

Definition of “Foreseeable Future”

This is the approach the Services have been using for about a decade and is not a change from their now long-established practice. However, by codifying their approach in regulation, it will make the Services more transparent to everyone.

The Services are clarifying that the foreseeable future extends only so far as they can reasonably determine that both future threats and the species’ responses to those threats are likely.

We support this proposal, because it will help the Services avoid speculating as to what is hypothetically possible.