

MEXICAN WOLF ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Final Summary Notes for Meeting on June 17, 2008
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Location: Conference Call
Date/Time: June 17, 2007
Host: Arizona Game and Fish Department
Participants: AGFD: Terry B. Johnson (AMOC Chair) and Dave Cagle; EACOC: Larry Stevenson; GRECO: Hector Ruedas, Kay Gale; NMDGF: Matt Wunder; USDA-APHIS WS: Alan May; USFS: Bobbie Barrera; USFWS: John Oakleaf; WMAT: Cynthia Dale

Terry Johnson opened the meeting at 13000 AZ Time. The Action Items below constituted the meeting agenda. Discussion and/or status of each item are reflected below.

April 22, 2008 AMOC Meeting

1. **Action Item:** At the July 2008 AMOC meeting, we will look closely at means by which to increase public participation in AMWG meetings.
2. **Action Item:** Matt Wunder will nail down specific locations (meeting rooms) for the 2008 and 2009 AMOC and AMWG meetings in Glenwood, Silver City, and Truth or Consequences NM. AMOC meeting rooms must be large enough for 30 participants. AMWG meeting rooms must be large enough for 75 participants.
3. **Action Item:** Terry Johnson will disseminate another email to AMOC with the 2008 and 2009 meeting dates and locations. **Completed: April 29, 2008**
4. **Action Item:** Terry Johnson will finalize the Clarification Memo (SOP 5.0), and provide a copy to all cooperators for final editorial proofing. If no errors are noted, Terry will disseminate the final (approved) version to AMOC, have Bruce Sitko post a copy, and advise the public via an *ES Update* that the Clarification Memo is now in effect. **Completed: May 7, 2008**
5. **Action Item:** Terry Johnson will finalize the Clarification Memo (SOP 6.0), and provide a copy to all cooperators for final editorial proofing. If no errors are noted, Terry will disseminate the final (approved) version to AMOC, have Bruce Sitko post a copy, and advise the public via an *ES Update* that the Clarification Memo is now in effect. **Completed: May 7, 2008**
6. **Action Item:** Terry Johnson will finalize the draft Clarification Memo (SOP 11.0) for public comment, and provide a copy to all cooperators for final editorial proofing. If no errors are noted, Terry will disseminate the final draft version to AMOC, have Bruce Sitko post a copy, and advise the public via an *ES Update* that the draft Clarification Memo is open for public comment for ~~30~~ 45 days. **Completed: May 12, 2008**
7. **Action Item:** Terry Johnson will finalize the draft Clarification Memo (SOP 13.0) for public comment, and provide a copy to all cooperators for final editorial proofing. If no errors are noted, Terry will disseminate the final draft version to AMOC, have Bruce Sitko post a copy, and advise the public via an *ES Update* that the draft Clarification Memo is open for public comment for ~~30~~ 45 days. **Completed: May 12, 2008**
8. **Action Item:** Terry Johnson will modify the SOP (25.0: Media Production Access) to address the issues discussed today. Terry will then finalize the Clarification Memo, and provide a copy to all cooperators for final editorial proofing. If no errors are noted, Terry will

