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Re: Question regarding a project in the NEPA Database

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Roberson, Patricia <patricia_roberson@fws.gov>

Mon, Apr 1, 2019 at 10:51 AM

To: "McChesney, Gerry" <gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov>

Cc: "Pelz, Mark" <mark_pelz@fws.gov>, Anne Morkill <anne_morkill@fws.gov>, Barbara Goodyear <barbara.goodyear@sol.doi.gov>, Chris Barr <chris_barr@fws.gov>, Stacy Armitage <stacy_armitage@fws.gov>

Hi - this is the updated Waiver Request. It is with Stacy now.

Patricia

On Mon, Apr 1, 2019 at 9:33 AM McChesney, Gerry <gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov> wrote:

Do you want me to update the request or will someone in the RO take care of it?

Gerry McChesney

On Mon, Apr 1, 2019 at 9:30 AM McChesney, Gerry <gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov> wrote:

April 26 would be 75 days from July 10. I would put April 26.

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On Mon, Apr 1, 2019 at 9:22 AM Pelz, Mark <mark_pelz@fws.gov> wrote:

I just talked to Stacy and she said we should change the date we need a decision (paragraph 7) to the latest date we can be reasonably assured of getting on the agenda for the July meeting in San Luis Obispo. I assume it would be ~May 3rd but we should probably double check with Larry Simon. The April 5 date is too tight a timeline to get a decision on a waiver.

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On Mon, Apr 1, 2019 at 7:50 AM McChesney, Gerry <gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov> wrote:

April 5 may be the last date we could be reasonably assured of getting on the June meeting schedule. That's why I suggested it.

Let me know if there's anything else you want me to do the the waiver request.

Gerry McChesney

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On Fri, Mar 29, 2019 at 2:44 PM Pelz, Mark <mark_pelz@fws.gov> wrote:

Sorry, I just noticed your comment. I suggest we say April 5 at the earliest. That said, we should get the CD to the coastal commision asap (next week).

On Fri, Mar 29, 2019 at 2:35 PM Pelz, Mark <mark_pelz@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Gerry,

Your edits sounds good, but we still need the update the date we are requesting approval of the waiver by (it still says April 1).

Thanks,

Mark

On Fri, Mar 29, 2019 at 1:34 PM McChesney, Gerry <gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Mark. I made a few more edits to pare it down even further, mostly deleting some redundant language.

Attached are both track changes and clean copies.

Let me know what else I can do.
Thanks for everyone's assistance.

Gerry McChesney

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On Fri, Mar 29, 2019 at 10:01 AM Pelz, Mark <mark_pelz@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Gerry,

Attached are my comments and suggested edits on the waiver request. I'm suggesting that we reduce the level of detail in the narrative and be more direct in our request. Let me know if you have any questions.

Mark

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On Thu, Mar 28, 2019 at 2:37 PM Pelz, Mark <mark_pelz@fws.gov> wrote:

It seems like this date should be the last day where we can be reasonably assured of getting on the agenda for the July meeting. In the meantime (and if possible), we should get on the agenda for the June meeting in San Diego. Then, if the waiver is granted, we can ask to postpone to the July meeting.

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On Thu, Mar 28, 2019 at 2:17 PM Roberson, Patricia <patricia_roberson@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Gerry - just checking the dates - to go to the July meeting we would need the waiver approved by April 1st? I'm not sure that is possible since the request has to come from the RD and go through HQ to the Deputy Secretary.

Patricia

On Thu, Mar 28, 2019 at 10:10 AM McChesney, Gerry <gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov> wrote:

Attached is a revised waiver request, in track changes from Anne's last version and including both Rachel's and Anne's suggestions for revisions. Let me know if there is anything else you would like me to do.

Gerry McChesney

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On Tue, Mar 26, 2019 at 1:19 PM Stacy Armitage <stacy_armitage@fws.gov> wrote:

Ok. So please rework the package to include all the details outlined below and we can move it forward ASAP.

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On Mar 26, 2019, at 12:50 PM, Roberson, Patricia <patricia_roberson@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi - for the Farallones ROD, we will need to submit a waiver request.

Patricia

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From: **London, Rachel** <rachel_london@fws.gov>

Date: Tue, Mar 26, 2019 at 12:47 PM

Subject: Re: Question regarding a project in the NEPA Database

To: Roberson, Patricia <patricia_roberson@fws.gov>

Hi Patricia,

Sorry for taking a while to get back to you - I wanted to get feedback from our deputy AD. We all are in agreement that you should submit a waiver for the delay. In your waiver request, it'll help if you provide details emphasizing the external cause of the delay and any attempts to work with external parties to meet the existing timeline. For example, did you all discuss moving the meeting up, or is that even possible? You might also including some of the timeline of events where it would be helpful - e.g., when did the Coast Commission make this request?

If you need any assistance with the waiver request, please let me know! Thanks Patricia.

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On Fri, Mar 22, 2019 at 12:32 PM Roberson, Patricia <patricia_roberson@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Rachel,

I have a question related to a project in the NEPA Database - the South Farallon Islands Invasive House Mouse Eradication Project. We filed the Final EIS with EPA last week but we need to complete the Coastal Zone Management Act federal consistency determination review process before we can sign a ROD. We will have to present the project at one of the Coastal Commission's monthly meetings. The Coastal Commission recommends that we present the project at their July meeting which is located closer to the Bay Area which makes it easier for the interested public to attend. We'd like to do this but that would put the signature of the ROD about a month later than the current schedule. Is this something that we would need to submit a formal waiver for or could we indicate in the NEPA Database under the Notes section in Project Status that the ROD will be delayed about a month to complete the coastal consistency review?

Thanks,

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