

Meeting Minutes from Fall Field Trial 10-16-12:

- Following new assignments for trainings were made:
 - General: RB/JS
 - Natural Resources/Biosecurity: RB/JS
 - Pyrotechnics: WV/PG
 - Hazing Methods: USDA + OWCN
- Gull counts in the week prior to Nov. 26 will be both am and pm, with mapping of specific areas (polygons) with gulls to be defined/discussed by PRBO (RB) and IC/FWS in the next week or so.
- Only one pinniped count needed (Thanksgiving Day), with maps showing general distributions of each species (esp. Steller)
- Numbers and locations of other birds species (seabirds/shorebirds, etc) should be documented in the data sheets.
- Proximity limits for pyros to be used near MM in decreasing ranges. Sound measurements to include wind speed/direction
- Priority for trial is hazing gulls; if Common Murres show up, they will
 - Not be in areas with heavy gull numbers
 - Also act as a deterrent for gulls
 - Team will need to document their arrival, should this happen
- Permits:
 - GFNMS over-flight submitted, GM will call contact back to expedite;
 - NASA Ames and USGS permits can't be submitted until over-flight permit received, which means a March/April UAS trial; Cost is a factor.
 - Online form for COA complicated; GM to call his NASA contact to help complete it.
 - Categorical Exclusion—an internal document to be completed by GM (GF to assist as needed)
- Steve Vasconcellos—dog handler; We will try to get him out for 1-2 days (\$700-1400), with a dog, either during strike team visit in November (5th?) or during crew change (Dec. 6-7?). No falcon likely needed. Will not send him draft plan just yet.
- Derrick working now, and zip line will be funded and hopefully be fixed by mid-November.
- ATF permit submitted with all IC as well as PW and PG. Federal employees do not need it. Plan B is to get personnel temporarily employed under OWCN, if WV can secure.
- USCG HH-60 willing to transport fuel, etc from HMB or Stinson Beach parking lot to SEFI (Nov 13-16 likely). Will be 2-3 day operation. Rabbit Aviation-San Carlos has agreed to supply fuel. Closer vendor may be: Santa Rosa Airport. IC can be on hand at Stinson or on-island as required
- JS out to SEFI Oct 30 by patrol or small craft; will leave Nov 6th by a crew change boat (Superfish) hired by FWS: IC can use if needed.
- Specialized R-22 helo contract to go out from IC soon: Nov. 29 – Dec. 12 will be window requested (10-14 days)
- Frozen effigies coming from mainland will need to be checked for seeds/stickers> this can be done on-island, with seeds destroyed

- IC employee currently writing Safety Plan – will need needs input from FWS/PRBO: stay tuned for these requests. USFWS Refuge Safety Officer will review it.

Action Items:

ALL to complete the following two trainings:

1) Introduction to ICS <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS100b.asp>

2) ICs for single resources and initial action incidents
<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS200b.asp>

ALL get comments to MP on plan by Oct 26, paying special attention to phased approach and how to schedule/place staff

MP will add a topo map of Farallon place names into plan

PRBO to further break down monitoring sectors to reflect specific roosts and loafing areas (most likely will reflect current gull census break down). Location of baited plots might need to be incorporated into these polygons. Data sheets to be revised by PRBO and should incorporate these areas.

MP to add Jim Tietz/Ryan B to IAG

FWS (GM) to deal with getting # of beds onto island prior to Nov. 26

MP to take inventory of VHF radio needs and ensure sufficient radios

GM to loan 3 rangefinders to trial, IC to locate 1-2; Wind speed meters to be purchased/located

DG Communication of the Trial to be included in next plan: Press Release, FAQs, harbor/boat operators, and USCG

GM to generate Categorical Exclusion—an internal document for the refuge during the trial (GF to assist as needed)

DG to call additional UAS pilots to see if other options possible

GF to call NMFS to expedite IHA/S7 by Nov 1st if possible

JS to confirm if SV has dog properly trained for pinniped aversion, if it has correct shots.

MP to check with Santa Rosa airport re: Av. gas.

MP to contact boats to pencil in boat dates

MP to check with DM on how many effigies he has collected

DG to outline Responsibilities for each ICS role

DG to send final version of plan for review to Laird Henkel, Kyra Mills, Holly Gellerman and Mike Ziccardi, as well as Refuge Complex Safety Officer