



Interagency Operational Plan

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SEC. 208. INTERAGENCY OPERATIONAL PLAN.

NOT LATER THAN 1 YEAR AFTER THE DATE OF ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT, AND EVERY 5 YEARS THEREAFTER, THE DIRECTOR, IN COOPERATION WITH THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, AND THE HEADS OF OTHER APPROPRIATE FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES (INCLUDING, AT A MINIMUM, THOSE AGENCIES REPRESENTED ON THE BOARD) SHALL DEVELOP AN INTERAGENCY OPERATIONAL PLAN THAT DESCRIBES—

- (1) THE FUNCTIONAL, OPERATIONAL, TECHNICAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND GENERAL STAFF, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND MATERIAL NEEDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS TITLE;
AND
- (2) ANY INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS BETWEEN OR AMONG FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO ADDRESS THOSE NEEDS.

Progress

- ▶ Writing team: FWS, NOAA, FS, EPA
 - ▶ Engaged with USGS and BLM to develop a starting point(draft) for a living document
 - ▶ Shared with Board and FHPs December 2021
 - ▶ Provided opportunity for feedback in January 2022 for this meeting

Progress



- ▶ Looking forward
 - ▶ Writing Team's email
 - ▶ Desire for more specifics and actionable items
 - ▶ Who should be involved and how should those other federal entities be invited in
 - ▶ Focus on bringing in other Federal partners who are engaged
 - ▶ Developed via Board, FHPs, and Committees
 - ▶ Not looking for a laundry list of partners

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 - ▶ Letter from Douglas Austen, Christy Plumer, Gary Whelan, and Christopher Estes (email on 1/31)
 - ▶ Observations and recommendations (2012 MOU)
 - ▶ Actionable specificity
 - ▶ IOP use for Program guidance
 - ▶ Federal agency national involvement
 - ▶ Federal coordination mechanism
 - ▶ Agency involvement in FHP
 - ▶ Technical and scientific assistance funds
 - ▶ NFHP as a vehicle to improve federal F & A habitat programs
 - ▶ Recent emails supporting more inclusion of Tribes