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Abbreviations

CAHA = Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
EQD = Environmental Quality Division  
IECR = Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution

SERO = Southeast Regional Office  
WASO = Washington Office

Contractor = NEPA Contractor  
FACA = Negotiated Rulemaking Committee or Federal Advisory Committee

IDT = Interdisciplinary Team

DOI = Department of the Interior

OMB = Office of Management and Budget

Note: Dates shown in the "Estimated Timeline" column are target dates for completion.

	Reg-Neg Process Tasks	Estimated Timeline	Status	Who does task	NEPA Process Tasks	Estimated Timeline	Status	Who does task
1.	Initial Planning	July 2004	Complete	EQD, SERO, CAHA	Initial Planning	July 2004	Complete	EQD, SERO, CAHA
2.	Identify Potential Stakeholders	Aug. 2004	In Progress	CAHA				
3.	3rd Party Neutral Selection Process				SOW for NEPA Contractor	July 2004	Complete	EQD
	o Task Agreement	Aug. 2004	In Progress	EQD				
	o Request for Statements of Interest, Availability and Qualifications	Sept. 2004 Oct. 2004		IECR CAHA, EQD, IECR	Contractor selection	Sept. 2004	In Progress	EQD
	o Interviews				Initiate preliminary data gap analysis	Sept. 2004	In Progress	EQD, CAHA
4.	o Selection	Nov. 2004		IECR, EQD, CAHA				
	Preliminary Reg-Neg Process Discussion and Orientation Meeting (the steps in NPS Planning)	Dec. 2004		Neutral				
	DO-12 overview	Dec. 2004		EQD, Contractor	DO-12 overview	Oct. 2004		EQD, SERO CAHA
				EQD, SERO CAHA	Review Preliminary data gap analysis based on impact topics.	Dec. 2004		
	Review Reg-Neg Process.	Dec. 2004		EQD	Review Reg-Neg Process	Oct. 2004		EQD, SERO CAHA
	Summary of meeting.	Jan. 2005		Neutral				
5.					Internal Scoping Meetings to establish preliminary purpose, need, objectives, issues and alternatives.	Nov. 2004		Contractor, EQD SERO, CAHA
6.	Stakeholder interview process Neutral begins (step ends with only those who would be on the FACA.	Mar. 2005		Neutral	Drafting Internal Scoping Report	Jan. 2005		Contractor

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7.	Draft Assessment Report Out for review.	Apr. 2005	Neutral			
8.	Issue Final Assessment Report	May 2005	Neutral, CAHA			
9.	Assume decision is to proceed with Reg-Neg.	May 2005		Draft Internal Scoping Report out for Internal Review.	Feb. 2005	Contractor IDT
10.	Submit Notice of Intent to conduct a negotiated rulemaking and establish a negotiated rulemaking committee. 30 day public comment period on use of reg-neg process and proposed committee membership	June 2005	CAHA, SERO	Submit Fed. Reg. Notice of Intent (NOI) for NEPA Process - acknowledges that a situation assessment is under way and, if it determines that Reg-Neg is in the public interest, NEPA and RegNeg will proceed as integrated processes.	Aug. 2005	CAHA, SERO
11.	NPS reviews comments, makes final determination whether to conduct reg-neg, and if so, final composition of committee to be recommended to DOI  NOI to establish FACA published in FED. Register. 15-day notice for first FACA meeting.	Oct. 2005	CAHA, SERO	NOI to prepare an EIS published in the  <i>Federal Register</i>	Nov. 2005	CAHA, SERO
12.	FACA Established and reviews overview of internal scoping report for Purpose, Need, and Info Gap Analysis. **	Dec. 2005	FACA	NPS sends draft internal scoping report to FACA. **	Dec. 2005	EQD
13.	Begin FACA meetings	Jan. 2006	FACA	Internal scoping report issued and discussed with FACA.	Jan. 2006	Contractor, EQD
14.	FACA attends public scoping	Feb. 2006	FACA	Public Scoping (requesting comments in 30 days for max. consideration in process) begins to get input on purpose, need and objectives of plan and to explain how Reg-Neg integrates with NEPA process.	Feb. 2006	Contractor CAHA, FACA

