

our policy understanding of the definitions of threatened and/ or endangered at the range-wide scale, and potential DPS scale (if appropriate) and at any SPR scale of the range or the DPS (if appropriate).

The Service anticipates that the policy framework and application of the DPS, SPR, foreseeable future, as well as other Endangered Species Act policies will be applied. The specific analytical tools will be run and a series of biological outcomes will result. The results of any expert elicitation workshops the Service conducts as well as internal decision analysis products developed will be brought together with the decision-making cadre to evaluate potential outcomes and risk analysis and to subsequently apply the definition of threatened or endangered in order to formulate a recommendation to the Director of the Service regarding the status of the species. Part of this decision-making process will incorporate the concepts of effectiveness of actions (regulatory and non-regulatory), the certainty of effectiveness of actions (both regulatory and non-regulatory), against the probability of long-term persistence. This will by the nature of the decision include and assessment of any short-term negative impacts that may continue to be ongoing and the future application of conservation actions and regulatory measure to secure the long-term persistence.