

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Fish and Wildlife Agency Directors

FROM: Jeffrey R. Vonk, President

DATE: June 11, 2013

RE: Surrogate Species Framework

Attached please find a final Surrogate Species Framework for your consideration and use, in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) as you deem appropriate for your state interests. I appreciated your feedback at the special discussion session on this topic, at the North American Conference last March, and we have collaborated with the FWS to make edits that reflect your observations. In particular, we have improved upon the preamble and added a definitional section for clarity.

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank the Service Leadership, in particular Dan Ashe, Noreen Walsh, and Cindy Dohner, for helping to make this final product a reality. I have also taken the liberty of copying the Canadian Wildlife Directors Committee on this email, given their evident interest in the topic.

Once again, thanks to all, and I hope this proves to be a helping starting point for collaborative discussions.

Attachment

Cc: Dan Ashe, FWS
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