

From: [McChesney, Gerry](#)
To: [Halstead, Brian J](#)
Subject: Re: Request for peer review
Date: Thursday, April 4, 2013 9:40:09 AM
Attachments: [PRBO Impacts of House Mouse on Ashy Storm Petrels Farallones Oct 2012.pdf](#)
[PRBO Western Gull PVA Farallones Nov 2012.pdf](#)

Hi Brian,

Excellent! Here they are. How about a due date of April 25. While I would appreciate comments on any aspect of the reports, we particularly need comments on:

- 1) Were the analyses used appropriate;
- 2) Were assumptions included in the models appropriate, given available information;
- 3) Were interpretations of the results appropriate?

Please include suggestions for improvement.

Thank you!

Gerry

On Thu, Apr 4, 2013 at 9:19 AM, Halstead, Brian <bhalstead@usgs.gov> wrote:

Hi Gerry,

I am happy to review these reports for you, and I should be able to turn them around within three weeks.

Thanks,

Brian

On Wed, Apr 3, 2013 at 2:42 PM, McChesney, Gerry <gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov> wrote:

Dear Brian,

Julie Yee suggested you. I am looking for peer reviewers for two reports that are being used as Decision Support Tools for a Draft Environmental Impact Statement assessing alternatives to eradicate invasive house mice from the Farallon Islands, California. Both reports were done by PRBO Conservation Science.

1) One report is titled "Population Viability Analysis of Western Gulls on the Farallon Islands In Relation to Potential Mortality Due To Proposed House Mouse Eradication," by Nadav Nur et al. This report is 31 pages long, including tables and figures.

2) The other report is titled "Modeling The Impacts Of House Mouse Eradication On Ashy Storm-Petrels On Southeast Farallon Island," also by Nadav Nur et al. This report is 41 pages long, including tables and figures (about 25 pp. of text).

I'm wondering if you would be willing to provide a review of either one or both of these reports? I would need comments within about three weeks. If so, I will email you the report(s). If you cannot review within three weeks but would still be willing to provide a review, how much time would you need? Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks very much.

Gerry

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