



Outlook

RE:DAR comment for KIUC Second Draft HCP Upcoming Meetings—January 16th

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Please find below our DAR comments:

For Sea turtles:

1. DAR would like KIUC to acknowledge that nest shielding is not an exact science and provide a more robust plan to protect sea turtle hatchlings.
2. If sea turtle nest takes increased more than 1nest/year, KIUC adaptive management Table 6.2 Conservation measure 6 would within a minimum of a two-year time frame start implementation of changing streetlights (wavelength, color, or shielding, or a combination thereof). If an agreement is reached with the County and State on practicable streetlight minimization, KIUC will install practicable light minimization techniques within a timeframe agreed upon by USFWS, DOFAW, and DAR, consistent with Section 4.4.6.1, *Identify and Install Practicable Light Minimization Techniques*.
3. DAR requests KIUC to provide additional mitigation/adaptative management for sea turtles to include saving adult sea turtles from stranding/line entanglement/boat strike by sending them to a rehabilitation facility.

I will present these in this morning's meeting. Mimi