Inter-Agency Coordination

December ’02 Meeting

- Need for more regional approach to ILT conservation:
  - Interaction among river systems
  - Share info and ID data requirements
  - ID cost effective conservation measures
  - Consistent policy re.. Section 7 consultations
  - Coordinated approach to facilitate Recovery
White Paper Action Items

- Designate Corps inter-divisional team
- USFWS inter-regional team
- Compile existing pertinent data in centralized database
- Corps participation in Recovery Plan review
- Symposium for stakeholders
- Standardized monitoring protocol
Designate Corps Team

- Completed in October 03-
  - 18 individuals from HQ, ERDC, 4 Division Offices, and 11 District Offices
- Arkansas, Red, and Canadian Section 7 consultation
- Need to designate Team Leader
- Coordinate ILT issues throughout range

USFWS Inter-Regional Team

- Lead USFWS Region?
- Corps request lead USFWS Region to designate inter-regional team?
- Coordinate ILT issues throughout range
- Missouri River Section 7 process proposed a “Regional Coordination Process”
Compile Data in Centralized Database

- Recognized Omaha District’s system as perhaps “standard”
- Necessary to assess Recovery Criteria
- Need to include data from populations in non-regulated areas
- Missouri River Section 7 process proposed a “central data collection center”

Corps Participation in Review of Recovery Plan

- Interagency review of recovery criteria:
  - Adult population distribution and levels:
    - Missouri- 2,100
    - Mississippi- 2,200 to 2,500
    - Arkansas- 1,600
    - Red- 300
    - Rio Grande- 500
  - “Essential habitat” designation and best way for long-term protection
Symposium for Stakeholders

- Important to engage and inform locals
  - Need assistance in minimizing impacts from recreational activities
- Share “Lessons Learned”
- Perhaps Missouri River and North American Piping Plover and Least Tern Habitat Symposium/Workshop can be expanded

Develop Standardized Monitoring Protocol

- Critical for managing and conserving population
- Necessary to assess recovery criteria
- ERDC/ABC are “moving out” with this workshop