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04/05/2012 11:46 AM

To Bridgette Tuerler/OSO/R1/FWS/DOI@FWS
cc Bridget Fahey/R6/FWS/DOI@FWS
bcc

Subject Re: Re-initiation on Bobcat Trapping -- need response 📎

In our memo dated 3/12/12 to Bridget Fahey, we indicated that since 2002, we have 4 reports of incidental take of Canada lynx as a consequence of bobcat trapping:

Date of Capture	State	Sex/Age	Disposition	Trap Set
2008	Maine	Unknown/Unknown	Released Alive	Illegal Bobcat
11/21/2003	Michigan	Unknown/Unknown	Released Alive	Bobcat
1/4/2003	Minnesota	Unknown/Unknown	Released Alive	Bobcat Leghold
12/21/2002	Minnesota	Unknown/Unknown	Released Alive	Bobcat Leghold

After further review of our records, I discovered 3 additional reports of incidental take of Canada lynx (all released unharmed) as a consequence of bobcat trapping:

Date of Capture	State	Sex/Age	Disposition	Trap Set
12/24/06	Montana	Male/Unknown	Released Alive	Bobcat Leghold
12/12/2005	Montana	Female/Unknown	Released Alive	Bobcat Leghold
Winter 2004-2005	Montana	Unknown/Unknown	Released Alive	Bobcat

Please let me know require further information regarding these reports.
Bridgette Tuerler/OSO/R1/FWS/DOI



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Tuerler/OSO/R1/FWS/DOI
04/04/2012 11:50 AM

To Clifton Horton/ARL/R9/FWS/DOI@FWS
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Subject Re: Re-initiation on Bobcat Trapping -- need response 📎

Hi Clifton,

Trying to wrap up a few details and hoping you can help with some loose ends.

Bridget makes reference to 4 lynx that were captured under the CITES export Program and released uninjured (second email from the bottom of this string). I was only able to find information on two captures, both from Minnesota 12/21/02 and 1/4/03. Can you provide summary information on captures associated with this program.


Thanks,

Bridgette

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Subject Re: Re-initiation on Bobcat Trapping -- need response 

Hello Bridgette,

the Leech Lake Band is not in the program. Here is a current list of participating tribes:


http://www.fws.gov/international/DMA_DSA/CITES/pdf/CEP.pdf

Bridgette Tuerler/OSO/R1/FWS/DOI



**Bridgette
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03/28/2012 05:38 PM

To Clifton Horton/ARL/R9/FWS/DOI@FWS
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Subject Re: Re-initiation on Bobcat Trapping -- need response 

Hi Clifton,

I am working on the re-initiation. Was the below referenced take that occurred on tribal lands in 2012, part of the Service's bobcat trapping program. The BO references three Native American groups participating in the program.

Thanks,

Bridgette

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To Bridgette Tuerler/OSO/R1/FWS/DOI@FWS



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Subject Fw: Reinitiation on Bobcat Trapping -- need response

here's the DMA contact if you need to get clarifying information from him to document to the file.

----- Forwarded by Bridget Fahey/R6/FWS/DOI on 03/27/2012 10:56 AM -----

**Clifton
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03/14/2012 10:48 AM

To Bridget Fahey/R6/FWS/DOI@FWS

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Subject Re: Fw: Reinitiation on Bobcat Trapping -- need response 

Thanks Bridget, it looks as though this take occurred on tribal lands.
Bridget Fahey/R6/FWS/DOI



Bridget Fahey/R6/FWS/DOI
03/14/2012 12:33 PM

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more details on the 2012 mortality...

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Tamara Smith/R3/FWS/DOI
03/14/2012 10:26 AM

To Bridget Fahey/R6/FWS/DOI@FWS

cc Jennifer Szymanski/R3/FWS/DOI@FWS

Subject Re: Fw: Reinitiation on Bobcat Trapping -- need response 

Sure - Here are some brief details. Let me know if you would like to see additional documentation (e.g. Wildlife report, LOA, GPS point, etc.).

Date: January 20, 2012

Location: Cass County, MN; Township 145N, Range 31W, Section 17.


