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Subject: RE: IHA for gull hazing trial
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Yes, she seemed to be guiding not to count each event, but to count the # of individuals that might be flushed. I hoped that would be enough.

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In a previous conversation I had with Monica, it was my understanding that you treated each disturbance "event" separately. I just left a message on Monica's voicemail and will ask her to clarify. I agree, the take numbers sound excessive, and I don't like it either, but if we have to estimate that way, not sure how else to do it. My strong hope and desire is that this won't be nearly the level of disturbance, but we just don't know. We also have to realize that levels of many disturbances may be minimal and don't include flushing.

Gerry

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Gerry

Thanks for your comments, I agree with them, except for Table 2. That is a major red flag. I thought, after talking with Monica on that conference call when Gerry was away, we did not have to consider multiple takes of the same animal – she was surprisingly clear about that, I thought at least. Dan can you confirm that? That's what gives us average and max values in Table 1 that should not be too much of an issue. However, Table 2 takes us back into the realm over 200,000 take requests for CASL, 20,000 E Seal, over 5,000 HASI and CASL, and over 3,000 takes of SSL – a section 7 endangered species. I wonder if anyone has ever asked for that much pinniped take in an IHA? Again, I know I'm a broken record, but it took us an extra 6 months to put 20 SSL on our existing PRBO IHA. I seriously caution asking for this amount of take as I think it will be rejected immediately by someone who does not understand the full context and may potentially influence any future take requests for this project.

Russ

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Gabrielle (and Dan),

Thanks for addressing most of Monica's comments. Huge help. Version with my edits is attached. Dan, can you, at least, take a look at some of my edits (shown in track changes). In particular, I need you to address my comments in section 6. Helicopters and look at

my new table 2 on estimates for harassment authorization. If helos may be used for hazing, this needs to be described. Otherwise, the section on helos and any further mention of it should be deleted. Numbers in Table 2 were based on our previous discussion on how to estimate requested numbers. Using that method, you'll see they get quite high. I agree we should have a call with Monica prior to submitting this to discuss the request.

If you make any more edits to the document, please show them in track changes or comments. Do not accept or reject my changes.

I have a conference calls tomorrow from 10 to 1. Hopefully we can touch base at some point, or email me your comments. Thanks.

Gerry

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Hi Gerry,

Here is the revised IHA for the gull hazing trial. There are still a few comments that need to be addressed by you and one by PRBO. I emailed Russ asking him to send responses to you regarding comments for PRBO. Additionally, Dan and I agree that you should schedule a phone meeting with Monica to discuss the estimated take numbers to ensure that we will be fully covered during the trial; there is still some confusion about determining take numbers and the expected level of harassment. Thanks,

Gabrielle

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