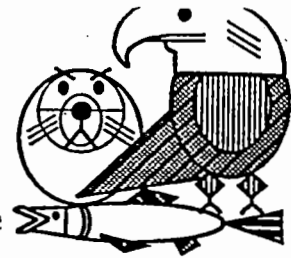


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TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Molly McCammon, Director of Operations
DATE: March 3, 1994
SUBJ: — FY 95 Work Plan Priority Survey

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Even while the Trustee Council only recently took action on the FY 94 Work Plan, efforts are underway regarding the FY 95 Work Plan. The purpose of this memorandum and the attached survey form is to ask for your assistance with the identification of **key recovery monitoring priorities as well as other research or general restoration project priorities** for use in development of the FY 95 Work Plan.

A working draft timeline of the FY 95 Work Plan process is attached. As you will note from this draft timeline, this initial solicitation to help identify priorities is just one preliminary step among many additional opportunities for comment that will be used to help formulate the FY 95 Work Plan. In addition to reviewing prior year project suggestions, we want to use this survey as a means of obtaining current perspectives on priorities for the FY 95 work effort from the Public Advisory Group members, the Trustee agencies, scientific peer reviewers and others. (Please note that this survey is designed to help provide guidance regarding Monitoring/Research and General Restoration strategies. Proposals or projects concerning Habitat Protection/Acquisition are being addressed through a separate process.)

A survey form is attached for your use. Please return this survey by March 17 (Thursday) to the EVOS Restoration Office (645 G Street, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501). If you have questions, please contact Bob Loeffler or Eric Myers in the Restoration Office.

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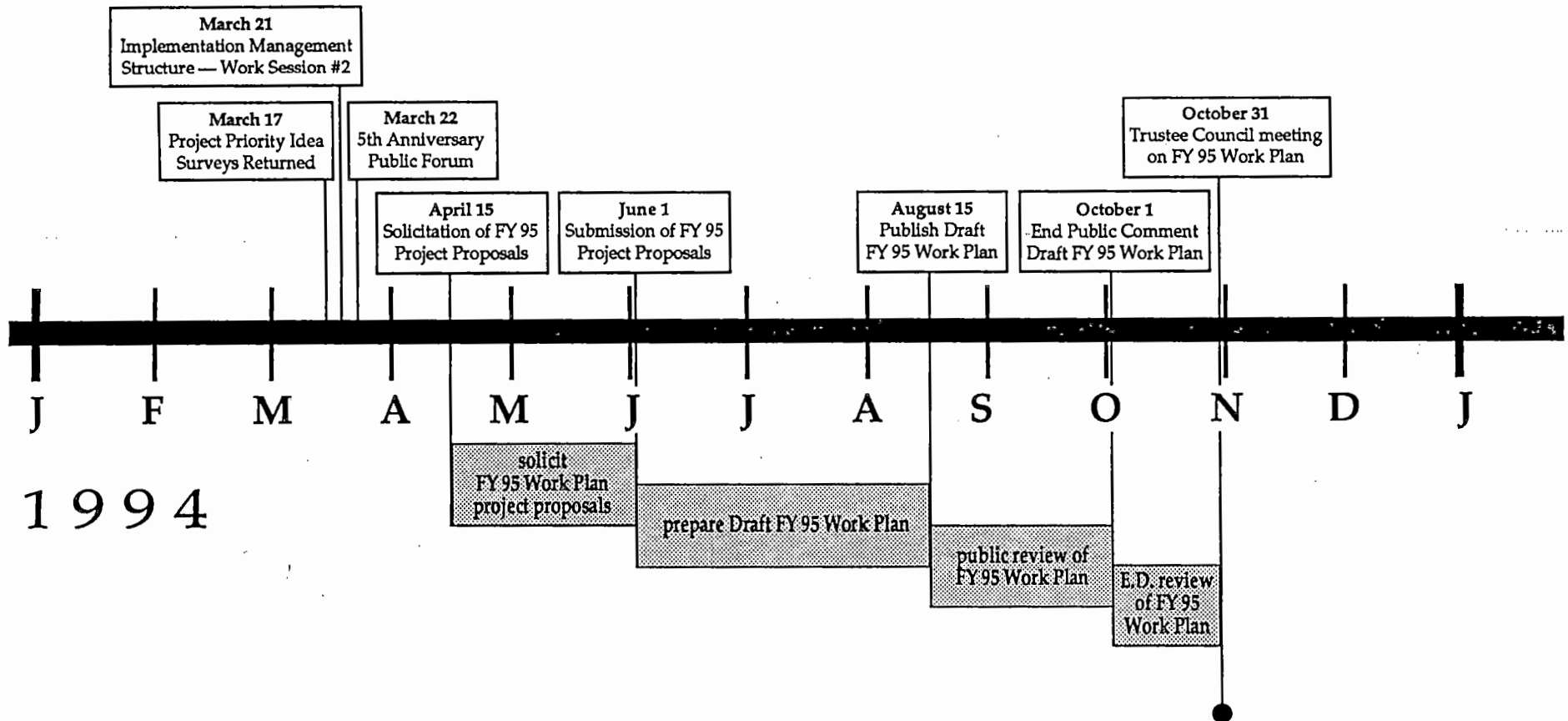
cc: Public Advisory Group
Restoration Work Force
Bob Spies/Chief Scientist
Jim Ayers

