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Michael:

I'm sending you an update on our bird hazing/monitoring project for Gerry McChesney, Manager of the Farallon National Wildlife Refuge, who is on the island this week.

We held an initial planning meeting with USFWS and PRBO on July 11, and we made a few preliminary decisions. We were hoping you could have called into that meeting, but we look forward to having you or someone from your staff involved for the next meeting, which may be a short one, but could be as early as next week.

A few items we wanted to update you on from the first meeting:

1. We've arranged for the trial to be held **Nov. 26 – Dec. 17th**, with a few days of training/monitoring/set-up prior to hazing, **Can your pilots make this time period?** Not all staff will be able to stay the entire two weeks, so a shift change may occur during this period if necessary.
2. We've completed a proposal to OWCN to fund the second half of the trial, but we won't know about funding until October. We can cover the travel costs of your pilots.
3. We wanted to make sure you had everything you needed from the USFWS to process the FAA waiver/COA....**if not please let David Will know.**

One question came up during that meeting: If we were to use other (non-USGS, non-federal) radio-controlled aircraft to test gull hazing (as opposed to simply monitoring), would we need an additional COA from FAA, or is a different process to be followed? Do mainland hobby-type radio-controlled pilots of small "toys" require such clearances too?

You'll likely be hearing from David Will or Maddy Pott of IC soon to coordinate some of the details, but feel free to call or email me if you prefer.

Thanks again!

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