

RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Lynx database

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I'm okay if folks want to delete the Canada takes from this database, we can just maintain those separately. Alternatively, since the original is an Access database, you could create a query of "MN Take" and just export/publish that.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 9:53 AM

To: Tamara_Smith@fws.gov; Catton, Timothy J -FS <timothy.catton@usda.gov>

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No strong opinions from me. As I originally noted, the details are reflected in the database. It was just that the database is named "Incidental take", and those really aren't "incidental take". If there is a desire to maintain those records in this database, maybe something as simple as adding a new worksheet in the file and moving those non-MN ones to that sheet. May avoid future confusion/error when someone is doing take summaries from the database. But it's your call on how/whether to handle it. I mainly wanted to highlight the 'issue'.

John

From: Smith, Tamara <tamara_smith@fws.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 4:29 PM

To: Catton, Timothy J -FS <timothy.catton@usda.gov>

Cc: Zelenak, Jim <jim_zelenak@fws.gov>; Erb, John D (DNR) <john.erb@state.mn.us>; Ryan, Daniel C -FS <daniel.ryan@usda.gov>

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Hi All - Thank you for your comments. I'll go ahead and delete #112.

I agree that we should make the distinction between legally trapped lynx in Canada and MN incidents. That is reflected in column AB, but maybe it is not clear or apparent? If you have ideas of a simple way to make that more clear, without disrupting our current database organization, please let me know!

Have a good evening,
Tam

On Tue, Jan 7, 2020 at 3:28 PM Catton, Timothy J -FS <timothy.catton@usda.gov> wrote:

Deletion of that incident all makes sense to me.

As John mentions, the take incidents from Canada (total of 6- 4 trapping 2 unknown causes (carcass or collar recovered)) are all documented as such in the Take Database. I initially included them as a way to document animals previously known in Minnesota that were now dead, but we had no DNA to include that in the genetic records. IDs were either from ear tags or collars put on by NRRI. I'm okay

if you want to remove them from the Take Database, but I would still like to keep those records somewhere so we don't lose that.

I do apologize. I just went back and looked at the take summary in the lynx report and I have incorrectly been including the Canada take in the totals for Minnesota. I will correct that in the future.

Tim

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Sounds like you all caught and corrected an error/duplicate record, so i have no qualms with that.

Agree with John that it is important to distinguish between MN lynx later taken legally in Ontario and those that were truly incidentally taken in MN.

On Tue, Jan 7, 2020 at 11:55 AM Erb, John D (DNR) <john.erb@state.mn.us> wrote:

Minor follow-up to my last email. While the details are properly documented in the FWS file and so perhaps it is not a big deal, I recall that there are 4 listed in the file that were lynx detected/collared in MN that were trapped in Canada. I think all 4 were legal takes in Canada, but either way they are not incidental take in MN. So not sure if they really should even be in that file.

John

From: Smith, Tamara <tamara_smith@fws.gov>
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Hi Tim and Jim - After some discussions with John, we realized that one of our entries in the lynx take database was very likely a duplicate. What we had as incident number 110 seems to be the same as incident 112. These were originally reported to me separately with slightly different dates (likely due to a typo or miscommunication). I plan to remove incident #112 from our database.

I've attached the string of emails (that provides an explanation on the error) that will be included as incident notes in our files.

Please let me know if you disagree with this change or have any questions.

Thanks and Happy New Year!
-Tam

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