

NFWPCAS Peer Review Summary

About the document:

- **Title:** National Fish, Wildlife and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy
- **Subject and Purpose:** The National Fish, Wildlife and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy (Strategy) is a framework for unified action to safeguard fish, wildlife and plants, as well as the important benefits and services the natural world provides the nation every day, including jobs, food, clean water, clean air, storm protection, and recreation. The Strategy was developed through an extensive national dialogue that spanned nearly two years and was shaped by comments from more than 55,000 Americans. More than 90 technical, scientific, and management experts from a diversity of natural resource management agencies across the country participated in drafting the technical content of the Strategy. The development of the Strategy was co-led by Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, representing state fish and wildlife agencies.
- **Timing:** The final Strategy is scheduled to be released in 2012.

About the peer review process

- **Type of review:** individual letters
- **Number of reviewers:** Letters were received from four peer reviewers on 11/30/2011.
- **Selection method:** Reviewers were selected by a designated outside organization (Atkins North America)
- **Expertise:** A background in climate change impacts to natural systems, as well as specific expertise in forest, grassland/shrubland/desert or tundra, inland water, coastal, and marine ecosystems, with no conflicts of interest.
- **Dates of peer review:** Between 16 September 2011 and 30 November 2011 (not exceeding 28 days).

About public participation

- The public had several opportunities to comment and provide input on the Strategy. An initial public comment period from May-July, 2011 requested general information and recommendations. A second public comment period was opened from January-March of 2012 to solicit comments on the draft Strategy. During this time, seven public comment sessions were held around the country to provide additional opportunities for the public to participate in the development process.

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