

From: [Morgan, Carly ENV:EX](#)
To: [Carroll, Deborah ENV:EX](#); [Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX](#)
Cc: [Jackson, Brittany ENV:EX](#)
Subject: RE: MR: MGH briefing re: Hansen Island Grizzly (357348) - April 23, 4:00pm
Date: April 22, 2020 3:51:08 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

That is perfect, thanks so much Deb!

Carly

From: Carroll, Deborah ENV:EX
Sent: April 22, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Morgan, Carly ENV:EX ; Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX
Cc: Jackson, Brittany ENV:EX
Subject: RE: MR: MGH briefing re: Hansen Island Grizzly (357348) - April 23, 4:00pm

Hi Carly,

This meeting is regarding a grizzly bear, 'Mali', that came into contact with Hansen Island residents last week. The bear was successfully relocated to the mainland by COS who worked with Indigenous leaders to develop a plan.

Jim and Doug will be able to provide Mark and Minister with more information at the briefing. Is this enough to work off of for now?

Thanks!

Deborah

From: Morgan, Carly ENV:EX <Carly.Morgan@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 22, 2020 3:32 PM
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Cc: Jackson, Brittany ENV:EX <Brittany.Jackson@gov.bc.ca>
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Hi Deb/Coleen,

Please see below table for booked meeting with Hansen Island Grizzly. Deb, do you have any more info on the topic in case Mark isn't aware of it like Jim is? The MO didn't respond to my request for more information.

Meeting Request	
Request for meeting with	MGH
Topic	Hansen Island Grizzly – note this is just the topic, it is an internal meeting not with the stakeholder
Staff Attendees	Mark Zacharias, Jim Standen, Doug Forsdick
Materials	N - verbal
Date/Time	April 23 rd , 4:00pm
Meeting Duration	30 minutes
Location	By Phone
Cliff Log #	357348
eApprovals #	
Materials due to DMO	
Materials due to MO	
Additional info/comments:	

Thank you,



Carly Morgan

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From: [Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX](#)
To: [York, Ben A ENV:EX](#)
Subject: RE: New - Hanson Is Grizzly Bear update#2 - escalation
Date: April 8, 2020 8:24:53 AM

Ben

Critical that you cc Danielle on anything issues management related

Doug

From: York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 7, 2020 8:16 PM
To: Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX <Doug.Forsdick@gov.bc.ca>; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX <Sean.Pendergast@gov.bc.ca>; Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: New - Hanson Is Grizzly Bear update#2 - escalation

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We have no reason to believe we were give false information on the animal's conflict history although this was a pretty quick escalation in behaviour. Officers also talked to ^{s.22} on opposite side of island who had encountered the bear, but had no conflict. Given the information we have so far, including tonight's incident, the bear can still be classified as a Category 2 animal for the purposes of our response guidelines. Relocation is still considered a viable outcome for resolving the conflict.

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Insp. Ben York
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On Apr 7, 2020, at 2:40 PM, Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX <Sean.Pendergast@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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Thanks again Ben, and great work from your team.

Sean Pendergast RPBio
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Subject: Re: New - Hanson Is Grizzly Bear update#2 - escalation
Date: April 7, 2020 9:38:27 PM

Sean ^{s.22} phoned me and confessed there is more. Bear got into camp garbage 2 days ago. Stored in cabin 100 m from where the residence located and where it broke into the pantry this pm

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 7, 2020, at 8:27 PM, Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
<Sean.Pendergast@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thanks for the update Ben.

I would support attempting a relocation at this time but if the bear continues to escalate behaviour we may have to consider other options. From the described activities the bear has undertaken, we might not have been given the whole story on the bears interactions with the island residents.

Be careful guys...

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To: [Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Q Please - Hanson GB
Date: April 29, 2020 2:40:03 PM

Yeah looks good. Maybe re-order the points to emphasize no issues at shooting location first. It's obvious they mean that location, not Hanson Is.

On Apr 29, 2020, at 13:32, Bell, Danielle L ENV:EX <Danielle.Bell@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Sorry know you're busy but when you get a sec please, looking to clarify news story on below. Would like to add a line or two to previously approved KM's.
Any concerns?

.From story: Mali's keen nose unfortunately led him to a pile of garbage that a cottage owner had improperly stored.

- To clarify, there is no cottage, or residential community, on Hanson Island. There is a research lab and fishing lodge.
- The COS history on this bear is minimal, as reports of it hanging around on Hanson Island came in only a few days before it was relocated.
- There were reports of the bear encountering residents and gaining access to attractants, which created a public safety risk.
- The COS uses the term attractants to refer to any non-natural food source – including garbage, pet food, birdseed, human food and more – that can attract bears and other wildlife.
- Residential, commercial and recreational sites where attractants are managed properly have fewer human-wildlife conflicts and fewer animals destroyed.
- It is also important to note there were no attractant management issues where the shooting took place.

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