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Good news to report in the New Year!

IC has secured permission to borrow some bird hazing equipment from CDFG to conduct a gull hazing trial later this month on SEFI, if it is deemed compatible with ongoing research there.

What exactly will be used will need to be discussed soon, but we have access to lasers, propane cannons and poppers and other such devices used for oiled wildlife dispersal. A hazing trial plan will need to be drawn up and implemented quickly, but it would help the NEPA process along to know that we have an effective set of techniques to employ to reduce non-target bait uptake.

We may also be able to secure funding for developing and implementing a hazing plan for the actual eradication from MSRP (Montrose) funding. We would need permission to use some of the current FWS funds to cover incidental expenses for this minor (January) trial however. Gerry, would this be permissible? We need to know what time window might be suitable for a hazing operation this month (or possibly early next month?) and if PRBO staff on island can assist with any operations or monitoring of effectiveness for a few days during/after, to see if gulls return.

It could be included within the current gull counts being done. What is the Patrol schedule this month looking like?

I hope these developments are encouraging for you all. Please let me know your thoughts.

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