

## Resource Management Plans for Western Oregon ESA Consultation Integrated Timeline for NEPA and ESA

The intent of this timeline is to illustrate the sequential nature of key milestones for both NEPA and ESA, and to track how those sequential steps build upon one and other. It is a conceptual timeline with broad projections of the desired timing. The document is best thought of as a set of guidelines the agencies will strive to meet while recognizing that the milestones are often linked and dependent on the resolution of complex issues. If certain steps take more time than anticipated, it is expected that the timing of steps to follow would shift accordingly. Following this table is a schematic representation of the timeline.

	<b>NEPA / Coop Agencies Process and Milestones</b>	<b>Early Consultation Process</b>	<b>ESA Consultation Milestones</b>
<b>March 9, 2012</b>	Published NOI announcing new planning effort		
<b>March 9 to July 5, 2012</b>	Scoping Period		
<b>Spring/Summer 2013</b>	Prepare Analysis of the Management Situation and Proposed Planning Criteria and State Director Guidance	Teams have meetings, coordinate with NEPA meetings, have check-points, document progress.	
<b>Spring/Summer 2013</b>	Formulate Alternatives	Teams have meetings, have check-points, document progress. Discuss scope; outline, analytic tools, etc. Attorney consultation as needed.	Informal consultation: reach interagency agreement on analytical tools and methods to analyze alternatives.
<b>Summer 2013 to Winter 2014</b>	Analyze Alternatives	Joint development of conservation strategies to adequately address listed species and critical habitat.	Informal consultation: Incorporate feedback from consulting agencies.
<b>Summer/Fall 2014</b>	Prepare Draft RMP/Draft EIS	Adjust and fine tune conservation strategies. Review and vetting of strategies among technical, management, and attorney teams as needed.	Informal consultation: reach interagency agreement on conservation strategies for listed species.
<b>Fall 2014</b>		Discuss preferred alternative and DEIS.	Informal consultation: Are there foreseeable issues for consultation that need resolution prior to DEIS release?
<b>April 2015</b>	Release Draft RMP/Draft EIS followed by 90-day public comment period	Discuss transition of the preferred alternative to early draft proposed action for	Note: Consultation will occur on a single alternative, not all alternatives presented in the

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		consultation	DEIS.
<b>Summer 2015</b>	Post-release of Draft RMP/EIS and end of comment period BLM review of comments	Review and vetting of the draft proposed action and BAs.	Begin drafting BAs for review.
<b>Winter 2016</b>	Prepare response to comments Develop Proposed RMP Conduct analysis of Proposed RMP Prepare Proposed RMP/Final EIS document		Finish and transmit BAs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MOU D.1.c &amp; d</b></li> </ul> 30-day review of BAs by FWS and NMFS – BLM follow-up if needed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MOU D.2.d &amp; e</b></li> </ul> When review and follow up is complete, 135 day formal consultation begins. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MOU D.2.f</b></li> </ul>
<b>Spring/Summer 2016</b>	BLM/DOI internal review of Proposed RMP/Final EIS Proposed RMP/Final EIS editing and publication		Draft BiOps available for BLM review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MOU D.2.g</b></li> </ul> Transmittal of BLM comments on Draft BiOp back to FWS and NMFS.
<b>Spring/Summer 2016</b>	Release Proposed RMP/Final EIS followed by 60-day Governor’s Consistency Review, other procedural NEPA deadlines and 30-day protest period		Completion of BiOps
<b>Summer 2016</b>	Release Records of Decision		