

EMERGENCY ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSULTATION OPTIONAL TEMPLATE

During emergency events, the primary objective of the responding agency must be to protect human life and property and this objective takes precedence over normal consultation requirements. The primary objective of the Service during emergency consultation is to provide recommendations for minimizing adverse effects to listed species and designated critical habitat areas that may be adversely affected by emergency response activities.

This optional template is intended to help streamline consultation when emergency spill response activities may adversely affect listed species or critical habitat.

Emergency Contact: The Service should be contacted as soon as possible by telephone or facsimile (see attached list of contacts).

Instructions for Completing the Template

Pages 1-3. The Federal On Scene Coordinator (FOSC) or other person designated by the FOSC for ESA consultation should completely fill out pages 1-3. All response actions including any pre-approved practices to avoid or minimize impacts to listed species and critical habitats should be indicated.

The Service will assist in determining the presence of protected resources in the response area. The Service will complete the impacts assessment considering the response actions and standard practices proposed and will indicate if the response will affect any listed species or critical habitat. The Service will then provide recommendations to avoid and minimize any potentially adverse effects and transmit the completed form to the FOSC within 48 hours of receipt.

Emergency response activities should not be delayed while awaiting a response from the Service. The responding agency will implement as many measures and conservation measures as feasible without delaying the response. The Service will be available for further coordination as requested.

Post Emergency

Once the emergency response actions are over, the FOSC or designee will notify the Service of the measures that were implemented, and any incidental take or adverse modification or destruction of critical habitat. If no adverse impacts occurred, ESA consultation is complete. If any adverse impacts resulted from the emergency response activities, formal consultation will be required with the Service.

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Date of Transmittal:

FROM:	Name: Email:	Phone: Fax:
To:		Phone:

Date of Incident:

Name of Incident:

Location of Incident:

Center Location (NAD 83)	Latitude:	Longitude:
Location Type	Check all that Apply	Name/Landmarks
Urban	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Terrestrial	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Port/Industrial/Canal	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Riverine	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Onshore Coastal	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Inshore/Estuarine	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Nearshore/Coastal	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Offshore/EEZ	<input type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Be as complete as possible. Include information on the type and amount of material spilled, initial impacts, and other relevant details.

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LIST ANY PRE-APPROVED RESPONSE METHODS TO BE USED

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for listing pre-approved response methods. The box is currently blank.