

Santa Catalina Bighorn Sheep Reintroduction Advisory Committee Minutes

April 30, 2013

Attendees: Ben Brochu, Brian Ham, Marin Guarena, John McGehee, Jenny Neeley, Jim Heffelfinger, Mike Quigley, Trica Hawkins, Brian Dolan, Randy Serraglio, Joe Sacco, Raul Vega, Joe Sheehey, Mark Hart

Note Taker: Kandis Glavin

Location: Tucson Game and Fish Department Office

Time: 6PM-8PM

Meeting announcements: Ben Brochu opens the meeting going over the plan. Got input from Department people. Hopefully at the end of the meeting agree to get a press release out.

Catalina state park anniversary is this weekend if anyone can make it that would be nice

Next meeting is May 7th, next Tuesday.

Minutes:

Going over Mountain Lion Management Plan document sent out last Monday.

Any concerns or anything else?

- Discussion on literature and citations; relevance and adversarial research
- Possibly change objective, take from bottom and put to top.
- Change wilderness society to The wilderness society
- These are worst case scenarios.
- Add, " In general, bighorn sheep and mountain lion coexisted without lions taking an unsustainable toll on sheep populations."
- Do not use conclusively in the paragraph
- What percentage of mortality is caused by Mountain lions?
- Add a graph showing relationship?
- There is a fine window of time on when we can take action on mortality.
- Put the word immediately instead of as soon as possible.
- We need guidance for the lion killing scenarios, moms w/kittens, etc.
- Would have to take adult lion out before kittens
- One attempt per sheep or event?
- Keep track of how many pursuits; bank failed removal efforts. Opposition to this idea.
- Now we need a new bullet to close holes up regarding only taking one lion or a recommendation and multiple lion scenarios covered
- Need direction on how to handle spotted kittens
- Need to develop language regarding multiple lion, time frame, pursuit for the houndsman.

Eventually will have a meeting to decide whether or not to invite research branch into meetings.

Action Items:

Permission to use Logos – All

Draft Press release for Advisory Committee – Mark Hart/All

Next Meetings: May 7, 2013

Future Agenda Items:

Mountain lions killed discussion – understanding of what would constitute concerns (gut check) i.e. total number removed in a year, number removed in a short time period (how many per month, every 3 months, 6 months etc).

Matrix that that guides actions/considerations

Community forum, fundraising, and PSA commercial

Timeline