

## Hinkson Creek

## Collaborative Adaptive Management

## **Proposal**

Name: De-list Lower Hinkson Estimate: Need more information

Timeframe: Deadline to submit for the 2018 305(b) report by MNDR is December 31, 2016.

Deadline for the 2016 305(b) report was December 31, 2014.

Objectives: Provide the information and data necessary to move the lower portion of the

Hinkson Creek (that portion below Providence Road) from the CAM process to a

de-listed status.

Benefits: Focus of the Collaborative Adaptive Management Process can be narrowed to

the upper portions of the Hinkson Creek.

## Description:

The Collaborative Adaptive Management Process conducted physical habitat assessment of Hinkson Creek. Preliminary data and observation suggest that Hinkson Creek below Providence Road should not be assessed and evaluated in the same manner as the upper portion of Hinkson Creek since it appears to function hydrologically and geomorphologically different than the upper portions of Hinkson Creek and the related reference streams for this Ecological Drainage Unit (EDU). For these reasons, a request should be made of MDNR to remove the lower portion of Hinkson Creek from the Collaborative Adaptive Management Process and the 303(d) list.

In order to complete this task, the Action Team requests that the Science Team evaluate the physical habitat assessment data that has been collected. The Science Team should then provide the necessary data to contribute to a de-listing request. Additionally, we request the Science Team provide any additional specific information necessary to provide a successful request to MDNR. If the Science Team is unable to perform this work, they should provide a list of specific tasks and items to be considered, included and evaluated when developing the request.

Based on what is provided by the Science Team, the Action Team will either develop the final request or develop an RFP to hire a consultant to complete the final request to MDNR.

If approved, the Action Team will forward this request to the Science Team for a response.