

Release Notes for Pisces version 3.14

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Welcome to the latest release of Pisces, version 3.14.

Pisces is a web-enabled .NET software application used by BPA and its Fish & Wildlife program participants to track and manage projects throughout the Columbia River Basin. Pisces allows contractors and BPA project managers to collaborate on project definition and ongoing project management over the internet.

Want to find out more about what Pisces is and what you can do with it? Start here: <http://www.efw.bpa.gov/contractors/usingpisces.aspx>

Changes in this release include:

Initiation and Contract Delivery Workflow

Workflow Tab Adding to our previous work in the area of workflow, this new release introduces a new tab located on the Contract Details screen titled Workflow. Here you will find information about the status of several key documents: Transmittal Memo, Statement of Work (SOW), Line Item Budget, and Property Inventory. In a single location you can quickly identify the documents required for your contract **1**, if and when they have been uploaded to Pisces **2** and/or your BPA COTR has received them outside of Pisces (e.g., via email) **3**.

This area of the application will be further enhanced with the addition of a submit function (expected timeframe on or before May 1, 2011) which will allow the contractor to “notify” the COTR when the statement of work (SOW) is ready for review. It will also be used internally to advance the contract package through the various steps of review/approval. The remaining columns **4**, indicate each party’s approval (G Y R) and the date of that approval. Note the numbers next to SOW; these reflect the results of the SOW validation guide (issues that must be resolved, potential problems).

The example below is for illustrative purposes only and does not reflect the actual status of contract documents.

Required Documents	Received	Received Date	Attached	Attached Date	EC	COTR	QC	Contract Appr
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transmittal Memo	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2/10/2011		G	2/10/2011	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOW 0, 0	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		Y	3/8/2011	R	3/8/2011
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Line Item Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1/28/2011	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1/28/2011		Y	1/28/2011	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Inventory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2/10/2011	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2/10/2011		G	2/10/2011	3/8/2011

Mapping

GIS Layers You can now display a variety of geographical and biological layers on the Work Elements Location tab. These layers should help increase precision when identifying work element locations.

Note: Layer display in Pisces is not instantaneous. You may wish to exercise restraint when displaying or hiding layers, particularly in large groups.

Location Descriptions Location descriptions are now required. You enter descriptions for new locations in the details section of the Work Element Location tab.