

E6 - Issue Action Group

Threatened, Endangered & Sensitive Species

Warrior and Coosa Projects Combined

EcoRAT & WCRT September 2001 - Update

E6 IAG Work items available on the APC Hydro Relicensing Website:

<http://www.southerncompany.com/alpower/hydro/>

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Issue Statement

WE6 & CE6 Threatened & Endangered Species (T&E) – Effect of project operations on Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive species (aquatic and terrestrial) inhabiting the project study area.

IAG Tasks and Responsibilities

The immediate task and responsibility of the E6 - IAG is to develop a list and status of Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive species within the Coosa and Warrior Basins. This list will be used in subsequent relicensing studies for the Coosa – Warrior Cooperative Relicensing Process.

Work Scope & Product

- **Task 1** Produce a list of Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive species for the Coosa and Warrior Basins; subdivided by county and subdivide into project area of effect.
- **Task 2** Provide the status of each species – Federal, and State status, Global rank.
- **Task 3** Determine if there are existing recovery plans for identified species.
- **Task 4** Identify other sources of information as needed.
- **Task 5** Provide information and recommendations to the EcoRAT and WCRT.

Schedule

The E6 – IAG will meet periodically between August and October 2001 (6 meetings anticipated). The following is a “projected” schedule of work that may change with the Group’s approval.

Meeting 1	Kick-off meeting – Discuss Work plan - August 7, 2001
Meeting 2	Discuss results of Task 1 & 2 – September 4, 2001
Meeting 3	Give progress report at September 11&12, 2001 EcoRAT & WCRT meetings
Meeting 4	Discuss results of Task 3 – end of September 2001
Meeting 5	Discuss Task 4 – Mid October 2001
Meeting 6	Finalize recommendations for EcoRAT and WCRT – end of October 2001

Proposed Methodology

The following information outlines the proposed methodology to address the E6 Issue (Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive Species) for the Coosa and Warrior Basins.

This review is designed to:

- Produce a generic list of Sensitive, Threatened, and Endangered species for the Coosa and Warrior Basins.
- Provide the status of each species – Federal status, State status, and Global rank.
- Provide location information for each species – County (and local information if available)
- Identify areas that key species are specifically impacted by the project.

This information will be displayed on a series of Excel spreadsheets that we will use as a database for the Issue.

Spreadsheet #1 will include:

Common Name	Latin Name	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	Present in State	Present in Basin

This information is based on information provided by agencies and/or stakeholders.

- USFWS
- Natural Conservancy / Alabama Heritage Trust Database
- USACOE
- Alabama State Lands Division
- Imperiled Species of the SE

Spreadsheet # 2 will include:

Common Name	Latin Name	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	Counties that species occurs in

This information is based on information gathered for SS#1 with additional information provided by agencies and/or stakeholders on the IAG.

- Natural Conservancy / Alabama Heritage Trust Database
- Alabama Power surveys

Spreadsheet # 3 will include:

Common Name	Latin Name	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	Specific Areas of Project Impact

This information is based on information gathered for SS#1 and #2 with additional information provided by agencies and/or stakeholders on the IAG.

- Identify specific areas of project impact to specific species

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