From: van Manen, Frank
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Hi Frank,

The proposed revisions below are very problematic for the states. Over the past year plus of negotiation, this was a major issue that we all collectively agreed we would remain silent on since it is unknown what a future estimator might look like. It is also something the YES Conservation Strategy steering committee already discussed and agreed they would not move forward. It is troubling that the IGBST is now unilaterally moving forward with an approach and a decision that is not consistent with the desires of the agencies (except one), and really is a foray into policy - away from science.

To ensure there is no perception that Montana is supportive of this, or of the IGBST involvement with this, I am directing Montana's members of the study team to not participate any further in this exercise. Additionally, I would appreciate clarification on process the IGBST uses to accept tasks like this that one member agency directs which is against the will of other member agencies.

Thank you

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All,

Below please see the email from Jennifer and her revisions on the draft CS (the revisions are marked; most revisions are in Chapter 3). Please review and provide edits directly to Jennifer no later than COB **Thursday 21 July.**

Thanks!

Frank

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Hi Frank and Mark,

I'm attaching the draft Conservation Strategy with revisions I made in light of the Study Team meeting on the 12th. The majority of the revisions are in Chapter 3, however, given our discussion on hunter numbers I did insert a brief background on it in Chapter 4. I would appreciate any edits you may suggest and if you would pass this along to the rest of the Study Team with a plan to get any additional edits back by end of the day on Thursday. Please note that I plan on revisiting the executive summary and introduction (Chapter 1) once all edits are finalized so there are currently no changes. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Jennifer

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