- disseminate the final (approved) version to AMOC, have Bruce Sitko post a copy, and advise the public via an *ES Update* that the SOP is now in effect. **Completed: May 7, 2008**
9. **Action Item:** Terry Johnson will modify the SOP (27.0: Population Monitoring) to add an objective: "Measuring progress towards achieving approved population objectives for the Reintroduction Project." Terry will then finalize the Clarification Memo, and provide a copy to all cooperators for final editorial proofing. If no errors are noted, Terry will disseminate the final (approved) version to AMOC, have Bruce Sitko post a copy, and advise the public via an *ES Update* that the SOP is now in effect. **Completed: May 7, 2008**
 10. **Action Item:** Cathy Taylor will look into what, if any, additional resources are or will be available from USFS for participation in NEPA process. **Completed: May 20, 2008**
 11. **Action Item:** Matt Wunder will look into the need for a public meeting in NM on the possible translocation, and advise AMOC and the IFT of the decision. **Completed: May 20, 2008**
 12. **Action Item:** the IFT will revise the F1028/M1008 translocation proposal to include all pertinent information and address all concerns identified in the December, January, and April AMOC meetings. **Completed: May 9, 2008**
 13. **Action Item:** By May 9, the IFT will provide a revised translocation proposal for Terry Johnson to distribute to AMOC for discussion with their Directors and for AMOC conference call discussion on May 20, at 1:30 pm AZ Time (2:30 pm NM Time). After the call, AMOC representatives will consult with their Directors to determine how to proceed. **Completed: May 20, 2008**
 14. **Action Item:** AMOC conference call scheduled for May 20, 1:30 pm AZ Time, 2:30 pm NM Time. Terry Johnson will disseminate logistical information for the call, as AGFD has changed its vendor support for conference calls since our last one. **Completed: May 16, 2008**
 15. **Action Item:** Cathy Taylor will look into whether these cattle are lawfully present. **Completed: May 20, 2008**
 16. **Action Item:** AMOC members return comment to the IFT on the current draft proposals by close-of-business on May 2 **Completed: May 2, 2008.**
 17. **Action Item:** By close-of-business on May 9, the IFT will provide AMOC with revised proposals. **Completed: May 9, 2008**
 18. **Action Item:** On May 20, at 1:30 pm AZ Time, AMOC will convene via conference call to discuss the re-crafted proposals and determine whether to move a recommendation or recommendations forward to the Directors. (Note: this would push an initial release, if one is recommended by AMOC and approved by the Directors, back by at least a week, but the IFT is OK with that timeline.) **Completed: May 20, 2008**
 19. **Action Item:** After this week's AMOC meeting, John Oakleaf will send soft copy of the translocation proposal to AMOC. **Completed: May 20, 2008**
 20. **Action Item:** Matt Wunder will get NMDGF's range rider proposal information together in order to talk about it during the AMOC conference call on May 20. **Completed: May 20, 2008**
 21. **Action Item:** After this week's AMOC meeting, John Oakleaf will forward the 2007 Project Summary to Terry Johnson for dissemination to AMOC and posting on the website. **Completed: April 23, 2008**
 22. **Action Item:** USFWS needs to have a backup (surrogate) available for John Oakleaf at the field level, whether permanently or on a case-by-case basis.

23. **Action Item:** John Oakleaf will send the IFT April 7 Depredation Incident Summary to Terry Johnson to incorporate the AMOC decision. **Completed: April 16, 2008**

April 23, 2008 AMOC Meeting

1. **Action Item:** Cathy Taylor will take this discussion and the draft “guidelines” to the upcoming coordination meeting between the Apache-Sitgreaves and Gila staff. She will let AMOC know what is decided. **Completed: May 20, 2008**
2. **Action Item:** Cynthia Dale will work with IFT to add information about the FAIR into the recommendation for a temporary holding facility, ~~by May 6.~~ **Update June 17:** WMAT work on this item in progress, but target completion date cannot be provided given that staff recommendation must be vetted through and approved by Tribal Council.
3. **Action Item:** Terry Johnson will get a revised draft of the concept-level holding facility proposal from the IFT and send it to the Lead Agency Representatives. The Lead Agency Representatives will be responsible for updating their Director, before the May 20 AMOC conference call, so we can discuss this further on the call. **Update June 17:** John Oakleaf affirmed today that the IFT’s revised draft will be submitted to Johnson by end-of-day.
4. **Action Item:** the IFT will modify the draft 2008 Annual Work Plan to incorporate the deletion and changes stated at the meeting. **Update June 17:** John Oakleaf affirmed today that the IFT’s revised draft will be submitted to Johnson “soon.”
5. **Action Item:** NMDGF will look into availability of its resources for the coming Fiscal Year, by the May 20 conference call. **Completed: May 20, 2008**
6. **Action Item:** By May 9, each Lead Agency will respond (by email) to Terry Johnson concerning the 12 work plan concerns sent by Bruce Thompson. We can discuss them further on the May 20 AMOC conference call. **Abandoned: May 20, 2008**
7. **Action Item:** Terry Johnson will refer the Chair issue to the Directors. **Completed: April 29, 2008**
8. **Action Item:** Renae Held will send the draft notes to Terry Johnson by Thursday April 30, integrated into the AMOC Agenda format. **Completed: April 27, 2008**
9. **Action Item:** Terry Johnson will finalize the draft Summary Notes for the April 22-23 AMOC meeting and distribute them for cooperator review. **Completed: May 2, 2008**

April 23, 2008 AMWG Meeting

1. **Action Item:** Terry Johnson will finalize the draft Summary Notes for the April 22 AMWG meeting and distribute them for cooperator review. **Completed: May 2, 2008**

