

Potential timeline for the FMP level consultation and related Council activities.

Time	Activity
December-January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop 404.14(c) requirements (State/Council/SFD) • Develop biological assessment (402.12) • Develop major issues for the consultation phase
February 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation ends for some species and their critical habitat with a “not likely to adversely affect” decision based on a biological assessment • SFD initiates consultation with 402.14(c) requirements completed for species or their critical habitat likely to be adversely affected
February-April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background development of BiOp; incorporate information from 402.14(c) (description of the action, action area, status of species, environmental baseline, cumulative effects) • Consultation with SFD/AFSC
April 15, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to questions/issues raised during consultation due (AFSC/SFD)
April-August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop draft BiOp (effects of the action, draft conclusions, reasonable and prudent alternative if necessary, incidental take statement, conservation recommendations), and conduct internal review (HQ)
August 15, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft BiOp available for public review
September 1, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSLMC review BiOp and develop workplan/comments
October 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Review BiOp and SSLMC recommendations
December 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council initial review of potential changes to the action • Comments due on draft BiOp
February 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council further review of proposed action
April 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council takes Final Action on amendment/regulations
August 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final BiOp completed
January 1, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulations effective