

## **APPENDIX IV**

### **COORDINATION WITH STATE/TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS**

As required under the Endangered Species Act, the Fish and Wildlife Service sent out letters to states, tribes and Federal agencies which may have biological information relevant to the consultation. Letters were sent in October 1999 and March 2000. In addition, meetings were held in Denver, Colorado, on February 4, 1999, and Bismarck, North Dakota, on April 25, 2000, to collect additional information. This appendix includes copies of the letters sent to the states, tribes, and Federal agencies, as well as a list of the incoming correspondence resulting from the letters and meetings.

The following correspondence has been received regarding biological input to the Biological Opinion:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>FORM/PAGES</u>
April 25, 2000	Robert J. Vincze, Atty. Hall & Evans, L.L.C. (MO-ARK Association and the Missouri Levee and Drainage District Association)	Letter and box of reprints and video
April 25, 2000	John Drew, Missouri DNR	Handouts and overheads
April 25, 2000	Gene Zuerlein, Missouri River Natural Resources Committee	Handouts, overheads, and video
April 25, 2000	Chad Smith - American Rivers	Handouts
May 1, 2000	Bureau of Indian Affairs - Washington	Letter - 2 pages
May 2, 2000	Robert J. Vincze, Atty. Hall & Evans, L.L.C. (MO-ARK Association and the Missouri Levee and Drainage District Association)	Letter - 1 page and attachment
May 2, 2000	Missouri Dept. of Conservation - Jefferson City	Draft Letter - 3 pages
May 3, 2000	Three Affiliated Tribes - New Town	Letter - 12 pages
May 3, 2000	ND Game & Fish Dept. - Bismarck	Letter - 15 pages
May 5, 2000	Missouri Dept. of Conservation - Jefferson City	Final Letter - 4 pages
May 8, 2000	Crow Creek Tribe, Ft. Peck Tribe, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Omaha Tribe, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Santee Sioux Tribe, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Three Affiliated Tribes, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, Winnepago Tribe, and Yankton Sioux Tribe	Fax - 4 pages
May 8, 2000	Kansas Dept. of Wildlife & Parks - Topeka	Letter - 2 pages
May 8, 2000	Kansas Dept. of Agriculture - Topeka	Letter - 2 pages
May 12, 2000	Governor of Missouri - Jefferson City	Letter, 27 pages
May 12, 2000	Governor of South Dakota - Pierre	Letter - 2 pages

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Dear Governor Branstad:

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I am advising you of this consultation as a follow up to my early alert letter in October, and request any final input on biological issues that you believe may be useful in completing the Service's biological opinion. By copy of this letter, I am also informing your Missouri River Basin Association representative of this activity. This information needs to be provided to me in writing by May 8, 2000. The consultation will address issues affecting listed species in the project areas, including the pallid sturgeon, least tern, bald eagle, Indiana bat, and piping plover. We also will consider issues affecting the sturgeon chub and sicklefin chub, which are candidate species.

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Sincerely,

Allyn J. Sapa  
Field Supervisor  
North Dakota Field Office

cc: Field Supervisor, ES, Rock Island  
Division Engineer, Missouri River Region, Corps of Engineers, Omaha  
Division Commander, Northwestern Division, Corps of Engineers, Portland  
(Attn: D. Ponganis)  
Kevin Szcodronski, MRBA Representative, Des Moines



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Mr. Larry J. Wilson, Director  
Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources  
E. 9th & Grand Ave., Wallace Bldg.  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034

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Tom Gergerke, MRNRC State Representative, Orleans



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Mr. Fred LeRoy, Chairman  
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