

## **Input to MAP Team Status and Questions for MAP Team Meeting Panel Discussion by NEPA/SEPA Agencies**

### **1. *Revised Schedule – GPT Technical Reports***

Technical reports will be finalized and distributed to the MAP team prior to commencement of scoping.

### **2. *Incorporation of comments provided by MAP TEAM members***

MAP Team members have provided comments on the initial documents submitted by the PIT. These comments have been reviewed and have provided to further PIT efforts as follows:

**Project Information Document (PID)** – Comments on the project description portion of the PID have been considered and may be reflected as revisions to the PID. If the PID project description is amended it will be submitted as part of the supplemental submittal to Whatcom County in response to the County's request for additional information for the Major Project Permit application.

Comments on those portions of the PID describing site resources and potential project impacts have been considered and have been incorporated where appropriate into the field investigations study plans that were subsequently reviewed by appropriate MAP Team members prior to implementation of field programs. Specifically the marine habitat survey and the sediment survey field protocols were reviewed by agency staff who provided valuable input. Other comments related to technical study reports that have not yet been issued have been considered and will be reflected in the final version of those reports.

**Conceptual Wetlands Mitigation Plan** – PIT has continued development of the Conceptual Wetlands Mitigation Plan including considering agency comments on the initial draft of the plan. The plan submitted with the JARPA application was subsequently reviewed by several MAP team members who also participated in a special meeting that focused on the contents of the initial plan. Input provided by the MAP Team members has been considered during further development of the plan. A revised plan will be submitted to Whatcom County as part of the supplemental information for the Major Project Permit application.

### **3. *Draft Questions for Agency Panel on NEPA/SEPA process.***

#### ***Management of DEIS/FEIS Preparation***

1. What responsibilities and decision-making authority will be assigned to the Corp, County and Ecology EIS leads?
2. Who will direct the day to today activities of the 3rd Party consultant?
3. How will the 3rd Party contractor budget be managed?
4. What is the anticipated duration schedule for producing the DEIS?; the FEIS?
5. How will schedule progress on preparation of the DEIS and FEIS by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Party contractor be maintained?

6. How will schedule progress on reviews by participating agencies of preliminary drafts of the DEIS and FEIS be maintained?
7. Will the 3rd Party consultant initiate technical studies prior to completion of the scoping?
8. How will the three co-lead agencies use internal resources (technical/logistic)?

### ***Co-Lead Agency Coordination***

1. How will disagreements over scope, technical approach, results and mitigation requirements between the three co-lead agencies be resolved?
2. Who will have final editorial decision-making?
3. How will co-lead agency legal review of the DEIS and FEIS be conducted?

### ***Contractual Relationships***

1. What will be the contracting relationship between the 3rd Party consultant and the co-lead agencies?
2. What will be the contracting relationship between the applicant, the co-lead agencies and the 3rd Party consultant?
3. How will the applicant review and approve expenditures for DEIS/FEIS preparation by the 3rd Party consultant and co-lead agency personnel?

### ***Scoping***

1. How will the scope of the DEIS be determined?
2. How will the scoping process be conducted?
3. Who will collect, collate and process scoping comments?
4. How many scoping meetings will be held?
5. Who will be invited to the agency scoping meeting?
6. Will the County and Ecology accept scoping comments after the close of the public scoping period? If so how will late comments be incorporated into the process?
7. Will the USACE accept scoping comments after the close of the public scoping period? If so how will late comments be incorporated into the process?
8. How will alternatives to the proposed action be identified and defined? Will the applicant be consulted during formulation of alternatives?

### ***Applicant Support of DEIS/FEIS Preparation***

1. How will 3rd Party contractor questions to the agencies be answered?
2. How/when will data requests to the applicant be formulated and what interaction between the 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Contractor with the applicant during preparation of data responses is anticipated?
3. Will the applicant be engaged to discuss measures to avoid, minimize or compensate for impacts during development of the Administrative Draft EIS so that agreed upon measures can be integrated into the project description?

4. Will the applicant have an opportunity to review and comment on the administrative draft purpose/need, project description, description of alternatives and existing environment portions of the DEIS?

***Communications***

1. Will an internal/external communication plan/protocol be implemented?
2. What form of public outreach other than scoping and public comment review is anticipated and who will provide it?
3. Will a project web site be established, if so how will it be maintained?