

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT
CLARK COUNTY
MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN AMENDMENT**

Agency/Organization: WRA Inc.

Project Name: HCP Consultant for Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan

Project Number: 2019-WRA-1970b

Reporting Period: April 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025

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QUESTION 1: What did you accomplish during this reporting period? How did these accomplishments help you reach the goal of your project? If relevant, what indicators or benchmarks were used to determine your progress?

WRA completed multiple deliverables this quarter.

During this quarter, WRA prepared for and participated in three monthly progress meetings (M69, M70, and M71), and participated in the Quarterly Agency Coordination Meeting with BLM (M68). In addition, WRA submitted this report (D74; Quarterly Progress Report and Schedule Update), Chapter 7, Draft 4 (D70), and the Riparian Restoration Crediting Methodology, Draft 2 (D66). WRA also submitted the Biennium Progress Report (D75), which has a deadline of July 1, during the last day of this quarter.

Additional deliverables that were originally due this quarter have deadlines that have been extended to later this year pending an amendment request. This amendment request allows WRA more time to incorporate additionally updated species models from UNR. These deliverables include ACEC Nominations (D71), Chapter 3 and Appendix A, Draft 2 (D18), and GIS Data Coordination (D47). WRA has started making progress towards completing these deliverables, which are now slated to be submitted next quarter.

QUESTION 2: What, if any, problems were encountered? Briefly describe those problems and the manner in which they were dealt.

No significant problems were encountered this quarter. As in previous quarters, additional revisions to draft chapters will depend on the status of legislation and further discussion with BLM and the Service. As mentioned above, the deadlines for the ACEC (D71), Chapter 3 and Appendix A, Draft 2 (D18), and GIS Data Coordination (D47) were extended later this year so that WRA can incorporate the new data once they become available. It is not anticipated that extending this deadline will result in additional delays to the overall project schedule.

QUESTION 3: What, if any, proposed activities were not completed? Briefly describe those activities, the reasons they were not completed and your plans for carrying them out.

As mentioned above, the deadlines for three deliverables will be extended to later this year pending approval of an amendment request. This includes the ACEC Nominations (D71), Chapter 3 and Appendix A, Draft 2 (D18), and GIS Data Coordination (D47). These deadlines were extended to allow WRA additional time to incorporate the new species data and new reserve system boundaries once they are available. WRA has started this task using the existing reserve boundaries. We anticipate receiving updated reserve boundaries from the County within the next few months.

The following deliverables for the reporting period were submitted to the County:

- D66, D70, D74, D75

The following meetings and work products were completed for the reporting period:

- M68, M69, M70, M71

QUESTION 4: What is the calculated percent of work completed?

While some deliverables were completed this quarter, it remains that approximately 95 percent of the overall project to draft the MSHCP Amendment has been completed.

QUESTION 5: Do you foresee any upcoming problems with future project activities? If so, how do you propose to overcome those problems?

The congressional passage of SNEDCA is currently considered unlikely; this will likely have an impact on completion of the draft MSHCP Amendment and Incidental Take Permit application submission. In spring of 2024, WRA prepared an Alternative Strategies Memo (Deliverable 62) to identify potential alternative pathways for public and private Clark County applicants to obtain ESA take coverage for development and conservation activities. WRA will continue to seek feedback from the regional office and other experts to ensure thorough review of the draft MSHCP prior to submission of the application. This and the timeline for the NEPA process may delay the application submittal timeline, but WRA will maintain close and regular coordination with the County on this issue through progress meetings and/or other meetings as needed. WRA will also continue to coordinate with the County to update chapters and our approach as information becomes available and feedback is received.

QUESTION 6: Is there anything else you want to tell the DCP about this project?

Currently, the draft MSHCP Amendment awaits receipt and incorporation of new species information and Service comments. Since the passage of SNEDCA through Congress is increasingly unlikely, impacts to the Conservation Strategy should be considered, as discussion on alternative options to have a new ITP in place when the existing one expires should continue. Another alternative that has been discussed is coordination with BLM on incorporating the Conservation Strategy into the Las Vegas Resource Management Plan (RMP). The BLM is proposing to create a new programmatic EIS for updates to all RMPs in the state of Nevada which could delay the timeline for submission of the MSHCP Amendment, if coordination with BLM and the RMP is the pathway to approval of mitigation on federal lands. The timeline for the programmatic RMP update is still unclear, but we will continue this discussion during the quarterly agency meetings with BLM.

WRA is also tracking other changes at the federal level that may impact this project, such as the redefinition of "harm" as it pertains to "take" in the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). WRA is checking in with Clark County and the project team to assess how these changes may impact the project while proceeding to develop the MSHCP Amendment as planned.

