MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: DRAFT minutes for the 14 November 2022 meeting for Avian Lethal Take. The meeting was held via WebEx and call in.

In Attendance:

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1. **Draft EA Format:**

Schmidt – We just finalized the EA format that will be used in all Portland district going forward. The format is what we consider to be legally sufficient for Portland district. Please look to see if there are needed additions or areas that don’t apply that we can delete. There is a new table of content that follows the PD preferred method of doing EA. Areas highlighted in blue are areas that we have to consider for the environmental analysis, we need to make sure that other agencies have a legally sufficient document.

**Chapter 2** – Schmidt - Purpose and Need section will need to be reviewed. After initial review we will add the data.

**Chapter 3** – Schmidt - No action alternative, will need to be reviewed, likely some comments and additions. Alternative A – No action while adding in hazing of AWP, will be expanded upon. Alternative B - Looking for feedback on nonlethal and as well as lethal take. Adding in WP, falconry, and green laser, under this alternative. The three dams are broken down into separate areas.

Wells – You might want to consider a table format for the three separate dams. Tables do not count against word count. Could us one description of the action and a table of where they will be used.

**Chapter 4** - Schmidt – table 1, allows these classifications to apply to all of our resources. Does this method work for everyone and are all these classifications?

Wells- Issues not considered for comparative analysis is often used by use for areas on which we will have no effect. They might be able to go in section 4.1.3.

Schmidt – Would we use the word “issues”?

Wells – Issues is a CWQ term, it is likely still in NEPA, but each agency has certain protocols and attorneys.

Schmidt – What are the things that are considered could go under issues?

Wells – Thins we would want to consider are target and nontarget species, human health and safety impacts.

Schmidt – What are your requirements for environmental justice?

Wells – We have received an executive letter at the admin change but have not received additional directions on how to implement. Since we only work on request in limited areas we don’t have as many issues with infrastructure or affecting one community or another.

Schmidt – We did include climate change but won’t have a lot on it.

Wells – Climate change increasing the need for hazing. Climate change should not have cumulative impact on these species. Our impact on causing climate change should be pretty minimal. The analysis should be commensurate with the impact. For cultural impacts there are several headings that could be combined.

1. **Green Lasers:**

Schmidt – Do we still use the green lasers, and do we want an analysis of that still left in the EA?

Cordie – We do still use them, but it is very intermittent, and conditions must be just right. We do plan to continue there use.

Schmidt will work on including it

1. **Falconry**

Schmidt – Where are we going with it?

Cordie – We did a 30-day trial last year, which showed some positive result. We are trying for 60 days this year, spread out over a total of 90 days. As long as there appears to be a benefit we would like to continue with it. We are planning on dropping some of USDA hazing, last year was 5 days of boat and the rest shore hazing. This year will try to drop shore and add to boat so that it is 7 days a week.

Schmidt – Is falconry in place of shore.

Cordie – Yes.

Lang – We should talk on falconry specifically with interaction with other groups so we can avoid conflict. Keep us in the loop so that we can benefit one another.

Cordie – It is shared through FPOM.

Lang– This is a more on the ground issue than NEPA specific.

1. **BPA Towers:**

No Update

1. **Population Analysis**

Wells – What do we have for population analysis?

Schmidt – It is in draft from April and has been add to, working on including the most recent flyway data included into the background information on gulls and pelicans. We are getting to the analysis portion and moving into the new format.

1. **Action items:**

*Schmidt* – Working on revamping the outline and working it into the draft. Will now start adding the AWP and Recreation sections. Will send to Lang, Wells, McDowell, and Linnell. *STATUS: Initial draft has been sent.*

*Cordie, Grosvenor, Derugin* – Provide a write up and photos to describe the issues seen at each sections project. Not in detail yet. Sachs will email. *STATUS: Cordie and Derugin have sent maps.*

*Schmidt and Cordie* – Have another conversation with BPA and see if the towers should be added. *STATUS: Not done yet.*

Lang: Should he be involved in FPOM to share some of the program overviews? Sachs will ask Tammy. *STATUS: Mackey asked, and email sent to Lang.*