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Just finished a conversation with Liz Tobin (JST shellfish biologist). She will be requesting assistance with creation of a survey/monitoring plan and associated protocols. She is planning a kick-off meeting with all necessary partners (e.g., JST, Audubon, and FWS) to discuss monitoring requirements and timelines. I would like to request assistance from Migratory Birds related to creation of shorebird/waterfowl monitoring plans/protocols. Is there someone specific I should reach out to with this request, or do you want to discuss with Nanette first?

JST seemed to think that we had the CD already completed, so I clarified that we would begin the CD (and associated NEPA) process once the monitoring plans were agreed to by the Corps. That way we could analyze all activities using Refuge lands at the same time (not just gear removal).

The question will come up, will we be completing CDs for monitoring/surveys conducted outside the lease but inside the use easement? Sounds like a question for Frank.

They are in a hurry. They said that the 5-year permit approval starts when they sign the permit and are concerned that they might sign and then lose a year of permitted time to plans and approvals. They are pushing to have plans written in the next month or two (I'm guessing that also includes CD/EA).

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