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Proposed Selenium Standard

Hi Bill:

I took a quick look at the proposed selenium standard, and it looks fine to me. I do have one suggestion. Footnote #14 notes that the 12.5 mg/kg dry wt. standard is a "... tissue-based standard using the complete egg/embryo based on a minimum of 5 samples over the nesting season." The standard, however, does not identify whose "egg/embryo" is to be used. For clarity, I think it will be important to identify that compliance with the standard will be based on the "egg/embryo" of aquatic-dependent birds using the waters of Gilbert Bay. So, my suggestion is that footnote #14 read - "... tissue-based standard using the complete egg/embryo of aquatic-dependent birds using Gilbert Bay based on a minimum of 5 samples over the nesting season."

As mentioned before, I think you all deserve kudos for the very open and public way in which you went about preparing the proposal now before the public and the Board. My personal hope is that, because this may be the first wildlife standard in the country, it sets something of a precedent - i.e., that the level of protection for wildlife criteria should be set no higher than an EC10.

Congratulations on getting the proposal out for public comment and before the Board. Hope things are going well.

Bill

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