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URGENT: Request for Waiver of Time under SO 3355 - South Farallon Islands Invasive House Mouse Eradication Project FEIS

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Thu, Mar 21, 2019 at 6:27 PM

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Hi Stacy - Please find attached a Request for Waiver under SO 3355 to extend the time scheduled for reaching a Record of Decision on the South Farallon Islands Invasive House Mouse Eradication Project FEIS. As described in the request, in order to complete the ROD, we are required to submit a federal consistency determination to the California Coastal Commission for staff review and presentation to the Commission at a public hearing. In our recent consultation with Commission staff, they have advised that we target the July 10-12 hearing in San Luis Obispo to allow for optimal public participation by affected stakeholders from the Bay Area (see email below for additional context). We are therefore requesting an additional month (33 calendar days), from June 20th to July 23rd (proposed revised schedule attached for your reference and embedded in waiver request).

I understand that Patricia mentioned this during your Monday staff meeting and you indicated a preference for staying with the existing schedule. However, I respectfully urge your reconsideration and ask that this move forward as quickly as possible. I firmly believe that heeding the Commission's advice for ensuring optimal public participation on this project is in the best interest of the Service.

I'd be happy to discuss with you further and/or brief Paul, if necessary.

Thank you!

Anne

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From: **Simon, Larry@Coastal** <Larry.Simon@coastal.ca.gov>

Date: Wed, Mar 13, 2019 at 10:08 AM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Revised Draft Consistency Determination

To: McChesney, Gerry <gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov>

Cc: Anne Morkill <Anne_Morkill@fws.gov>, Barbara Goodyear <barbara.goodyear@sol.doi.gov>, Delaplaine, Mark@Coastal <Mark.Delaplaine@coastal.ca.gov>, Weber, John@Coastal <john.weber@coastal.ca.gov>

Hi Gerry,

Here are the questions regarding the draft consistency determination. I acknowledge that this information might be in the FEIS (which I have not opened up yet) but it would be helpful to also include in appropriate sections of the CD.

What is the estimate for the number of days it will take to complete the operation, given good weather and no unexpected problems arising?

Are there any other non-target wildlife mortality estimates besides those for California gulls?

How many raptors do you expect to hold/translocate during the operation? Where will this occur?

What is the estimate for the number of days you expect it will take to manually remove carcasses and bait?

How many bait stations do you expect to establish? Can these locations be mapped?

Will you provide the CCC staff copies of the final monitoring plan, final operational plan, and the bait spill and non-target contingency plans prior to the start of operations so that we can review and provide comments?

Along with the formal CD submittal, please include a mailing/noticing list for the project.

Regarding scheduling the CD for Commission action, as we discussed there is no Commission meeting in the immediate SF Bay Area until November (the April meeting is in Salinas but staff reports must be completed next week and so that is not an option). If the CD is submitted as you indicated on or around March 15, the 75-day time period for Commission action would run through around the end of May. This would require taking the CD to the Commission at its Oxnard meeting in May, not ideal given the distance from the Bay Area and the expected interest in the project. A time extension by the Service to get to the June meeting in San Diego is clearly even less ideal. A time extension to get to the July meeting in San Luis Obispo is what we believe is most appropriate. While we understand that your goal is to have the ROD signed by June 17, and that you need to have Commission action on the CD completed before signing the ROD, we hope that the Service will be able to extend that deadline by one month. Let's discuss at your convenience. Best regards,

Larry

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From: McChesney, Gerry [mailto:gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 1:11 PM
To: Simon, Larry@Coastal
Cc: Anne Morkill; Barbara Goodyear
Subject: Revised Draft Consistency Determination

Dear Larry,

Attached is a revised Draft Consistency Determination for your pre-review and pre-release copy of the South Farallon Islands house mouse eradication FEIS. The FEIS is scheduled for public release this Friday, March 15. Since it is not yet available to the public, we ask that you do not share the FEIS outside of your immediate staff until it is published on March 15.

We look forward to your comments. Thank you.

Gerry

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