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Subject: Friday, May 4th Skagit Feasibility Study Scoping Meeting

Hi Everyone,

Here's a little background for our Friday meeting. Attached you will find a listing of the alternatives with a brief description of each alternative, a draft environmental effects matrix handed out at the last working group meeting, and a list of questions on environmental effects from the alternatives which was developed at the last working group meeting.

We will meet at 1000 at the H&H conference room (between columns C8 and C9). The meeting will last for two hours. Valerie Lee from Environment International will help facilitate the process. This is the first of several agency/tribes meetings to help scope environmental concerns and projected studies for the project EIS. In this first meeting we will start by describing the process we hope to use to arrive at needed studies and scoping of environmental concerns. Then we will shift to a description of alternatives so that everyone can come up to speed on the proposals on the table right now. In the remaining time we will focus on starting to identify your concerns and reviewing the questions that came out of the last working group meeting. I'm looking forward to a productive start in this scoping effort. Hopefully we can quickly come to some agreement on necessary studies (At a later date this effort will merge with the Padilla Bay effort.), and identify your concerns and initial rankings of the proposed alternatives. See you on Friday (I'm out on Thursday).

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