
From: McBride, Joe AG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2004 1:28 PM
To: Heath, Dick WLAP:EX
Subject: RE: Mayne Island fallow deer

Yes, WLAP could be exposed to liability. You could be seen as vouching for the hunters' good quality in some respect and if the landowner relied on that and harm resulted from their not having that quality, they could credibly claim it was your fault. But risk of liability should not cause us to stay in bed all day for fear of doing something wrong, so I suggest the better approach is to weigh pros and cons and to minimize liability if you choose to act.

If you choose to send the letter, re-craft it to both distance yourself from vouching and also think about disclaiming responsibility - although the latter strategy may affect the landowner's receptiveness. You might also wish to be careful about the sentiments of the recipient - one person's nuisance is another's cute Bambi.

Specific suggestions

"You can help" - How about "If you wish to support us in this regard, you can help"

"These individuals operate under" - this implies how they in fact behave. How about "The permits given to these individuals include"

Add near end? Although the government issues permits to the individuals described, we make no representations to you about them and take no responsibility for their activities.

P.S. A friendly reminder to make sure the permit makes all required exemptions. e.g. hunt out of season will not be sufficient if there's a law against shooting - you'll need to cover that too.

Confidentiality

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From: Heath, Dick WLAP:EX
Sent: September 3, 2004 3:00 PM
To: House, Dawn AG:EX
Cc: McBride, Joe AG:EX
Subject: FW: Mayne Island fallow deer

Can you advise whether WALP would be exposed to any liability risk through issuance of this letter?

Thanks,

Dick

<< File: Mayne fallow intro ltr.doc >>

-----Original Message-----

From: Brunt, Kim WLAP:EX
Sent: September 3, 2004 1:59 PM
To: Heath, Dick WLAP:EX
Subject: Mayne Island fallow deer

Dick:

On August 3, Bob and I met with CRD Southern Gulf Islands rep. Rich Tamboline, Sth. Island COs Dunst and Horncastle, and 2 Mayne Island residents about ongoing escaped fallow deer issues on Mayne Island. They estimate that around 50-60 fallow deer range over most parts of the island (I'm guessing there are significantly more than this number) causing significant local problems and the potential for another Sidney Island overpopulation fiasco.

For the last 6 to 8 years, in a combined plan with sth. island COs, we have permitted up to 4 island residents to harvest fallow deer by permit (Mayne Island is a no shooting and no hunting area, so no real options at this point to control the population through regular hunting seasons). This permit program has been moderately effective and at the Aug. 3 meeting it was decided that up to 2 more locals might be permitted and that we would contact FN folks to see if they might increase harvest efforts on the reservation on the northeast part of the island (I have made initial steps on this initiative).

Another thing that came out of the meeting was the notion that there were several key properties that permitted hunters had not yet accessed because they did not know the landowners personally. They were concerned that access might be denied - we offered to provide a letter of introduction that the permittees might provide landowners as a way of identifying them as legitimate permit holders. Bob and I thought such a letter might best come from you rather than one of us - the attached draft letter is the result.

Thanks, Kim.

Mayne Island - permits to hunt during closed season and discharge firearm in closed area

From: Stephen, Jamie WLAP:EX
To: Janz, Doug WLAP:EX <Doug.Janz@gems2.gov.bc.ca>, Romanik, Lea J WLAP:EX <Lea.Romanik@gems4.gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Dunn, Kristen WLAP:EX <Kristen.Dunn@gems5.gov.bc.ca>, Brunt, Kim WLAP:EX <Kim.Brunt@gems9.gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 16, 2004 9:15:55 AM PST

Hi Doug - Richard Brown of Mayne Island just called to report that he and two other volunteers (Steve and Bob) killed a total of 11 Fallow deer under permit during 2003. He is prepared to continue on with the project if we would like. I recommend you continue with the cull, and renew the permits, but since we no longer maintain copies of permits at this office, I can't recall the other volunteers last names. Lea, can you help please. Permits have been issued for the last few years to hunt/shoot in a closed area and during a closed season. Kris, I'd be happy to fill you in on the history at your convenience. Cheers,

Jamie

mayne island deer

From: Sexton, Denise WLAP:EX
To: Stephen, Jamie WLAP:EX <Jamie.Stephen@gems2.gov.bc.ca>, McHarg, Pat WLAP:EX <Pat.McHarg@gems7.gov.bc.ca>, Horncastle, Gary WLAP:EX <Gary.Horncastle@gems3.gov.bc.ca>, Brunt, Kim WLAP:EX <Kim.Brunt@gems9.gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 21, 2004 11:05:15 AM PST

steve mcdonald s.22 just called me to say he was supposed to report how many deer he shot on mayne island by January 15th (said line was always busy or we were closed so he could not reach anyone til today) - he had a permit to shoot deer and a condition was to report - last year he shot one really big doe and one small buck.

