

Release Notes for Pisces version 1.60

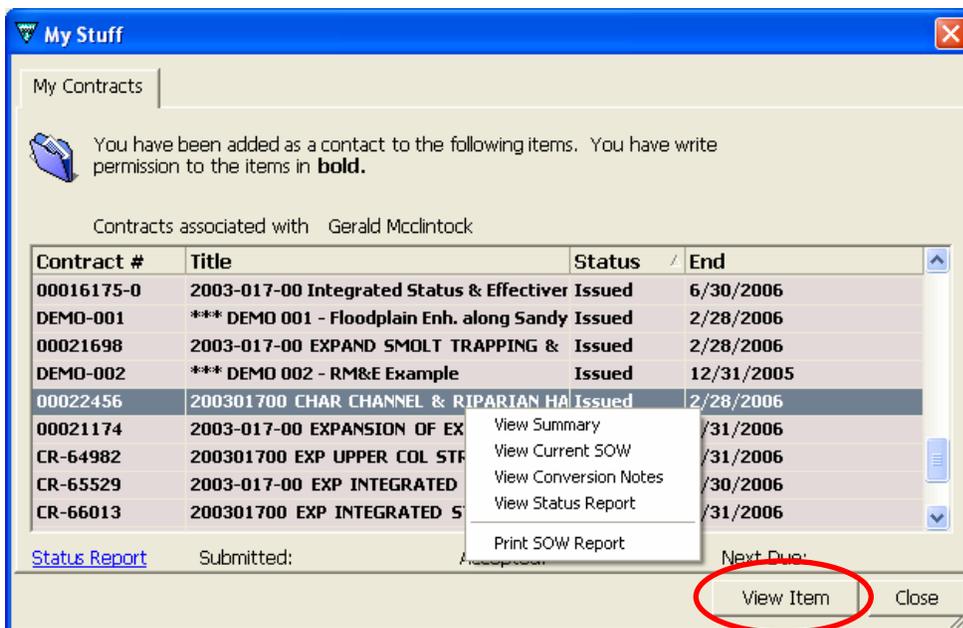
Release Date: **July 20, 2005**

The Fish & Wildlife Process Improvement Team happily announces the latest release of Pisces, version 1.60. With this release, contractors may begin submitting contract status reports online, in Pisces. The release also features new functions to help contractors and BPA staff locate contracts, deliverables, and recent edits quickly and easily.

Enhancements in Pisces version 1.60 include:

“My Stuff”

- My Stuff provides instant access to information important to you.
- Today, a tab with “My Contracts” shows all contracts where you’re listed as a contact. Bold means you have write access to the contract in Pisces. In the future additional tabs will be added for “Contacts”, “Projects”, etc.
- Columns may be sorted, but there is no filter row.

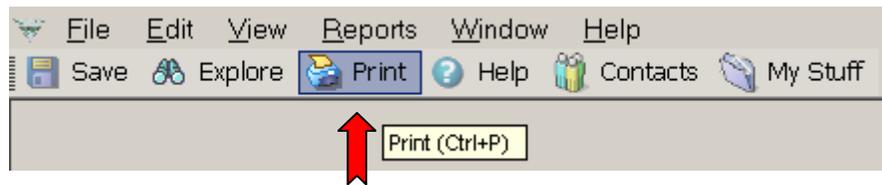


There are three ways to access details about a contract from this panel.

1. Right-click and select one of the context menu options;
2. Double-click any contract row; or
3. Click the “View Item” button.

Any of these actions will display the “Contract Details” panel.

Menu Now Has Labels Next to the Icons



- Each icon now has a text label to describe what the icon does or where it takes the user.
- Tooltips with keyboard shortcuts (CTRL+P, for example) also appear when a user hovers over an icon.

Activity Logging

- This feature provides transparency to who's been editing what and when.
- Whenever someone makes a change to a milestone, deliverable, date or budget, the change is marked with the person's initials, date and time of the change.
- When a user clicks the hyperlinked "Last modified by..." or initials text (MM in the example below), a window opens displaying the list of changes made by that person.

