

CALENDAR OF REMAINING ACTIVITIES FOR ITP ISSUANCE

(Based on Current FWS Template and a 60-Day Comment Period Beginning July 14, 2017)

July 2017

- July 18, 2017: Notice of Availability of Documents published by FWS
- 60-day public comment period begins

August 2017

- Public comment period continues
- Public meeting on DEIS and DHCP held (BSEACD/FWS-AUS)
- Preparation of Biological Opinion begins (FWS-AUS)

September 2017

- September 18, 2017: Public comment period concludes
- Preparation of Biological Opinion continues (FWS-AUS)
- Response to public comments on DHCP/DEIS begins (BSEACD/FWS)

October 2017

- Completion and internal review of Biological Opinion begins (FWS-AUS)
- Response to public comments on DHCP/DEIS continues (BSEACD/FWS)
- Preparation of Findings document begins (FWS-AUS)

November 2017

- Internal review of Biological Opinion concludes (FWS-AUS)
- Response to public comments on DEIS concludes (FWS-AUS)
- Response to public comments on DHCP concludes (BSEACD/FWS-AUS)
- Begin preparing Admin Draft of FEIS (NEPA consultant)
- Begin modifying HCP and preparing Admin Draft of FHCP, as needed (BSEACD)
- Preparation of Findings document continues (FWS-AUS)

December 2017

- Finalize Biological Opinion ((FWS-AUS)
- Continue preparing Admin Draft of FEIS (NEPA Consultant)

- Complete preparation of Admin Draft of FHCP, as needed (BSEACD)
- Transmit response to public comments on DHCP/DEIS to RO (FWS-AUS)
- Complete preparation of Findings document (FWS-AUS)

January 2018

- Complete preparation of Admin Draft of FEIS (NEPA Consultant)
- Begin review of Admin Draft-FEIS (FWS-AUS)
- Begin review of Admin Draft-FHCP (FWS-AUS)
- Respond to public comments (FWS-RO/Solicitor)
- Begin review of Findings document (FWS-RO/Solicitor)

February 2018

- Complete review and comment on Admin Draft-FEIS (FWS-AUS)
- Complete review of Admin Draft-FHCP (FWS-AUS)
- Complete response to public comments (FWS-RO/Solicitor)
- Complete review of Findings document (FWS-RO/Solicitor)

March 2018

- Review and comment on Admin Draft-FEIS (FWS-RO/Solicitor)
- Prepare FHCP for public distribution (BSEACD)
- Begin preparing Record of Decision (ROD) (FWS-AUS)

April 2018

- Prepare FEIS for public distribution (NEPA Consultant)
- Prepare Notice of Availability of FEIS (FWS-AUS)
- Review FHCP (FWS-AUS)
- Review Record of Decision (FWS-AUS)

May 2018

- Clear NOA of FEIS for publication (FWS-RO/Solicitor)
- Review FHCP (FWS-RO/Solicitor)

June 2018

- Publish FEIS NOA (FWS-RO/Solicitor)
- Distribute FHCP to public (FWS-RO/Solicitor)

July 2018

- 30-day “cooling off periods” after publication of FHCP and FEIS

August 2018

- Respond to public comments on FHCP after cooling-off period, as needed (BSEACD)
- Prepare finalized Findings document (FWS-AUS)

September 2018

- Respond to public comments on FEIS and FHCP after cooling-off period, as needed (FWS-AUS)
- Review finalized Findings document (FWS-RO/Solicitor)
- Review ROD package (FWS-AUS)
- Begin preparation of Final Decision package (FWS-AUS)

October 2018

- Finalize Findings document (FWS-RO/Solicitor)
- Review and finalize ROD (FWS-RO/Solicitor)
- Complete preparation of Final Decision package (FWS-AUS)

November 2018

- Complete signing of Decision package, including ITP (FWS-RO/Solicitor)
- Sign Biological Opinion (FWS-AUS)