

Guidance on Special Situations

1. When Riparian Management Objectives (RMOs) cannot be achieved even under natural conditions, the RMOs should be modified following the guidance provided in PACFISH/INFISH that allows for modification of RMOs where the data and analysis support such modifications. The PIBO Monitoring Program may provide data to help with making RMO adjustments.
2. When there is confusion in the interpretation of specific Terms & Conditions (T&Cs) and/or other general statements in PACFISH/INFISH, units are encouraged to utilize the streamlined consultation process. This process is to seek clarification in interpretation through Level 1 or Level 2. Where agreement cannot be reached through either the Level 1 or Level 2, the elevation process should be followed. The Interagency Coordinating Subgroup (ICS) and/or Regional Technical Team (RTT) can be utilized to update, resolve and/or clarify any disputes over interpretation.
3. When the action agencies may be implementing actions and/or participating in processes that would result in long-term protection or restoration of watershed processes and functions, which meet the intent of PACFISH/INFISH, these processes can serve as surrogates for meeting specific T&Cs. In these situations the local units of the action agencies and the local units of the services should document when and where these types of surrogate situations are being utilized and that they were mutually agreed to through informal communication.
4. Keep in mind the role of the PIBO Implementation Monitoring and Effectiveness Monitoring as being over-arching terms and conditions that can help field units assess their efforts and support making necessary changes. Refer to February 25, 2009 Deputy Team letter: Decision to continue PACFISH, INFISH Effectiveness and Implementation Monitoring after Plan Revisions.