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**America's Everglades**



## **Interim Goals and Targets**

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Future home of  
**TABERNACLE OF PRAISE**  
AND  
**RESTORATION OUTREACH CENTER**  
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# Background

- WRDA 2000 requires programmatic regulations that establish a process to ensure the protection of the natural system consistent with the goals and purposes of the Plan, including the establishment of interim goals
- Programmatic regulations specify parallel processes for establishing interim goals and interim targets

# Definition of Interim Goal

*“Interim goal is a means by which restoration success of the Plan may be evaluated throughout the implementation process.* Interim goals provide a means of tracking restoration performance, as well as a basis for reporting on the progress made at specified intervals of time towards restoration of the South Florida ecosystem, and for periodically evaluating the accuracy of predictions of system responses to the effects of the Plan.”

# Interim Goals

- Interim goals are a means by which restoration success of the Plan may be evaluated at specific points
  - Facilitate inter-agency planning, monitoring, and assessment
  - Not standards or schedules enforceable in court
- Secretary of Army, Secretary of DOI, and Governor to execute Interim Goals Agreement by December 13, 2004 to establish interim goals
  - RECOVER recommendations to be provided and considered in developing Interim Goals Agreement
  - Draft agreement to be published in Federal Register for public comment
- Parties to review Interim Goals Agreement not less often than every five years

# Interim Goals

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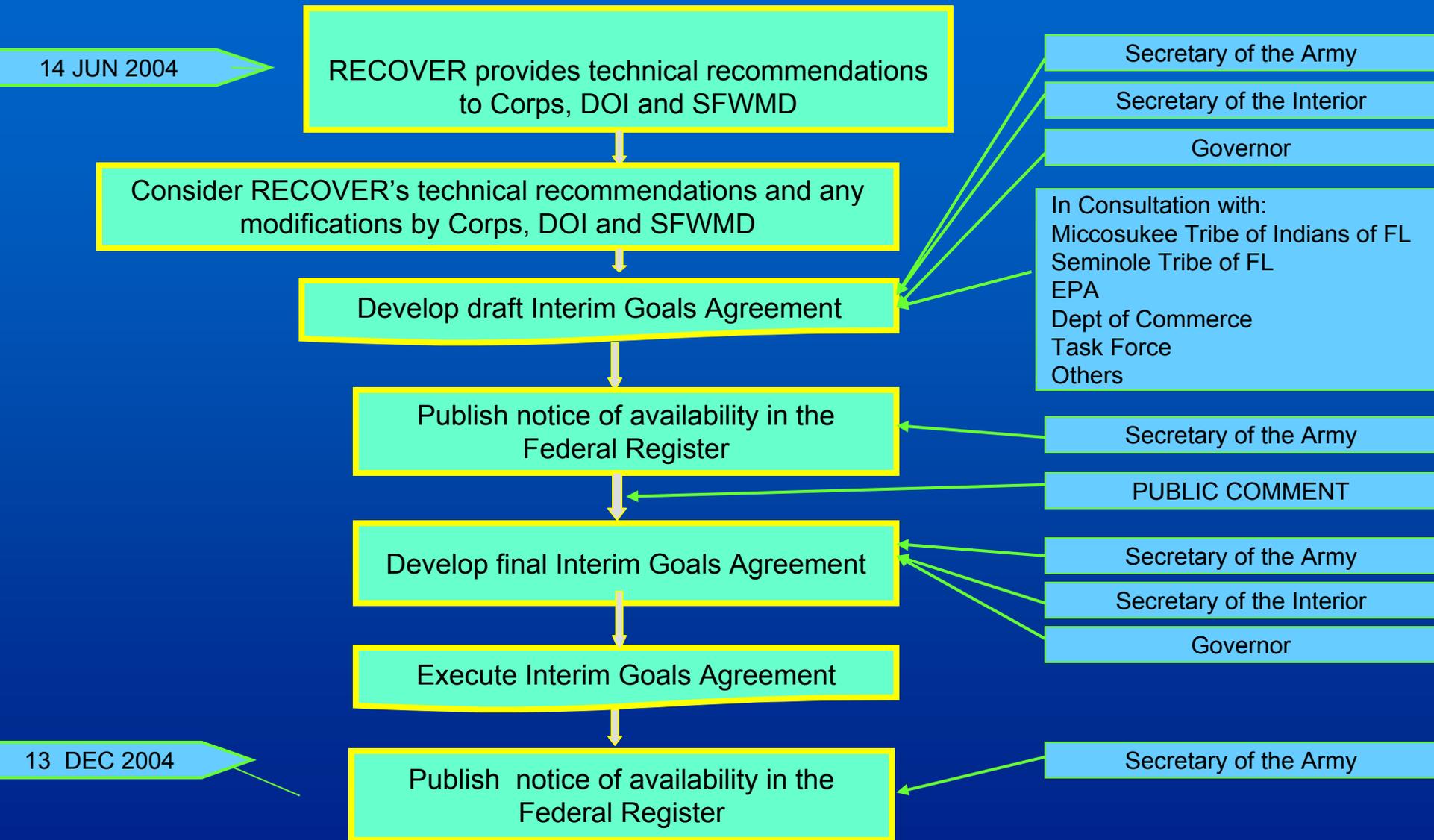
- RECOVER to develop recommendations for interim goals by June 14, 2004
  - RECOVER to consider hydrologic, water quality, and ecologic indicators in developing recommendations
  - Interim goals to reflect incremental accomplishment of the expected performance level of the Plan
  - Incremental accomplishment measured at five-year increments beginning in 2005 with goals reflecting results to be achieved by 2010 and for each five-year increment thereafter
  - Master Implementation Sequencing Plan to be used as basis for predicting performance

