**Farallones Bait Trials Coordination**

**Meeting Notes 9/21/10**

In attendance Dan Grout , Gerry McChesney, Zachary Coffman

Call in by Russell Bradley, , Jim Tietz , Pete Warzybok, Greg H.

**Cooperative Agreement**

* been sent to Brad and has been signed… submitted by FWS
  + House fumigation issues
    - One time fumigation with tents (not feasible?)
    - Burrow network beneath homes
    - Excluding mice from homes
    - Bruce Brabzik management with NPS pest control
    - Compost and Garage management plan needs to be in place ASAP
  + Funding management issues
    - Funding from Montrose to be submitted to in a proposal 2011
    - Shortfall in funding for mitigation and increased inflation based shortfalls
    - Acknowledgement of gull risks as a potential budget item
    - Is the budget still accurate 5 years later
    - Gull Data analysis costs will be 30000 a 50% increase
      * They will need data as well
  + Gull analysis contract will be delivered and posted for a 90 day window
  + Cooperative agreement will need some revisions
  + Radio telemetry was going to happen, but now not
  + Index of abundance would have to be concurrent with the gull uptake
  + Brad will need the Gull Abundance Data
  + Need some sort of graphical view of gull attendance

**NEPA Compliance Decision**

* Three options
* 1. Can we proceed with the current EA?
* 2. Or do we need to revise the EA to include a separate alternative with mitigation of an alternate option
  + Mitigation would be the actions to reduce risk (hazing, baiting offshore)
  + No mandatory window for the release of a supplemental, but it does need to be rereleased
    - Greg advises that we would proceed with the supplemental EA now
    - Contingent upon the results of bait trials

* 3. Moving a towards an EIS
  + This option would push off the fall 2011
  + One year window
* Answer next week for schedule of when the next draft of EA will be delivered

**Communication Plan Development**

* Agency reps
  + PRBO- Melissa
  + FWS- Gerry from FWS , Winnie Chan and Kimby Wells
* Will need another meeting ASAP to coordinate public outreach
* \* Option would be to release EA after the bait trials

**Fall 2010 Biomarker Trial**

* Timing and staffing
  + 3 to 4 from IC
  + 4 to 5 from PRBO
    - Couple hours of daily assistance would be needed from 1 PRBO person
* November 1st target date and return on the 24th
* Gulls
  + Need for daily gull counts addressed
  + **From Jim-**  daily counts will be added
* Beetles and Salamanders will both be UV sampled
* UV issues- Battery Powered
* Mouse trapping with monthly
* Permits needed-
* DNA testing to be performed on several hundred mouse