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Thanks Mary. There is no call scheduled with states this week. We are reacting to a draft provided by them on Sept 30 and expect to provide our response this week to them. However, it will be next week (at the earliest) before there is resolution on these issues.

As for process, I agree with #1.

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Hello Matt and Chris. As we move ahead in planning for the November YES meeting, I need advice and a decision from USFWS about how to proceed. I understand that there is a call later this week with the States on the latest work on demographic standards.

I fully recognize the desire to move ahead deliberately with the proposed delisting rule. I am very concerned that the process and timeframes as I understand them do not fit with the YES Charter.

The Charter states that the YES authorities include:

"Revise or amend the Conservation Strategy based on the best biological data and the best available science. Any such amendments will be subject to public review and comment. Amendments will be made by the (YES) with a majority vote."

I would suggest two options:

- 1) USFWS and the States bring as many of the proposed changes as are agreed to forward to this YES meeting. With the lack of information out to the Committee, it is not appropriate to ask YES members to vote on any of these changes. However, changes to demographic standards could be presented and a timeframe and process for the updates to habitat standards could be agreed to. Based on this, USFWS could address preparing a Draft delisting rule in whatever timeframe you can accomplish this. Then, we could set up a special session of YES specifically devoted to the review of proposed delisting rule and associated CS amendments. **I believe that this fits best with what is in the Charter.**
- 2) USFWS could bring forward a proposal to revise/modify YES procedures - so that the Service could assemble the pieces of a proposed rule within a set timeframe to go out for public comment without a YES-reviewed and voted on amendment to the Conservation Strategy. Then, after the public comments are closed, the USFWS could bring that to the Committee with a proposal for an amended Conservation Strategy for YES review prior to a final rule. **From my review of the past records of YES and the Charter, this does not fit as well with the current language.**

No matter what, I do not believe there is adequate preparation time to ask for any type of vote at the November YES meeting.

Please advise as to how to build the final YES agenda.

Thanks, Mary



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Hello Matt. We have three boxes of YES hard copy records that were delivered from WY, with the transition of the YES Chair. Haven't taken the time to look through those for the official YES Charter.

Here is the copy of the YGCC Charter - I got this from Idaho from their records. They told me that the YES charter was only slightly modified to reflect a delisted bear.

It has always been my assumption that USFWS "created" YES - but as far as I can tell, there is not a separate official website that is the repository for all the past documents. It does seem that meeting notes have been posted under IGBC.



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Found it!