Click the hyperlinked "Last modified by..." to see the latest changes.

Click the hyperlinked initials to see the latest changes made by this person to this milestone.

The columns of this window are adjustable. Expand the "Inits" column to see the full name of the person who made changes to each item.

Type	Contract Status	Contract #	Request #	WE Change Type	SOW Status	Start	Title
Contract	Issued	DEMO-004		4	Unlocked		*** DEMO 004 ***

Sort	ID	Work Element	Title	Budget Est.	EC?	Start	End	Inits	Modified
A	3	Computer Purchase	Direct	\$2,000	1			MM	7/18/2005 4:55 PM

Sort	D	Milestone Title	Start	End	Status	Inits	Modified
A		Survey/photogrammetry	7/1/2005	7/15/2005	Active	MM	7/18/2005 5:02 PM
B		Appraisal review	7/20/2005	7/27/2005	Active	MM	7/18/2005 5:00 PM
C		Development of MOA	8/1/2005	9/30/2005	Active	MM	7/18/2005 5:01 PM
D		All TBL support work complete		10/14/2005	Active	MM	7/18/2005 5:03 PM

Inits	Modified	Attribute	Type	Before	After
MM - Molly	7/18/2005 5:03:00 PM	MilestoneTitle	Edit	Deliverable complete	All TBL support work
MM - Molly	7/18/2005 5:02:00 PM	EndDate	Edit		Oct 14 2005 12:00AM

Improved Visibility of Deliverables

- Before, deliverable specifications were entered in the Work Element Details (milestone) panel, just like any other milestone. The title “Deliverable complete” was not editable.
- Now, deliverable titles and specifications appear on the same page as work elements.
- When a user selects a work element, the deliverable for that work element appears in the Deliverable Title field at bottom right.
- Details about the deliverable for each work element appear in the Specification field below the Deliverable Title.
- The Deliverable Title is now editable. Both the title and deliverable specifications should be entered on the Contract Details panel, below.

Pisces - [Contract Details * DEMO 010 ***]**

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Summary SOW Status Report Internal Notes

Statement of Work: DEMO-010 (Count:1) Current or In Process
All SOWs

Type	Contract Status	Contract #	Request #	WE Change Type	SOW Status	Start	Title
Contract	Issued	DEMO-010		79	Unlocked		*** DEMO 010 ***

Work Elements for Contract# DEMO-010 (Count:79) Last modified by Molly Moreland on Jul 18, 2005 4:28PM...

Sort	ID	Work Element	Title	Budget Est.	EC?	Start	End	Inits	Modified
A	2	BPA Environmental Compliance		\$0	Z	3/1/2005	7/30/2005	MM	7/18/2005 4:28 PM
B	3	Computer Purchase		\$0	Q			VW	7/18/2005 9:33 AM
C	4	Land Audit		\$0	Q			VW	7/18/2005 9:33 AM
D	5	Land Purchase		\$0	Q			VW	7/18/2005 9:33 AM
E	6	TBL Work		\$0	Q			VW	7/18/2005 9:33 AM
F	22	Maintain Vegetation		\$0	L			VW	7/18/2005 9:33 AM
G	26	Investigate Trespass		\$0	Q			VW	7/18/2005 9:33 AM
H	27	Remove Debris		\$0	L			VW	7/18/2005 9:33 AM
I	28	Trap and Haul		\$0	L			VW	7/18/2005 9:33 AM
J	29	Increase Instream Habitat Complexity		\$0	L			VW	7/18/2005 9:33 AM

Set Order Move Up Move Down Add... Delete

Work Element Description

Provide documentation and assistance to support BPA's Environmental Compliance Group (such as maps, design drawings, survey reports, permit applications, ESA documents, etc.). Complete all steps necessary to obtain environmental compliance before proceeding with on-the-ground work.

