for hopping on the phone.

Attached is what we're sending up.

Best regards,  
Emma

Emma Htun  
Advisor for Regulatory Programs  
Office of the Assistant Administrator, 14631  
NOAA Fisheries  
[emma.htun@noaa.gov](mailto:emma.htun@noaa.gov)  
301-427-8070

On Wed, Aug 8, 2018 at 10:07 AM, Emma Htun - NOAA Federal <[emma.htun@noaa.gov](mailto:emma.htun@noaa.gov)> wrote:  
Thanks very much Jennifer! One more request for clarification, and sorry for missing yesterday - for the first project, NMFS consultation on CVP/SWP, we say under "competing" DOI proposals that the FWS and NMFS consultations have different flow requirements and thresholds. Can you please describe how those different requirements can be reconciled? i.e. do the two differing proposals make sense/still work because of seasonality of the different species etc. It'll be hard to provide something back to DOC without explaining that part given that they're interesting in "competing" DOI things.

Thank you,  
Emma

Emma Htun  
Advisor for Regulatory Programs  
Office of the Assistant Administrator, 14631  
NOAA Fisheries  
[emma.htun@noaa.gov](mailto:emma.htun@noaa.gov)  
301-427-8070

On Tue, Aug 7, 2018 at 8:12 PM, Jennifer Isé - NOAA Federal <[jennifer.ise@noaa.gov](mailto:jennifer.ise@noaa.gov)> wrote:  
Thank you, Brianne and Emma, for the clarifying edits. These look good and we added a few additional clarifications in line and suggestions in comment boxes. Let us know if you have any further questions.  
Thanks,

Jennifer

~~~~~  
Jennifer Isé
Special Assistant to the Deputy Regional Administrator
NMFS West Coast Region, Long Beach, CA
562-980-4046

On Tue, Aug 7, 2018 at 3:02 PM, Brianne Szczepanek - NOAA Federal
<brianne.szczepanek@noaa.gov> wrote:

Hi Jennifer,

As this will be provided to the Department, Emma and I added some edits in an attempt to provide more context and/or clarify things. You'll see a couple of questions as well. Can you guys take a look at our edits and make sure you are comfortable, and answer any remaining questions?

Thanks again,
Brianne

On Tue, Aug 7, 2018 at 3:06 PM, Brianne Szczepanek - NOAA Federal
<brianne.szczepanek@noaa.gov> wrote:

Huge thanks, Jennifer, to you and everyone else in WCR that pulled this together. We're looking now and will let you know if anything else is needed.

On Tue, Aug 7, 2018 at 2:41 PM, Jennifer Isé - NOAA Federal <jennifer.ise@noaa.gov> wrote:
Hi Brianne. I just sent our response at the same time you sent this. Let us know if you want modifications to that version. Thank you.

~~~~~  
Jennifer Isé  
Special Assistant to the Deputy Regional Administrator  
NMFS West Coast Region, Long Beach, CA  
562-980-4046

On Tue, Aug 7, 2018 at 11:39 AM, Brianne Szczepanek - NOAA Federal  
<[brianne.szczepanek@noaa.gov](mailto:brianne.szczepanek@noaa.gov)> wrote:

All,

Given that this tasker was superseded by the Secretarial statement, we were able to get a little bit more time. Can you aim to provide this response by tomorrow morning (ET)? Late morning should be ok.

thanks,  
Brianne

On Tue, Aug 7, 2018 at 12:21 PM, Alesia Read - NOAA Federal <[alesia.read@noaa.gov](mailto:alesia.read@noaa.gov)> wrote:  
I have the attached 3 recent CA water-related items that WCRO sent forward if any of them are useful, otherwise ignore...

- Legal interpretation of/advice on the WIIN Act - This analysis is intended to present a broad overview and address the most salient questions of interpretation raised by the language chosen by Congress.
- Differences between USFWS and NMFS BiOps and relationship to WIIN
- Shasta Reintroduction and Water Supply Benefit

(talks a bit about operational flexibility).