Description: A Canada lynx was caught, found dead on January 20, 2012 in a snare about one mile WSW of Cass Lake, MN. Legal set for bobcat. Leech Lake Reservation DRM Chief (J. Mitchell) determined no foul play. Reported to USFWS LE (R. Kramer). It was reported to be a male, but we are still awaiting confirmation (specimen is frozen). Superior National Forest received hair and tissue samples for DNA analysis. LLR DRM will keep the lynx for display/educational purposes - Letter of authorization issued by TJ Miller, Chief of Endangered Species - Region 3, USFWS on February 14, 2012.

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03/14/2012 10:50 AM

To Tamara Smith/R3/FWS/DOI@FWS
cc Jennifer Szymanski/R3/FWS/DOI@FWS
Subject Re: Fw: Reinitiation on Bobcat Trapping -- need response 


Looks like he would like them if you have them.

Tamara Smith/R3/FWS/DOI



Tamara Smith/R3/FWS/DOI

03/14/2012 09:32 AM

To Bridget Fahey/R6/FWS/DOI@FWS
cc Jennifer Szymanski/R3/FWS/DOI@FWS
Subject Re: Fw: Reinitiation on Bobcat Trapping -- need response 

Thanks, Bridget. Did they need more details on the 2012 incident?

Bridget Fahey/R6/FWS/DOI



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03/14/2012 10:17 AM


To Tamara Smith/R3/FWS/DOI@FWS
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More details on the 2002 capture...

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03/14/2012 09:06 AM

To Bridget Fahey/R6/FWS/DOI@FWS
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Subject Re: Fw: Reinitiation on Bobcat Trapping -- need response 

We have not received any notification from the State regarding the January 2012 capture. I would appreciate those details.

Tamara had asked about the 12/21/2002 capture. This is the information that we have:

December 21, 2002 – Lynx caught in leghold trap, Cook County

How was the lynx killed, captured, or injured? Caught in leghold trap. Animal was released by DNR CO (Conrad Tikkula)

If killed, describe the mode of death in as much detail as possible. (A necropsy may be necessary.) Not applicable.

If caught in a snare or trap, what was the target animal? Bobcat (S. Loch, pers. comm. 7/17/07).

If a snare, how high was the top of the snare loop from the ground? How large was the loop? What size (thickness) cable was used? Not applicable.

If caught in a trap or snare, describe the set in as much detail as possible. Include photos if available. Small leg-hold trap. "The set was a baited cubby targeting bobcats; the cubby was formed using conifer branches. The trap used was a 1 1/2 coil spring." (S. Loch, pers. comm. 7/17/07).

If the animal was released alive, was it injured? Describe how the animal was assessed for injury and who assessed the animal. The lynx was held down by the trapper with a forked stick and the CO released the trap. It did not appear to cause any injury to the lynx...it bounded away very quickly using all feet.

Bridget Fahey/R6/FWS/DOI



Bridget Fahey/R6/FWS/DOI

03/13/2012 01:46 PM

To Clifton Horton/ARL/R9/FWS/DOI@FWS

cc Craig Hoover/ARL/R9/FWS/DOI@FWS

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Hey there. We have gotten some information from Minnesota on an additional lynx mortality, so I thought I would share.

----- Forwarded by Bridget Fahey/R6/FWS/DOI on 03/13/2012 11:24 AM -----



Tamara Smith/R3/FWS/DOI

03/13/2012 11:18 AM

To Bridget Fahey/R6/FWS/DOI@FWS

cc Jennifer Szymanski/R3/FWS/DOI@FWS

Subject Re: Fw: Reinitiation on Bobcat Trapping -- need response 

Hi Bridget,

Sorry if I was not clear -

The 23 trapping incidents in our database (9 mortalities in Minnesota, 4 mortalities in Canada, 10 released alive in Minnesota) include all documented trapping incidents (target species fox, unknown, bobcat, fisher, etc.). Breaking down the 9 mortalities in Minnesota by target species, our records indicate that 7 of these were targeting fox, 1 bobcat, and 1 unknown. Of the 10 released alive, 1 was targeting bobcat, 1 coyote, 1 fox, 3 fox/coyote, 1 fisher, 1 marten, 1 fisher/marten and 1 unknown target (maybe bobcat according to DMA?).

