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Hi all. Attached are 4 documents for review to prepare for an in-depth discussion and decisions at the upcoming IGBC meeting. Please print and review in order attached above prior to our meeting next week. I will also include these documents in the executive packets. Please see Chris's detailed information below. See you all soon! Ellen

Ellen,

Attached are four documents that should be circulated to IGBC Executive Committee members (and others) for their review prior to the upcoming IGBC meeting in Missoula. Copies should also be included in the members printed materials distributed at their table. I recommend these documents be reviewed in the order listed.

First is the programmatic review of the IGBC conducted by Talbot and Beck in 1998. A number of the issues identified in this report were addressed for several years in the early 2000s, but seem to have re-surfaced as evidenced by the questions regarding roles, governance, etc. Many of the recommendations in the report once again seem relevant.

Second is a draft Charter for the IGBC. This document would replace the Memorandum of Understanding used in the past, which is not necessary. The Charter attempts to clarify the membership, roles and responsibilities of the Executive Committee, the various subcommittees, and the teams that support the IGBC. In discussing and reaching a decision on the language of the

Charter, the Executive Committee will need to resolve two key issues:

1. Their decision-making process. This draft stipulates that decisions will be made by consensus rather than voting. That seems unavoidable, given that none of the member agencies surrender their independent authority as part of the IGBC. Thus, regardless of the number of votes for or against any motion, a member agency remains free to act on its own judgement.
2. The relationship of the Executive Committee to an ecosystem subcommittee following delisting. This draft provides for a continued relationship (albeit with a change in the name and make-up of the ecosystem-level body consistent with the language of the Conservation Strategy for the Yellowstone Ecosystem). I am prepared to explain the rationale for that in the meeting next week.

Third is a "Discussion Draft" of the Five-Year Plan for the IGBC. Highlights and comments in this document identify issues that will need to be addressed to provide guidance for revisions to the next iteration of this plan. Once completed, this document would synchronize the timing of both the plans for the Executive Committee and the various subcommittees.

The fourth document is a copy of the 2005-2010 Five-Year plan. This is included because I reference in the "Discussion Draft" the need for the Executive Committee to re-establish goals for each of the ecosystem subcommittees. Such goals were last documented in the 2005-2010 plan.

I look forward to the discussion next week.

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