



BDCP

Conservation Strategy

Progress, Next Steps, Schedule

Steering Committee Meeting
March 9, 2007

Progress of the Conservation Strategy Subgroup

- February 9 Meeting
 - definitions of terms
 - descriptions of deliverables
 - process and schedule for developing the Conservation Strategy

Progress of the Conservation Strategy Subgroup

- February 26 Meeting
 - List of 7 potential Conservation Strategy Alternatives (CSA's): key elements, benefits, constraints
 - Conservation goals drawn from Planning Agreement

Progress of the Conservation Strategy Subgroup

- March 5 Meeting
 - Addition of 2 CSA's
 - Comparison of CSA's relative to Conservation Goals
 - Comparison of CSA's relative to Stressors
 - Comparison of CSA's relative to Covered Species benefits
 - Initiated discussion of potential screening criteria

Next Steps - March

- Identify key conservation “themes” based on biological stressors and ecological processes critical to covered species. Examples:
 - Improve habitat through fluctuating salinity
 - Reduce mortality associated with entrainment
 - Others
- Use conservation themes to guide discussions of CSA’s and to adjust as needed.

Next Steps – March

- Develop matrix of biological stressors and covered species
 - Biologist team from SAIC/Hanson, PREs, Fishery Agencies, NGOs
 - Review biological basis for themes and stressors
 - Fill all cells of matrix relating stressors to each covered fish species

Next Steps – March/April

- Identify screening criteria to winnow list of CSA's. Based on:
 - Conservation Goals
 - Planning Goals
 - Economic Considerations

Next Steps – March/April

- Formation of process for independent science input and review
 - Meeting of Science Subgroup – March 20
 - Input from BDCP biologists as to where we need additional science input
 - Assessment of approaches to science input

Conservation Strategy Development Schedule for 2007

- Develop Conservation Themes - March
- Maintain or expand list of CSAs (9 or more)
- Develop Screening Criteria – March/April
- Reduce list of CSA's (3) - April
- Add detail to CSA descriptions - May
- Assess relative benefits & costs of CSAs - May
- Dovetail one or more CSAs with Covered Activities - June
- Develop Conservation Strategy Framework – (1 CSA) November-December