Deliverable Title BPA Environmental Compliance staff verifies all requirements complete

Specification Obtain sign-off from BPA's Environmental Compliance Group that requirements are complete

Close

DEMO-010 *** DEMO 010 *** Watts Iii, Virgil TEST: 1.56.0.0126

Start Inb... Pisc... W:\... Yell... Yell... Me... Doc... Visi... Pisc... Pro... 4:29 PM

Visibility of Deliverables, continued

- f. The fields formerly known as Deliverable Specifications and Milestone Description (for the deliverable, on the milestone panel) have now been merged into one field: Specification.
- g. Any text entered in a Milestone Description field has been preserved. Any user who had entered text into both the Deliverable Specification and Milestone Description fields will now see both text entries when they open the Work Element Details (milestone) panel, along with a note from Pisces with the date of merge.
- h. The Milestone Description field on the Work Element Details (milestone) panel is now uneditable (grayed out).

Work Element Details

Milestones

Current Work Element: Collect/Generate/Validate Field and Lab Data - Monitor physical characteristics of renovated spawning chanr

Sort	D	Milestone Title	Start	End	Status	Inits	Modified
A	•	Deliverable complete		9/30/2005	Active	0	
B		Measure and document water parameters	11/1/2004	5/31/2005	Active	0	
C		Collect gravel samples from channels	5/1/2005	5/31/2005	Active	0	
D		Process gravel samples	8/1/2005	8/31/2005	Active	0	

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Milestone Description

DELIVERABLE SPECIFICATION ← Formerly two fields, these text entries have been merged into one field. Though not editable in this panel, the text is editable on the Contract Details (work element) panel. See below.

MILESTONE DESCRIPTION ←

Temperature profile of intra-gravel and surface water velocities in the spawning areas. Gravel samples will be analyzed to produce a Fredle Index.

Results will be included in annual report

[The above merge of the DELIVERABLE SPECIFICATION and MILESTONE DESCRIPTION for the deliverable milestone was done by Pisces on 06/24/2005 due to changes

Any text entries previously entered in the Deliverable Specification and Milestone Description fields appear here, in the Specification field of the Contract Details panel. This field is editable.

Deliverable Title: Deliverable complete

Specification

DELIVERABLE SPECIFICATION
Temperature profile of intra-gravel and surface water temperatures, vertical hydraulic gradients and intra-gravel dissolved oxygen (DO) levels. Monthly readings of water velocities in the spawning areas. Gravel samples will be analyzed to produce a Fredle Index.

MILESTONE DESCRIPTION
Results will be included in annual report

Help on Deliverables

- a. There is now a link to work element background pages to help a user with suggestions for deliverables.

The screenshot shows the Pisces software interface. The main window displays the 'Statement of Work: 00020563 (Count:2)' with a table of work elements. A red box highlights a specific work element, and a red arrow points to a zoomed-in view of its background page. In this zoomed view, the 'Recommended Deliverables' link is circled in red, and a text box explains its function.

Statement of Work: 00020563 (Count:2)

Type	Contract Status	Contract #	Request #	WE Change Type	SOW Status	Start	Title
Contract	Issued	00020563	CR-60874	20	Unlocked	11/1/2004	2003-011-00 IMPLEMENT HABITAT RESTORATION
Change Req.	Approved		CCR-5435	1 Scope (SOW)	Unlocked		ADD WORK ELEMENTS AND CHANGE BUDGET

Work Elements for Contract# 00020563 (Count:20)

Sort ID	Work Element	Title	Budget Est.	EC?	Start	End	Inits	Modified
D 165	Produce Environmental Compliance Documents	NEPA coverage for FY05 work	\$6,000	12	3/1/2004	5/31/2005		
E 175	Produce Design and/or Specifications	Skam Ck - Develop construction and engineering plans	\$22,500	3	11/1/2005	8/1/2005		
F 157	Collect/Generate/Validate Field and Lab Data	Skam Ck - Establish baseline conditions for Skamakowk	\$6,500	3	11/1/2004	10/31/2005		
G 47	Plant Vegetation	Sandy Riv - Plant native trees and shrubs in floodplain	\$29,700	2	11/1/2005	4/30/2005		
H 47	Plant Vegetation	Sandy Riv - Establish native grass seed cover	\$17,300	3	9/1/2005	10/31/2005		
I 157	Collect/Generate/Validate Field and Lab Data	Sandy Riv - Conduct vegetation monitoring on Sandy F	\$2,400	3	11/1/2004	11/30/2005		
J 99	Outreach and Education	Sandy Riv - Create a Sandy River Delta restoration inf	\$2,500	2	11/1/2004	4/1/2005		
K 175	Produce Design and/or Specifications	L+C - Conduct planning, engineering, and design of L	\$20,000	2	11/1/2004	6/30/2005		
L 180	Enhance Floodplain	L+C - Remove material for dike breaches	\$78,100	5	8/1/2005	10/31/2005		

