Bald Eagle Council 7-18-06 1:30 PM
Chris Nolan  Guy Beatty
Doug Krogta  Glen Meikle
Mariah Constantino  Steve Spangle

RE: DPS evaluation in bald eagle 90-day rule

Doug - Ben & Ben discussed; then Ben & Steve
Red asked we go through DPS analysis.

Sarah - knew they discussed extent of analysis;
what extent do we need to go into this.
Field recommendations likely won't match
and result.
Not a need to get to substantial finding.

Marcela - DPS isn't just about different
habitat. Especially the administrative
would want to know how habitat
evolutionary significance.

Steve - examples?

Marcela - that's what we are all the time.
Something different that we need to
protect.
Bug - Did do SW recovery area - so at that point it weren't nuthin' really leaving area.

Note: Ren mentioned found in '95.
He said that people told him evidence is stronger now to support '95.

Doug - new info provided uncertainty.

Maria - been missing.
They - movement in Oct, outside of petitioned area.

Doug - fledgling migrating to Canada & returning - making trip.

Steve - in winter & 1st 5 yrs, mix. True key is they come back to feed.

Doug - smaller birds

Maria - Banding bands

Doug - 71% of all nesting banded 77-04.

Most of bands ID of banded birds -
For all breeding birds 71% of SW origin.

Some 8% of newly detected Breeding adults.

= 30%

Bug - In '91 it was 80% unbanded, since then proportion of paper banded bands is 65-70%.

Steve - those not banded - where do they come from.
Steve - any wild, brood adult not banded from elsewhere.

So say petitioners argument is plausible. Diedness would be hard to negate at 120 day turn.

Significance - can maybe get them.

- lack of identifying importance

We elected to plant 172 at DPS & just because we didn't think we could get to.

Cherie - all banded broods from SW

Guy - Cement - from central AZ

Steve - DPS doesn't require no interbreeding.

Guy - surrounding AZ - no source

Dw - N of AZ - minority of broods

Cherie - further recorded - 0

Guy - TX bird to Luna (~800 km)

Steve - no data to show.

Discussion on petitioned population.

Steve TV bird not part of DPS.
Chris - some geographic findings that made them not want to move.

Doug - Don't know. Go to Pacific NW or young.
May go to where you see more stability and why they come back, understand their mental-fidelity.

Chris - those that come back, unbridled statistically consistent w/ kinds we don't get to band in the 1st place.

Doug: we've banded about 20% because we're doing winter band, right now. Proportion of banded/unbanded proportional to what we have banded.

Chris - places where you'd expect other birds to stay have banded programs.

Doug: They have been. Not sure they still are.

Chris: yes, all marked.

Doug: Banding program

In NM, say they're banding their own bids.

Doug: thinking petition presents substantial shift on disadvantages, but not significance.

Sarah: No info to refute at 90-day stage.
Doug- kids using riparian areas & reservoirs
some areas dry out.
Doug - front is 3/4 mile that is unique

Chris- How is it doing behavior of bird
Doug- immature bird
young until 1st go
adults after second

Chris- have to use DPS sparingly - look
for something important to species
environmental success. Some behavior after adaptation overall.
Diff. in breeding response to fact
that its brooder

Doug- look @ Sonoran desert, Eagle heads
earlier. Respond to climate <
look @ Sonoran birds as a whole.

Me- EX?

Chris- haven’t used yet
Doug- riparian areas drainage deep,
shift to desert prey base. Staying
adaptability to move away
from streams.
Doug - how significant are behavioral As to train
this productivity advantage they get from behavior
Doug - have discretion - may be a 90 day stage
- have trends, not substantial to trust to
endangered
- if we say info, that may warrant further
review of discretion or significance, but
with a conclusion, then still dictated

Ken told Steve it won't come out as positive
(from 1.0) in a hurry

Chris can go to run a position on discretion

Doug - Get in

Chris - DPS - largely a policy call. For him
have initial policy call & we need to
support

Steve - add analysis & not have answer.
Answer needs to be that it's not
a DPS. Do have discretion.
Don't have to call significant ecological
setting not completing. Not signify
to species as a whole, this to be
safety to species as a whole.
They will expect to range, familiar w/ survey
12 & 13. 85% of species range
Not new in S. Cold. High Sierra.
All declined. Not new in TV.
Stayed same in NM. 13 requested
a significant portion of species in a
large piece of species range.

Chris - Not in position of debating.
They'll talk to him about Odesitism
thing. Tell him we can get to not
significant.

Glen - not understanding logic on

Doug - We've been given an answer now.
we need to find an analysis that

Chris - Gap in range not significant.
In order to find gaps, it has to be
significantly large. Large, or important

important

Small - similar to three desk. Similar to
what we have to pull from for

two.
Doug - Ron, keep in mind delicately proposed.
Not a lot of new data. Where are we whole,
be careful what we say here relative to
what we say there.

They first did at a recovery region now did it
not significant. Don't seem consistent.
Some value attached to its importance
or significance. Not consistent.

Sarah: We have mandating orders. Doug & Chris
what timeline?

Doug: Not that he doesn't agree. Need to fit
argument to a defensible fashion as
we can. Chris will talk to Ron on
discretion.

Doug: Analysis of threats -- did threats analysis
we're looking at taxon.

Doug: Early on, decided not to do OPS but focused
on threats.

Due to Ron tomorrow. Need something by end
of week on W.O. To DOE next Wednesday.
Here - we can draft dissimilarities.

Sarah: We can discuss among ourselves & call.

We definitely need help w/significance.

Chris: Do dissimilarities.

Do but you can in significance.

What is joint, what facts are.

Sarah's concern is Janet.

Sarah to talk to Dean & figure out schedule.

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Ken Knowles

We give them facts & continue to check.

Their write up & edit as requested.

Can we get something to them out by 8/8.

Summarize as much as possible.

Something to 8.0 by Friday at some point.

1st get framework & significance together for

them to start working on.