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FYI

During the course of the current nesting season to date, we have trapped two coyotes at Bodie Island Spit as part of our predator management operations. See below for more information.

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Hi.

Britta and I met Michael Morris with the FWS Red Wolf program today and it went great. He confirmed that both were coyotes. The melanistic female is "textbook", he said it looks like all of the melanistic females that they have captured. The estimated weight is about 30 pounds and he said the female was a little bigger than average size. The male appears to have some "dog" in him and weighs about 35 pounds. They said this was larger than average size. He collected tissue samples from both of the animals and they are going to send them into their lab for further analysis (we should know a little more in a couple of weeks).

He estimated the age of both individuals to be no greater than two years old. He expects that this was the females first litter and that they would have not been weaned yet. He said the young should only have been 2-3 weeks old at the time we captured the female.

Colleen Olffunbuttel Furbearer biologist for the state said that these are probably the first confirmed accounts of coyotes on the outerbanks.

I will continue to monitor bodie island for any coyote sign and let everybody know if I start seeing any more. Hopefully these are the only two and our tern colony can have a chance this year.

Let me know if there is anything else. Thanks
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