Houser, Paul R

From: Devon Ryan <DRyan@fishwildlife.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 3:41 PM
To: Houser, Paul R
Subject: RE: NFWPCAS Agency Review Draft

Hi Paul,

David Hayes is the name I received as well. I think it would be best if you initiated agency review for your agency while CCing David Hayes on your communications regarding this matter. This keeps him in the loop and if there is further coordination that needs to happen it can. But this way the review will get underway. Does that make sense?

His email is: david_hayes@ios.doi.gov

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: NFWPCAS Agency Review Draft

Devon –

Thanks for the follow-up.

As far as I know, the Department of the Interior task force member is David Hayes. I have a meeting with the Department's Climate Change Working Group next week, but the clock is ticking….

Best Regards, Paul

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Subject: RE: NFWPCAS Agency Review Draft

Hi Paul,

So I was told by CEQ that the draft should be out shortly and that you are to work with your climate change adaptation task force member from your agency on coordinating agency review. I am trying to find out who that person is and will get you their info as soon as possible. They should be contacting you though as soon as they receive the materials from CEQ

Here is Susan's info:

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She is coordinating things from the CEQ side and may be able to answer more questions. I will get you that name as soon as I can.

Thanks,

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From: Houser, Paul R [mailto:PHouser@usbr.gov]
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To: Devon Ryan
Subject: RE: NFWPCAS Agency Review Draft

Devon –

The request for review and comments of the draft strategy is not entirely clear, as it is addressed to state agencies. Just to clarify, would you like me, as the Bureau of Reclamation steering committee member, to coordinate our agency review at this time for delivery on Nov 30? Based on last week's correspondence, I thought we would get the request from CEQ, but it has not arrived.

Best Regards, Paul

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From: Devon Ryan [mailto:DRyan@fishwildlife.org]
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To: Devon Ryan
Subject: NFWPCAS Agency Review Draft

November 1, 2011

State Fish and Wildlife Agencies

Request for review and comments of the draft Strategy

Dear State Colleagues:

As Co-chairs of the Steering Committee of the **National Fish, Wildlife and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy** (Strategy), we write to provide you with an agency review draft and to request your assistance in expediting review and comment on the draft Strategy by your agency.

The draft Strategy was developed by a team of more than 100 US federal, state and tribal scientists and managers, and seeks to provide a nation-wide, unified approach—reflecting shared principles and science-based practices—to safeguard the nation's biodiversity, ecosystem functions and sustainable human uses of fish, wildlife and plants in a changing climate. Background about the Strategy is available at www.wildlifeadaptationstrategy.gov, and you can download a copy of the agency review draft from http://www.wildlifeadaptationstrategy.gov/pdf/agency_review_draft.pdf. Please do not circulate this draft outside of your agency.

We request that you provide us with a single set of consolidated comments from your agency no later than **November 30, 2011**. For those states represented on the Strategy Steering Committee (see list below), the Steering Committee representative is available to help coordinate the agency review process.

Our current schedule calls for release of a public review draft of the Strategy in January 2012. Agency comments received after November 30, 2011, may not be addressed before we release the public review draft, but they will be considered before the final Strategy is released in late spring of 2012.

As you and your colleagues review the draft Strategy, please keep the following points in mind:

- We have retained a professional editor/science writer to develop an executive summary of the Strategy before it is released for public review. We have also retained a designer to develop the final lay-out of the Strategy.

- At this point, we are seeking **review and comment, not formal agency clearance**. Your review and comments do not indicate approval, nor do they commit your agency to any action.

- **Substantive comments** about content will be most useful, especially comments that identify errors of fact, omissions or misinterpretations. Substantive comments that also provide **suggested alternative wording and/or references** if necessary will also be useful.

- Please highlight any of your agency comments that **identify fatal flaws** that you think must be addressed before the Strategy is released for public review.

- Please feel free to ask any number of staff to review and comment on the draft Strategy, but we do ask that you provide only **one consolidated set of comments** from your agency.

- As appropriate, we ask that you encourage staff of your agency with expertise in areas other than fish, wildlife and plants (such as transportation, energy, agriculture, urbanization, infrastructure, and water resources) to review and provide comments, especially on Chapter 4.

To make best use of your guidance, we need to receive your comments by November 30, 2011. Please email your comments to Devon Ryan at dryan@fishwildlife.org.

Thank you for your assistance.

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