On Tue, Aug 7, 2018 at 11:58 AM, Brianne Szczepanek - NOAA Federal <[brianne.szczepanek@noaa.gov](mailto:brianne.szczepanek@noaa.gov)> wrote:

+F suite folks and Jennifer I

Barry - Sam G can populate the table with the projects from the list that was prepared for Chris' recent hearing.

Please let us know how else we can help.

Brianne

On Tue, Aug 7, 2018 at 11:55 AM, Brandon Elsner - NOAA Federal <[brandon.elsner@noaa.gov](mailto:brandon.elsner@noaa.gov)> wrote:

All,

Here is a good doc that includes a table we can work off of.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1b1ay9mCVLuLx9s0lr6B07UQIV9JjkPbrgeLVEmTeMps/edit?usp=sharing>

Thanks,

Brandon

On Tue, Aug 7, 2018 at 11:42 AM, Kevin Wheeler - NOAA Federal  
<[Kevin.Wheeler@noaa.gov](mailto:Kevin.Wheeler@noaa.gov)> wrote:

We have an exceedingly tight turnaround (4 hours) for a deliverable to Secretary Ross as described below.

Brandon will send around a link to a google doc, so we can work together on it.

This should include a table that outlines all the major projects that NMFS has an equity in California (formal consultation, federal power act responsibilities, etc); a status update (1-2 sentences); a column describing DOI interests/options; and a final column outlining any flexibilities or opportunities in the law where the government can increase the flow of water to other users for each project).

I believe much of this information was capture in hearing prep for Chris Oliver earlier this summer (and possibly in QFR responses).

Thanks so much for your assistance

Kevin

---

**From:** Schnettler, Erin (Federal) <[ESchnettler@doc.gov](mailto:ESchnettler@doc.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 7, 2018 11:13 AM  
**To:** Wheeler, Kevin (Federal) <[Kevin.Wheeler@noaa.gov](mailto:Kevin.Wheeler@noaa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Levenbach, Stuart (Federal) <[Stuart.Levenbach@noaa.gov](mailto:Stuart.Levenbach@noaa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Urgent - Talking points on CA water by 3:30  
**Importance:** High

Hi Kevin,

As discussed, Earl is meeting with SWR at **3:30pm this afternoon**, and CA water will be one of the items discussed. Earl has requested talking points on list of topics below. Please note that these are talking points and that layman's terms should be used to the extent possible.

- 1) What is the current status of all NMFS-led actions in the State of the California that impact water flow to farmers/other water users? (Bi-Ops, pilot programs, etc)
- 2) What can NMFS do to expedite actions the increase the release of water to farmers/other water users in California?
- 3) With regards to the list of actions in topic #1, if there is a competing DOI proposals – please list those proposals and indicate whether DOI's proposal is more restrictive, less restrictive or equal with regards to water delivery to farmers and other users.

Thanks,

Erin

**Erin Schnettler**

Office of Policy and Strategic Planning

Department of Commerce

202-482-5878 (o)

202-495-9342 (c)

[ESchnettler@doc.gov](mailto:ESchnettler@doc.gov)

--

Brianne Szczepanek  
Chief of Staff  
National Marine Fisheries Service

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
work: (301) 427-8021 cell: (301)452-0051  
[brianne.szczepanek@noaa.gov](mailto:brianne.szczepanek@noaa.gov)

--

**Alesia Read, PhD**

Senior Advisor  
Office of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)  
[alesia.read@noaa.gov](mailto:alesia.read@noaa.gov)  
301.427.8064



**NOAA FISHERIES**

--

Brianne Szczepanek  
Chief of Staff  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
work: (301) 427-8021 cell: (301)452-0051  
[brianne.szczepanek@noaa.gov](mailto:brianne.szczepanek@noaa.gov)


--

Brianne Szczepanek  
Chief of Staff  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
work: (301) 427-8021 cell: (301)452-0051  
[brianne.szczepanek@noaa.gov](mailto:brianne.szczepanek@noaa.gov)

--

Brianne Szczepanek  
Chief of Staff  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration





work: (301) 427-8021 cell: (301)452-0051  
[brianne.szczepanek@noaa.gov](mailto:brianne.szczepanek@noaa.gov)