;o)

Denise Sexton

Program Secretary, Enforcement

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FW: Arbutus Bay Deer Farm, Mayne Island

From: Janz, Doug WLAP:EX
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Sent: January 31, 2004 9:23 AM
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Subject: FW: Arbutus Bay Deer Farm, Mayne Island

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From: CRD DirectorSGI [mailto:sgidirector@crd.bc.ca]
Sent: January 30, 2004 2:56 PM
To: Heath, Dick WLAP:EX
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Cc: Heath, Dick WLAP:EX <Dick.Heath@gems8.gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 16, 2004 2:23:36 PM PST

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From: DeProy, Joyce CSD:EX
To: Brunt, Kim WLAP:EX <Kim.Brunt@gems9.gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 16, 2004 2:39:29 PM PST
Thanks Kim. I will step aside and let you and Jamie deal with this.

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Sent: February 16, 2004 2:24 PM
To: DeProy, Joyce CSD:EX; Janz, Doug WLAP:EX; Stephen, Jamie WLAP:EX
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RE: Contact Mayne Island

From: Brunt, Kim WLAP:EX
To: Jana Kotaska s.22
Cc: Hooton, Bob WLAP:EX <Bob.Hooton@gems1.gov.bc.ca>, Rich Tamboline (sgidirector@crd.bc.ca) <sgidirector@crd.bc.ca>
Sent: August 9, 2004 10:05:42 AM PDT
Hello Jana:

Thanks for getting back to me.

At a recent meeting with Mayne Island residents and a Gulf Islands Capital Regional District representative, we discussed the proliferation of fallow deer on Mayne Island that has occurred as a result of escapes of animals over the past decade from an on-island deer farm. There are currently an estimated 50-60 free-ranging fallow deer on the island, and apparently at least some of these animals have taken up residence on the reserve on the peninsula on the eastern portion of the island. We are very keen on reducing as much as possible the numbers of these non-native deer, as their dramatic negative effects on native vegetation has been well-documented on other islands (such as Sidney Island). Several local residents have been permitted to remove deer from private lands on the island, but there still appears to be a general increase in both range and numbers of these animals.

At the meeting, we discussed contacting First Nations to see if they would be interested in hunting fallow deer on reserve lands on Mayne Island. In addition, as a result of ongoing control efforts, occasionally there are whole carcasses of fallow deer that have been made available to families in need. We would like to determine if there is an interest by appropriate band members in receiving any of these carcasses for sustenance and/or ceremonial purposes, and if so, I would appreciate it if you could provide a contact name for distribution of animals.

Thanks for your help in this.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jana Kotaska [mailto:s.22]
Sent: August 9, 2004 9:48 AM
To: Brunt, Kim WLAP:EX; sallyls@shaw.ca
Subject: RE: Contact Mayne Island

Hi Sally and Kim,

The answer is not as easy as you might think. The reserves on the Gulf Islands are not indicative of whose territory the islands are within, as many First Nations groups used and continue to use the islands. Mayne Island is within the territory of a number of bands, including the six Hul'qumi'num nations, some of the Saanich bands (I think the reserve is Tsartlip), and Tsawwassen. Hul'qumi'num members would likely be interested in participating in deer control there. Let me know if there are opportunities.

Thanks,
Jana

-----Original Message-----

From: S Leigh-Spencer [mailto:s.22

Sent: August 3, 2004 4:41 PM

To: Jana Kotaska

Cc: Kim.Brunt@gems9.gov.bc.ca

Subject: Contact Mayne Island

Hi Jana,

I was just speaking with Kim Brunt and he wondered if you had a contact name and number for the band on Mayne Island as they would like to involve the band in some fallow deer control.

