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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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