

From: [Williams, Larry O](#)
To: [Christian Spilker](#); [Castillo-Ruiz, Ana M](#)
Subject: Scheduling a call
Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 10:29:26 AM

Ana,
Christian and I have a greed to schedule a call soon. Could you please work with him to get it scheduled?

Thanks!

Larry

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From: [Williams, Larry O](#)
To: [Christian Spilker](#)
Subject: sharing draft BO
Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 1:18:29 PM

Hello Christian,

Last Friday (March 25) the courier came by, and we provided her the draft BO. I understand she was going to ship it to you. I trust you received it, and your team is now reviewing it. I look forward to discussing it together soon.

Larry

From: [Williams, Larry O](#)
To: [Christian Spilker](#)
Subject: draft FAQ's
Date: Friday, August 26, 2022 9:15:00 AM
Attachments: [EC-ITP Withdrawal-LW.docx](#)

Christian,

Attached are the draft FAQ's I mentioned. Please do not share these further because they are still going through approval processes.

Thank you,

Larry

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East Collier Property Owners'

Incidental Take Permit Application Withdrawal

Frequently Asked Questions

Q 1: Some special interest groups and individuals are publicly stating the property owners withdrew the application because the Service was about to issue a jeopardy biological opinion. Is that accurate?

A 1: This is incorrect; a jeopardy biological opinion was not forthcoming. The Service never issued a final decision for this permit application. That said, the ESA threshold to call jeopardy is significant.

The Service routinely conducts a jeopardy analysis as part of its project review and consultation processes. Biologists assess whether the proposed project would threaten the continued existence of the listed species, in this case, the Florida panther, among others, and suggest minimization measure(s) to prevent a jeopardy opinion. In most cases, but not all, incorporating project impact minimization measures via an approved Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) avoids reaching the jeopardy threshold. Applying for an incidental take permit requires the applicant to submit an HCP outlining measures incorporated into the project planning to minimize impacts on federally listed species.

Q 2: The applicants' Eastern Collier County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) was under development since approximately 2010. Why was it taking so long?

A 2: The project involved multiple listed species, making impact assessments time-consuming. Additionally, the applicants modified the project design over time, changing the project scope and possible impacts on federally listed species and habitats. Such changes trigger the requirement for the Service to reconsider its previous assessments in light of the new project scope.

Q3: Will the Service pursue a new or updated Incidental Take Permit application with the landowners?

A3: No. It is up to the project proponents or property owners to decide whether to pursue future permits, project-by-project or comprehensively.

From: [Williams, Larry O](#)
To: [Christian Spilker](#); [Shindle, David B](#)
Subject: webpage about East Collier HCP withdrawal
Date: Friday, September 2, 2022 7:45:38 AM

Christian, David,

Here is a webpage we created on the withdrawal. Feel free to share this with others. Originally we were thinking of preparing some FAQ's, but instead we prepared the narrative and chronology you see on the page.

Best regards,

Larry

<https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/east-collier-multi-species-itphcp-withdrawal>



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The Endangered Species Act (ESA) section 10 ITP process is triggered by an applicant submitting an application to the Service for a permit. Upon submission of a complete application, it is the Service's role to determine whether the criteria for permit issuance have been met.

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From: [Williams, Larry O](#)
To: [Carey, Robert L](#)
Subject: Christian's contact information
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