

Addressing invasive house mouse impacts on the South Farallon Islands: Partner meeting

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10 AM

Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, Crissy Field

Attendees

IC (Jacob Sheppard)

FWS (Gerry McChesney, Zach Coffman, Winnie Chan, others?)

PRBO (Russ Bradley, Jim Tietz, others?)

Expected outcomes

Alignment on timeline & major tasks ahead

Responsibilities assigned for major compliance tasks ahead

Consensus on establishing a communications plan for public involvement

Agenda

1. Impacts to gulls:
 - a. Discussion of new impacts analysis
 - b. Further needs:
 - i. Review from gull experts within the FWS/PRBO community: what proportion of the population would be likely to feed on mice?
 - ii. More data on mouse density. Comparing gull density to mouse density (and the knowledge that a large proportion of mice would succumb underground) to come up with an estimate of total mouse carcasses available.
 - iii. Biomarker data from trials to be conducted on the islands in Fall '09.
2. Review the most up-to-date timeline:
 - a. *Early Jan. '09*: FNWR, PRBO begin review of "administrative draft" (4 weeks for review & revisions?)
 - b. *Early Feb. '09?*: Submit NEPA, ESA, MMPA materials to stakeholder agencies (6 weeks for administrative review?)
 - c. *Apr.-May '09?*: EA public comment period
 - d. *Jun. '09?*: FONSI issued
 - e. *Aug. '09?*: IHA public comment
 - f. *Oct. '09?*: IHA issued

3. Prepping for public comment
 - a. Designation of public spokesperson for each partner
 - b. Consistent talking points
 - c. Soliciting advocacy from NGOs (Audubon, PSG, Friends of Farallones)
4. Review other env. compliance needed: See Excel spreadsheet
5. Delegate responsibility for remaining compliance tasks
 - a. EA data:
 - i. CA State status for Farallon species – list
 - ii. Map of Designated Wilderness
 - iii. Map indicating rookeries & major haulouts for pinnipeds
 - iv. Map indicating roosting seabird concentrations during Nov.-Dec.
 1. COMU
 2. BRPE
 3. Gulls
 - v. Better narrative climate section (PRBO data)
 - vi. Appendices: Checking for accuracy!
 - b. Distribution of EA to agencies
 - c. Sec. 7 consultations
 - d. IHA submission
 - e. GFNMS Manager's Permit
 - f. Coastal Commission
6. Status of further pre-implementation studies
 - a. Salamander baseline studies
 - b. Biomarker trials
 - i. Bait acceptability
 - ii. Application rate
 - iii. Gull exposure
 - c. Bait interactions in intertidal
 - d. Intertidal fish surveys
7. Brief funding check-in