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Programmatic Approaches

• FHWA and NMFS are coordinating on streamlining Endangered Species Act (ESA) section 7 and Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultations in the Greater Atlantic Region and the Southeast Region

• Developing BMP manuals
  • Deconstruct actions => stressors
  • Effects of stressors on listed species, critical habitat, and essential fish habitat
  • Conservation measures and BMPs to minimize and avoid effects

• Increasing transparency and predictability to FHWA and state DOTs on species conservation and habitat needs
Other NMFS Liaison Activities

Tool Development
• Working collaboratively to develop a Practitioner’s Handbook – complying with ESA Section 7 for transportation projects

Regional Cross-Pollination
• NMFS all-regions forum to discuss transportation ‘hot topics’
• Sharing regional innovations and success stories

National-Level Issues
• Addressing HQ-level issues of national, cross-region significance, e.g., FAST Act implementation
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