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We have spent out the NFWF NEPA funds. That project has been dragged on so cost has gone up. We have some other funding but at this point I don't know how much. I will get that info soon.

The main thing outstanding is the risk analysis for gulls, and the man hours to finalize and push the document through to signature. We talked about the importance of a communications plan in place before this gets pushed up the chain and available for public consumption. We will have to assess who is on point for this and how to fund it. If IC is doing the heavy lifting on that we will have to charge against Luckenbach funds, which will eat into implementation money. But until we reassess the budget we won't really know where we are at. We will work on assessing the budget ASAP,

Brad

From: Gerry_McChesney@fws.gov [mailto:Gerry_McChesney@fws.gov]
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2010 11:19 AM
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Brad,

Sorry to take so long responding to this. One question I have is exactly for what and how much money do you need to complete the EA? Is there enough for Jacob to complete at least what was agreed upon in the original contract from NFWF? Are the only additional funds needed for additional assessments, such as for gulls?

Yes, PRBO has been conducted some trials. They built a trap and found it was pretty effective at catching multiple gulls. Trying to approach them at roosts and grab with a net was not successful; they flushed from a pretty good distance away, even at night.

Gerry

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Hi Gerry,

That was great news you sent out awhile back about Luckenbach funding. Glad to see this moving forward.

I wanted to give you an update on our end. We did not receive the additional NFWF funding we requested for the Farallones so it is a good thing (at least financially) that we did not proceed with the trial this year. We are looking into re-allocating another set of funds to enable us to complete the NEPA process so that we are ready when the Luckenbach does finally come through. Jacob is working on incorporating the most recent rounds of comments from the partners and after that will let the document sit until we get additional funds (either through the above mentioned re-allocation or when Luckenbach funding comes through). When funds are available we will move ahead with finishing the EA. The most outstanding part of this is the analysis of risk to western gulls. We decided that we will try and contract an eco-toxicologist, likely from NZ, to conduct a risk analysis in collaboration with a seabird expert familiar with western gulls. We think this will provide the best info to move forward on, and it has the benefit of being independent as well.

Simultaneously to the risk analysis we would continue to finalize the EA and work on a communication plan to prepare for release to the broader group of partners and for public outreach as necessary.

I have not heard a report from the island but I do know that PRBO is trying to collect some of the data we discussed in our meeting in your office last month. That will be really helpful to us in planning the full field trial for Fall 2010.

I hope all is well and enjoy the holidays,

Brad

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