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From: "Crane, Drew" <drew_crane@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 18 2013 07:10:40 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: jennifer.schultz@noaa.gov
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Subject: Re: USFWS comments on 316B Rule

Hi Drew,

Thanks for your comments. I will compile all and send to EPA tomorrow. There is a lot to talk about at the meeting (BE, extension, etc.), but our main goal is to keep things amicable and moving forward. Given our previous, positive interactions with them on this consultation, it will not be difficult. We (EPA and the Services) have been working very well together at the staff level. EPA has been friendly, responsive, and interested to learn more about the section 7 process. When we mentioned the possibility of an extension in the past, they did not seem opposed to it. Plus, they have been very willing to incorporate our suggestions into their action. So, I think we should just continue on in the same vein tomorrow.

See you then,

Jenny

Call-in Number: **Non-Responsive**

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On Mon, Mar 18, 2013 at 9:10 AM, Crane, Drew <drew_crane@fws.gov> wrote:

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