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To: Cooper, Douglass; POA Special Projects
Cc: James Fueg; Tim Havey; Burns, Melissa L; Crane, Drew; Colligan, Mary A; Yeargan, Catherine; Cogswell, Stewart
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: Section 7 ESA consultation with USFWS (UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO)
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Doug,
PLP has suggested the week of May 13 to begin the process. Katie will be leading the Section 7 mediation, with the understanding that PLP has been designated the non-federal designee for the consultation. Both Katie and I will attend if possible, especially for the early discussions.

Shane

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From: Douglass Cooper [mailto:douglass_cooper@fws.gov]
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Hi Shane,

Thanks for contacting us. I know you have been extremely busy with the public meetings. We do want to start discussions regarding ESA section 7 coordination, to allow us all plenty of time to meet our joint responsibilities. Based on the draft biological assessment contained in the DEIS, we have some initial concerns that we would like to discuss. I think your suggestion of scheduling a meeting in the near future is a good approach. Unfortunately, Catherine Yeargan and I are both unavailable through next week. Perhaps we could schedule something in early or mid-May?
I think we can find time during the weeks of May 6, May 13, or May 20. I would imagine we should start with a meeting planned for 1 to 2 hours. We are happy to host the meeting either at our Field Office or at our Regional Office. I think U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service representatives would be me, Catherine Yeargan, and one or two people from our Regional Office. I am not sure if you or Katie will be the lead for the s7 consultation, but it would be great if you could both attend. We are happy to include folks from PLP and their consultant(s), keeping in mind that the section 7 process is between the two Federal agencies. Please let us know a range of dates and times that would work for you. I know you cannot use Doodle or other online scheduling tools, so we might need to trade some dates back and forth before settling on a meeting time.

Thanks,
Doug

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Doug,
Thanks for reaching out and sorry I have not coordinated with USFWS and PLP to begin the discussion as to what the Service needs and to begin the consultation for the larger project. When might you or staff be available to start the process? Does your office have availability in the next week or two and if so, when is best?

Shane

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Hi Shane and Katie,

I'm sure you are busy preparing for the final public meeting. Just wanted to add a note on the section 7 for Pebble - we suggest that we have an in person discussion prior to you submitting your determination to the Service.
We have some concerns about the draft biological assessment contained in the DEIS. It suggests that you may be leaning towards a determination of may affect, but not likely to adversely affect. Our current recommendation would be for you to request formal consultation. Hence, our suggestion that we talk through the determination process and rationale prior to formally submitting a determination.

Thanks,
Doug

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