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Gerry:

I can revise it to describe this explicit use. It would be nice to know if we can use it for this purpose, although it might be expensive to use it as a primary hazing tool.

If it is more successful than other methods, however, then it might be worth the cost of having it sitting out there on-call, at least during the operation itself.

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Dan,

Thanks for looking at this. I was hoping you'd revise the helo section to describe its potential use for hazing gulls. That would be a more likely acceptable use for helos in this trial and obviously would be a data source for determining pinniped responses to a helicopter. We already know that low flying helicopters will disturb pinnipeds on the Farallones. Its pretty uncertain whether the Refuge would approve using a helo just to circle the island and determine pinniped responses.

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Hi Gerry:

Thanks for giving this your attention.

Attached are the last of my edits on the IHA. We will need helo disturbances covered by this, even though the amount of helo time may be limited...see my comments.

We'll need to talk to Monica about the take #s we want coverage for prior to submittal of a final, but it looks ready to me other than that, once the additional edits are incorporated.

Lets discuss this tomorrow during our Gull Study Summit, and make sure that the Section 7 consultation is formally initiated by the FWS this week.

We can debrief you on today's Communication Team meeting tomorrow.

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