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Subject RE: FW: Data points meeting

Hi Dave, Those are the only dates that where I think there are questions. And I don't think there was anything else about the 3/14/08 date other than the time discrepancy and who the people actually were. I'd like to bring this to a close as well. Talk with you tomorrow. Best, Tim

From: Dave_Press@nps.gov [mailto:Dave_Press@nps.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2010 5:04 PM
To: Tim Ragen
Subject: Re: FW: Data points meeting

Hi Tim,
I am working on your requested response to the issues raised by Kevin regarding camera images on 5/8/07, 3/14/08, and 3/23/08. During our conversation at the beginning of the week, we did not spend too much time talking about 3/14/08. There is a time discrepancy between the datasheet and the camera image which I have addressed, but is there anything else that I need to respond to regarding this date? I would like to be as thorough and helpful as possible in order to bring these discussions to a close.

Thanks, Dave

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TO: Dr. Tim Ragen
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FROM: Point Reyes National Seashore, National Park Service

RE: Response to followup datapoint questions

May 8, 2007 – The datasheet documented 55 harbor seals at subsite OB at 8:55 AM, although only about two dozen at most are visible in the camera image. The seals in the image are at subsite OB at around the same time. Only a portion of the lateral channel is visible, with the connection to the main channel out of the camera view to the right. Not all seals that were recorded on the datasheet are visible in the photos. The seals on OB to the far right and closest to the main channel are missing from the camera view. The attached map includes the approximate location and camera angle in 2007. Also refer to Figure 1 in Becker et al. (2009) which shows the generalized locations of haul out sites OB and UEF.

The datasheet indicates seals were flushed from UEN (34), OB (6+), and UEF (5+) and the camera image only shows part of OB. The associated map created during the field survey shows that seals on subsite OB were separated into three distinct groups (5-08-07 map.pdf). In the images however, only one large group of seals is visible with a few stragglers on the left. Thus, the flushed seals were not seen in the camera image.

May 13, 2007 - NPS harbor seal datasheets document motorboat activity with men transporting oyster bags onto a boat in Drakes Estero on Friday, May 11, 2007. On Sunday, May 13, 2007, NPS harbor seal datasheets documented a motorboat pulling a “barge or platforms” in Drakes Estero.

March 14, 2008 - The activities documented on the datasheet and recorded by the camera between approximately 12:30 and 1 pm (a motorboat traveling from Schooner Bay to the oyster beds at OB) are consistent. The pinniped monitoring program does not prescribe any time synchronization between volunteer watches as part of the protocol.

March 23, 2008 – NPS indicated that, “NPS has time stamped images of a DBOC boat present at Drakes Estero on March 23, 2008, also a Sunday”. Based on further review, NPS concurs that the object in this image cannot be definitively identified as a DBOC motorboat. There are no datasheets documenting a harbor seal survey on this date.