

APPENDIX B:

ROLE OF WSDOT HIGHWAYS AND LOCAL PROGRAMS OF PART 3 APPLICATIONS



To assist the National Marine Fisheries Service and United States Fish and Wildlife Service (the Services) and local agencies with review of agencies' Part 3 Application, Regional Forum members have requested assistance from WSDOT's Highways and Local Programs (H&LP). H&LP or the Regional Forum will review Part 3 Applications to determine whether or not all of the ten program elements are included. This screening of the Part 3 Application helps to ensure that local agencies present complete packages to the Services. The Services issue final approval of an individual Part 3 Application.

Regional Program review activities are outlined by program element on the following pages:

PROGRAM ELEMENT 1: REGIONAL FORUM



The Regional Forum provides a regional meeting for ESA Program discussion, coordination and adaptive management. Participation in the Regional Program is required to ensure that information from individual agencies can be folded into the adaptive management process for the program.

H&LP Role:

- Review each agency's Part 3 Application proposal to determine participation in the Regional Forum.
- Review each agency's Part 3 Application after changes to the Regional Program occur through adaptive management to ensure the application meets the revised elements of the program.

PROGRAM ELEMENT 2: PROGRAM REVIEW AND APPROVAL



The approval process requires that each agency participating in the Regional Program comply with the ten program elements.

H&LP Role:

- Review each agency's Part 3 Application to determine the ten program elements are included.
- Review each agency's Part 3 Application after changes to the Regional Program occur through adaptive management to ensure application meets the revised elements of the program.
- Make an affirmative statement to the Services regarding each agency's Part 3 Application compliance.



- Return application to agency with letter of deficiencies.
- Provide dispute resolution process.

PROGRAM ELEMENT 3: TRAINING



The training program includes the topics of basic ESA, design, biological review, permit activities, maintenance BMPs, for work activities.

H&LP Role:

- H&LP will review each agency's Part 3 Application for consistency with the training elements of the Regional Program.
- Review each agency's Part 3 Application after changes to the Regional Program occur through adaptive management to ensure it meets the revised elements of the program.
- H&LP will review each agency's Part 3 Application when changes have been made for consistency with the Regional Program.

PROGRAM ELEMENT 4: COMPLIANCE MONITORING



Compliance monitoring will be established through the training program, permit process, and by local agencies evaluating BMPs for use and implementation.

H&LP Role:

- Review each agency's Part 3 Application for consistency with the Regional Program.
- Review each agency's Part 3 Application after changes to the Regional Program occur through adaptive management to ensure it meets the revised elements of the program.
- Review changes to each agency's Part 3 Application for consistency with the Regional Program.

PROGRAM ELEMENT 5: SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH



This element includes case studies in the field and literature research of studies done by others. The research will serve to verify effectiveness of BMPs, and update BMPs based on latest technologies.



H&LP Role:

- H&LP will review each agency's Part 3 Application for consistency with the scientific research element of the Regional Program.
- Review each agency's Part 3 Application to determine that participation in research and case studies is included.
- Review each agency's Part 3 Application after changes to the Regional Program occur through adaptive management to ensure it meets the revised elements of the program.

PROGRAM ELEMENT 6: ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT



The adaptive management philosophy will apply to all elements of the Regional Road Maintenance ESA Program. The training, research, biological data collection, and program monitoring in particular will provide a framework of information for Program Element 6, Adaptive Management.

H&LP Role:

- Review each agency's Part 3 Application for consistency with the Regional Program
- Review changes to each agency's Part 3 Application for consistency with the Regional Program.
- Review each agency's Part 3 Application after changes to the Regional Program occur through adaptive management to ensure it meets the revised elements of the program.

PROGRAM ELEMENT 7: EMERGENCY RESPONSE



This element provides a framework under which road maintenance organizations may operate during emergencies.

H&LP Role:

- Review each agency's Part 3 Application for compliance with the Regional Program.
- Review each agency's Part 3 Application after changes to the Regional Program occur through adaptive management to ensure it meets the revised elements of the program.



PROGRAM ELEMENT 8: BIOLOGICAL DATA COLLECTION



Biological data collection will provide aquatic habitat location information within the right-of-way. Under this program element, agencies will be developing processes to train and alert staff where the *Guidelines* need to be applied.

H&LP Role:

- Review each agency's Part 3 Application for compliance with the Regional Program.
- Review each agency's Part 3 Application after changes to the Regional Program occur through adaptive management to ensure application meets the revised elements of the program.

PROGRAM ELEMENT 9: BIENNIAL REPORTS



Reports will include a review of the ten program elements, update on research, recommended BMP changes, and recommended updates on each program element.

H&LP Role:

- Review each agency's Part 3 application for compliance with the Regional Program.
- Review any changes to agencies' Part 3 Applications for consistency with the Regional Program.
- Review each agency's Part 3 Application after changes to the Regional Program occur through adaptive management to ensure it meets the revised elements of the program.

PROGRAM ELEMENT 10: BMPs AND CONSERVATION OUTCOMES:



The Regional Program BMPs were developed for road maintenance activities.

H&LP Role:

- Review each agency's Part 3 Application for consistency with Regional Program.
- Review each agency's Part 3 Application after changes to the Regional Program occur through adaptive management to ensure it meets the revised elements of the program.
- Review updates or changes to each agency's Part 3 Application for consistency with the Regional Program.