

Floodplain Management and Puget Sound Recovery:

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Update on National Flood Insurance Program BiOp Implementation
Presentation to the Ecosystem Coordination Board

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Today's discussion

- Recap and current status of BiOp implementation
- March 1-2 BiOp Workshop highlights
- New proposals for implementation support
- Discussion: Role of ECB in supporting implementation

Recap and Current Status

- Relates to Action Agenda Action [A. 2.2.5]: Work with FEMA to prevent further development in floodplains
- Briefed ECB on November 4 and received feedback on work plan
- Leadership Council resolution November 19: compliance, support to communities, and think bigger
- Compliance deadline for all communities remains September 22, 2011
- Model Ordinance not yet final or available for adoption
- Mount Vernon is the only community to have completed the compliance process (via Path #2)

March 1-2 BiOp Workshop Highlights

- If compliance is not achieved by September 22, the default is “Door 3”: project-by-project review
- Technical support is available now – FEMA, NMFS, Ecology, jurisdictions, tribes
- Most communities are not prepared to complete compliance packages for submittal within the next two months
- Communities need (additional) technical support and assistance with outreach to citizens and elected officials
- Need clarity on how local land use regulatory processes can align with the requirements of the BiOp

Implementation Support Proposals

1. NMFS/FEMA: Technical workshops
2. Commerce/NFWF: Augmented technical support
3. NMFS/PSP/Russell Foundation: Outreach and educational support

ECB Role Alternatives Going Forward

1. ECB member agencies monitor and engage individually
2. Include this as an update item at future ECB meetings and gather input from the ECB as appropriate
3. Form a subgroup to engage directly and support community compliance efforts
 - Advocate for support to communities
 - Troubleshoot issues
 - Reach out to communities (electeds and agencies) to support decision-making

Questions for the ECB

1. (How) Does the ECB want to engage in support of BiOp implementation?

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