

CAHA-ORV Conference Call
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Chapter 1 Needs

- Will soundscapes be carried forward?

Sandy said “possibly yes”, but more information is needed from Frank Torino which could come as late as September, after the first internal draft. Berger is to assume that we will carry this topic forward until we hear something different. Sandy will send information from Frank T so that Berger can start writing this section up.

Action Item: Sandy to send Berger soundscape information, Berger to add soundscapes to the document.

Follow up: Soundscapes will be carried forward. This item resolved and can be removed from this list.

Sandy still needs date from Frank on final report. Snapshot will just be a reference in 1st internal draft.

- Air Quality dismissal needs to be revised based on NPS modeling effort

EQD is still waiting for the non-contact counts from RTI so that that data can be put into the model. Sandy said that Berger should assume that it will be dismissed unless we hear something different.

Follow up: Sandy to follow up to see if new information is available. Non contact counts are done.

Carol sent the count info to modelers to date and will continue counting through the winter. LBG to go ahead with dismissal statement. Sandy will get report for admin record. Andrea and John Notar said that it could be dismissed.

Chapter 3 Needs

- Need verification of beach mileages from Abra (p63-64)

Action Item: Sandy will contact Thayer and Abra to find out more about this.

Follow up: Sandy to coordinate with park.

Abra is not at the park anymore. Britta – potentially ocean beach miles = 67.5 = approximately 67. Footnote = beach is dynamic and changes, #'s are approximations.

- Need park comments on PIPL section for Chapters 3 and 4

Action item: Sandy will check with Mike and/or Thayer to see where this is and if they have an initial reaction to the level of analysis presented.

Follow up: Sandy to coordinate with park.

Sandy – don't worry about it. Proceed.

- Wintering data from SECN for REKN, AMOY, and WIPL

Doug had recently spoken with Mike Byrne at SECN, who indicated that he was too busy to assist with this request and suggested that we ask the park to access the database to get information. Mike had recommended that we NOT use raw bird count data, as it would not provide an accurate estimate of wintering populations. Therefore, the normalized data would be the best. Doug said that we could cut and paste these graphics from the SECN report, but it would be poor quality.

Action Item: Sandy said that she would contact Thayer and Abra to see if they can access the database and provide Berger with the monthly bird counts so the normalized count graphic can be recreated in the EIS.

Follow up: Sandy to contract Thayer/Abra

Sandy can produce normalized graphs using data for months. Doug to send Sandy list of needs and Sandy to produce numbers/normalized graphs.

- Need CWB reports (w/appendices and nest counts from 2003, 2005, 2006 and 2007 from park) in order to verify and cite the data currently included in Chapter 3.

Action Item: Sandy said that she would contact Thayer or Abra to see if it's possible to get this data. Sandy indicated that the reports may not provide the necessary information.

Follow up: Sandy to contract Thayer/Abra

Britta has CWB breeding summary 2005, 2006, and 2007. Info in 2007 and 2004 can't compare to others, because 2004 and 2007 were done by Sue Cameron (state) using different (ISS) protocols. Britta to look for 2003 and will send to Sandy (sandy to follow up). Need to use as is, footnote the different protocols, no trend analysis. Send footnotes and explanations to Sandy/Britta.

Alternatives

Sandy said that she would work with Mike Murray to go through all of the public/agency comments and incorporate into the alternatives if necessary. Sandy indicated that the schedule for completing the alternatives is being finalized and that Mike is comfortable that elements are not missing from the current range of alternatives. Sandy said that she would also work with Thayer to address the discrepancies that Berger noted after reviewing the parks revised alternatives.

Action Item: Sandy to inform Berger when this conversation takes place and the alternatives can be considered final and ready to analyze.

Follow up: Sandy to talk to Thayer – For call, discuss if this has happened and if not, what is the schedule for this to get to final alternatives to analyze

Species management table:

Define essential vehicle -