Sally

Fallow Deer - reorganization of files 78470 & 78700

From: DeProy, Joyce CSD:EX
To: Brunt, Kim WLAP:EX <Kim.Brunt@gems9.gov.bc.ca>, Doyle, Don WLAP:EX <Don.Doyle@gems7.gov.bc.ca>, Hooton, Bob WLAP:EX <Bob.Hooton@gems1.gov.bc.ca>, Heath, Dick WLAP:EX <Dick.Heath@gems8.gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Ryan, Jill WLAP:EX <Jill.Ryan@gems9.gov.bc.ca>, Beck, Gail WLAP:EX <Gail.Beck@gems8.gov.bc.ca>
Sent: November 3, 2004 2:19:12 PM PST
Attachments: Fallow Deer files.pdf

Jill and I split apart the fallow deer file 78700-20 this morning to create four sub-files: General, James Island, Mayne Island and Sidney Island. They will be contained in one brown accordion file folder with each sub-file on its own labelled file backer.

We also searched through the 78470-45 sundry permit files for permits to do with these islands and their fallow deer issues and filed them in the permit sub-files. I have attached a file list for you to refer to. If you could identify the documents you send to file with these numbers it will assist in keeping this material in the appropriate file and organized for quick reference.

If the document is permit related use the 78470-45 sub-files and cross reference it to the 78700 file if you want it in that file also. We hope this will be helpful for you. Please print out the following file list for your file binder.

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WL-VR-ESD1														
78470 WILDLIFE - LICENSES AND PERMITS - WILDLIFE SUNDRIES														
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JAMES-CAPT		JAMES ISLAND - CAPTURE								1	O	1999-01-01		ON
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SID-KILL		SIDNEY ISLAND - KILL AND HUNT PERMITS								1	O	1994-09-01		ON
78700 WILDLIFE - SPECIES MANAGEMENT - UNGULATES														
20 Species behaviour/history projects/studies														
DEER-FALL		DEER - FALLOW								1	O	1996-01-01		ON
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MAYNE		MAYNE ISLAND												
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SIDNEY		SIDNEY ISLAND (SALLAS FOREST)												
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RE: fallow deer Mayne Island

From: Hooton, Bob WLAP:EX
To: CRD DirectorSGI <sgidirector@crd.bc.ca>
Cc: Dunn, Kristen WLAP:EX <Kristen.Dunn@gems5.gov.bc.ca>, Pauwels, Peter WLAP:EX <Peter.Pauwels@gems6.gov.bc.ca>, Brunt, Kim WLAP:EX <Kim.Brunt@gems9.gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 20, 2004 9:48:56 AM PST

Thanks for your message Rich. I don't anticipate any problem with adding Constable Holmes to the list of permitted hunters but getting the letter out our door probably isn't going to happen until after Christmas. Almost everyone is already gone and not due back until Jan 4. If this presents any problem for you please advise ASAP. Otherwise you can expect to see an amended letter of authorization in early January. Merry Christmas to all.

-----Original Message-----

From: CRD DirectorSGI [mailto:sgidirector@crd.bc.ca]
Sent: December 13, 2004 1:11 PM
To: Hooton, Bob WLAP:EX
Cc: Dunn, Kristen WLAP:EX; Pauwels, Peter WLAP:EX
Subject: fallow deer Mayne Island

Bob: Attached is a Word document that is being sent today via land mail regarding an additional permittee for the controlled hunt on Mayne Island.

Best regards,
Rich Tamboline
Regional Director

re permit P-NA-192

From: John L Dodds <journeysend@gulfislands.com>
To: Brunt, Kim WLAP:EX s.15
Sent: January 22, 2005 8:47:09 AM PST
fallow deer for 2004 1 doe 6 bucks

I faxed this infor to the fax number that was on last years letter from Lea Romanik on Jan 11/05

thanks John

RE: Mayne fallow deer reports

From: Ryan, Jill WLAP:EX
To: Brunt, Kim WLAP:EX <Kim.Brunt@gems9.gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 24, 2005 4:28:16 PM PST
Done...

-----Original Message-----

From: Brunt, Kim WLAP:EX
Sent: January 24, 2005 2:54 PM
To: Ryan, Jill WLAP:EX
Subject: Mayne fallow deer reports

Hi Jill:

I recently received phone calls from a couple of the gentlemen that are permitted for fallow deer control on Mayne Island with reports of the number of fallow deer they harvested in 2004:

- Bob Anderson killed 5 deer (4 spike bucks; 1 doe); and
- Richard Brown killed 6 deer

Could you please include these reports in the appropriate files?