Out of the 23, we documented one mortality of a lynx caught in a legal bobcat trap (January 2012) and one lynx caught in a bobcat set that was released alive (Jan. 4, 2003).

The shooting incident was not included in the 23 trapping incidents. Our database documents all incidents (shooting, trapping, road kill, etc.) in Minnesota.

Clear as mud?

-Tam

Bridget Fahey/R6/FWS/DOI



Bridget Fahey/R6/FWS/DOI

03/13/2012 11:55 AM

To Tamara Smith/R3/FWS/DOI@FWS

cc Jennifer Szymanski/R3/FWS/DOI@FWS

Subject Re: Fw: Reinitiation on Bobcat Trapping -- need response 📎

Thanks, Tamara. This is great information. The BO is specific to trapping for bobcat. Thus, of the incidents you report, it appears as though the trapping mortality in Jan 2012 should be reported to DMA (I will forward your email to them). The hunting incident wouldn't count as it was not trapping related and is also illegal. The captures in Canada would not be covered either. It's not clear to me about the 9 trapping mortalities mentioned in the first line of your email. If the shooting accounted for 1, the legal bobcat trap mortality in Jan accounted for 1, + 4 Canadian mortalities = 6, do you know what accounted for the remaining 3, and if those were due to bobcat trap sets?

As far as the Dec 21, 2002, all I know is that MN reported it to DMA. So I would be taking their word that it was in a bobcat set.

I can share the BO if you are interested.

Thanks again for your quick and helpful response!

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03/13/2012 10:38 AM

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Subject Re: Fw: Reinitiation on Bobcat Trapping -- need response 📎

Bridget,

I have not seen the BO, however, I thought you may want to know that we have had some recent incidental trapping mortalities in Minnesota. Since 2000, we have documented 9 trapping mortalities in MN, 4 trapping mortalities of collared lynx legally trapped in Canada and 10 trapped lynx which were released alive. Of those 23 trapping incidents, we documented one mortality of a lynx caught in a legal bobcat trap (January 2012) and one lynx caught in a bobcat set that was released alive (Jan. 4, 2003). The December 21, 2002, trapping incident referenced in your memo indicate that the target species was bobcat, however, in our database the target species is listed as unknown for that incident (maybe you have more information than we do?). In addition to trapping, but related to bobcat, we have documented one lynx that was shot and killed by hunters who were spotlighting for bobcat (Dec. 19, 2002).

Please let me know if you need additional information regarding those incidents. Is the action specific to bobcat sets or is it more general than that?

-Tam

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Tam,

Please see Bridget's email and respond to her directly (with a cc to me).

Thanks,
Jennifer

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Subject Reinitiation on Bobcat Trapping -- need response

Hello Regional S7 folks:

This e-mail follows up on a subject Brooke brought up recently on the monthly S7 call -- we are reinitiating consultation with FWS's Division on Management Authority on incidental trapping of lynx in bobcat trapping sets. Although the BO specified that it covered a 10-year period, none of the triggers for reinitiation have been met. To our knowledge, there has been no lethal take, no injuries, and 4 captures over the period from 2001 - 2010. (The BO exempted take of 2 in the form of death and 2 injuries per year). Therefore, we plan on responding to their request (see below) with a letter extending the term of the BO indefinitely until a reinitiation trigger has been met. I would like to hear from Regions 1, 2, 3, and 5 that they are OK with this approach. Brooke recently sent out the BO, but if you missed or deleted it, I would be happy to resend.

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03/12/2012 07:32 AM

To Bridget Fahey
cc Clifton Horton/ARL/R9/FWS/DOI@FWS
Subject Letter re: Lynx Bio Opinion

Bridget,

Thanks again for the call last week. Please find attached our memo to you, which we will put in the mail today as well. I will be out of the office beginning tomorrow and not back until the 22nd. If you need anything from us, have any questions, etc., please contact Clif Horton of my staff (copied here).

Best,

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