

**Coosa & Warrior Hydropower Relicense
Section 7 Meeting – October 14, 2004 – via conference call**

Revision 10-19-04

Attendees

Jeff Powell	USFWS	Patric Harper	USFWS
Shane Boring	Kleinschmidt	Rob Fowler	Balch & Bingham

Action Items

Due Date

- Draft the introductory sections for Warrior BA and distribute to the group for review
Shane Boring
November 14, 2004
- Complete draft Coosa BA and distribute to APC for internal review
Shane Boring
November 7, 2004
- Draft meeting notes from 10-14-04 and distribute to attendees for comment
Shane Boring
October 20, 2004
- Continue filling in Species Tracking Table and work on BA
Shane Boring and Jeff Powell
October 28, 2004 – provide update
- Check with APC to determine if Smith Project Boundary extends into Lawrence County
Shane Boring
October 28, 2004
- Double-check USFWS records regarding occurrence of Indiana bat in Winston County
Patric Harper
October 28, 2004
- Contact Malcolm for any updates on the flattened musk turtle studies
Shane Boring
October 28, 2004
- Provide comments and finalize 09-30-04 Section 7 meeting notes
All Attendees, Shane Boring
October 22, 2004
- Continue developing the list of potential impacts to T&E Species
All Attendees
October 28, 2004 – provide update
- Provide update to Warrior Species Tracking Table
Patric Harper and Jeff Powell
October 28, 2004 – provide update
- Continue to investigate USFWS coordination with USFS and NOAA Fisheries
Jeff Powell, Patric Harper, or Larry Goldman
ASAP

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Meeting Notes

These notes summarize the major items discussed during the meeting and are not intended to be a transcript or analysis of the meeting.

Shane opened the meeting with an update of the status of meeting notes to date. The September 2, 2004 notes are final and have been distributed to the group. Shane reminded the group that the September 30, 2004 notes had been distributed to the group with comments due by October 21.

Review of Action Items from last meeting:

- Complete draft Warrior BA and distribute to APC for internal review
This task is complete and the document is currently in review at APC.

- Draft meeting notes from 9-30-04 and distribute to attendees for comment
This task is complete.

- Continue filling in Species Tracking Table and work on BA
Jeff, Shane and Patric are continuing to work on this task. See update included in these notes.

- Provide comments and finalize 09-02-04 Section 7 meeting notes
Notes were finalized and distributed to the group on September 30, 2004 – task complete.

- Continue developing the list of potential impact to T&E Species
Jeff, Shane and Patric are continuing to work on this task.

- Provide update to Warrior Species Tracking Table
Patric Harper is continuing to work on this task with assistance from Shane.

- Continue to investigate USFWS coordination with USFS and NOAA Fisheries
Jeff Powell, Patric Harper, or Larry Goldman are working on this coordination.

Development of the Biological Assessment (BA)

Shane provided an update of the progress on the development of the BA. He indicated that the Warrior BA has been drafted and distributed internally at APC for review. The draft BA will be distributed to the larger group as soon as this review is complete (see action items above). It was also noted that the initial draft of the Coosa BA is approximately 80% complete and will be distributed to the group in a similar manner for review. Shane added that a draft of the Coosa BA will be available for internal review by November 7, 2004.

Species Tracking Tables

The group briefly discussed the status of the flattened musk turtle studies being conducted on Smith Lake and Bankhead National Forest. Shane indicated that he had reviewed both the 2002

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And 2003 progress report and noted that, while the reports were very insightful, neither provided any statistical analysis of the data or conclusions. Shane asked whether any group members were aware of the issuance of a final report or thesis. Jeff Powell indicated that he had received and reviewed both the 2002 and 2003 reports, but that he had not seen any additional updates. Shane agreed to talk with Malcolm Pierson to see if he has any additional information regarding the status of this study.

The group also discussed the status of Indiana bat in the vicinity of the Lewis Smith Development. Specifically, Shane noted that the USFWS's County listings indicate that Indiana bat is known only from Lawrence County in the basin, while the final species list provided by USFWS listed the species as occurring in Lawrence and Winston Counties (See letter from USFWS dated April 14, 2004). Shane added that this is of particular significance for analyzing this species in the BA. If Indiana bat is known from Winston County, then it has the potential to occur within the Project Boundary. If it occurs only in Lawrence, it is well removed from the Project Boundary and thus would likely not be affected by the relicensing. Patric Harper indicated that he was under the impression that the Smith Project Boundary extends into Lawrence County. Shane agreed to discuss with APC the extent of the Smith Project Boundary and report back to the group. Patric stated that he would double-check their occurrence records for Indiana bat to ensure that Winston County had not been listed in error.

Future Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be on October 28, 2004 @ 10:00 AM Central via conference call. We will use Jim Crew's conference line – 1-888-654-2663 Passcode #2225276