# Interim Goals

## (continued)

- If interim goals not met, or unlikely to be met then determine why goals not met or unlikely to be met and either:
  - Initiate adaptive management actions to achieve interim goals as soon as practical; or
  - Recommend changes to the interim goals

# INTERIM GOALS APPROVAL PROCESS OUTLINED IN THE PROGRAMMATIC REGULATIONS



# Definition of Interim Target

*“Interim target is a means by which the success of the Plan in providing for other water-related needs of the region, including water supply and flood protection, may be evaluated throughout the implementation process.*

Interim targets provide a means of tracking Plan performance, as well as a basis for reporting on progress made at specified intervals of time towards providing for other water-related needs of the region, and for periodically evaluating the accuracy of predictions of system responses to the effects of the Plan.”

# Interim Targets

- Interim targets to evaluate progress towards providing other water-related needs of the region
  - Facilitate inter-agency planning, monitoring, and assessment
  - Not standards or schedules enforceable in court
- Interim targets to be established by Secretary of the Army and the Governor by December 13, 2004, but not prior to execution of Interim Goals Agreement
  - RECOVER recommendations to be provided and considered in developing interim targets
  - Proposed interim targets to be published in Federal Register for public comment
- Secretary and Governor to review interim targets not less often than every five years

# Interim Targets

## (continued)

- RECOVER to develop recommendations for interim targets by June 14, 2004
  - RECOVER to consider hydrologic indicators in developing recommendations
  - Interim targets to reflect incremental accomplishment of the expected performance level of the Plan
  - Incremental accomplishment measured at five-year increments beginning in 2005 with targets reflecting results to be achieved by 2010 and for each five-year increment thereafter
  - Master Implementation Sequencing Plan to be used as basis for predicting performance

# Interim Targets

## (continued)

- If interim targets not met, or unlikely to be met then determine why targets not met or unlikely to be met and either:
  - Initiate adaptive management actions to achieve interim targets as soon as practical; or
  - Recommend changes to the interim targets

# INTERIM TARGETS APPROVAL PROCESS OUTLINED IN THE PROGRAMMATIC REGULATIONS





**Thank you**