**\*\* - Sharing the draft internal scoping report with the FACA may not be possible due to FOIA and planning constraints.**

Research is underway to determine boundaries of NPS authority to share and/or seek input on internal draft NEPA documents with the reg-neg cte

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15.	FACA reviews public scoping report.	Apr. 2006	FACA	NEPA Contractor prepares content analyses report of public scoping comments.	Mar. 2006	Contractor
				NEPA IDT reviews report.	Apr. 2006	IDT
16.	Further work with FACA to discuss impact analysis process, present agency requirements and develop a preliminary range of alternatives for initial analysis.	May 2006	FACA	NEPA Contractor, NEPA IDT meet with FACA to discuss potential range of alternatives for the EIS. Information gained in FACA meetings as well as public scoping comments would be considered in developing the range of reasonable alternatives.	May 2006	Contractor FACA, IDT
17.				IDT meets to refine alternatives based on input from FACA and public scoping.	June 2006	IDT
18.				NEPA Contractor formalizes proposed alternatives by FACA and NEPA IDT for NEPA analysis.	Aug. 2006	Contractor
19.				Impact Analysis (internal NPS) of range of alternatives completed.	Nov. 2006	Contractor, IDT
20.	FACA to review/discuss overview of issues in IDEIS.	Jan. 2007	FACA	NEPA Contractor prepares IDEIS and distributes for internal review.	Jan. 2007	Contractor
21.	FACA meets with IDT to discuss process for identification of preferred alternative and environmentally preferred alternative.	Mar. 2007	FACA IDT	IDT meets with FACA to discuss process for identification of preferred alternative and environmentally preferred alternative.	Mar. 2007	IDT, FACA
22.	FACA negotiates interim agreement on a preferred alternative (preferred solution) taking into consideration the IDEIS.	Apr. 2007	FACA	NEPA Contractor prepares DEIS, with preferred alternative (which should also represent the FACA's interim consensus)	May 2007	Contractor
				NEPA Contractor prepares Notice of Availability (NOA)	May 2007	Contractor
23.				Park, SERO, WASO, Departmental approval of release of DEIS and NOA.	July 2007	CAHA, SERO WASO, DOI
				DEIS out for public review (60 days). (EPA files their NOA. No public meetings until 30 days after the EPA NOA filing)		



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24.	FACA present at any public comment meetings.	Aug. 2007	FACA	Public Meeting(s)	Aug. 2007	Contractor
25.	FACA, NEPA IDT, and contractor meet to discuss public comments and any remaining issues to be resolved.	Dec. 2007	FACA IDT Contractor	Obtain public comments. Public comment closes. NEPA Contractor prepares summary of public comments	Sept. 2007 Nov. 2007	Contractor
26.	FACA continues to refine preferred language for draft rule	Jan. 2008	FACA	Consider Comments	Dec. 2007	IDT
27.	FACA negotiates agreement on recommendation for draft rule.	Feb. 2008	FACA	NEPA contractor prepares final EIS (preferred alternative should represent FACA consensus)	Mar. 2008	Contractor
28.				Regional, WASO, Departmental approval of publication of FEIS and Notice of availability.	June 2008	SERO, WASO DOI
29.	FACA reviews Final EIS.	Aug. 2008	FACA	File FEIS with EPA and publish NOA. 30 day waiting period begins before ROD can be signed.	Aug. 2008	WASO, SERO CAHA, EQD
30.	Have FACA available to meet after FEIS comment period in case of substantive comments/changes needed.	Sept. 2008	FACA	Regional Director signs and dates ROD	Sept. 2008	SERO
31.				Publish ROD in <i>Federal Register</i> .	Oct. 2008	SERO
32.	OMB review of proposed rule.	Dec. 2008	OMB			
33.	Publish proposed rule in <i>Federal Register</i>	Jan. 2009	CAHA, SERO			
34.	30-day comment period	Mar. 2009				
	Analysis of comments	Mar. 2009	IDT			
35.	Publish final rule in <i>Federal Register</i>	Apr. 2009	CAHA, SERO			