From: Matt Hogan
To: Bush, Jodi
Cc: Thabault, Michael; Jennifer Fortin-Noreus
Subject: Re:
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Thanks!

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On Aug 4, 2016, at 3:48 PM, Bush, Jodi <jodi_bush@fws.gov> wrote:

> Recalibration was brought up in Peer review AND public comment AND the YES process (by NPS and us). JB
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> On Thu, Aug 4, 2016 at 2:38 PM, Matt Hogan <matt_hogan@fws.gov> wrote:
>> Thanks Jodi. One additional question (for you or Mike and/or Jennifer):
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>> Is it accurate that the issue of recalibration was brought up in 1) peer review; 2) public comment; and 3) YES process (I know this to be true but just wanted to understand if it was brought up in these other forums).
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>> Thanks.
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>> On Aug 4, 2016, at 3:33 PM, Bush, Jodi <jodi_bush@fws.gov> wrote:
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>>> Hey folks. My take on response. Jen -feel free to weigh in.
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>>> 1. No one said -No opportunity for public comment. I told them about the FR notice coming out the end of August for the states and Peer review. They asked about another review of Conservation

Strategy, I said it depended upon whether the changes were a "logical outgrowth" of the draft and response to comments. This is typically what our solicitors say about extra reviews between draft and finals.

As an aside -given the timeline - I have no idea how we would put another comment period out on any of these documents.

2. We did provide an overview at the meeting of the public comments (Jennifer) and we provided a summary of the comments to the steering committee. I think the complaint was that it didn't happen in June.

3. The States brought up the November date -They said they had heard at the WAFWA meeting that it was the Service's desire to get the documents moving through review chain by early November to meet the end of year timeline.

Hope that helps...JB

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On Thu, Aug 4, 2016 at 2:06 PM, Thabault, Michael <michael_thabault@fws.gov> wrote:

> Deferring To Jodi on substance Looping Jennifer in to answer directly although I do not believe she is in the office.
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> On Thu, Aug 4, 2016 at 2:02 PM, Matt Hogan <matt_hogan@fws.gov> wrote:
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> > Below is an excerpt from Dan Wenk's note to Michael Bean which has been forwarded to Dan Ashe. Trying to figure out if he got this correct or he misunderstood comments made:

> "On another note, during an opportunity for public comment in the meeting, the public was informed that no further public comment period would be offered. This was a change from the previous YES Committee meeting. Also we were promised a synthesis of public comment and the peer review comments in the very near future. We were told previously we would have those documents in June. We were also told that the final rule would be out in mid November."

1) Any idea what he heard to make him believe no further public comment.
2) I thought Jennifer provided a summary of public comments and peer review to YES....did I misunderstand that?
3) We have consistently said EOY for a final decision -- any idea where Nov came from?

Thanks!

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