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Subject: Re: issues for the states
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Jodi,

What happens when March 8th, 2017 comes and the rule hasn't been finalized? Does the entire process have to start over? My current understanding of the process is that the rule has to be acted on within one year.

Any help understanding this is appreciated.

We will begin sorting through these state specific comments and developing recommended responses.

Brian

On Wed, Dec 7, 2016 at 4:21 PM, Bush, Jodi <jodi_bush@fws.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon. After talking with Jeff today I am sending out the attached state specific comments in request of your help with the responses.

As you know, the Service is trying to wrap up responses to over 650,000 comments that we received during the 2 comment periods we had earlier this year. Some of those comments are specific to state issues. **We are asking your assistance in helping the Service to develop responses to the comments/issues in the attached documents.** We have sorted the comments/issues by state where appropriate but have combined the comments/issues that are relevant to all states into one document.

We continue to work towards finalizing documents and addressing the remaining comments by mid-February or so, so we can move the final documents and our response to comments through Solicitor and internal review. Any assistance from you in response to the attached comments would be very helpful. As always if you have questions or would like to discuss any of the comments/issues identified in the attached documents please call Jennifer or myself. Thank you. JB

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