

GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF
EXCESS HIGH QUALITY PRESERVATION AS COMPENSATORY MITIGATION
BEYOND THE TRANSITION PERIOD

CONCURRENCE FORM

DEVELOPED BY THE PROGRAM ASSESSMENT AND CONSISTENCY GROUP (PACG)

Agencies that are members of the PACG agree that high quality preservation credits that were acquired during the Transition Period that were not debited toward specific impacts at the end of the Transition Period or were released from debit once restoration requirements were satisfied can be applied to satisfy future impact mitigation requirements. The following requirements apply to the use of these preservation credits.

- I. The credits must be in the same eco-region (Transition Period eco-region map) as the impacts that they would be debited toward.
- II. The credits may be used to compensate for compensatory mitigation beyond the 1:1 restoration requirement of the impacts from any single impact project.
- III. The credits require a 5:1 ratio to equal 1 restoration equivalent, i.e., 5 preservation credits equal 1 restoration equivalent.

The PACG concurred on the above guidance for use by the EEP on July 15, 2005

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As a member of the PACG, I concur with the guidance for use by the EEP dated July 15, 2005 titled "Guidance on the use of Excess High Quality Preservation as Compensatory Mitigation beyond the Transition Period."

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