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Thank you! I will pass this along to Jodi and the steering committee.

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Hi Jennifer,

After some discussion, the most accurate way to describe the population trend would be "stationary" ("stable" is not the best technical term because a stable population can be increasing or increasing at a *constant* rate).

However, for a non-technical audience "stationary" is not a good term to use so we suggest the following to reflect that the population has been showing variation around a long-term mean (since early 2000s):

"relatively constant population size"
"relatively flat population trajectory"