Proposed Downlisting of Humpback Chub and Razorback Sucker AMWG Update

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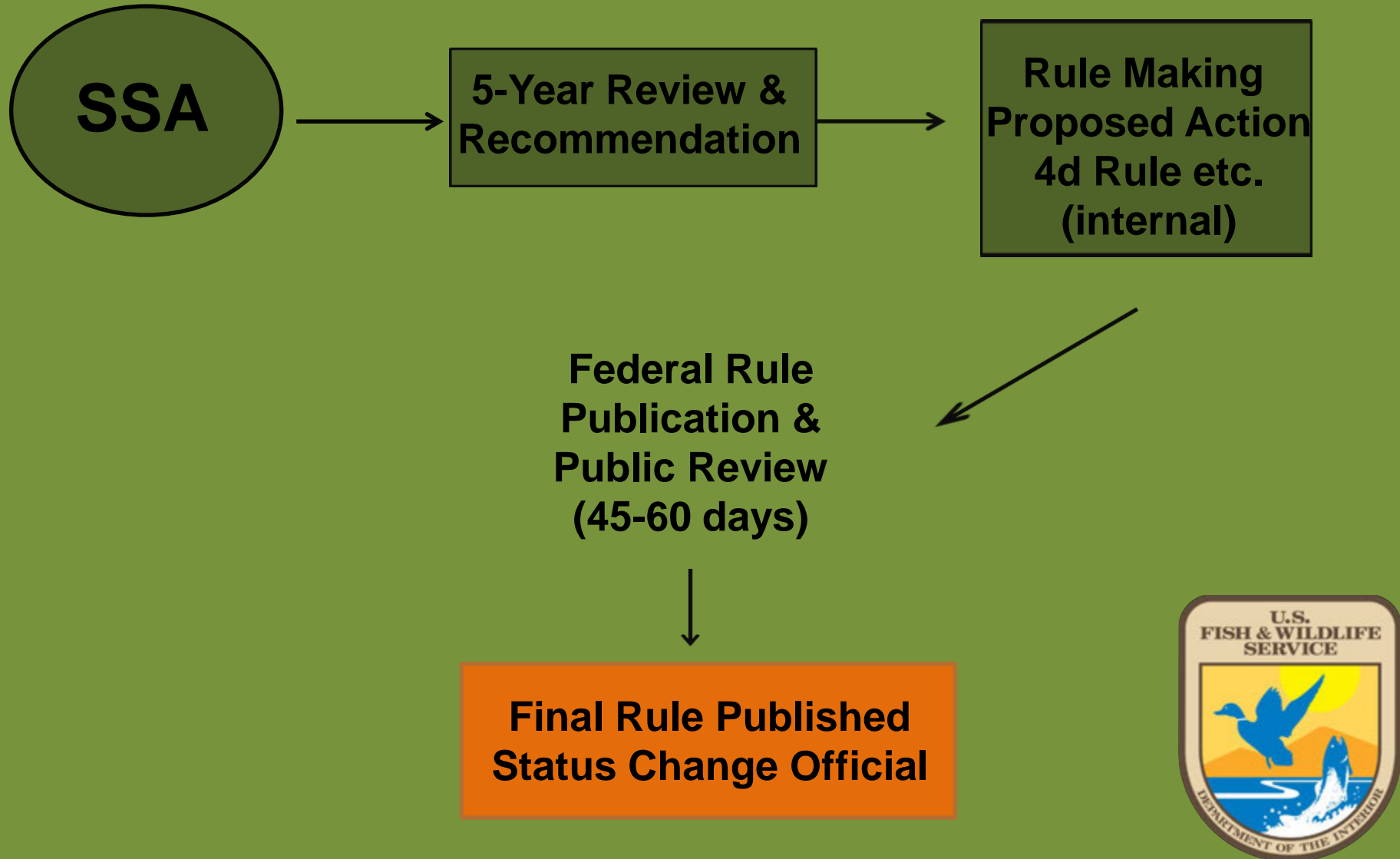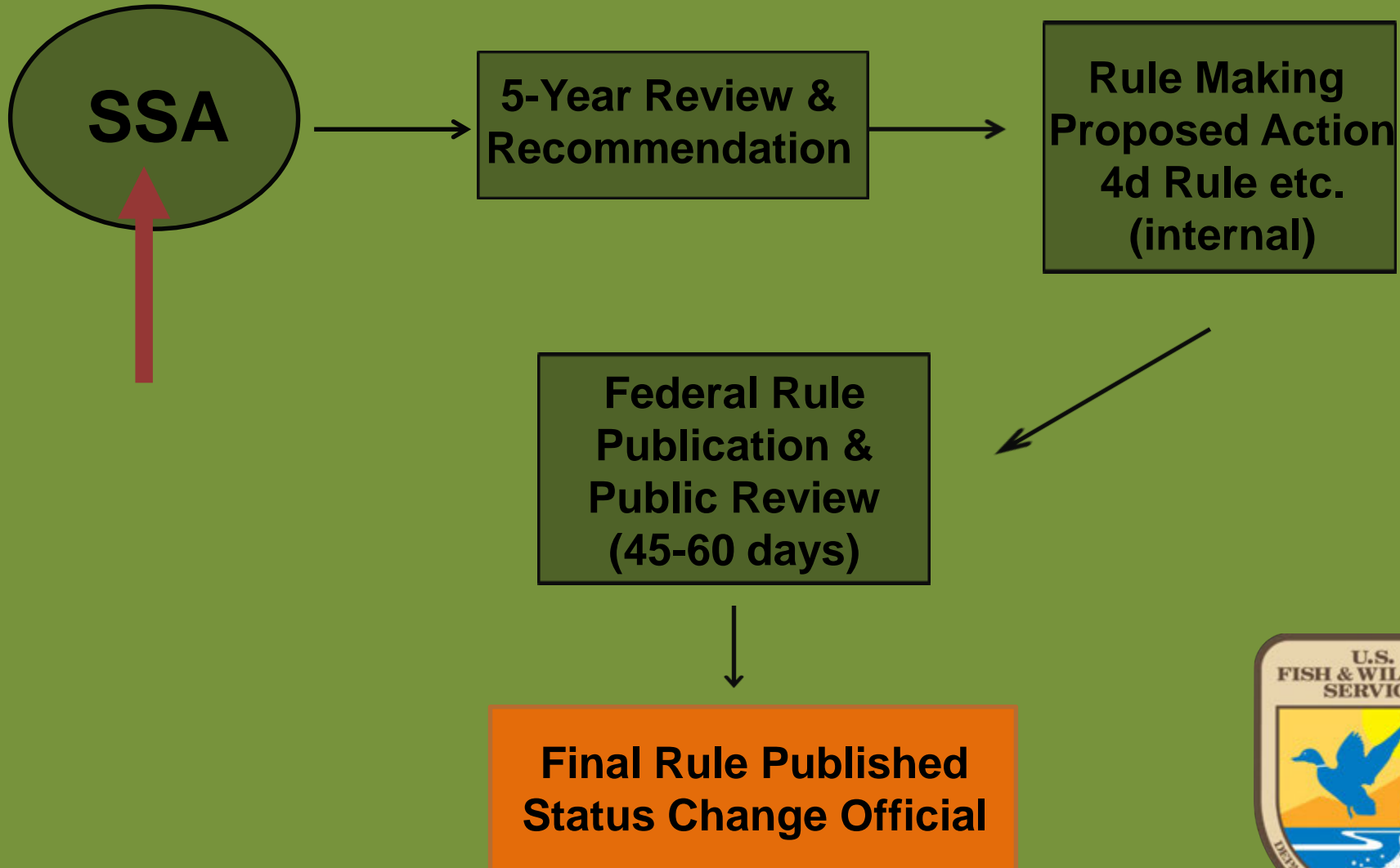
Outline

