Nantahala Area Relicensing Timelines

Bryson, Mission, Franklin and Dillsboro Projects	2003	Nantahala, West Fork & East Fork Projects
Continue working with the Town of Dillsboro to complete the conceptual plan for their STEPS (Small Town Enhancement Planning Strategy) Initiative by May 30, 2003.	May	Consensus agreements signed by 87% of the members of the Nantahala and Tuckasegee Cooperative Stakeholder Teams on May 16, 2003.
Work with agencies on the TCST to develop a plan and schedule and cost-estimate and complete the environmental assessment necessary to evaluate dam removal and prepare the license application surrender. Plan, schedule and cost estimate complete by June 7, 2003	Jun	Consult with Stroud to consider request for an actual test run this summer using alternating angling and boating flows on mainstem Tuckasege. Trial would provide opportunity to test flow information plan. Inform stakeholders of Stroud;s decision. by June 4, 2003.
Hold joint meeting with necessary stakeholders - notification must be made 15 days prior to meeting. EBCI meeting scheduled for June 9. Agency meeting scheduled for June 17	Jun	Review summary of stakeholders that voted a 4 or 5 on the CA's and hold individual discussions with these stakeholders to minimize the 4's that wind up not signing the SA's. Try to get 5's to upgrading to a 4.
Consultant addresses stakeholder comments and publishes final license applications by June 30, 2003.	Jun	Revise the economic models for the final CA's by June 13, 2003
Apply to NC Division of Water Quality for 401 Water Quality Certifications around June 30, 2003. Advise NCDWQ not to issue a 401 Water Quality Certification for Dillsboro until potential license surrender is resolved.	Jun	First draft of Settlement agreements for East Fork, West Fork and Nantahala Projects written for review by stakeholders on June 26, 2003.
Latest date that timely license applications can be filed with FERC is July 31, 2003, except for Mission which can be filed as late as August 1, 2003. Advise the FERC to not issue an order on the license application for the Dillsboro Project until the potential license surrender is resolved.	Jul	Internal draft license application review period ends July 8, 2003.
		Consultant makes revisions, publishes draft license applications and mails to stakeholders per distribution plan by July 28, 2003.
	Aug	Provide a summary of any significant viewing opportunities and the need, practicality and cost of providing one viewing platform per reservoir by August 1, 2003
	Aug	Provide summary of the most feasible location, an estimate of the construction costs and identify the entity that would maintain the public swimming area by August 1, 2003
so Duke can make its decision on whether or not to proceed to prepare a license surrender application prior to the 9/15/03 SA target signing date.	Sep	Settlement agreements for East Fork, West Fork and Nantahala Projects written and signed by stakeholders by September 15, 2003.
Clarify license applications and respond to any additional information requests from FERC.	Oct	Ninety day stakeholder review and comment period on draft license applications ends October 31, 2003.
	Nov	Hold joint meeting with necessary stakeholders - notification must be made 15 days prior to meeting.
	Dec	Consultant addresses stakeholder comments and publishes final license applications by December 15, 2003.
	Dec	Apply to NC Division of Water Quality for 401 Water Quality Certifications around December 15, 2003.
FERC scoping and environmental analysis, FERC issues draft and then final NEPA documents.	**2004**	
	Jan	Duke Power files license applications with FERC - John Whittaker to hand deliver around January 7, 2004.
	Jan	**Latest date that timely license applications can be filed with FERC is January 31, 2004, except for Nantahala which can be filed as late as February 28, 2004.**
NCDWQ issues 401 Water Quality Certifications.	May	Clarify license applications and respond to any additional information requests from FERC.
File an application with the FERC to surrender the Dillsboro Project license, decommission Dillsboro Powerhouse, remove Dillsboro Dam and pursue a disposition path for the powerhouse. File both a revised 401 Water Quality Certification application and a request to withdraw the previously filed 401 Water Quality Certification for the Dillsboro Project with the NCDWQ. The revised application will support dam	Jun	FERC scoping and environmental analysis, FERC issues draft and then final NEPA documents.
		NCDWQ issues 401 Water Quality Certifications.
	2005	
Existing licenses expire. FERC issues annual licenses if needed.	Jul	
FERC issues new licenses.	Dec	
	2006	
	Jan	Existing licenses expire. FERC issues annual licenses if needed. FERC issues new licenses.

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