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To: District Managers

From: State Director

Subject: Interagency Implementation Team (IIT) (PACFISH/INFISH) Implementation
Monitoring for FY 2005

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Program Areas: 1150 Threatened and Endangered Species, 1120 Fisheries.

Purpose: Direction for implementing FY 2005 PACFISH/INFISH Implementation Monitoring.

Policy/Action: This directive explains the Deputy Team's Monitoring Program requirements under the PACFISH/INFISH Biological Opinions (PIBO) for 2005. *New to the module this year, is the addition of multiple monitoring indicators for Designated Monitoring Areas in the Grazing portion of the Database.* A training program to orient Field Managers and to update field practitioners in recent advances in the range monitoring component (Stubble Height Review Team findings and multiple indicator monitoring) is anticipated to occur in late summer and fall of 2005.

1. **LINK TO EFFECTIVENESS MONITORING:** The PACFISH/INFISH Implementation Monitoring program provides critical input into the PACFISH/INFISH Effectiveness Monitoring (PIBO monitoring project), therefore high priority is placed upon using the PACFISH/INFISH implementation module at the Designated Monitoring Areas (DMAs) used by the Effectiveness Monitoring Team. It is also critical that the DMAs selected for implementation monitoring conform exactly to the DMA locations used by the Effectiveness Monitoring Team.

2. **COMPLIANCE/NON-COMPLIANCE FEEDBACK:** The monitoring program was developed to provide field unit line officers with a mechanism for implementing the monitoring requirements of PACFISH, INFISH, and the 1998 Biological Opinions for salmon, steelhead, and bull trout. Line officers are accountable to ensure that actions they take are consistent with

these requirements. Line managers need to receive and act upon the results of project level implementation monitoring. The monitoring module contains a “Non-compliance” questionnaire and report, which can be used to evaluate the need to modify or refine management actions for a particular activity. In addition, the module contains a “Local” questionnaire with comment fields that can be used to track and report monitoring results based upon local monitoring requirements of land use plans and/or projects under National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) decisions, and in compliance with local Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultations.

3. ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT: Recent findings of the University of Idaho’s Stubble Height Study Team are being implemented in Regions 1 and 4 of the Forest Service, and Idaho BLM. All units are encouraged to review the implementation guidelines, and to apply the monitoring guidance contained therein. A multiple indicator monitoring method (MIM) has been drafted as a tool for use by field units at the DMAs. These documents are available online at:

Stubble Height Report: <http://www.cnrhome.uidaho.edu/default.aspx?pid=74786>

MIM: http://www.id.blm.gov/techbuls/05_02/index.htm

4. SAMPLING AND REPORTING FOR 2005: The sample scheme for 2005 is as follows.

Field units will use the PACFISH/INFISH Implementation Monitoring Module for all authorized livestock grazing activities that have already been started on-the-ground or that have been completed during the current year and fall within, AT LEAST the following sample set:

- 1) All grazing activities at DMAs within the 6th field Hydraulic Unit Codes (HUCs) selected for monitoring by the Effectiveness Monitoring (EM) Team. The EM Team’s 6th field HUCs can be found at the PACFISH/INFISH Monitoring website:

http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/boise/teams/techtran/projects/pac_infishhome.htm

- 2) All prior year non-compliance activities in the grazing program.
- 3) Other Grazing activities:
 - a. At least 20 percent of Module Category I pasture use areas per year, based on field unit priorities with input from the Level 1 Team.
 - i. Field unit decides where to focus, although every Module Category I pasture use area should be sampled at least once within the life of the 10-year grazing permit.
 - b. Any local implementation monitoring requirements for livestock grazing about which local ESA consultation requires reporting through the PACFISH/INFISH Implementation Monitoring Database.

The 20 percent sample of Category I pasture use areas, identified in 3.a. may be inclusive of samples collected for items: 1) pastures in the EM Team’s 6th Field HUCs, 2) all prior year non-compliance activities in the grazing program, and 3) b. any local implementation monitoring requirements for grazing about which local ESA consultation requires reporting through the PACFISH/INFISH Implementation Monitoring Database.

Field units are encouraged to use the PACFISH/INFISH Implementation Monitoring Database to record and report stream/riparian-related implementation monitoring requirements for activities other than grazing or outside of the requirements of PACFISH, INFISH and the Biological Opinions (BOs). It has been designed to accommodate requirements other than PACFISH or INFISH standards.

5. **DATABASE:** The new Database is available on-line at the PACFISH/INFISH web site listed above. Detailed instructions for the PACFISH/INFISH Implementation Monitoring program are contained in the Implementation Monitoring Manual, also available online at the URL listed above.

6. **DESIGNATED MONITORING AREAS:** The Implementation Monitoring Manual contains instructions for DMA selection. DMAs apply whenever livestock grazing occurs on streamside areas that influence listed fish habitat. In Category I pasture use areas that do not contain streams and/or grazing influences on stream habitats, implementation monitoring does NOT include DMA monitoring, but normally includes grazing use supervision, and Riparian Habitat Conservation Area (RHCA) evaluations needed to answer the PACFISH/INFISH standards and guidelines questions in the grazing portion of the Implementation Monitoring Database.

7. **TRAINING:** A formal training program, in conjunction with release of the Stubble Height Implementation Guide, will be offered during the summer and fall of 2005. It will include a general session for managers and staff, a monitoring overview, instructions for using the updated IM Database, and a field component on DMA selection and the new MIM approach to streamside monitoring in grazing units. Training will be conducted across Idaho and at Prineville in Oregon. A separate directive will provide details of the training dates, locations, and agenda. The Implementation Monitoring Database and Manual, and the monitoring support documents, including protocols, are all contained on the PACFISH/INFISH Monitoring WEB site listed above.

8. **COORDINATION:** As in previous years, the Implementation Monitoring Program will rely on coordination between the Implementation Monitoring Task Team members and Field Unit Coordinators. Field Unit Coordinators are the local point of contact for those aspects of the monitoring program, including training, that are not activity specific. The Regional or State counterparts, members of the Implementation Monitoring Task Team, and Field Unit Coordinators are listed in Attachment 1.

Timeframe: Data should be entered into the PACFISH/INFISH Implementation Monitoring Database by December 1, 2005, with submission of the files to the central location by December 15, 2005.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: No manual/handbook sections are affected.

Coordination: This IM has been coordinated with members of the PACFISH/INFISH Monitoring Task Team.

Contact: If you have questions about the Module and its implementation in 2005, or if your Field Unit Coordinator or his/her phone number has changed, please contact Tim Burton at (208) 373-3819.

Boise District/Twin Falls District with Union: No Union notification or negotiation is required.

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