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Subject: Re: Leech Lake Lynx
Date: 02/10/2012 10:50 AM

All,

fyi - I would like to ask John Erb (MN DNR) if he would like a tooth for aging purposes. However, I am first going to send a quick email to Steve M. requesting his consent to do so. If it is okay with you, Lisa, I will let both Steve M. and John E. know that you are working on a LOA.

-Tam

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ok - I'll get the LOA issued.

Will copy TCFO and OLE when it is sent out.

Thanks,
Lisa

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Lisa,

Thank you very much for your response and willingness to handle the paperwork. This case is a little unusual in that it occurred on the reservation and the investigation was handled by a tribal CO and only reviewed by us. We went into this one knowing it was very unlikely that this incidental take would be charged.

I think Steve's address would be appropriate for the letter. Steve's information is as follows:

Steve Mortensen
Leech Lake Reservation
Division of Resources Management
115 5th Street, Suite E
Cass Lake, MN 56633
(218) 335-7421

scmort@blackduck.net

The lynx was caught in a snare about one mile west southwest of Cass Lake, MN T145N-R31W- Sec. 17) on or about January 20, 2012 by Leech Lake Band member Bobby Mathews.


The Leech Lake Band would like to display the mounted lynx in their interpretive center.

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I agree that LE would normally take possession of the illegally taken specimen - then

the regs give LE the authority to approve disposition. However, if you approve the disposition to the Band, then I can issue an LOA out of the Endangered Species office. For the LOA, I would want information about the date that the specimen was "taken." I would put that date, and any other identifying information we have, into the LOA. The LOA would state that the specimen could be used for educational purposes, remains the property of the U.S. Government, and would dictate any reporting requirements. I would suggest that reporting be limited to a statement that the Leech Lake Band must report to the USFWS if they wish to do anything different with the specimen and make the statement that if the specimen is no longer needed or suitable for educational purposes that it must be destroyed.

As for the question on whether anything else is needed for scientific purposes - Phil?

If everyone agrees, then send me:
who - Leech Lake Band, address for the letter, etc. I would also like Steve M.'s email address to send electronically.
date the animal was captured (I already know from Tam that it died in the trap)
where it was captured

I'll draft the LOA - who wants to see it? Or do you just want me to issue and copy you when its sent out?

Thanks,
Lisa

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Subject Leech Lake Lynx

Biologist Steve Mortensen of the Leech Lake Band of Chippewa has asked me about retaining the carcass of the Canada lynx that was recently taken by a trapper in Cass Lake, Minnesota. He said the Band is interested in having it mounted and displayed for educational purposes. I told Steve I would get back to him.

Since this is an illegally taken Minnesota lynx, its possession without some form of authorization is illegal.

My questions are:

1. Do any of you need anything else from this carcass? I believe DNA samples were collected and sent to those interested.
2. Is the proposed use by the Band appropriate?
3. Is this something that is appropriately handled by a letter of authorization or a permit from the Endangered Species permit office?

I guess the other option is for us to seize it, get an abandonment from the trapper, wait 60 days and then turn around and donate it to the tribe for educational use. I believe that is what we did for a lynx shot on the Red Lake reservation in 2002 or 2003. This process is cumbersome but an option.

Your input is appreciated.

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