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**Re: Mig. Birds Comments on the Farallon Admin Draft EIS**

1 message

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Mon, Oct 22, 2018 at 8:20 AM

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Hi Gerry,

I am copying Krysta Rogers and Stella McMillin with the CDFW Wildlife Investigations Lab, located in Rancho Cordova.

Good morning Krysta and Stella! I thought you both might be interested in a house mouse eradication project that is in the planning stages on the Farallon Islands. Gerry McChesney (copied) is the Refuge Manager for the islands, and has been working on planning for this project for many years. The project proposes to use a rodenticide to eliminate the house mouse on the islands to benefit native wildlife. The proposal includes a rigorous hazing program to avoid/minimize exposure to non-target wildlife, and it also proposes carcass collection. Gerry is looking into options for where to send carcasses for testing, and I suggested your lab as a potential option.

Is this something CDFW WIL might be interested in? Gerry can fill you in on more of the details if you are interested.

I hope everyone has a good day!  
Jen

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On Fri, Oct 19, 2018 at 1:57 PM McChesney, Gerry &lt;gerry\_mcchesney@fws.gov&gt; wrote:

Jennifer,

Thanks so much for taking the time to wade through this lengthy document. We'll be going over comments over the next couple of weeks. I'll be in touch if we have any questions.

Thanks for the suggestion on what to do with carcasses. We do plan to collect carcasses both before and during implementation for toxicology analyses but those details, including where to store them and who will analyze them, haven't yet been worked out. I'd like to follow up with the CDFW lab to discuss potential of working with them. Do you have a contact there?

And yes, please send a list of qualified raptor ecologists for the raptor trapping and translocation.

Gerry

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On Fri, Oct 19, 2018 at 1:27 PM Brown, Jennifer <[jennifer\\_c\\_brown@fws.gov](mailto:jennifer_c_brown@fws.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon Gerry,

My comments are attached below. Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to review the admin draft EIS. Please let me know if you have any questions, I'd be happy to talk them over with you.

I also reviewed the appendixes and had a couple thoughts when I was reading the Draft Contingency Plan for Non-target Species.

I was thinking that maybe the carcasses (at least the birds) should go to the CDFW Wildlife Investigations Lab since a lot of their focus is on rodenticides.

If you are interested, I could provide you with a list of qualified raptor ecologists for the raptor trapping and translocation portion of the project.

I'd be happy to discuss this over the phone if you are interested.

Have a great weekend!

Jen

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