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Here is our draft response for Assignment 2. If anyone has questions or concerns, please let me know ASAP so we can address them before the briefing with AS/FWP on Monday

On Fri, Mar 31, 2017 at 10:58 AM, Guertin, Stephen <stephen_guertin@fws.gov> wrote:

Jim -- our cross program team met this morning with Casey and Ben Jessup to define the assignments, assign lead responsibilities, and set up a check in meeting for next Wednesday 4/5.

Assignment 1. Lead assigned to ES – Gary. Brief ASFWP by Monday 4/10. Final due Wednesday 4/12.

SO 3349 revokes the previous Administration's mitigation directive, ordering each bureau and office to "reconsider, modify, or rescind" related policies on mitigation. We largely addressed this assignment with yesterday's mitigation data call that was complimentary to, and does not replace, the process set out and required in the S.O. The assignment we turned in yesterday will form the basis of our response to the SO.

Assignment 2. Lead assigned to Science – Seth. Brief ASFWP by Monday 4/10. Final due Wednesday 4/12.

SO 3349 revokes the previous Administration's mitigation directive, ordering each bureau and office to "reconsider, modify, or rescind" related policies on climate

change.

Assignment 3. Lead assigned to NWR – Cynthia and Scott Covington, in coordination with Ben Jessup SOL. Brief ASFWP by Monday 4/17. Final due Wednesday 4/19.

Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service has 21 days to reconsider the oil and gas rules as to whether it is consistent with the policy set forth in Section 1 of the March 28 E.O.

Assignment 4. Lead assigned to MBM – Jerome and Noah. Brief ASFWP by Monday 4/17. Final due Wednesday 4/19.

SO 3349 gave all bureaus and offices 21 days to identify regulations that potentially burden the "development or utilization of domestically produced energy resources, with particular attention to oil, natural gas, coal and nuclear resources."

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Information Memorandum for the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Date: April 7, 2017

From: Seth Mott, Acting Assistant Director for Science Applications, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) 202-208-7165

Subject: Preliminary response to the deliverable outlined in section 5(b)(1) of Secretarial Order 3349 – “American Energy Independence”

I. Introduction

This memorandum identifies FWS Actions relating to the Presidential Actions, reports, and guidance that are rescinded by the March 28, 2017 Executive Order that relate to climate change.

II. Background

The March 28, 2017, Presidential Executive Order entitled “Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth” revoked Executive Order 13653 of November 6, 2013 (Preparing the United States for the Impacts of Climate Change) and other related policies and directed the heads of all agencies to identify agency actions relating to or arising from those policies.

On March 29, 2017, the Secretary signed Order 3349, “American Energy Independence,” which established a “Climate Change Policy Review” that required, among other things, each bureau and office head to identify all actions they have adopted or are in the process of developing relating to Executive Order 13653 and other climate change policies identified in the March 28, 2017, Presidential Executive Order.

III. Discussion

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has identified ten items relating to the Presidential Memorandum and Secretarial Order 3349.

1. **056 FW 1 (FWS Policy Manual, adopted July 22, 2013):** Establishes overall FWS policy and staff responsibilities on climate change adaptation and steps down the Departmental policy on climate change adaptation (523 DM 1)
2. **56 FW 2 (FWS Policy Manual, adopted June 20, 2014):** Establishes the Climate Adaptation Network in FWS, a team of senior-level staff which guides the bureau to enhance preparedness, adaptation, and resilience in the face of the impacts of climate change and its interaction with non-climate influences on fish, wildlife, plants, ecosystems, cultural -- resources, and facilities.
3. (b) (5) DPP [REDACTED]

10. **Considering Multiple Futures: Scenario Planning To Address Uncertainty in Natural Resource Conservation:** While uncertainty is not new to natural resource management, limitations in our ability to confidently predict the direction, rate, and nature of the effects of climate and other drivers of change on natural and human systems has reinforced the need for tools to cope with the associated uncertainties. This guide, which was prepared in 2014 with FWS support and input, presents a broad synthesis of scenario planning concepts and approaches, focused on applications in natural resource management and conservation. It recently has been combined with the Climate-Smart Conservation training course.

PREPARED BY: Jason Goldberg DATE: April 7, 2017