Select alternative having least aquatic ecosystem impacts of all alternatives; except “no build”.

Is the least aquatic ecosystem impact alternative practicable?

Find practicable alternative with least impacts to aquatic ecosystem.

Does the practicable least aquatic ecosystem impact alternative have other significant adverse environmental consequences?

Find practicable least aquatic ecosystem impact alternative not having significant adverse environmental consequences.

LEDPA*

*Analysis does not need to change preferred alternative, but may require applicant to further reduce impacts so that preferred alternative becomes LEPDA

^ Cost, Existing Technology, Logistics