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Attached is a compilation of unedited, unfiltered comments received on the Multi-species Conservation Strategy. These specific comments will be attached to a memo of general comments addressing the "big policy issues". From my perspective, some of the issues are as follows:

1. Relationship between the MSCS and the ERP. How do they integrate? What is the baseline?
2. Relationship between the DRAFT EIS/EIR and the MSCS. Who is analyzing who?
3. How will the MSCS integrate with NMFS Multi-species Recovery Plan for Pacific chinook salmon stocks and steelhead?
4. How will the EWA "plug-into" the MSCS?
5. What are the assurances mechanisms that will guarantee conservation measures are implemented? How do we provide stakeholders assurances and yet remain flexible in regards to adaptively managing resources?
6. Bundling projects to maximize benefits to resources. How do we assure projects are designed with the appropriate linkages and assurances so that "everyone gets better together"?

Please be ready to discuss your big issues at the meeting tomorrow, 0900, in the DFG Commission Conference room.

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