

FARALLON SALAMANDER TOXICITY STUDY CALL NOTES

January 25, 2016

2:00 – 2:20 PM PST

Attendees: Gerry McChesney (USFWS), John Isanhart (DOI), Gary Witmer (USDA),

Purpose of Call: To discuss funding level, funding mechanism and process forward for salamander rodenticide exposure trial

1) Issue: Funding level

- \$45,000 available for USDA appears to be adequate to at least get exposure trials done, but not chemical analyses.
- Need to check on contracting for salamander captures.

2) Mechanism for getting funding to USDA

- USFWS will get all money to USDA in Intergovernmental agreement, as opposed to USDA doing agreement with NFWF.

2) Issue: Additional funding needs

Chemical analyses: About \$250 per animal. May need to do a limited number of samples depending on funding available. Will request funds in Restoration Catalyst proposal (due in March). Gary estimates we'll need another \$40-60,000 to finish all analyses.