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Re: Michigan Lynx

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Tue, Mar 19, 2019 at 9:08 AM

To: "Hicks, Scott" <scott_hicks@fws.gov>Cc: "Zelenak, Jim" <jim_zelenak@fws.gov>, "Nordstrom, Lori" <lori_nordstrom@fws.gov>, Peter Fasbender <peter_fasbender@fws.gov>, Justin Shoemaker <justin_shoemaker@fws.gov>, Jodi Bush <jodi_bush@fws.gov>

Thanks for passing this along and thanks for the updates.

-Tam

On Mon, Mar 18, 2019 at 3:07 PM Hicks, Scott <scott_hicks@fws.gov> wrote:

Thanks Jim as to the second lynx my impression is that is being evaluated, but I didn't get the impression there was a high degree of confidence that there was actually a second lynx.

I'll suggest the DNA idea to Dan. I'll keep you all posted on any updates.

Scott

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On Mon, Mar 18, 2019 at 3:55 PM Zelenak, Jim <jim_zelenak@fws.gov> wrote:

Thanks Scott.

Are they trying to capture the second lynx? Wonder if Minnesota has any spare radio-collars. Not sure I would recommend releasing in the UP - from what I can gather that's always been pretty marginal in terms of hare density. Maybe talk to Minnesota/Ron Moen/Susan Catton about releasing in the Arrowhead/Superior NF/Boundary Waters Canoe Area or maybe even Voyageurs NP? Regardless, it would be nice to have radios on one or both to see what we can learn about their eventual fate.

Would be nice to know if these are escaped domesticated animals or if they just wandered down there from Minnesota or Ontario. Wonder if genetic samples could determine or at least narrow down their origin? There's a really good DNA database for Minnesota with which to compare.

On Mon, Mar 18, 2019 at 1:43 PM Hicks, Scott <scott_hicks@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Lori,

Yes that is right we were making sure that MDNR was keeping our LE in the loop. But the bottom line is that MDNR authorized the capture of the lynx using their S6 authorities and although not required, they conferred with us prior to doing so and we supported that decision.

They are evaluating the lynx's condition now to determine what is the best course of action (e.g., release in the U.P., any health issues, signs of habituation, etc. that would suggest a different course of action).

I'd recommend we refer reporters back to Dan Kennedy at the Michigan DNR. Dan's e-mail: KENNEDYD@michigan.gov or phone: 517-284-6194.

Thanks
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On Mon, Mar 18, 2019 at 3:28 PM Zelenak, Jim <jim_zelenak@fws.gov> wrote:

Thanks - yeah, just saw your last one. Let me know what you find out.

On Mon, Mar 18, 2019 at 1:23 PM Nordstrom, Lori <lori_nordstrom@fws.gov> wrote:

Jim - our emails maybe overlapped, my understanding is our Michigan ES office is in contact with LE.

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On Mon, Mar 18, 2019 at 2:21 PM Zelenak, Jim <jim_zelenak@fws.gov> wrote:

As i went thru the photos at the link provided by the reporter, there is this one of the animal (one of two) being trapped.

Reporter said MI DNR was aware, but you may want to let FWS LE know that this is going on.

<http://www.dougsprintshop.com/433154119?i=157996406>

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