

ISAP Initial Thoughts on Draft
Science and Adaptive Management Plan
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- Impressive early draft document!
- The document should follow the structure set out in Chapter One
- Monitoring plan needs further development and discussion
- In addressing the big questions that combine management actions it is important to be aware of potentially confounded results

- Governance structure – who are the process managers and how do they fit into the team?
- There is a need to consider nearby off-channel habitat, and the cost-effectiveness of actions there in supplementing in-channel ESH
- There remains the need to link bird-habitat models and habitat targets to jeopardy determinations

- There is a need to identify the timing of a Level 3 action for pallid sturgeon
- How do current SWH/pulse actions fit into the proposed AM plan?
- At what point can a hypothesis be declared not viable and be eliminated? Given current hypotheses, which might be highest on a priority list?
- The document should identify opportunities to coordinate actions for birds and fish

- The expansive pallid science agenda should appear as an appendix to the AMP
- Plan should assess the Yellowstone Intake project
- Near-term efforts should be to build population projections for pallid sturgeon as has been done for birds