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**Dear Aquatic Animal Health Stakeholders and all those interested in the development of the National Aquatic Animal Health Plan (NAAHP):**

The NAAHP is entering the final drafting stages and will soon begin internal agency reviews within the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA-Fisheries).

As such, all draft chapters have been temporarily removed from this web site. We will continue to post the meeting reports from the working groups. The ideas developed at these workgroups were considered during the development and writing of the NAAHP.

Once agency reviews are complete, the NAAHP will be sent to Joint Subcommittee on Aquaculture (JSA) for review. The final NAAHP draft will be a JSA product and will require clearance by the Office of Science and Technology Policy under the President prior to stakeholder review and comment.

We will keep stakeholders apprised of the NAAHP review process through this web site. When the NAAHP is ready for stakeholder review and comment, we will distribute that information widely through appropriate channels.

**Thank you for your support.**