

CAMT Scoping and Investigation Teams Product Development and Review

Background

In its February 2014 Progress Report to the Court, CAMT established procedures for creating Scoping Teams to guide development of technical work products, and engaging the Delta Science Program (DSP) for the independent review of those products (see CAMT Progress Report, pages 10-11). The attached figure, developed by CAMT in July 2014, illustrates the specific steps involved in developing products and moving those products to and through peer review under the direction of the DSP.

This paper is intended to clarify the role of the Scoping Teams and CAMT in developing and reviewing technical products, including procedures for accepting and addressing comments on such products.

Product Development and Review

- Scoping Teams are responsible for the development of technical proposals and investigations.
- Products may be developed by Scoping Team themselves, as in the case of the Salmon Gap Analysis, or by separate Investigative Teams approved by CAMT, as with the Smelt Entrainment Proposal.
- Scoping Team members are responsible for providing technical input on draft products, including input from the organizations they represent (see Step 5 in attached figure).
- CAMT members, and their staff may also provide comments on draft products through their respective Scoping Team Members.
- Scoping Team members are responsible for keeping their CAMT representative(s) informed, and Scoping Team Co-chairs are responsible for formally circulating draft products to CAMT on behalf of the team.

Transmittal to CAMT and DSP

- All technical products from the Scoping Teams (including products developed by assigned Investigation Teams) shall be transmitted to CAMT for review.
- The primary purpose of the CAMT review is for management and policy level concerns (e.g. Does the proposal address the key management questions posed by CAMT?; Is there adequate and accurate context provided?; Is the product clear and understandable?).
- CAMT is responsible for transmitting products to the DSP for independent peer review (see Step 6 in attached figure).

DSP Review and Product Revisions

- The DSP shall direct independent reviews in accordance with its review protocols.
- The findings of all reviews shall be provided to CAMT in a written report.
- Scoping Teams and Investigation Teams are responsible for modifying their technical products as appropriate in response to the independent reviews, and providing revised products to CAMT.

Timelines for Review

- Scoping Teams are responsible for establishing schedules and deadlines for product development and review in accordance with the CAMT Workplan.
- Schedules shall be periodically reviewed and revised in consultation with CAMT.
- Ideally, Scoping Team members will have two weeks to review and comment on draft products before they are transmitted to CAMT, and CAMT members will have two weeks to review products before submitting them to the DSP for review.
- CAMT may elect to shorten review periods at its discretion.

Proposed Peer Review Process for CAMT Delta Smelt Research Proposals

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