Discuss:

- Humpback Chub/Razorback Sucker Downlisting Proposal Process Overview

- Humpback Chub (HBC) Downlisting Process Status

- Razorback Sucker (RBS) Downlisting Process Status

- Questions

HBC/RBS Downlisting Proposal Process

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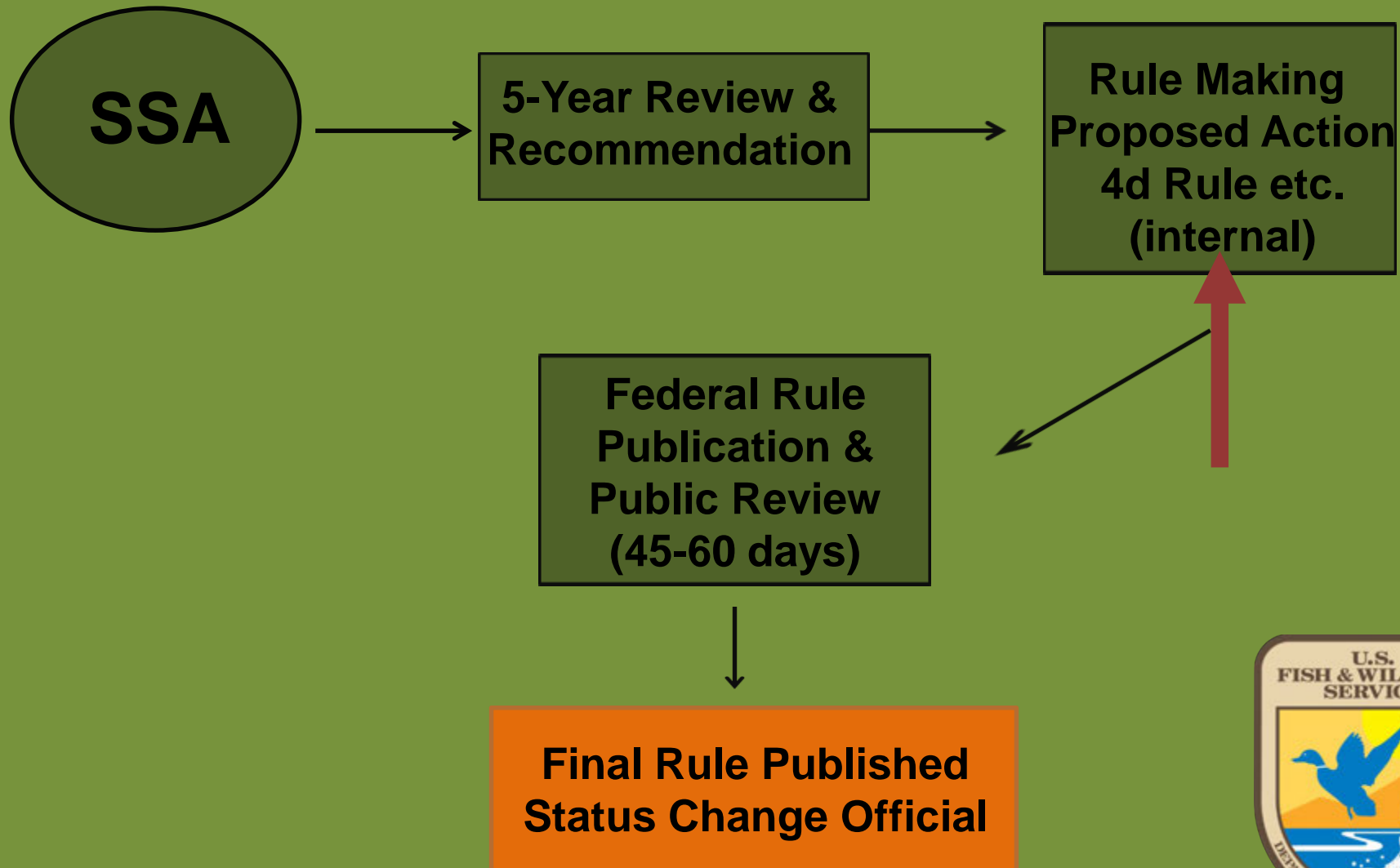
Species Status Assessment (SSA)

Purpose:

- Analytical approach to deliver foundational science that is a focused, repeatable, and rigorous scientific assessment.

Sections:

- Species Overview/History
- Species Needs
- Risk & Conservation Factors
- Current Condition
- Evaluation of Future Conditions