TIMELINE

FY 95 Work Plan Development Process

DRAFT

March 1	Deadline: Comment from Restoration Work Force/FY 95 Priority Project Survey
March 3	Distribution of FY 95 Project Priority Idea Survey
March 9	Restoration Work Force meeting on FY 95 Work Plan Process (teleconference)
March 17	Deadline: FY 95 Project Priority Idea Surveys returned to Restoration Office
March 21	Implementation Management Structure work session #2
March 22	5th Anniversary Public Forum
March 23	Work session w/ Chief Scientist, others re: FY 95 Priority Projects (tentative)
April 15	Distribution of FY 95 Proposal Guidance Packet
June 1	Deadline: Submission of FY 95 project proposals
June 1 - Aug 15	Prepare Draft FY 95 Work Plan
Aug 15	Publish Draft FY 95 Work Plan
Aug 15 - Oct 1	Public comment/PAG review/Chief Scientist recommendation on FY 95 projects
Oct 1 - Oct 30	Development of Executive Director recommendation on FY 95 Work Plan
Oct 31	Trustee Council action on FY 95 Work Plan



SURVEY FORM

FY 95 Restoration Work Plan Priorities

1. Recovery Monitoring Priorities for FY 95

The *Draft Restoration Plan* identified the recovery status of injured resources and services as of November 1993 (see Table B-1, copy attached). General policy guidance regarding recovery monitoring is provided in Chapter 4 of the *Draft Restoration Plan* with consideration given to the recovery status of injured resources and services.

With regard to each of the resources or services that you identify as in need of further recovery monitoring (see pages 3 and 4 of the survey), several basic questions should be addressed:

- Is it necessary to monitor in FY 95?
- If so, why? What kind of monitoring is needed?
- What important data or information would be lost as a consequence of not monitoring in FY 95? (That is, could the data that would be collected in FY 95 essential to determining recovery status or could monitoring be deferred and still be useful?)
- Would monitoring provide information important to understanding related ecosystem issues or concerns?
- For each resource or service in need of monitoring, how frequently should it occur (i.e., each year, once every five years, etc.)?
- How would you describe the need for monitoring in FY 95? (5 = high priority 3 = medium priority 1 = low priority)

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PLEASE NOTE: This survey is intended to provide assistance with the identification of priority Monitoring/Research and General Restoration project ideas for FY 95 apart from Habitat Protection/Acquisition efforts that are being addressed through a separate process.

