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Re: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] comments on USFWS FEIS on Proposed SEFI Invasive House Mouse Eradication Project, Farallon National Wildlife Refuge

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Mon, Dec 2, 2019 at 4:31 PM

To: Maria Brown <Maria.Brown@noaa.gov>, Alayne Chappell - NOAA Affiliate <alayne.chappell@noaa.gov>

Cc: Anne Morkill <Anne_Morkill@fws.gov>, Chris Barr <chris_barr@fws.gov>

Dear Maria and Alayne,

I want to make sure you're aware of communications from GFNMS SAC member Richard Charter regarding the proposed Farallon Islands house mouse eradication project. These include a re-forwarded a letter sent to us by Mr. Charter in relation to the Final EIS on the project. a news article in The Guardian about the mouse project that just came out last week, and ex parte communications between Mr. Charter and Donne Brownsey of the California Coastal Commission. In all of these communications, Mr. Charter's affiliation with the GFNMS SAC was included. In the Guardian article, Mr. Charter also mentioned the concerns about the project raised by some members of the SAC .

In Mr. Charter's ex parte communications with the California Coastal Commission regarding the Farallon mouse project, he again mentioned his affiliation with the SAC although he clarified that he was not representing the SAC (see attached file W14a-7-2019-exparte.pdf). According to the transcript of that communication, Mr. Charter relayed that: "This group [GFNMS SAC] passed a resolution in 2013 to oppose the use of this toxic rodenticide, Brodificoum 25D for the House Mouse Eradication Project." While the SAC resolution of 11/20/13 raised concerns about the project, there was nothing in the resolution stating opposition to the project. Thus, Mr. Charter's statement was incorrect and misrepresented the SAC resolution.

I thought you should be aware of these communications because they raise the question as to whether Mr. Charter is inappropriately using his SAC affiliation regarding this issue as well as misrepresenting the SAC's actions.

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2019/nov/28/truly-astounding-inside-the-farallon-islands-battle-against-a-plague-of-mice>

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From: **McChesney, Gerry** <gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov>

Date: Wed, Jul 3, 2019 at 10:30 AM

Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] comments on USFWS FEIS on Proposed SEFI Invasive House Mouse Eradication Project, Farallon National Wildlife Refuge

To: Alayne Chappell - NOAA Affiliate <alayne.chappell@noaa.gov>, Brian Johnson <Brian.Johnson@noaa.gov>

Alayne and Brian,

Just want to make sure you are also aware of this letter submitted by Richard Charter. He mentioned his affiliation with the GFNMS SAC, including under his signature. I'm not sure how that fits into SAC policy.

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From: **McChesney, Gerry** <gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov>
Date: Mon, Jun 24, 2019 at 3:59 PM
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] comments on USFWS FEIS on Proposed SEFI Invasive House Mouse Eradication Project, Farallon National Wildlife Refuge
To: Karen Reyna <karen.reyna@noaa.gov>, Maria Brown <Maria.Brown@noaa.gov>

FYI. I'm sure you are aware that we were not soliciting comments on the FEIS.

These comments mainly repeat comments submitted by Mr. Charter on our Revised Draft EIS. Substantive comments received were addressed in the RDEIS Comment Response Report (Appendix P) of the Final EIS. Mr. Charter listed his affiliation with the GFNMS SAC under his signature.

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From: **Richard Charter** <waterway@monitor.net>
Date: Fri, Jun 21, 2019 at 1:31 PM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] comments on USFWS FEIS on Proposed SEFI Invasive House Mouse Eradication Project, Farallon National Wildlife Refuge
To: Gerry McChesney <gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov>

Dear Mr. McChesney:

Please find attached our comments on USFWS FEIS on Proposed SEFI Invasive House Mouse Eradication Project, Farallon National Wildlife Refuge.

Thanks very much.

Richard

2 attachments



TheOceanFoundation2FinalFarallonesFEISCharter2019CommentsJust.pdf
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