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[EXTERNAL] Re: Lynx

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Thu, Mar 21, 2019 at 9:34 PM

To: "Mason, Russ (DNR)" <MasonR2@michigan.gov>

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Hi Russ,

The original points from the DZS were attached to Dan's email. I've copied them below as they were written:

- The Detroit Zoological Society was asked by the Michigan state veterinarian on Monday to temporarily hold a lynx the state was trapping and removing from the Thumb area. The lynx was taken to the Howell Nature Center.
- The animal appears to be a Canada lynx, which is protected under the Endangered Species Act as a threatened species. It is not yet clear if the lynx was an illegal pet or is truly wild. It was captured after reportedly killing domestic geese in Sanilac County.
- A DZS veterinarian and mammal curator picked the lynx up from the Howell Nature Center on Wednesday and transported it to the Detroit Zoo to conduct a health assessment.
- The lynx is a female that measures just over 4 feet long and weighs 18 pounds. Based on her size, teeth and other factors, she is believed to be less than a year old.
- She has a wound on her right rear foot caused by the leg trap that was used to capture her. The wound was cleaned and sutured closed.
- She is receiving fluids, antibiotics and medication to relieve any discomfort. She is also being treated for fleas.
- A blood sample was saved for submission to the U.S. Forest Service for DNA analysis to determine where the lynx originated from.
- The Michigan DNR is working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to determine the next steps and where she will go from here.
- In the meantime, the lynx is receiving expert care from DZS life sciences staff. She is not viewable to the public.

Kelly Straka DVM MPH
State Wildlife Veterinarian
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Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 21, 2019, at 8:45 PM, Mason, Russ (DNR) <MasonR2@michigan.gov> wrote:

So what are the talking points?

Russ Mason, Ph.D.
Chief, Wildlife Division
Michigan Department of Natural Resources

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On Mar 21, 2019, at 8:41 PM, Straka, Kelly (DNR) <StrakaK1@michigan.gov> wrote:

Hi Dan,

A few recommendations on the talking points-apply as you/POE/DZS see fit:

1. Please clarify that the reference to the Michigan state vet should read the Michigan state wildlife vet (the state vet is a position in DARD)
2. I would rephrase so it doesn't read as if the state did the initial trapping (our field staff have expressed multiple concerns about the handling)
3. I would add a statement/clause that emphasizes the lynx is not viewable in order to minimize her exposure/comfort level around people (to offset some of the negative attention about temporarily keeping her in captivity)

thanks!!

Kelly Straka DVM MPH
State Wildlife Veterinarian
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On Mar 21, 2019, at 5:54 PM, Kennedy, Daniel (DNR) <KENNEDYD@michigan.gov> wrote:

Updated talking points from Detroit zoo. I plan on talking with Scott Hicks tomorrow about next steps, will keep everyone informed.

Dan

From: Patricia Mills Janeway <pjaneway@dzs.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 5:00:32 PM
To: Dana DeBenham; Kennedy, Daniel (DNR)
Subject: RE: Lynx

Dana and Dan,
The attached talking points are written from a DZS perspective; however, the information can be used to respond to any media inquiries you receive.
All the best,
Patricia

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From: Patricia Mills Janeway
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 3:10 PM
To: Dana DeBenham <danad@howellnaturecenter.org>
Cc: kennedyd@michigan.gov
Subject: RE: Lynx

Hi Dana,
I just received the veterinarian's report and am drafting revised talking points, which I will share with you and Dan as soon as they're approved.
All the best,
Patricia

From: Dana DeBenham <danad@howellnaturecenter.org<<mailto:danad@howellnaturecenter.org>>>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 11:45 AM
To: Patricia Mills Janeway <pjaneway@dzs.org<<mailto:pjaneway@dzs.org>>>
Subject: RE: Lynx

Hello Patricia,

We are still getting queries on the status of the lynx. We have not yet told the public that he was transferred to DZS. Would it be possible to be included on the talking points being used by both DZS and the DNR?

We would, of course, prefer to collaborate on the entire situation.

Thank you,
Dana

Dana DeBenham
Director of Wildlife & Education

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Good Morning, Dana and Dan.

As you know, there is a lot of media interest, and I'm hopeful we can finesse the situation somewhat (particularly this morning) and coordinate our messaging. I'd be grateful if you could let me know what your protocol is in these instances. I left voicemails for you both and look forward to speaking with you soon. I can be reached at 248-336-5757 (office) or (b) (6) (mobile). Thank you!
All the best,

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