This survey form is designed to provide you with a format to help you answer the questions posed. Please use additional paper to provide information as needed. If you have questions, please contact Bob Loeffler or Eric Myers at the EVOS Restoration Office [tel: (907) 278-8012 fax: (907) 276-7178].

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2. Research Priorities for FY 95

Based on your understanding of the status of injury and recovery of the various injured resources and services are there certain hypotheses or key research questions that you feel are especially important to address in FY 95 in order to advance restoration goals and objectives? (For example, during formulation of the FY 94 Work Plan, broad-based support emerged for examination of the relationship of forage fish to various injured resources. There was also widespread recognition of the importance of continuing work on questions pertaining to what may be persistent genetic effects in pink salmon.)

Please list and describe your research priorities in terms of what questions or concerns should be addressed.

3. General Restoration Priorities for FY 95

Are there any general restoration projects that you consider to be a priority for the FY 95 Work Plan? For each general restoration project, discuss why the project is needed in terms of the recovery status of the related injured resource(s).

4. Continuation Projects in FY95

Please identify on-going projects that will need continued funding in FY 95. For those projects, identify what impacts would result if the project were not continued in FY 95.

5. Top Three Priority Projects or Concerns

Of all the projects and concerns that you have identified for FY 95, please identify what you consider to be the top three priority projects or concerns:

INJURED RESOURCE/SERVICE	Recovery Monitoring — Priorities for FY 95			Page 3
<u>Recovering Biological Resources</u>	Monitoring Needed in FY 95? (Y/N)	Priority of Monitoring in FY 95? (1 - 5)	Frequency of Monitoring Needed?	Why is it important to monitor? What kind of monitoring is needed? What important information or data would be lost as a result of not monitoring in FY 95?
a. Bald eagles				
b. Black Oystercatchers				
c. Sockeye salmon (Red Lake)				
, Killer whales				
<u>Biological Resources Not Recovering</u>				
e. Pink salmon				
f. Sockeye salmon (Kenai River)				
g. Marbled murrelets				
h. Common murre				
i. Pigeon guillemots				
j. Harbor seals				
Sea otters				
l. Harlequin ducks				
m. Intertidal ecosystem				
n. Subtidal ecosystem				
o. Pacific herring				

INJURED RESOURCE/SERVICE	Recovery Monitoring — Priorities for FY 95			Page 4
Biological Resources/Recovery Unknown	Monitoring Needed in FY 95? (Y/N)	Priority of Monitoring in FY 95? (1 - 5)	Frequency of Monitoring Needed?	Why is it important to monitor? What kind of monitoring is needed? What important information or data would be lost as a result of not monitoring in FY 95?
p. Clams				
q. Cutthroat trout				
r. River otter				
s. Dolly varden				
sockfish				
<u>Other Natural Resources</u>				
u. Archeological resources				
v. Designated wilderness				
<u>Injured Services</u>				
w. Commercial fishing				
x. Subsistence				
y. Recreation and tourism				
ssive use				

Please identify the person who completed this survey.	NAME: _____
	ORGANIZATION: _____
	ADDRESS: _____
	PHONE: _____

Table B-1 List of Injured Resources and Lost or Reduced Services

INJURED RESOURCES			LOST OR REDUCED SERVICES (Human Uses)
BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES		OTHER	
Recovering Bald eagle Black oystercatcher Intertidal organisms (some) Killer whale Sockeye salmon (Red Lake) Subtidal organisms (some)	Not Recovering Common murre Harbor seal Harlequin duck Intertidal organisms (some) Marbled murrelet Pacific herring Pigeon guillemot Pink salmon Sea otter Sockeye salmon (Kenai River) Subtidal organisms (some)	Archaeological resources Designated Wilderness Areas	Commercial fishing Passive uses Recreation and Tourism including sport fishing, sport hunting, and other recreation uses Subsistence
Recovery Unknown Clams Cutthroat trout Dolly Varden River otter Rockfish			