

Environmental Consultation Organizer (ECO) Public Portal Frequently Asked Questions Sheet

Account Creation

Question: How do I create an account and login to the ECO Public Portal?

Answer: See Instruction Guide linked here for Federal Agency Users and General Public Users

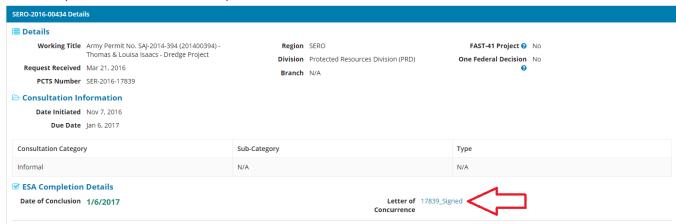
Finding Consultation Documents

Question: Where can I find Biological Opinions?

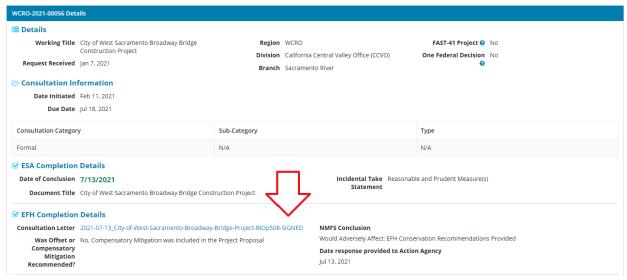
Answer: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Institutional Repository. Tips on searching the NOAA Institutional Repository can be found at the following link: https://repository.library.noaa.gov/help. If you are looking for a biological opinion from an Endangered Species Action (ESA) section 7 consultation completed before 2019 that is not available in ECO, you may send an email with specific details regarding the consultation to <a href="https://nwww.nws.numer.num

Question: Where can I find Letters of Concurrence?

Answer: Letters of Concurrence for completed Informal ESA or Combined consultations can be found within their respective ECO record under "ESA Completion Details" (See screenshot below).



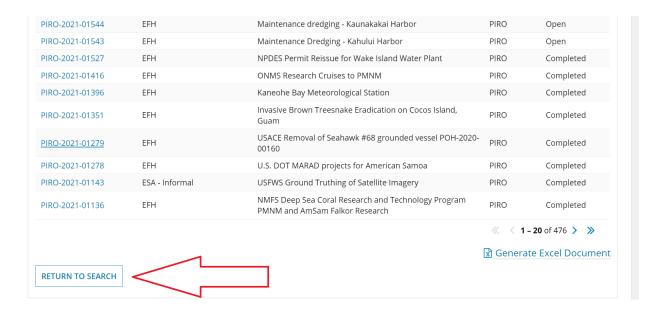
Question: Where can I find Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Consultation Letters? Answer: EFH Consultation Letters can be found within ECO records under "EFH Completion Details" (See screenshot below).



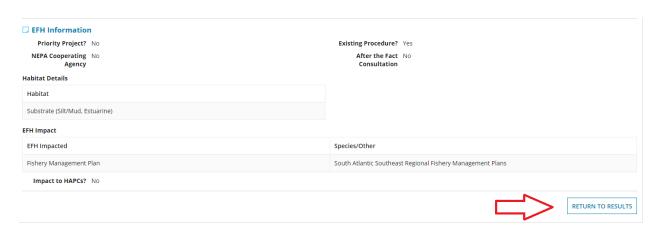
Record Search Capabilities

Question: After performing a search, how can I modify my search results without resetting the search filters I originally selected?

Answer: Search results can be modified by selecting "Return to Search". After selecting this, users will be returned to the ECO Record Search Form and the original filters that were selected will be maintained.



Question: After viewing a record in ECO, how do I return to the search results? Answer: To return to the search results from a consultation record, select "Return to Results" located at the bottom of the screen.



Consultation Assistance

Question: Where can I find spatial data associated with EFH and/or protected resources that overlap with my project area?

Answer: Please see the link to the EFH mapper <u>here</u>. For spatial data for ESA-listed resources, visit the following links below:

Critical Habitat Data

NMFS Alaska Regional ESA Species Regional Mapper

NMFS Greater Atlantic Region ESA Section 7 Mapper

NMFS West Coast Regional Office Protected Species Mapper

NMFS Southeast Region Office ESA Section 7 Mapper

Question: Where can I direct questions for consultation assistance (either nationally or regionally)?

Answer: Questions regarding consultations can be submitted to the appropriate <u>ESA</u> <u>Section 7 Consultation Coordinator</u> or <u>EFH Coordinator</u> for the regional or national office located in your project area.