



FHWA ESA Consultation Web Site
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Presentation Objectives

- Why was this Site Developed?
- What Does it do?
- Where is it being used?
- How does it work?
- What's Coming Next?

Why was this Site Developed?

- Increase Consistency & Quality of BA(s)
- Save Time
- Improve Collaboration





WHAT DOES IT DO?

Biological assessment template

- Standardized Format
- Improve Quality
- On-line help

Electronic File Cabinet

- One location for all project information and communications
- Answers to frequently asked questions
- Tracks consultation progress

Where is it Being Used? Three Pilots



How is the Pilot Going

To quote Ryan McReynolds, transportation liaison with USF&WS, *“So far, so good ... You'll be happy to know, logging-on to the on-line BA portal and downloading the BA was a breeze.”*



How does it work?



ESA Section 7 Consultation



Today is Friday, May 16, 2008

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Welcome

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) created this website to facilitate Section 7 consultations required by the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the preparation of high quality and consistent biological assessments (BAs).

This Web site provides a National Biological Assessment (N-BA) template, online help, tools for improved communication, and an extensive resource library.

A text only version of this Web site that complies with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

What's new

Desert Bald Eagle Returns to Endangered Species List



As a result of a recent court order, bald eagles in the Sonoran Desert of central Arizona are again protected as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published the special rule announcing the protected status in the May 1, 2008 Federal Register.

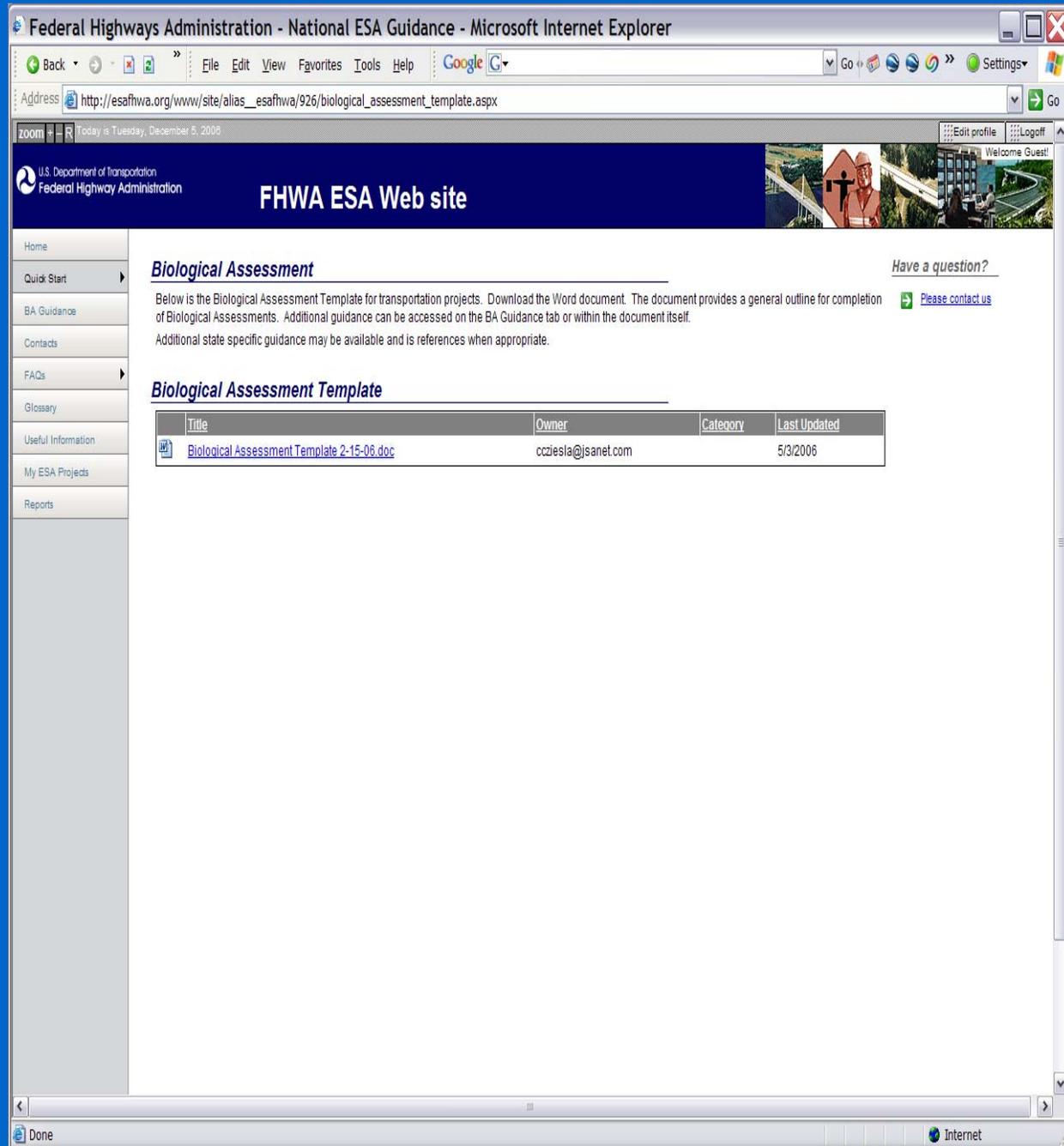
Let us know what you think

We want to make this site a valuable, accessible resource. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

Biological Assessment Template

Standardized Biological Assessment format

“Turbo Tax” help buttons



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the Federal Highway Administration's National ESA Guidance website. The address bar shows the URL: http://esafhwa.org/www/site/alias_esafhwa/926/biological_assessment_template.aspx. The page header includes the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration logo and the text "FHWA ESA Web site". A navigation menu on the left lists: Home, Quick Start, BA Guidance, Contacts, FAQs, Glossary, Useful Information, My ESA Projects, and Reports. The main content area features a section titled "Biological Assessment" with a "Have a question?" link and a "Please contact us" button. Below this is a section titled "Biological Assessment Template" containing a table with the following data:

Title	Owner	Category	Last Updated
Biological Assessment Template 2-15-06.doc	ccziesla@jjsanet.com		5/3/2006

Federal Highways Administration ESA Guidance

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Section

Chapter 7. Effect Determinations

Federal Guidance:

Effect Determination Guidance

This chapter provides guidance for making overall effect determinations based on the effect determinations and rationale provided in the following three documents:

- Programmatic Biological Assessment for the Washington State Department of Transportation Eastern Washington Regions – Working Document (WSDOT 2004b)
- No Effect and Not Likely to Adversely Affect Programmatic Biological Assessment Working Document for NOAA Fisheries Listed Species (WSDOT 2002)
- Biological Opinion and Letter of Concurrence of Effects on Bald Eagles, Marbled Murrelets, Northern Spotted Owls, Bull Trout, and Designated Critical Habitat for Marbled Murrelets and Northern Spotted Owls from Olympic National Forest Program Activities for August 5, 2003 to December 31, 2008 (USFWS 2003, Reference number 1-3-03-F-0833).

All three of the above-mentioned documents are programmatic BAs or relate to programmatic BAs that are used by their respective agencies (WSDOT and Olympic National Forest.) However, the effect determinations included in these documents can be used as guidance for making effect determinations in similar situations. Remember that effect determinations in programmatic BAs tend to be more conservative (i.e., more restrictive or protective) than effect determinations made on a project-by-project basis. Thus, for a given project it may be possible to reach a less conservative effect determination than the one given in the programmatic document, depending on the situation.

The first section of this chapter provides guidance for integrating multiple effect determinations for specific project elements into a single overall effect determination for each species addressed in the BA.

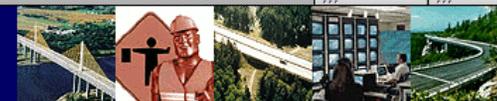
The second section of this chapter provides guidance for making effect determinations for species and critical habitats based on general standards and disturbance thresholds. This guidance is based on the definitions and criteria for no effect (NE), not likely to adversely affect (NLTA), and likely to

Electronic Filing Cabinet



**Containing individual
project level
consultation
information**





Step 1

Draft BA

Step 2

Submit to FHWA/
FHWA Approved

Step 3

Submit to
Services

Step 4

Services Request
Additional
Information

Step 5

Letter of
Concurrence
or BO Issued

Step 6

Reinitiation

Step 7

Archive

Crystal Springs Crossing File Cabinet

Bothell, WA

Project Manager: Scott Hitchcock

Start Date: 09/18/06

Stage: Step 3

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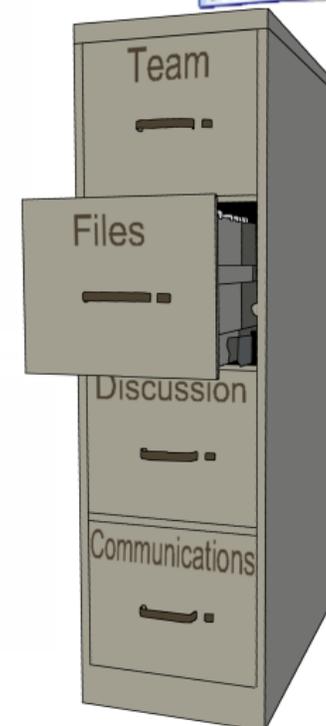
Instructions

Submit

Search File Cabinet



(5 new appointments)



(1 new contact)

(3 new files)

(2 new discussions)

(4 new emails)



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Crystal Springs Crossing File Drawer

Bothell, WA



Draft BA

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Add New

	Title	WSDOT	WDFW	Ecology	CORPS
 	Biological Assessment.doc				

Appendices

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Support Documents

Project Information

Add New

	Title	WSDOT	WDFW	Ecology	CORPS
 	401 Water Quality Certification.doc				
 	Application Cover Letter.doc				

Permits

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Design Drawings

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 	Culvert Design.pdf				

Photos

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ESA Projects for Washington State

Have a question?

[Please contact us](#)

Project Web Room	Title	Progress					Notes	
		Date Submitted	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4		Step 5
View	Hitchcock Bridge BA	9/20/2006	✓	✓				
View	SR 122 HOV Upgrade	In Progress	✓					
View	Main St Bypass	4/30/2006	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Step 4: 36 days BO issued: 10/26/2006
View	Crystal Springs Crossing	6/12/2006	✓	✓	✓			Step 3: 48 days
View	Emerald Cr BA	In Progress	✓					
View	Bellevue Nickle I-405	8/31/2006	✓	✓	✓	✓		Step 4: 45 days BO issued: 10/26/2006

[Add New](#)

Question & Answer Feature

- Ask a question from any page.



Have a question?



[Please contact us](#)

What's New

...ts (BAs) for
... projects on

Web site curently under
construction!!!!

Federal Highways Administration - National ESA Guidance - Microsoft Internet

Back Forward Stop Home Refresh Print File Edit View Favorites Tools Help Google

Address http://esafhwa.org/www/site/alias_esafhwa/1020/ask_a_question.aspx

zoom Today is Thursday, June 22, 2006

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Federal Highway Administration

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Ask a question

If you have a question about the National BA Template, guidance for the template, or about this Web site, please use the form below to contact us.

Thank you.

Your EMail Address:

Your Name: (optional)

Subject: (optional)

Message Body:

Done Internet

**What'
Coming?**



QUESTIONS