May 20, 2008 AMOC Conference Call

1. **Action Item:** Terry will schedule another AMOC conference call so the cooperators can begin working on the leadership transition plan. **Completed: June 4, 2008**
2. **Action Item:** Any changes on the three lists referenced above (SOP 0.C; AMOC, Directors) must be sent to Terry Johnson by close-of-business on May 31, so he can send out revised copies the next week. **Completed: June 3, 2008**

3. **Action Item:** Cooperator comment on the draft AMCO Summary Notes for the April 22-23 meeting is due to Terry by close-of-business on May 31, so he can send out the final version the next week. **Completed: June 3, 2008**
4. **Action Item:** John Slown will send copies of the county Addendum cooperator status request letters to Terry Johnson, so Terry can schedule AMOC acceptance of the counties. **Update June 17:** John Slown affirmed today that he will get this information to Terry Johnson by end-of-day tomorrow.
5. **Action Item:** John Slown will submit potential June meeting dates to Terry by May 31. Terry will forward those potential dates to AMOC members, who will comment back to Slown. **Update June 17:** John Slown affirmed today that USFWS is behind schedule on this, and cannot provide an estimated delivery date, other than the meeting will not occur before August (first available date on Dir. B. Tuggle's calendar).
6. **Action Item:** John Slown will find out what support each cooperator is expected to provide for the EIS/NEPA process, and discuss this at the June cooperators meeting, if one occurs. **Update June 17:** John Slown affirmed today that USFWS will provide this information when the meeting referenced in Action Item 5 (immediately above) takes place.
7. **Action Item:** Cathy Taylor will update AMOC on this issue (USFS SUPs) at the July meeting.
8. **Action Item:** By May 23, John Oakleaf will send edited copy of the revised draft Annual Report to Terry Johnson for final review, dissemination to all cooperating agencies, and posting on the Project Web site. **Completed: June 2, 2008**
9. **Action Items:** John Oakleaf will work with the IFTLs to complete the facility proposal by June 30, including a reference to WMAT's ongoing work on its portion, and send it to Terry Johnson for dissemination to AMOC cooperators for discussion with their chain-of-command up through their Director.
10. **Action Item:** By May 31, Dave Cagle and Bill Van Pelt will report to Terry Johnson what the projected FY2009 costs are for fixed-wing support for the Project, and how much money is available in AGFD's FY2009 Project funds for helicopter and fixed-wing flight support. **Update June 17:** Dave Cagle affirmed today that estimates for fixed-wing needs (hours) and costs and AGFD's available funds are in hand, but additional information needed from IFT and NMDGF on helicopter information. Cagle, Oakleaf, and Matt Wunder will meet on this ASAP, and provide the final information to Terry Johnson by June 30.
11. **Action Item:** On June 2, Terry Johnson will advise AMOC what the projected FY2009 costs are for fixed-wing and helicopter support for the Project, and how much money is available from AGFD and NMDGF. **Update June 17:** Deferred pending completion of previous agenda item.
12. **Action Item:** By June 30, AMOC will decide whether the available funds are sufficient for helicopter and fixed-wing flight support for FY2009. If the funds are not sufficient, AMOC must determine how to try to resolve the shortfall (e.g. cut back flights, cut back area of coverage, secure additional funding). **Update June 17:** Deferred pending completion of previous agenda item.
13. **Action Item:** When the NMDGF range rider contract information becomes available to the public, Matt Wunder will forward it to Terry Johnson for dissemination to AMOC cooperators.
14. **Action Item:** John Oakleaf will update the IFT FTE table and send it to Terry Johnson by May 31 for dissemination to AMOC cooperators. **Update June 17:** John Oakleaf will

provide the information to Terry Johnson by June 24 for dissemination to AMOC cooperators.

