Department of Navy and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Section 7 Consultations for the Military Relocation to Guam
Meeting Minutes for September 29, 2016

Meeting by phone call

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Status of Data to FWS

DON: It has taken a bit longer to compile the data than expected due to the data coming from multiple sources and all in different formats. The DON has thoroughly reviewed and consolidated, as appropriate, the data. The DON is currently planning to send all the Orchid (*Tuberolabium guamense*) data on Tuesday, October 4. The data will include all survey lines the DON has, and the origin of all the data.

FWS: Please be aware that the edge effect conversation affects all of the endangered species not just the *T. guamense*. The FWS would prefer to have all the data at once. If the DON provides the orchid data now and the FWS does the analysis and subsequently, the DON's ongoing surveys reveal more information, the FWS will have to go back and redo the analysis. This is not feasible for the FWS as there is limited time and personnel.

DON: The DON understands the FWS position, however, the DON is not comfortable with sending all the data at this time since surveys for the butterfly host plant and other listed species are planned for inside and outside the MPMG. This data will not be available until mid-December/January.

FWS: The FWS understands the DON position, however the FWS does not want to move forward when there is a chance more data may become available later. The FWS cannot ignore any new data that may come up in different surveys the DON is conducting. FWS provides the recommendation that DON postpones this data package and give the FWS everything when the surveys are complete and halt all surveys while the FWS complete our analysis. This will only push back the timeline a few weeks to mid-March but will give the DON

a high level of certainty and confidence in our analysis. Also be aware that the law dictates all information from surveys must be given to the FWS. At the end of the day having the data all at once guarantees both the FWS and the DON in meeting a timeline; if the data comes in piecemeal the FWS will most definitely miss future timelines as the FWS has in the past due to the submission of new information.

DON: The DON will discuss this internally and with leadership and let the FWS know the planned way forward.

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FWS: The FWS will review this weekend/early next week and get DON consolidated comments on Wednesday October 5th.

Amendment

DON/FWS: The amendment will cover any thing that has changed since the 2015 BO such as consultation history, changes to proposed actions, new conservation measures, new species, and general housekeeping on the document. Overall, as long as the new document is easy/simple to implement we are both happy.

Forest Enhancement / Fence Plan

DON: The DON received a draft conceptual limestone forest enhancement plan that includes the fencing recommendations from the contractor who was awarded the project. Due to the substantial number of comments after the DON reviewed the plan, it was sent back to the contractor to be revised and address all the comments. The DON will have an update and more information for the next phone call.

Topic for Next Phone Call / Tasks

1. Meeting Minutes
2. Schedule
3. Conceptual Forest Enhancement Plan.
4. [redacted] and [redacted] discuss and resolve new bat issues.
5. DON how to deliver data to FWS. Either all in one package and halt surveys or orchid data now and the rest later.