

Agenda/Action Items for Wednesday, September 26, 2012

Farallon Fall Mitigation Trial Planning Meeting

2pm – 3:30 pm

The Call-in phone number: 888-443-9573

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Invitees: Gerry McChesney, Russ Bradley, Jim Tietz, Dan Grout, Gabrielle Feldman, Maddy Pott, Jonathan Shore, Pete Warzybok, (Eric Covington), Derek Milsaps, Valerie Burton, Paul Gorenzel, Winston Vickers, Tommy Hall, Carloyn Marn

Overview: to bring Valerie, Derek and Paul up date

Set next meeting date

Updates

1. Budget
 - a. DG – **budget update**
2. Permits
 - a. GM & GF updates on **UAV permitting**
 - i. GF currently working on Flight Request from NASA
 - ii. GM—update on request to NASA > NOAA permit required?
 - iii. GF monitoring UAV permits/requirements for private individuals & USGS
 - iv. Authorization for personal planes (cheaper/easier, but effective enough?)
 - b. GM – follow up with USGS for a COA/FAA approval for UAV for March or ASAP
 - c. DG & GF– **IHA** marine mammal updates
 - i. IHA > documenting/classifying harassment events
 - ii. Section 7 timeline on track with IHA?
 - iii. DG to send IHA comments to RB and GM
 - d. GM and GF – determine needs for **Wilderness Determination** for trial
 - e. MP –Island Conservation currently applying for User permit from **ATF**; no permit required from the State of California
3. Plan Review
 - a. DG—internal **draft trial plan** has been sent out to Farallon Avian Hazing Team (FAHT?)
 - i. Who else should receive this or the next draft of the plan?

- ii. Due date for comments is October 5, 2012. Please submit a copy of plan by that date to Dan Grout with comments in track changes for collation by IC. Please see comments for places where input from all of you is especially important. A draft ICS will be sent out ASAP.
 - b. RB, PW, MP and DG: to work to develop
 - i. draft data sheets
 - ii. maps and zones
 - iii. monitoring protocols for monitoring (gulls, other birds, MM) and hazing actions that will meet all of the goals and funders of the trial (Will the data collected answer the questions asked? How will data be analyzed?) FAHT will review draft data sheets on _____ (date) and have comments back by _____.
- 4. Trial logistics
 - a. TH – **helicopter**:
 - i. Detail preferred helicopter vendor: how many days will budget allow? How much fuel needed?
 - ii. Contract deadline for helicopter October 5, 2012
 - iii. USCG helicopter update - JS
 - b. Equipment loan commitments needed by October 5, 2012
 - c. Staffing updates:
 - i. DG/JT—Liz Ames to participate in trial as PRBO assistant monitor as needed (mechanism for stipend).
 - ii. JS – update on airport and landfill hazers; identify their capacity to assist with trial> ATF permitted individuals needed
 - iii. PW – Is Pete’s brother Jon (a volunteer) needed?
 - iv. GM – see if Phil Henderson wants to volunteer
 - d. DG—**Personnel change-overs**: expected December 3 (or 5th?), December 11.
 - i. Please flag problems with these dates ASAP.
 - ii. Funding limited -Can USFWS pay for one boat trip?
 - e. WV—**dog handler updates?** Should we continue to pursue? If nothing by October 5, let’s drop this possibility
 - f. GM/EC—**USFWS/USDA MOU**:
 - i. Process for paying for pyrotechnics?
 - ii. Updates on cost/requirements/stipulations for staffing—can we ask Derek and Valerie for 8-9 consecutive days of staff time on-island?
 - iii. Equipment loan: what can we expect and when can we transfer items to island? (An early supply trip for November is tentatively planned)
 - iv. Is there more required above 2500/week? (per diem and travel included in this?)
 - g. JT—number of gull effigies on-island? Is this # sufficient?
- 5. Communications
 - a. JS—results of contact with Cal Academy to shut off internet feed from island
 - b. DG – work with Communications Team to develop a **press release and FAQ kit** to be ready by the NOI FR publication for IHA for the gull hazing trial

6. WRAP-UP: Review decisions and action items of this meeting: leads and dates for review

Questions to keep in mind when reviewing the trial plan

- Anyone else who should review final plan?
- Value of using mylar/kites?
- Opinions on how to split up island between monitors and hazers? WEI/SEFI? Am/Pm?
- Should we set proximity limits for using pyrotechnics in the presence of marine mammals?
- Sequencing of hazing techniques sufficient to meet IHA and meet project/funder goals?
- Do the locations of hazing tools (Figure 4) seem appropriate?
- Do the trial dates (on/off island) work for everyone?
- Are the # of staff, amount and location of equipment, and type/number of supplies in the plan appropriate to get job done?
- Is the number of people on the island sufficient/sustainable?
- Are major changes to equipment/plans needed?
- What equipment can be loaned by agencies/NGOs (and when) and what needs to be ordered and purchased by whom ASAP (USDA pyrotechnics, IC-lasers, etc).