

## **Interagency Task Force (ITF)**

**In 1998 the Departments of the Interior, Commerce, Agriculture, and Energy along with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) joined to form an Interagency Task Force to Improve Hydroelectric Licensing Processes (ITF). The resulting ITF reported to Congress in 2001 with recommendations on improving interagency coordination regarding:**

- **The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process;**
- **Environmental studies performed in connection with hydropower licensing;**
- **Consultation under the Endangered Species Act; and**
- **Mandatory license conditions provided by fish and wildlife resource agencies.**

**Ultimately, the ITF resulted in a new FERC licensing process, the Integrated Licensing Process (ILP). The ILP is currently the default licensing process for FERC hydropower projects.**

**Link for summary of ITF**

**<http://www.ferc.gov/industries/hydropower/indus-act/itf.asp>**

**Link to FERC with description of ITF commitments and results summary:**

**<http://www.ferc.gov/industries/hydropower/indus-act/itf/itf-reports.asp>**