

## Family Forest Habitat Conservation Plan Project Status

July 30, 2010

After 14 years of negotiation it appears that the Federal Services (US Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service) will submit the Family Forest Habitat Conservation Plan (FFHCP) Incidental Take applications and supporting documentation to the Federal Register and ask for public comment (see [Services Response to NOI Request June 7 2010](#)). We have posted the FFHCP documents, correspondence with the Services, Letters of Support and Articles on this site under Projects/HCP. Unfortunately, at this time it does not appear that the Services will accurately portray the scientific foundations of the proposal as evidenced in the June 7 letter and our response to the Services ([BOCC FFF Berg Michaels June 7 Response](#)).

This history of the FFHCP process and funding is outlined in the original letter accompanying the original submittal of the Incidental Take applications ([January 12 2008 BOCC Letter of Record](#)).

At this time it is unclear as to whether the Services will make this a collaborative process as requested in the July 9 response to the Services ([BOCC FFF Berg Michaels June 7 Response](#)). We are hopeful that we will be able to ensure an accurate and fair representation of our collaborative effort over the last decade and a half, if indeed the Services submit our application and supporting information under the National Environmental Policy Act and seek public comment on the proposal ([FFHCP 2007](#)).

It is our hope that the public comment process will provide an opportunity for the preponderance of scientific opinion to move forward while acknowledging dissenting opinions in a transparent manner. We clearly have differences of opinion over the scientific approach that we have developed and documented including a collaborative, transparent, consensus based independent scientific peer review process ([Appendix D FFHCP](#)).

We will update this page on a regular basis as the FFHCP process continues. We would appreciate any feed back on our efforts to date.



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