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**Subject:** Fw: Palmyra results  
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Hi Sonce,

I heard you were interested in results from Palmyra. EPA was also interested. See below from Beth Flint.

Gerry

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Subject: Re: Fw: Palmyra results 

Hi Gerry,

There really haven't been any reports completed regarding the Palmyra project either from the implementation phase or from our biological monitoring of efficacy and ecological effects. We certainly weren't being unresponsive on purpose. We do have updates posted on our joint website ([www.protectpalmyra.org](http://www.protectpalmyra.org)). We will have a poster at PSG on the subject and a paper is being presented at the Vertebrate Pest conference coming up in early March in Monterey.

The shorebird protection work went very well due to the heroic efforts of our assistant manager Jim Breeden who worked day and night till he figured out how to capture curlews (smarter than they look) and our wildlife veterinarian Lesanna Lahner who kept all 13 Bristle-thighed Curlews and the single Pacific Golden Plover we captured alive, fat, and healthy until we released them on August 4, 39 days after the last bait broadcast over the whole atoll. Their clever innovation and adaptive

management in captive care of these delicate birds has advanced the state of the art of shorebird care a long way forward. I am certain that they will be publishing the details of that work and will make it available to anyone who needs it before that time. The captive birds rejoined the flocks of returning birds and many of them have been sighted subsequently.

I hear the independent USDA report about the toxicant fate and non-target effects is almost done as well so that should be available soon from them.

I look forward to hearing how your project is doing and I'm certainly sorry you can't get out here for PSG but I totally understand.

Aloha, Beth

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Hi Beth,

Please see request below. Do you have any information you can provide at this time? Saw you'll be giving a talk at PSG. Sorry I won't be there this year.

Thanks for anything you can provide. We need to catch up soon.

Gerry

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