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Sikes Act Training: INRMP Reviews, Updates & Revisions





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Sikes Act

- **Sikes Act Section 101(a)(1)(B):** “Prepare and implement an INRMP for each military installation in the United States . . . unless the Secretary determines that the absence of significant natural resources on a particular installation makes preparation of such a plan inappropriate”
- **Sikes Act Section 101(b)(2):** “Must be **reviewed as to operation and effect** by the parties thereto on a regular basis, but not less often than every 5 years”





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DoD Instruction 4715.03

- **Operation and Effect:** A review to determine whether existing INRMPs are being implemented to meet Sikes Act requirements and contribute to the conservation and rehabilitation of natural resources on military installations
 - INRMPs must be **reviewed as to operation and effect** on a regular basis, but no less often than every 5 years
 - Review must be documented and signed by DoD, USFWS, and State fish and wildlife agencies
 - Review will determine whether existing INRMPs are being implemented to meet Sikes Act
 - At a minimum reviews shall assess conservation goals and objectives and the status of the Natural Resources Conservation Metrics
- **Review for operation and effect:** A comprehensive, joint review by the parties to the INRMP, conducted no less often than every five years, to determine whether the plan needs a minor change or revision in order to continue to address adequately the purposes and requirements of the Sikes Act.





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DoD INRMP Guidance

2002 DoD Guidance:

- All installations that require INRMPs must complete and begin execution by 2002
- All INRMPs shall be reviewed annually and verify:
 - Current information on all conservation metrics is available
 - All “must fund” projects and activities have been budgeted for and implementation is on schedule
 - All required trained natural resources positions are filled or are in the process of being filled
 - Projects and activities for the upcoming year have been identified and included in the INRMP (an updated project list does not necessitate revising the INRMP)
 - All required coordination has occurred
 - All significant changes to the installation’s mission requirements or its natural resources have been identified

All INRMPs shall be revised, if necessary, at intervals of not more than five years, and more frequently if warranted by significant changes to the installation’s mission requirements or its natural resources



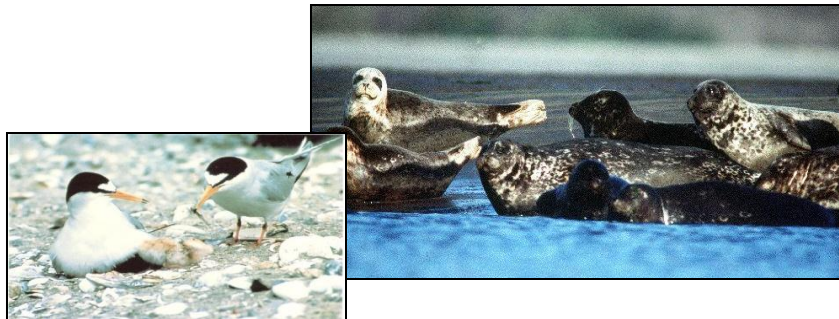
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DoD INRMP Guidance

2004 DoD Guidance:

- Not every INRMP necessarily needs to be revised
- Review intended to determine whether existing INRMPs are being implemented to meet Sikes Act requirements (many existing INRMPs will not need revision)
- All three parties must complete an INRMP review no less frequently than every 5 years





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DoD INRMP Guidance

2004 DoD Guidance continued:

- Installations should document outcome of joint review in memorandum or letter to summarize parties' mutual agreement
- Installations are required to review INRMPs annually with parties
 - Review goals and objectives of the plan
 - Establish realistic schedule for undertaking proposed actions
 - Capture outcomes in a jointly executed memorandum (useful in developing the more formal 5-year reviews)





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DoD INRMP Guidance - INRMP Preparation

2005 DoD Guidance:

- Section 670a(a)(1)(B) requires INRMP preparation for each military installation with extant natural resources
- INRMP must address resource management on all lands
 - Occupied by tenants or lessees
 - Being used by others pursuant to a permit, license, right of way, or any other form of permission
- Installation commanders may require tenants, lessees, permittees, and other parties to accept responsibility for performing appropriate natural resource management actions
 - Does not obviate need to address natural resource management in the INRMP
- DoD is answerable to the public for the conservation, protection, and management of natural resources on all lands (discharged only if scope of INRMPs matches scope of our responsibilities)



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Coordination Process

2002 OSD Guidance:

- Establish and maintain regular communications with USFWS and State Fish and Wildlife Agency offices to address NR management issues not addressed in the INRMP
 - Annual coordination with all cooperating offices
 - NOI to prepare or revise INRMP sent **30 days** prior to starting action