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RE: Identification for Mayne fallow deer controllers

From: Hooton, Bob WLAP:EX
To: Brunt, Kim WLAP:EX <Kim.Brunt@gems9.gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 25, 2005 1:26:44 PM PST

I'm OK with them producing their own hats but I wonder about getting any producer to bite on an order that small (four or five hats?!?!). I hope they understand we can't be having any Ministry ID on hats. That would violate the advertising policy directives we've been seeing from our public affairs folk of late. Can you imagine the hoops "we" would have to jump through to get their approval?!?!?!?

-----Original Message-----

From: Brunt, Kim WLAP:EX
Sent: January 24, 2005 3:01 PM
To: Hooton, Bob WLAP:EX
Subject: Identification for Mayne fallow deer controllers

I spoke on the phone today to Bob Anderson, one of the gentlemen at our meeting in Duncan re: fallow deer control on Mayne Island. He suggests that a cap of some description be produced for the permitted fallow deer controllers on Mayne Island as a means of identification to legitimize their activities. I asked if the letter of introduction we produced was sufficient, and he said it worked fine, but was still interested in producing something that was more visible 'up front'. He offered to pay the costs of something along the lines of "Mayne Island Fallow Deer Management". Any ideas??

Kim.

RE: fallow deer Mayne Island File number 78700-20/DEER-FALL

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To: CRD DirectorSGI <sgidirector@crd.bc.ca>
Cc: Brunt, Kim WLAP:EX <Kim.Brunt@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: August 5, 2005 10:36:23 AM PDT

Thanks very much for your update Rich. I'm pleased to hear the Victoria folk were able to help you with some "official" ID. Your suggestion for a September meeting is entirely appropriate. Once the peak use period is behind you I'm sure the options for dealing with the problem fallow deer will improve considerably. Please give us a couple of alternate dates to choose from and we'll be happy to join you for some further discussion. Enjoy this fine (overdue) weather in the meantime. Best regards.

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Sent: August 4, 2005 11:36 AM
To: Hooton, Bob WLAP:EX
Subject: fallow deer Mayne Island File number 78700-20/DEER-FALL

Bob:

As a follow-up to your letter of June 16th. one of the permit holders - Steve MacDonald - made some contact with the Victoria Office of Fish and Wildlife and they generously came up with a set of business cards for each of the permit holders on Mayne Island. It is an official looking card with the permittee's name and indicates the permit was authorized by Al Martin Director. This type of card has been very well received by the volunteers and it certainly satisfies one of the concerns which they had expressed. Somehow Steve also managed to obtain three caps with BC Fish and Wildlife crests. They have been distributed to the three hunters who have been most active.

We have been keeping a fairly low profile over the summer because of the large number of visitors on the island. I'm hoping the group will be able to have another meeting in September and we can make some firmer plans for the fall/winter control programme. Further examination of the "trap idea" has indicated that the use of this method would require more people than we currently have available. Concerns extend to the proper handling and disposal of the carcasses which may be accumulated as well as the potential negative response in the community. We will continue to examine the possibility but it looks less promising than it did initially.

Perhaps we can work out the logistics of meeting again with your staff as part of our continuing plans.

Best regards, Rich

RE: Mayne Island Fallow Deer

From: McHarg, Pat WLAP:EX <Pat.McHarg@gov.bc.ca>
To: Brunt, Kim WLAP:EX <Kim.Brunt@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Horncastle, Gary WLAP:EX <Gary.Horncastle@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 5, 2005 10:43:42 AM PDT
Kim:

Spoke to Gary this morning, all we are aware of is an on-going complaint from Larry Fiege regarding elk feeding on his young saplings. Apparently he indicated to Gary that last winter was the worst he has ever seen regarding damage attributable to the Elk herd.

No highway collisions noted. We are having a few elk being harvested illegally and are working on those. The last one was September 20 in the Hillcrest area and the one before, that we are aware of, was in the Lens Road area back in June. Prior to that there was another Elk shot and left in the Tuck lake area in May. Those are the ones we are aware of since April 01, 2005

Keep in touch regarding the elk trap placement and set up.

