Endangered and Nongame Species Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 21, 2016 Assunpink Conservation Center

Members in attendance: Barbara Brummer, Jim Applegate, Howard Geduldig, Rick Lathrop, Jane Morton-Galetto, Erica Miller, David Mizrahi, Howard Reinert, Jim Shissias.

Absent: Joanna Burger, Emile DeVito

Staff in attendance: David Jenkins (Chief, ENSP), Kathy Clark (ENSP).

Guests: Jason Howell (PPA)

Meeting was called to order by Chair Barbara Brummer. The public notice for this meeting was read by D. Jenkins.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting were approved without changes. Motion to approve by J. Applegate, seconded by H. Reinert. Approved unanimously with B. Brummer abstaining.

Public Input

None.

Topics for Future Discussion

Discussion of some of the game code changes being presented in this morning's F&G Council meeting that B. Brummer attended between 9 and 10 AM. B. Brummer expressed the need for better communication regarding any issues with game code proposals prior to the FGC game code meeting. B. Brummer requests D. Jenkins initiate a meeting to discuss this issue. Specifically, issues potentially affecting bobcats are 1) proposed change to require checking traps every calendar day versus the existing regulation to check every 24 hours, and 2) snare size limitations.

D. Jenkins notes that we should have a bobcat report that includes population analysis and genetic analysis prior to the November meeting.

Updates

Expired ENSAC member terms

D. Jenkins reported there is no news on appointments/reappointments for this Committee.

Briefing on Adaptive Management for oyster aquaculture

D. Jenkins noted that the agency work group that had developed the Biological Assessment regarding oyster aquaculture impacts to red knots were preparing to issue a "vision document" for an adaptive management process required in the USFWS Biological Opinion. He noted that the process would include an explicit role for this Committee (ENSAC) and that the document

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would be shared with ENSAC prior to the next meeting. D. Mizrahi commented that the adaptive management process should mimic or mirror the Structured Decision Making process that has been applied to the development of an Adaptive Resource Management approach to horseshoe crab harvest management.

SUMMARY LIST OF ALL ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM: DJ and HG to clarify how meetings are provided public notices.

At 11:00 AM, this meeting was adjourned at the Conservation Center, and members joined the Fish and Game Council meeting in the regional office conference room. All other meeting minutes will be reflected in the Fish and Game Council meeting minutes for this date.