15. **Action Item:** John Oakleaf will work with the IFTLs to finalize the 2008 Annual Work Plan and send it to Terry Johnson by May 31 for dissemination to AMOC cooperators. John Oakleaf will provide the information to Terry Johnson by June 24 for dissemination to AMOC cooperators.
16. **Action Item:** Terry Johnson will schedule the issue of “public comment periods” for Project SOPs and Clarification Memos for discussion in the July meeting with the Directors.
17. **Action Item:** By June 15, Matt Wunder and Cynthia Dale will provide Terry Johnson with accommodation and room availability for the 2009 AMOC meetings scheduled for NM and FAIR, respectively. **Update June 17:** Cynthia Dale has completed WMAT arrangements and will email information to Terry Johnson today for dissemination to AMOC. Matt Wunder is still working on the three NM meetings.
18. **Action Item:** By June 15, Terry Johnson will confirm with Steve Titla whether Steve has confirmed accommodation and room availability for the 2009 AMOC meeting scheduled for the SCAT Apache Gold Casino and Conference Center. **Update June 17:** Terry Johnson affirmed today that Steve Titla is making these arrangements, and Terry should have confirmation by June 26 for subsequent dissemination to AMOC.
19. **Action Item:** John Oakleaf will work with the IFT and Terry Johnson to re-edit the IFT translocation proposal and forward it to Terry by May 22 for dissemination to AMOC on May 23. **Completed: May 23, 2008**
20. **Action Item:** Each Lead Agency AMOC Representative will brief their Director on the AMOC recommendation, and ask them to respond to NMDGF Director Thompson as soon as possible, but no later than May 29, so the translocation, if approved, could occur as early as June 10. **Completed: May 27, 2008**
21. **Action Item:** AMOC comments on the IFT’s draft (overall) initial release and translocation document are due to John Oakleaf by May 31. **Completed: May 31, 2008**
22. **Action Item:** The IFT will revise the draft overall document (possible initial releases and translocations) to cover the period of mid-September 2008 – December 31, 2009, and will submit it to Terry Johnson by June 30 for dissemination to AMOC.
23. **Action Item:** In July, all AMOC Lead Agency Representatives and/or their Surrogates will review the IFT’s draft 2008-2009 initial release and translocation document, brief their Director on it, and come to the July meeting with the Directors prepared to discuss it.
24. **Action Item:** All AMOC cooperators and John Oakleaf (as IFT Liaison to AMOC) must send their “Directors Summit” agenda items to Terry Johnson by June 30.
25. **Action Item:** As soon as he has it, Matt Wunder will provide AMOC with information on NMDGF’s decision on the Western Watershed Group’s request for AMOC Summary Notes from 2003 to date.
26. **Action Item:** On June 2, Maggie Dwire will send the draft USFWS Mexican Wolf Conservation Assessment to Terry Johnson. **Completed: June 3, 2008**
27. **Action Item:** On June 2, Terry Johnson will send the draft USFWS Mexican Wolf Conservation Assessment to AMOC cooperators. **Completed: June 3, 2008**
28. **Action Item:** By June 30, AMOC cooperators will submit comment on the draft USFWS Mexican Wolf Conservation Assessment to Tracy Melbihess (USFWS Contractor).

June 4, 2008

1. AMOC Conference Call scheduled for June 17, to discuss “leadership transition planning” and other Action Items on this list. **Update June 17:** Matt Wunder, Cynthia Dale, and Terry Johnson will exchange their initial brainstorming ideas by June 30, and convey a draft integrated description to AMOC prior to July 11 for discussion at the July AMOC meeting.

June 10, 2008

1. AMOC discussion of including email addresses in SOP 0.C (issue precipitated by NMDGF exchange with **NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION REDACTION**).
2. AMOC discussion of its expectations for Livestock Industry Contacts identified in SOPs 5.0 and 5.0 (precipitated by Terry Johnson’s exchange with **NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION REDACTION**). **Update June 17:** due to lack of time, AMOC discussion of wolf mortalities has been deferred to the July AMOC meeting.
3. AMOC discussion of wolf mortalities in June 2008. **Update June 17:** due to lack of time, AMOC discussion of wolf mortalities has been deferred to the July AMOC meeting.
4. AMOC update on translocation of M1008 and F1028 in NM. **Update June 17:** John Oakleaf affirmed that the two wolves are being packed into the translocation site today, and timing and mechanism of release will depend on weather conditions.

June 17, 2008

1. Terry Johnson will draft Summary Notes for today’s AMOC conference call, and disseminate them for AMOC cooperator review and concurrence. **Completed:** June 17, 2008.
2. Participants in the June 17 conference call will submit Summary Notes review comments to Terry Johnson by June 30.
3. Terry Johnson will disseminate final Summary Notes for the June 17 conference call to AMOC cooperators and post them to the Project Web site by July 3, 2008.