Pat

-----Original Message-----

From: Brunt, Kim WLAP:EX
Sent: October 5, 2005 9:13 AM
To: McHarg, Pat WLAP:EX
Subject: RE: Mayne Island Fallow Deer

Thanks for the update, Pat. Now that you bring it up, I seem to recall you already telling me about the change in jurisdiction, but my pea brain keeps going back to the old status quo.

On another issue, plans are to fire up the Judge's farm elk trap again this winter - probably in mid December or so. I'll touch base with you and Gary before that happens to make sure we're all on the same page. Any elk complaints from landowners or highway collisions since last winter?

Cheers, Kim

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From: McHarg, Pat WLAP:EX
Sent: October 5, 2005 8:29 AM
To: Brunt, Kim WLAP:EX
Cc: Horncastle, Gary WLAP:EX; Pauwels, Peter WLAP:EX; Dunn, Kristen WLAP:EX; Pamplin, Shawna N WLAP:EX; Hitchcock, Gord WLAP:EX; Hooton, Bob WLAP:EX; Sundquist, Lance WLAP:EX
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From: Brunt, Kim WLAP:EX
Sent: October 4, 2005 5:12 PM
To: Hooton, Bob WLAP:EX; Horncastle, Gary WLAP:EX; McHarg, Pat WLAP:EX
Subject: Mayne Island Fallow Deer

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Cc: Dunn, Kristen WLAP:EX <Kristen.Dunn@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 11, 2005 1:55:09 PM PDT

Kim, I have no experience with drop nets but suspect it is a very labour intensive process. Even leaving aside the issue of what to do with them when captured I don't see our ministry as having the willingness to commit to this. It's not that I'm necessarily opposed to this, or that I wouldn't want to be involved, it's just that I know that this would end up getting kaiboshed by somebody before it ever happens. That being the case I wouldn't want to invest a lot of time in trying to make it happen.

On a related topic, is there a proposal to move Fallow deer to schedule 3? I would be in support of that.

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RE: Escaped Farmed Deer

From: Dwyer, Dan ENV:EX <Dan.Dwyer@gov.bc.ca>
To: White, Wayne AL:EX <Wayne.White@gov.bc.ca>, Brunt, Kim ENV:EX <Kim.Brunt@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Antaya, Yves AL:EX <Yves.Antaya@gov.bc.ca>, Nielsen, Terry AL:EX <Terry.Nielsen@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: November 7, 2005 10:12:13 AM PST

Hi again.

I just checked with Pat.

He is aware of one buck that has been spotted and the odd one does escape.

Certainly not an escape of any significant numbers.

Thanks

DAN

From: White, Wayne AL:EX
Sent: Mon, November 7, 2005 9:37 AM
To: Dwyer, Dan ENV:EX
Cc: Antaya, Yves AL:EX; Nielsen, Terry AL:EX
Subject: FW: Escaped Farmed Deer

Do you guys know anything about this escape?? Have you or are you going to do an investigation?? Wayne.

-----Original Message-----

From: Nielsen, Terry AL:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2005 10:02 PM
To: AL Fisheries Courtenay
Subject: Escaped Farmed Deer

Hi all ,

I was talking to a hunter last nite (Kevin from Courtenay Spring and Welding) who said he shot a fallow deer. Apparently there was an escape near Williams beach last year (?) and hunters have been told to shoot at will. The deer are said not to be able to interbreed with the wild. They are lighter in colour, some are almost white and they have wider heads.

I don't recall reading this on the front page of the Vancouver Sun. Has anybody heard of this escape? I'd like to get more info

I don't think I will be getting any sleep tonite thinking of all that possible interbreeding going on outside my back door.

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Fallow deer on Mayne Island

From: Brunt, Kim ENV:EX
To: Schwantje, Helen ENV:EX <Helen.Schwantje@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: November 14, 2005 4:28:09 PM PST
Hi Helen:

Just had a call from Steve MacKenzie - he is one of the permitted fallow deer hunters on Mayne Island who came up with the idea of using a drop net on a couple of different properties on the island where he feels that they could capture the entire herd (10-15 animals each, as I recall). I talked to you about this option a couple of months back and you gave me some ideas on the relative availability of drop nets and potential problems, etc., but I don't recall all the details.