Coordination Process:

- Send initial draft INRMP to FWS field office and State Fish and Wildlife Agency office for review and comment
- Request written acknowledgement of receipt within **15 days** of receipt
 - USFWS field office will provide written comments to the installation, and furnish copies of the letter to the Sikes Act Coordinator at the USFWS regional office, and to the State Fish and Wildlife Agency director's office
 - State fish and wildlife office will provide written comments, and furnish copies of the letter to the Sikes Act Coordinator at the USFWS regional office
- Consider all comments received and send final draft INRMP to USFWS regional office and State director's office
 - Document actions taken on draft comments
 - Furnish copy of letter to USFWS field office
- Request USFWS and State director provide consolidated written comments from all appropriate offices and divisions within **60 days** of receipt of the final draft INRMP, unless the participants mutually agree upon a longer review period because an installation has a particularly large or complex INRMP

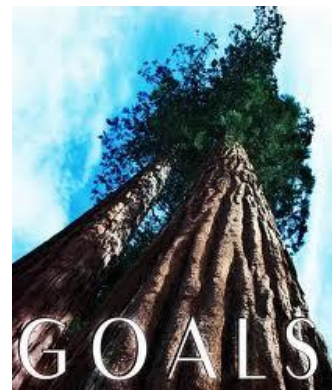


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Coordination Process Continued

- **Exceptions:** In these cases, the DoD installation shall request the USFWS regional office and field office to notify the installation of the appropriate review timeline within **15 days** of receipt of the draft INRMP:
 - If formal section 7 consultation is required, the time frames for that process will apply (see flow chart)
 - If the installation is requesting that the INRMP substitute for designation of critical habitat on the installation, USFWS may choose to comment separately from an INRMP review response
- Except for the special situations described above, if after a period of **120 days** no final comments are received from appropriate State and USFWS offices, an installation may request expedited review of its INRMP
 - Submit a written request to designated Headquarters representatives of the DoD and USFWS, and to the director of the appropriate State fish and wildlife agency
 - Representatives from these offices will meet within **30 days** of receipt of such a request to resolve any outstanding coordination





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Updates or Revisions?

- Review for Operation and Effect should result in either an INRMP **Update** or **Revision**
- **Update:**
 - No significant change to resource, mission, or management
 - Minor changes to INRMP/additions to appendices
 - NEPA still applicable and in effect
- **Revision:**
 - Significant change in resource, mission, or management
 - Major changes to INRMP content
 - NEPA needs to be updated/addressed





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INRMP Revision Defined

- **INRMP Revision - OSD/USFWS Agreed Upon Definition:**
 - Any change to an INRMP that, if implemented, may result in an environmental impact not anticipated by the parties to the INRMP when the plan was last approved or reviewed as to operation and effect. All such revisions require approval by all parties to the INRMP, and may require additional environmental impact analysis.





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2006 Navy INRMP Guidance:

- INRMP preparation determined by the Installation Commander and approved by CNIC
- Navy's intent - fully document annual reviews and work with USFWS and state partners to utilize the annual review process, to meet the 5 year formal review requirement
- Developments that may necessitate an INRMP revision include (but are not limited to):
 - Change in mission requirements or intensity of land use
 - Significant change in natural resource baseline condition (e.g., a substantial change in population for a listed species or a new invasive species)
 - Old INRMP has proven inadequate, was unable to be implemented, or monitoring has shown projects to be ineffective in meeting natural resources management goals
 - Change in natural resource management goals or expired planning horizon of previous INRMP
 - BRAC actions





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- If any such developments are currently taking place at an installation or are predicted to take place in the near future, they should be brought to the attention of USFWS and state partners during the review process
- If no significant changes are needed, then an annual update should be done following each annual review
- On an annual basis, each installation must complete an evaluation of the effectiveness of its INRMP
 - The annual evaluation must be completed in cooperation with the appropriate field-level offices of the USFWS and State Fish and Wildlife Agencies and NMFS (if appropriate)
 - Cooperating partners will work together to measure both the successes and issues resulting from INRMP implementation





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An annual review with USFWS and state partners shall verify that:

- All ERL 4 projects and activities have been budgeted for and implementation is on schedule
- All required trained natural resources positions are filled or in the process of being filled
- Projects and activities for the upcoming year have been identified and included in the INRMP (an updated project list does not necessitate revising the INRMP)
- All required coordination has occurred
- All significant changes to the installation's mission requirements or its natural resources have been identified



