

**Exhibit 1: Extension of Redlegation of Authority for Intra-Service
 ESA Section 7 Consultations and Conferencing**

Level of Authority

Regional Office Procedures			
Effects Determination	Lowest Delegation Level by Regional Director	Responsibilities of Non-Endangered Species (ES) Program Representative	Role/Responsibilities of Endangered Species (ES) Program Representative Pertaining to Other Service Program Actions
No Effect	Project Leader for the Service program proposing the action	Make determination. Document written concurrence from appropriate level official within program.	Advisory only. No concurrence needed.
May Affect— Not Likely to Adversely Affect	Project Leader for the Service program proposing the action	Prepare Biological Assessment (BA) or Biological Evaluation (BE), as appropriate. Make determination. Document written concurrence from Project Leader within program. Send copy to appropriate level official in ES Program.	Advisory only. No concurrence needed.
May Affect— Likely to Adversely Affect; No Jeopardy and No Destruction or Adverse Modification of Designated/Proposed Critical Habitat	Project Leader for the Service program proposing the action	Prepare BA or BE, as appropriate. Make determination. Write non-jeopardy Biological Opinion/Conference Opinion (BO/CO). Project Leader reviews and signs non-jeopardy BO/CO. Send copy to appropriate level official in ES Program.	If the Regional Director delegates signature authority of non-jeopardy BOs/COs to other program official, then ES role is advisory only; no concurrence needed. If Regional Director retains signature authority for non-jeopardy BOs/COs within ES Program, then appropriate level official in ES Program reviews and signs non-jeopardy BOs/COs.
* May Affect— Likely to Adversely Affect; Jeopardy and/or Destruction or Adverse Modification of Designated/Proposed Critical Habitat	Regional Director. No further extension of re delegation of authority authorized.	Prepare BA or BE, as appropriate. Make determination. Write jeopardy BO/CO with reasonable and prudent alternatives. Send jeopardy BO/CO to appropriate level official in ES Regional Office for review prior to signature.	Appropriate level official in ES Program reviews jeopardy BOs/COs. Works with other Service Program Leader to modify action to avoid jeopardy of listed, proposed, and candidate species and/or destruction or adverse modification of designated/proposed critical habitat.

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Washington Office Procedures			
Effects Determination	Lowest Delegation Level by Assistant Director	Responsibilities of Non-Endangered Species (ES) Program Representative	Role/Responsibilities of Endangered Species (ES) Program Representative Pertaining to Other Service Program Actions
No Effect	Division/Branch Chief for the Service program proposing the action	Make determination. Document written concurrence from appropriate level official within program.	Advisory only. No concurrence needed.
May Affect— Not Likely to Adversely Affect	Division/Branch Chief for the Service program proposing the action	Prepare Biological Assessment (BA) or Biological Evaluation (BE), as appropriate. Make determination. Document written concurrence from appropriate level official within program. Send copy to Branch Chief in ES Program.	Advisory only. No concurrence needed.
May Affect— Likely to Adversely Affect; No Jeopardy and No Destruction or Adverse Modification of Designated/Proposed Critical Habitat	Assistant Director for Service program proposing action may extend redelegation of authority to Division/Branch Chief within program	Prepare BA or BE, as appropriate. Make determination. Write non-jeopardy Biological Opinion/Conference Opinion (BO/CO). Appropriate level official within program reviews and signs non-jeopardy BO/CO. Send copy of BO/CO to appropriate level official in ES Program.	Advisory only. No concurrence needed.
* May Affect— Likely to Adversely Affect; Jeopardy and/or Destruction or Adverse Modification of Designated/Proposed Critical Habitat	Assistant Director for Service program proposing action. No further extension of redelegation of authority authorized.	Prepare BA or BE, as appropriate. Make determination. Write jeopardy BO/CO with reasonable and prudent alternatives. Send jeopardy BO/CO to appropriate level official in ES Program for review prior to signature.	Appropriate level official in ES Program reviews jeopardy BOs/COs. Works with other Service Program Division/Branch Chief to modify action to avoid jeopardy of listed, proposed, and candidate species and/or destruction or adverse modification of designated/proposed critical habitat.

* This situation is not expected to occur as all Service programs should design actions that are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of listed, proposed, or candidate species, or destroy or adversely modify designated or proposed critical habitat.