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I agree, but at least it is transparent and spells out the issue for all parties.

Mark

On Wed, Jul 13, 2016 at 1:52 PM, Fortin-Noreus, Jennifer <jennifer.fortin-noreus@mso.umt.edu> wrote:

> Thanks Mark! I think the new language looks good although it'll probably give the states heartburn...
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> I could not let it go last night so edited again.
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> Any new method to estimate population size within the DMA will be evaluated by IGBST. If accepted, the new method will be used in conjunction with the model-averaged Chao2 until it is calibrated to the model-averaged Chao2 and population objectives have been reset. Established mortality rates (Table 2) will be applied to the revised population estimates (see Appendix C). Determining the correlation or correction between the model-averaged Chao2 and any new estimation method is critical to maintaining the population at the 2002-2014 average. If, for example, a new method provides estimates that are double that of the model-average Chao2, the current population objectives would allow states, if they so choose, to reduce the population by half before discretionary is reduced (see Table 2). Such a reduction would be inconsistent with stated goal maintaining the population at 2002-2014 levels.
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