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Here's my comments:

- Change title to: "Farallon Islands Non-native Mouse Eradication Project," and reflect title in other slides. Otherwise, will be confusing.

- Slide "Today's Objectives"

Instead of saying "Why Restoration", it should be "Why eradicate house mice?"

Reason is to restore Farallon ecosystem.

In Public Scoping, we're mainly looking for comments/suggestions on how to go about the project, although folks can send in comments on whether they support the idea or not, too.

- Slide "Importance of the Farallon Islands"

I agree that they are not land predator-free now. Could say historically were.

Add endemic salamander and cricket.

- Slide "Five Species of Pinnipeds"

Mention that although species diversity has come back, some species still well below historical (fur seal) or declining (Stellers).

- Slide "Ashy Storm-Petrel"

Mention that they are endemic to California Current System, with a range limited to islands between central California and Northern Baja.

- Slide "house mice on the Farallones"

Owls not present year-round; begin arriving late September, gone by end of April. Not breeding.

- Slide "Removing the mice"

Replace "least number of species" on the island with something like "lowest wildlife numbers present".

- Slide "We need your help"

I don't feel comfortable with this terminology in the presentation. As far as the FWS goes, we're asking for comments. Please phrase it more like "Submit your comments." If you want to personally ask for support, that's fine, but we can't do that in the name of the FWS.

- **IMPACTS OF INVASIVE HOUSE MICE**

It really needs to be clear that mice on the Farallones do not take eggs and chicks. This piece of info needs to come out of these presentations.

Thanks for putting this together and good luck.

Gerry

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Thanks Melissa! I have some comments here from Sally and me, but also added comments within the presentation (on slides 3, 6, and 19) and made some edits. Let me know if any of this needs more explanation.

I agree with Dan's comments about noting that we are in the scoping phase and not over-committing to any particular removal or mitigation strategy throughout the presentation. I have attempted some edits to this effect – including changing some wording, but also moving the timeline up sooner in the presentation. I also agree that one slide on Anacapa could be useful.

In addition:

- I have re-worded some of the slide that mentions IC and our accomplishments.
- I made a note on the overview slide in the beginning – we had some mixed feelings about asking for support at the beginning of the presentation.
- I question saying the Farallones are “without land-based predators” on slide 6, given that the mice are there – although there is no documentation

of predation by mice on the Farallones, we know they prey upon seabirds and eggs elsewhere

Thanks again!
Amy

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Good Morning Melissa & Team!:

Looks pretty good! As to the **Gull Impact** slide, any of the info that is in the “notes” section of that slide would work for content.

It’s important to qualify this discussion with something *verbal* like: “we are still in the scoping stages and the exact methods and mitigation measures have not been completely decided on, so expected impacts have not been fully assessed; however, it appears likely at this point that some gull mortality could occur, but we do not expect it to affect the population, and any impact would be very short-term...” I’m not sure about the wisdom of showing a slide of the gulls or not....**Amy do you have any ideas?**

For your **Expected Benefits** slide, they are scattered throughout the presentation I sent you...you could condense them.

I think keeping at least **one slide about Anacapa** would be useful, as it informs or reminds everyone that this type of rodent removal has been done before by IC with DOI (NPS- a Federally-managed) island in California, with few non-targets affected and resulted in a big success for the seabirds, plants, reptiles and such...

Additional factoids:

Over 30 mouse eradications have been done worldwide. Of the 11 mouse eradications done recently using best practices techniques like proposed here, all have been successful at removing mice.

More of these key messages and supporting factoids should be coming your way today in the revised FAQs from Amy, I believe.

Thanks!-
Dan

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Hi team,
Attached is my revised version of the JV presentation. See what you think. There are a few slides at the end I could use help with – talking about impacts to gulls and illustrating the benefits.

Sorry it's Friday afternoon already! Would love feedback by mid day Monday.

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