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Hi Team,

I apologize for the late notice on this but I'd like to keep this moving forward if the rest of you agree. The idea has been to draft a letter that we can get a broad coalition of organizations, regional and national, to sign on to, in advance of the EIS. We can then post that to our website and talk about other ways we can use it.

I have drafted such a letter, and after discussions with people on the team, as well as with Jessica Hardesty from ABC and Anna Weinstein from Audubon CA, have a revised version attached.

The attached letter lays out a few key points with a brief description:

- **The islands of the Farallon National Wildlife Refuge are a truly unique wildlife hotspot in need of ongoing restoration, protection, and management**
- **Removing the mice from the Farallones is one of the best ways for the USFWS to help Farallon wildlife survive in the face of climate change**
- **We support and applaud the thorough, transparent, and detailed process the USFWS is undertaking to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).**
- **We know that excellent partners (PRBO Conservation Science and Island Conservation) are being consulted to prepare the Environmental Impact Statement.**
- **We also know that rodenticides can and have been used, around the world, to successfully remove invasive rodents from islands with minimal impact to ecosystems and other animals.**

Including the last bullet point was a suggestion from Anna to get out in front of the rodenticide issue by talking about it – acknowledging the risks but also the successes/benefits. Let people know that conservationists and scientists know there are risks and still think it's worth doing.

For our meeting tomorrow I'd like to:

- know if everyone is still on board with the idea of a support letter.
- know if the above 5 points the right points, are we missing anything, is everyone ok with the points?
- know if all of you, after the meeting, will go read the attached letter, make comments/suggestions, help me fill in missing pieces, and make this a stronger letter.

I'd like to finalize the letter by the middle of April so that I and others can get folks to sign on to it. Sooner would be better!

Thanks everyone, talk to you tomorrow.
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