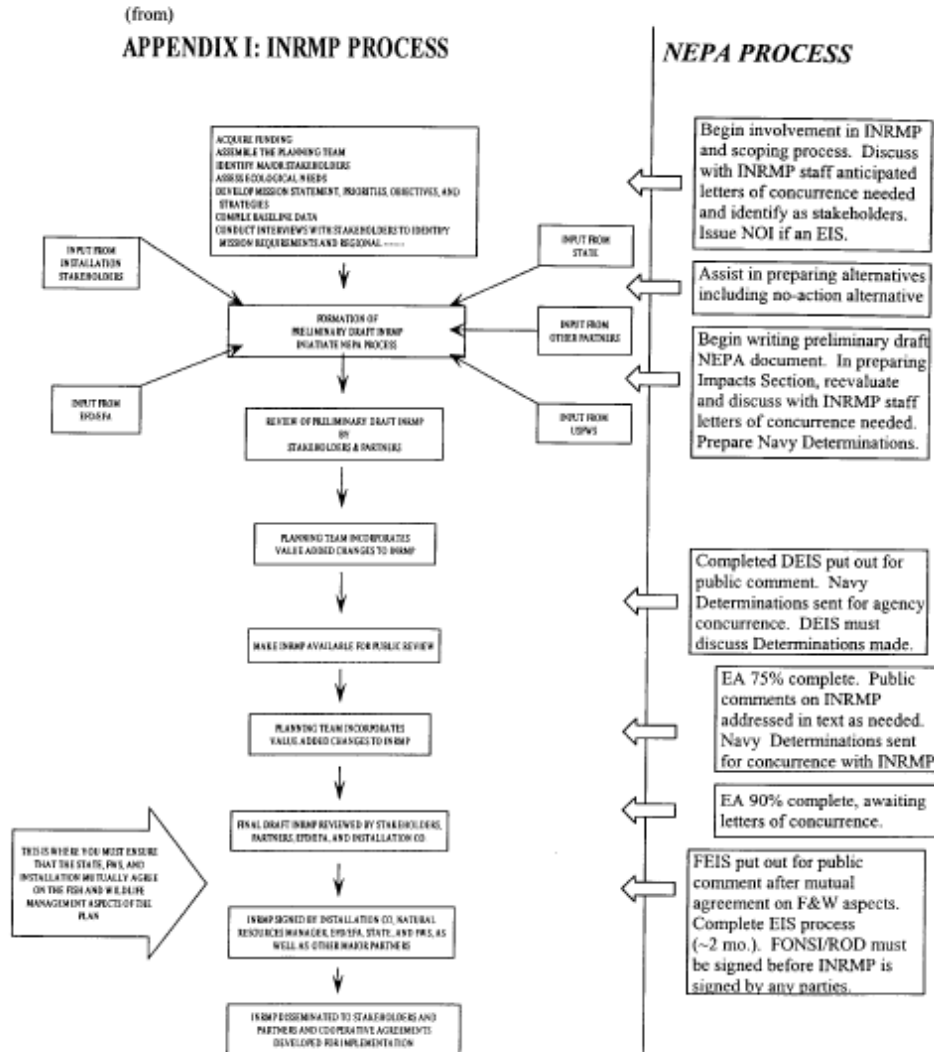


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Flow Chart

FIGURE 1: NEPA PROCESS INTEGRATED TO INRMP PROCESS





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Compliant INRMP

OSD/USFWS Agreed Upon Definition

Compliant INRMP - An INRMP that has been both approved in writing, and reviewed, within the past five years, as to operation and effect, by authorized officials of DoD, DOI, and each appropriate state fish and wildlife agency.

Navy Policy

Compliant INRMP – A complete plan that meets the purposes of the Sikes Act (§101(a)(3)(AC)), contains the required plan elements (§101(b)(1)(AJ)), and has been reviewed for operation and effect within the past 5 years (§101(2)(b)(2)).

- NEPA should be complete so INRMP can be implemented.
- NEPA should be complete prior to Commanding Officer/Regional Commander Signature/Final Approval



Git-R-Done!





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OPNAVINST 5090.1C CH-1

Commanding Officers of Shore Activities shall ensure the preparation and implementation of an INRMP and systematically apply the conservation practices set forth in the plan (INRMP)