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Procedure to Facilitate the Production of Coalition Work-Product

The new procedure for production of work product set forth below is intended to make it more likely the coalition can produce products for the members. Currently, the operating principles provide for the coalition to act only if there is a consensus of all steering committee members. The point of this rule has been to ensure the coalition doesn't take positions at odds with either conservation or agriculture members. This core value is preserved in the new procedure which was adopted by the steering committee at the February 25, 2017, annual meeting with the edits suggested by Jim Magagna.

Procedure for the Production of Work-Product

In its six years of existence, the coalition has worked on broader position papers and letters to Congress and the Administration on particular issues. It is natural to expect that it will take longer to produce position papers than more narrowly focused documents. Timelines are set collegially by group discussion for producing the documents.

1. The coalition will only issue a document if a minimum of six (6) steering committee members, including a minimum of two each from agriculture and conservation, have agreed to the content of the final document.
2. A group will be represented on a final document if it responds in an affirmative timely manner to the deadline set for the production of the final document.
3. If the circumstances under which the document is being produced permit, a group that misses the initial deadline will have one more week from the date of the deadline to indicate if it wishes to be included on the final document.
4. Failure to comment on an intermediate draft of a document will not prejudice the right of a group to agree to the contents of a final document. However, subsequently submitted comments will not overturn comments that had been submitted on earlier drafts.
5. Should a group not submit timely comments or otherwise indicate its support for the contents of a document, its logo will be taken off the final document. Removal of a group's logo from a document will not prejudice the group's involvement in subsequent coalition work.