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Michael: see comments below. Let me know if they are acceptable to FWS. I am home now but available on my cell.

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Jon:

1. Letter to WY governor -- we understand the rationale behind the substantive change, and can live with it. All three signatures are now reflected.
2. Letter from FWS -- We continue to be concerned about the potential for harvest significantly above the Chao2 average if/when a new estimator comes into play. Since the decisions about discretionary mortality are linked to multiple factors, we suggest referencing them. Our suggested edit to the latest language would be (ital below):

Ceasing to use the Chao2 method for population estimator is not a foreseeable event, but should it occur, the Service's view is that amendment of the Conservation Strategy would be required in order to change *the population estimate, long-term population average, minimum population, mortality rates, and *the manner in which discretionary mortality is determined.

Files with both of these versions are attached. If this language is acceptable, we would recommend NPS sign the Conservation Strategy.
Sue

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