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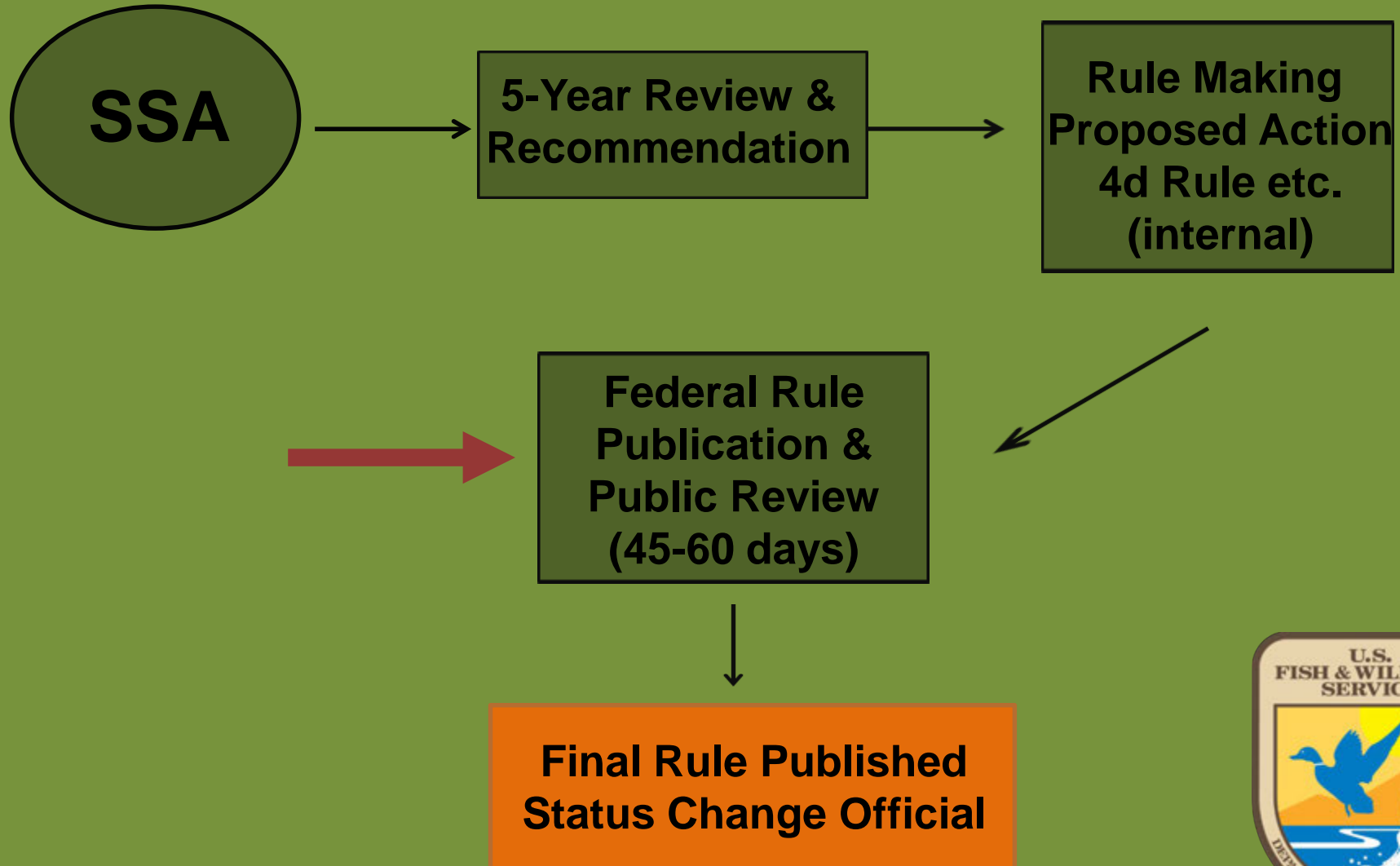
What is a 4(d) rule?

Section 4(d) of the ESA
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What this means
- Incentivize positive conservation actions
- Streamline the regulatory process for minor impacts
- Clarify/simplify what forms of take of are and are not prohibited

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Humpback Chub Update

- SSA – November 2017

- 5-Year Review & Recommendation – March 2018

- Downlisting Proposal & 4d Rule – drafted and in final review, targeting public release next 2 months
  - 4d Rule proposes streamlining conservation & allowing angling at new sites

- Final Rule – timeframe will depend on number and extent of comments, as early as this Summer

- Recovery Plan Revision – Much of work done (SSA), timing tiers to Final listing decision ~ FY20

Razorback Sucker Update

- SSA – August 2018

- 5-Year Review & Recommendation – Sept 2018

- Downlisting Proposal & 4d Rule – underway targeting public release by Sept 2019

- Final Rule Timeframe – will depend on number and extent of comments, as early as next Winter 2019/2020

- Recovery Plan Revision - Much of work done (SSA), timing tiers to Final listing decision ~ FY21

Stakeholder Input

- Downlisting Proposal - Published in Federal Register

    Public Review – opportunity to review and weigh in!

Questions?