

*Meeting minutes-Conference call-August 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m.*

*In attendance: Loren Grosskopf, Patricia O'Connor, Brian Nesvik, Jodi Bush, Leander Watson*

The committee began by discussing what information would be best to put on the IGBC website to inform the public on YES committee and Steering Committee work in their revision of the Conservation Strategy. The group decided to put SC meeting minutes, the list of YES themes and Sub-group assignments on the website. Brian agreed to inform Mary of the decision and provide the information to Mary Erickson.

Brian outlined the need to evaluate public comment relative to necessary changes to the Conservation Strategy. Jodi provided a written summary of issues identified through the USFWS public comment process.

The group decided to approach each issue by asking two questions: 1) Is the issue relevant to the CS 2) Does the issue require a change to the current draft CS

Additionally, Jodi advised that many issues that would not meet the criteria for changes to the CS may still require a federal register response in the final delisting rule. She asked for help in drafting those responses from the appropriate agencies. All agreed to provide assistance to the USFWS as they drafted their responses.

The committee systematically worked through the list provided by Jodi and discovered many of the issues identified as relevant to the CS were already addressed through the SC work on the YES themes.

The group engaged in lengthy discussion regarding confusion between Recovery Criteria 1 and 3. Following a lengthy discussion, all agreed that clarifications of the Recovery Plan need to be addressed in the Recovery Plan and not in the CS.

There was significant discussion regarding the definition of secure habitat. Loren noted it was defined on p. 64 of the CS. Following lengthy discussion, the group agreed to further evaluate how secure habitat might be further defined. Brian to take the lead.

The group was able to work through part of page 5 and adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

The group set the next meeting for August 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m