Work Element Description

Habitat Restoration Coordinator will work with potential partners to develop projects to a fundable state. The Estuary Partnership Science Team works with the Science Work Group to establish project review criteria to determine fundable projects. The Science Work Group consists of agencies and partners participating in restoration throughout the region, and their involvement helps to align regional interests with the work completed in this contract.

Deliverable Title Deliverable complete

Specification

DELIVERABLE SPECIFICATION

A list of potential partners and restoration projects for 2006 funding cycle provided in May 2005. Draft SOWs of selected projects will be submitted in August 2005.

MILESTONE DESCRIPTION

Click the hyperlinked "Recommended Deliverables" to go to the background page for this work element. Every work element has a background page with its definition, rules and examples, as well as recommended deliverables milestones, and environmental compliance requirements.

Milestone Sorting is Back

- a. Users may now sort the order in which milestones appear on the screen and in the SOW report, just as with work elements.
- b. After moving milestones up and down, users can then click "Set Order" to save the order exactly as it appears on the screen.

Status Reporting

- a. Contractors may now complete and submit status reports online, using a simple form automatically generated by Pisces, based on milestones and deliverable established in the SOW.
- b. Pisces enables contractors to mark deliverables and milestones as complete, to report status for deliverables and milestones that are not yet complete, and to provide comments. BPA COTRs add their own comments when accepting submitted status reports.
- c. Pisces status report views and permissions are user-sensitive. Depending on who you are, you'll have different access and visibility to status reports. For example, contractors may only view status reports for contracts where they are added as a contact, and can only edit status reports for contracts where they have been given explicit write access by their COTR. COTRs and BPA staff may see any submitted status reports. All others – e.g. contractors not affiliated with a contract – will not see the Status Report tab at all.
- d. In order to activate the online status reporting functionality, BPA COTRs will add the [Produce Pisces Status Report](#) work element to each active SOW.
- e. Detailed instructions and pictures of status reporting functionality are posted at <http://www.efw.bpa.gov/contractors/reporting.aspx>.

Notifications & Reminders

- a. Pisces will automatically generate two kinds of email messages to help keep COTRs and contractors apprised of contract-related events and requirements. These are notifications and reminders.
- b. Notifications are based on events, for example: Status Report Submitted, Status Report Accepted, Deliverable Marked Complete.
- c. Reminders are based on the passing of time, for example: Milestone due in 10 days, Milestone due today, Late Milestone – due 5 days ago. Reminders are always set at the Milestone level.
- d. Reminders and notifications will be set up by the BPA COTR; however, contractors may also set up their own reminders and notifications.
- e. Detailed instructions and pictures of reminders and notifications functionality are posted at <http://www.efw.bpa.gov/contractors/reporting.aspx>.

Fixed Bugs

- Copy Work Element is now enabled on locked SOWs
- When you close a window that has information that is not saved, Pisces prompts you to save. In some situations in the past, even if you clicked “Yes,” Pisces didn’t actually save the information. This is fixed.
- Work Element counts in the Explorer and on the SOW tab are now accurate.
- Various bugs regarding sorting of work elements and milestones are now fixed.
- Milestone date verification is now more accurate (In some cases, Pisces thought that “1/31/2006” was before “11/30/2005”)
- Various data quality improvements.
- Tooltips are back for most of the column headings in the application.

End of Pisces v1.60 release notes