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Gerry,

I just spoke to Dennis about what we had talked about on the call last Monday. A few questions came up during the call I hope you can answer.

We need to know who will be using pyro's to harass gulls and if they need training before they go out. Dennis mentioned that we might be able to provide a training to people who will be using pyro's if you need us to.

Will the other people involved be switching out employees half way through the project? If they are and plan on using pyro's, we might want to set up the training on the mainland prior to heading out on the island. We have one person who is very good at providing those trainings.

Is all the NEPA done for this project?

Do you have all the permits required for this kind of work? Dennis mentioned you will need a permit for harassing marine mammals. I have never heard of this, but he said he had to get one once just to count birds from a plane at 500 feet. Also, are you planning on using lethal removal to help back up the harassment? If so, do you have a permit for that.

It looks like we can provide that long range acoustical device Dennis mentioned to you at the VPC. We can also provide a few pyro launchers and are looking for more. We are looking into how many propane cannons we can scratch up also. Our employees who are on the island will have a shotgun to shoot cracker shell through, but those will only be able to be used by WS employees.

Another question that came up is who will be purchasing the pyrotechnics? If you would like us to purchase them, we will need to add that to the amendment on the agreement. Dennis mentioned purchasing a Capa launcher. It is a long range pyrotechnic device that launches a small rocket that gets everyone's attention. I have used them before and would recommend one for long range work.

I have one employee who is willing to go out for a week and we are looking for another. I'll keep you posted when I learn more.

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Morning Team!

Attached is a draft agenda that Maddy put together for our **Hazing Trial Planning Meeting today (10am-11).**

Gabrielle will send out a go-to-meeting call in # this morning. (Back up might be Gerry's Refuge conference #. Stay tuned...)

I've also invited Island Resource Specialist Tommy Hall of IC who has been helping us source Helicopter contractors.

Gerry, please forward this information to any on our team whose emails I do not have yet (Cheryl and Brian).

You can call me on my cell if you have questions this morning, but I may be on the phone with NOAA for the IHA.

Talk to you soon!

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