§ 221.72 What will NMFS do with a proposed alternative?

If any license party proposes an alternative to a preliminary prescription under §221.71(a)(1), NMFS must do the following within 60 days after the deadline for filing comments to FERC's NEPA document under 18 CFR 5.25(c):
(a) Analyze the alternative under §221.73; and
(b) File with FERC:
(1) Any prescription that NMFS adopts as its modified prescription; and
(2) Its analysis of the modified prescription and any proposed alternatives under §221.73(c).

§ 221.73 How will NMFS analyze a proposed alternative and formulate its modified prescription?

(a) In deciding whether to adopt a proposed alternative, NMFS must consider evidence and supporting material provided by any license party or otherwise available to NMFS including:
(1) Any evidence on the implementation costs or operational impacts for electricity production of the proposed alternative;
(2) Any comments received on NMFS's preliminary prescription;
(3) Any ALJ decision on disputed issues of material fact issued under §221.60 with respect to the preliminary prescription;
(4) Comments received on any draft or final NEPA documents; and
(5) The license party’s proposal under §221.71.

(b) NMFS must adopt a proposed alternative if NMFS determines, based on substantial evidence provided by any license party or otherwise available to NMFS, that the alternative will be no less protective than NMFS’s preliminary prescription and will, as compared to NMFS’s preliminary prescription:
(1) Cost significantly less to implement; or
(2) Result in improved operation of the project works for electricity production.

(c) When NMFS files with FERC the prescription that NMFS adopts as its modified prescription under §§221.72(b), it must also file:
(1) A written statement explaining:
(1) The basis for the adopted prescription; and
(11) If NMFS is not adopting any alternative, its reasons for not doing so; and
(2) Any study, data, and other factual information relied on that is not already part of the licensing proceeding record.

(d) The written statement under paragraph (c)(1) of this section must demonstrate that NMFS gave equal consideration to the effects of the prescription adopted and any alternative prescription not adopted on:
(1) Energy supply, distribution, cost, and use;
(2) Flood control;
§ 222.101 Purpose and scope of regulations.

(a) The regulations of parts 222, 223, and 224 of this chapter implement the Endangered Species Act (Act), and govern the taking, possession, transportation, sale, purchase, barter, exportation, importation of, and other requirements pertaining to wildlife and plants under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Commerce and determined to be threatened or endangered pursuant to section 4(a) of the Act. These regulations are implemented by the National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce. This part pertains to general provisions and definitions. Specifically, parts 223 and 224 pertain to provisions to threatened species and endangered species, respectively. Part 226 enumerates designated critical habitat for endangered and threatened species. Certain of the endangered and threatened marine species enumerated in §§ 224.102 and 223.102 are included in Appendix I or II to the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. The importation, exportation, and re-exportation of such species are subject to additional regulations set forth at 50 CFR part 23, chapter I.

(b) Permits for scientific purposes or for the enhancement of propagation or survival of species.

222.309 Permits for listed species of sea turtles involving the Fish and Wildlife Service.

222.310 Permit authority for designated agents and employees of specified Federal and state agencies.

Subpart D—Observer Requirement

222.401 Observer requirement.

222.402 Annual determination of fisheries to be observed; notice and comment.

222.403 Duration of selection; effective date.

222.404 Observer program sampling.


§ 222.403 also issued under 16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.

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Subpart A—Introduction and General Provisions

§ 222.101 Purpose and scope of regulations.