I was hoping you might be able to talk directly to Steve and discuss this option with him. I gave him your phone number; here's his (shiftworker; very late afternoon around 3:30-4:30 is apparently the best time to reach him):

s.22

Many thanks, Kim

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RE: Section Head Mtg Minutes (Special Event)

From: Ackerman, Andy ENV:EX <Andy.Ackerman@gov.bc.ca>
To: Brunt, Kim ENV:EX <Kim.Brunt@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: November 17, 2005 11:58:39 AM PST

Kim, I have had a lot of experience trying to get MAL to do anything with escaped wildlife and I can assure you that moving fallow deer to Schedule C within a specific area will not be a problem as it is a regulation and does not require a change to the Act. If you need anything on my problems with the bison and getting MAL to act, give me a call.

Andy Ackerman
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(250) 787-3490 (fax)

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From: Wells, Patricia ENV:EX
Sent: November 17, 2005 11:37 AM
To: Wells, Patricia ENV:EX
Cc: Martin, Al D ENV:EX; ENV @ESRO Regional Managers; ENV @FWRA Legislation and Regulations Section
Subject: FW: Section Head Mtg Minutes (Special Event)

Additional cc's

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From: Wells, Patricia ENV:EX
Sent: November 17, 2005 11:28 AM
To: Williams, Bob G ENV:EX; Badry, Micheal J ENV:EX; Burrows, Jeff A ENV:EX; Carmichael, Drew ENV:EX; Chutter, Myke ENV:EX; Davis, Kerri G ENV:EX; Down, Ted ENV:EX; Ethier, Tom ENV:EX; Foxall, Yvonne ENV:EX; Lofroth, Eric ENV:EX; Menzies, Linda D ENV:EX; Messmer, Mark J ENV:EX; Sharpe, Sean T ENV:EX; Smith, Kelly B ENV:EX; South, Nancy ENV:EX; Stratholt, Miles L ENV:EX; Tredger, Dave ENV:EX; Zimmerman, Ted ENV:EX; Atagi, Dana ENV:EX; Dunbar, Dave ENV:EX; Elliott, John ENV:EX; Hooton, Bob ENV:EX; Lirette, Maurice G ENV:EX; Matthews, Steve ENV:EX; McGregor, Ian ENV:EX; Van Hove, John ENV:EX
Cc: Wright, Randy C ENV:EX; Backmeyer, Rod ENV:EX; Brunt, Kim ENV:EX; Dielman, Pat W ENV:EX; Doyle, Don ENV:EX; Evans, Jack ENV:EX; Harris, Brian S ENV:EX; Heard, Douglas ENV:EX; Jury, Doug ENV:EX; Marshall, Rick ENV:EX; Smith, Tom ENV:EX; Surgenor, John ENV:EX; Szkorupa, Tara D ENV:EX; Teske, Irene ENV:EX; Watts, Glen ENV:EX; Wilson, Doug J ENV:EX; Woods, Guy ENV:EX
Subject: Section Head Mtg Minutes (Special Event)

Hello,

Attached are the section head minutes for the Wildlife Annual Heads Up Teleconference. What a great teleconference! We look forward to your annual submissions.

The minutes (& agendas) are located at K:\ESD\FWRA\F&W Section Heads. The proposed regulations changes spreadsheets (2) are located nearby at K:\ESD\FWRA\Legislation and Regulations.

<< File: MINUTES of 111405.doc >> << File: PROPOSED Reg Change Matrix 2006 - by species.xls >> << File: Proposed Access & Closed Areas Regulation Changes 2006.xls >>

PS - My hours are 9:00 - 12:30 pm, M-F

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From: Bob Anderson s.22
To: Brunt, Kim ENV:EX s.15
Sent: December 19, 2005 12:45:51 PM PST
Attachments: hphphp681.jpg, ATT29372.txt

Hi Kim; Here is a list of my confirmed fallow deer kills on Mayne Island for 2005. I will also send you a short note about the situation on Mayne. My number is s.22 if you have any questions. Bye for now; Bob Anderson.

