

Brief summary of input received from the 3rd Meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Group to consider changes to the Endangered Resources Review Program

Tuesday June 2, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – noon

Stakeholders were very happy with the improvements Review Program staff have been able to make in services, tools, and online information as part of this process, would like to see us focus on a few core priority activities in the future (NHI Certification, NHI data quality) so that we don't spread ourselves too thin, and would like to continue interacting with the program on a regular basis through newsletters and/or an annual meeting/webcast.

Ways in which stakeholders would like to see the changes to Review Program services that we've implemented to date expanded/built on:

- Really liked the [new, consolidated rare species and habitat web pages](#); would like to see management and avoidance guidance for more species incorporated as it becomes available.
- Really liked the [ATRI interactive mapping application](#); would like us to do a better job of spreading the word about this tool.
- Liked the online newsletter (which will be coming out shortly), and would like to see it published periodically and distributed as widely as possible
- Liked having a better [website](#) and additional information and forms online for Review Program services, and supported streamlining and clarification of the process for sharing detailed NHI data.
- Consistency in services and information among DNR staff in different programs is critical; they appreciate efforts made to date in this regard (ER Review template, updated ER Screening Guidance for DNR staff), and would like us to continue efforts to improve cross-program consistency, especially in ER Reviews.

Input about new services that will be implemented in the near future:

Voluntary Expedited ER Reviews (coming in July 2009)

- Liked having an expedited service option; concern that everyone will want a Voluntary Expedited ER Review (the \$360 min fee was not perceived to be high) which may inadvertently slow down processing of regular ER Reviews.

NHI Certification pilot program (target implementation date is approximately 1 year)

- Group was supportive of a certification program and thought it would be beneficial to participants and save them time. Fees and costs should be reasonable, and we need to consider how this will tie in with the existing process for forestry groups (e.g. county forests, certified plan writers).
- Would like us to consider different levels or types of certification for different users
- Would like to see certification training be open to those seeking certification as well as other externals and DNR staff. Consider ways in which we can expand training opportunities (e.g., overlap with other DNR certification programs, external courses which are also relevant to NHI certification, train the trainer approach).
- Several stakeholders volunteered to work with the program to develop a certification program

Other priority needs/issues that they would like to see the program address:

- Would like to see collection and mapping of data into the NHI database (particularly from high-growth and under sampled areas) be a core program priority, and would like to see us streamline and advertise more broadly how to report new rare species observations to NHI to be more effective at capturing data collected by diverse external groups and individuals.