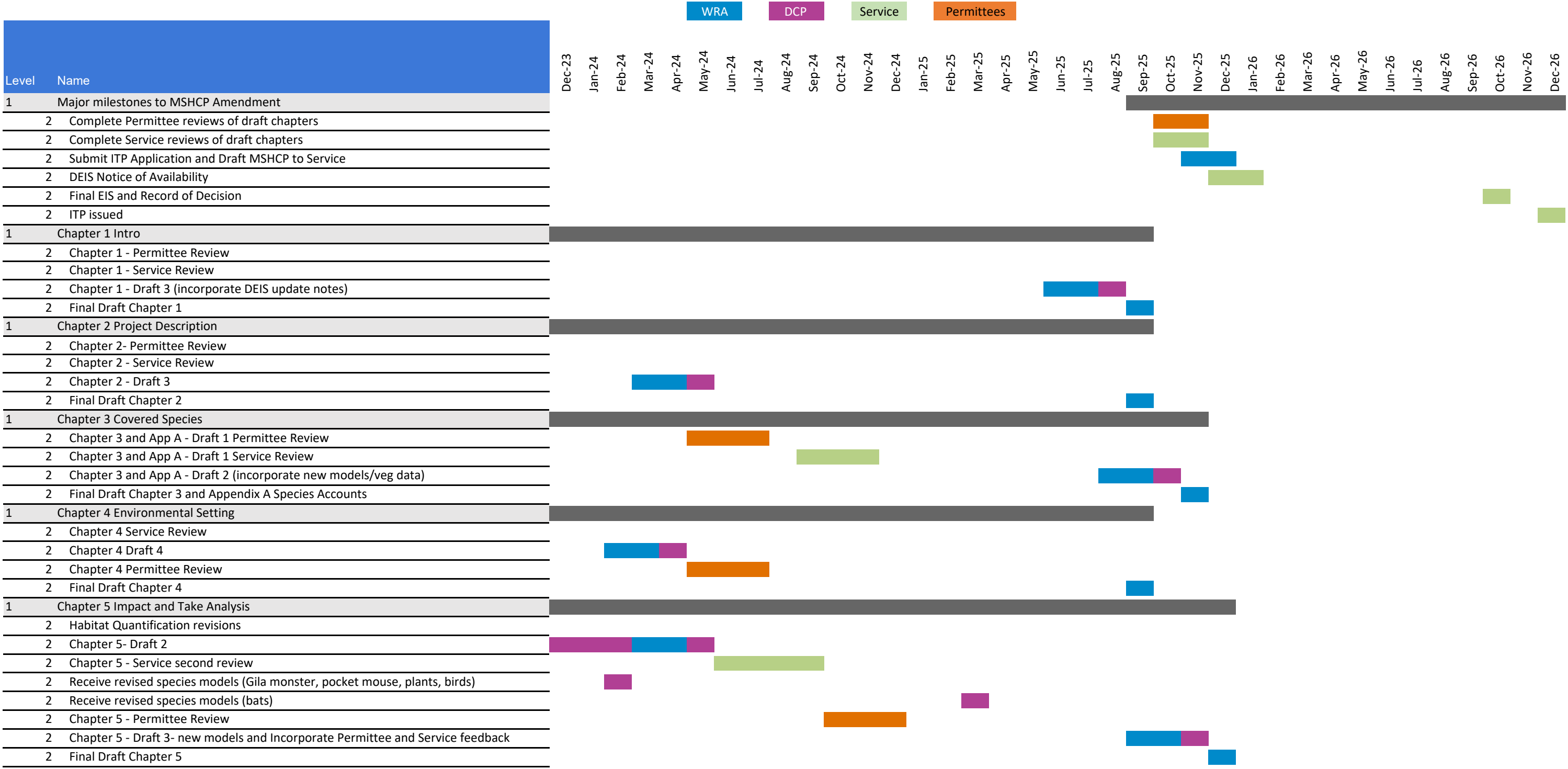
QUESTION 7: What was produced during the reporting period?

Completed deliverables:

- D66 (Riparian Crediting Methodology, Draft 2)
- D70 (Chapter 7, Draft 4)
- D74 (Quarterly Progress Report and Schedule Update)
- D75 (Biennium Progress Report)
- M68 (Quarterly Agency Coordination Meeting)
- M69 (Monthly Progress Call)
- M70 (Monthly Progress Call)
- M71 (Monthly Progress Call)

Please report on the status of each Milestone and Deliverable, indicate whether they are not started, in progress, or completed and provide comments on the status as necessary.

The attached Gantt schedule reflects WRA's current understanding of the Permittee review schedule for draft chapters and anticipated deliverable dates for information required to update and finalize chapters. Based on this information and the schedule for final habitat distribution models to be received in the third quarter of 2025, the Incidental Take Permit application may not be submitted until December 2025. Any further delays in review time, deliverables which WRA will be required to produce to complete the MSHCP, or Conservation Strategy route as described above, will most likely result in a delay in the application submittal timeline. The timing for a NEPA consultant to begin preparation of the EIS should also continue to be discussed, as this could affect the application submittal date.



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