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To: [McInenly, Leslie \(She/Her/Hers\) \(DNR\)](#)
Cc: [Gilsdorf, Jason - MRP-APHIS](#); [Hildebrand, Erik \(DNR\)](#); [Carstensen, Michelle \(DNR\)](#); [Nelson, Eric \(DNR\)](#)
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Thanks Leslie. My last conversation with Erik Hildebrand sounded like he was going to participate to see where this may go as well. We are still thinking this won't or shouldn't be a big commitment for those participating but because it is new and involves HPAI we thought it may be beneficial for someone in MNDNR to at least be aware of what is taking place and have the opportunity to provide input for any matters that could involve or require MNDNR's expertise. The project does have the potential to check a lot of boxes including game, non-game, disease and permitting for potential subjects that could be relevant to HPAI and poultry.

Please respond to the pole and we'll plan on your participation. You can certainly decide after participating whether or not your involvement is warranted but until then, we welcome your participation.

Thanks again.

Gary

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Gary,

I'll sit in on this to make sure DNR is in the loop/can weigh in as needed, and will tap staff for their expertise as needed. I'll respond to the Doodle poll.

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Thank you Leslie!

From: McInenly, Leslie (She/Her/Hers) (DNR) <leslie.mcinenly@state.mn.us>
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I'll sit in on it.
Leslie

From: Straka, Kelly (DNR) <Kelly.Straka@state.mn.us>
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Hi Leslie and Seth,

I agree our technical staff in either the damage program or the health program don't need to participate on this, but I do feel we need to have a DNR representative present-especially since discussions will center around "control of some wildlife species". This is one of those times where we need to be engaged on any proposals on the front end, rather than responding to a planned direction from outside our agency. It also sounds like a small time commitment spread throughout the year.

I propose that one of the three of us participate in the steering committee. I would ask that the two of you discuss if either one can take it on, if not-I am willing to do so. I see our primary responsibility is attending the meetings and sharing summaries of the discussions with 1. Our technical staff, who are well positioned to weigh in with any concerns from their respective expertise and 2. Our division/department leadership, who will certainly want to be aware of what this group may be considering. EWR and ENF in particular may need to be looped in, depending on the discussion.

Please let me know ASAP if either of you are interested in responding to the Doodle poll or if I should take the lead. Thank you!

Kelly

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Kelly,

This request from USDA has been bouncing around for a month or so. Neither our damage program or wildlife health program see a direct connection with the HPAI Wildlife Biosecurity Assessment project that USDA is leading (focused on minimizing disease risk to commercial farms). The WHP focuses on wildlife health surveillance and the damage program does not deal with biosecurity or disease and does not permit animal removal/control related to health concerns.

Do you see a need for someone to represent DNR? Given the lack of support for our damage program and the limited capacity to address current workload, I don't think we should ask Eric Nelson or damage specialists to further spread their scope of work. I could consider asking Mike Oehler to help out; he also has a lot on his plate right now without additional staff.

Gary doesn't seem put out but I worry about not supporting this limited request.

Leslie

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