The message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:

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FALLOW DEER: Mayne Island 2005

Feb. 08 05	Henderson Hill	12:45	Young Doe
" 10 05	Borsos Farm	17:00	Large Spike
Sept. 07 05	Browns	19:30	Large Spike
" 07 05	Browns	19:30	Large Spike
" 14 05	Punchs	17:00	Doe
" 15 05	Hardscrabble	19:30	Doe
" 19 05	Hardscrabble	18:30	Spike
" 19 05	Hardscrabble	18:31	M. Fawn
" 19 05	Hardscrabble	18:32	Doe
" 22 05	Mud Road	18:00	White Doe
" 22 05	Punchs	18:45	White Doe
" 25 05	Henderson Hill	14:00	M. Fawn
Oct. 19 05	Mud Road	09:15	Lg. Buck
" 19 05	Henderson Hill [BCF tag 1322F]	11:15	Doe
" 19 05	Oughions	17:45	Doe

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From: Bob Anderson s.22
To: Brunt, Kim ENV:EX s.15
Sent: December 19, 2005 12:48:28 PM PST
Attachments: ATT29377.txt, Fallow deer.wps

Hi Kim; Just a few thoughts about fallow deer hunting on Mayne Island.
Cheers; Bob Anderson.

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To: Brunt, Kim ENV:EX <Kim.Brunt@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 10, 2006 1:02:23 PM PST

Comments on the alleged BCWF proposal? I'd like to send a thank you note to Rich for all his assistance to date.

Bob Hooton

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From: Rich Tamboline [mailto:rtamboline@gulfislands.com]
Sent: December 29, 2005 1:47 PM
To: Hooton, Bob ENV:EX
Subject: fallow deer file number 78700-20/deer-fall

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Cc: Brunt, Kim ENV:EX <Kim.Brunt@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 12, 2006 5:27:46 PM PST

Hello Rich. My apologies for the delayed response. Too much e-mail flowing this way I'm afraid.

I'm not sure if I should be congratulating you on completion of your CRD Directorship or offering condolences. Either way I/we want to thank you for all you have done to address the fallow deer problem on the island. We sincerely hope Richard Brown's recovery is rapid and complete.

Kim Brunt looked at the options around an open season for fallow deer and reached the same conclusion you have - it wouldn't achieve the desired end point. That approach will not be pursued. We will continue with the carefully administered "no bag limit" harvest for permitted hunters and keep our fingers crossed the population can be held in check that way. The option of trapping animals remains of interest as well and we are certainly open to any further recommendations you may have in that regard.

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From: Smith, Kelly B ENV:EX <Kelly.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
To: Brunt, Kim ENV:EX <Kim.Brunt@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: PASBReg1 ENV:EX <Reg1.PASB@gov.bc.ca>, Doyle, Don ENV:EX <Don.Doyle@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 18, 2006 8:19:17 AM PDT
Attachments: STOUT rejection letter.doc
Hi Kim,

Here is the draft rejection letter for review and approval.

Thank you.

Kelly

-----Original Message-----

From: Brunt, Kim ENV:EX
Sent: April 10, 2006 9:18 PM
To: Smith, Kelly B ENV:EX
Cc: PASBReg1 ENV:EX; Doyle, Don ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Fallow Deer - Mayne Island

That might be a good idea - there is apparently another individual who will also be making an application for a permit in the near future. Our answer to him will be the same.

Thanks, Kim

-----Original Message-----

From: Smith, Kelly B ENV:EX
Sent: Mon 4/10/2006 8:44 AM
To: Brunt, Kim ENV:EX
Cc: PASBReg1 ENV:EX; Doyle, Don ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Fallow Deer - Mayne Island

Wonderful - thanks Kim I will close the file at this end. Did you want a rejection letter drafted up?

Kelly

-----Original Message-----

From: Brunt, Kim ENV:EX
Sent: April 10, 2006 8:41 AM
To: Smith, Kelly B ENV:EX
Cc: PASBReg1 ENV:EX; Doyle, Don ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Fallow Deer - Mayne Island

No additional permits being considered at this point. I have left a message with the fallow deer control program coordinator to give me a call back. Hopefully I will be able to get him to contact Mr. Stout directly and see if any control actions are applicable on his property.

Thanks, Kim

From: PASBReg1 ENV:EX
Sent: Mon, April 10, 2006 8:14 AM
To: Brunt, Kim ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Fallow Deer - Mayne Island

For your comment

From: Smith, Kelly B ENV:EX
Sent: Mon, April 10, 2006 7:51 AM
To: PASBReg1 ENV:EX
Subject: Fallow Deer - Mayne Island

Morning,

I have received an application from a Allen Stout of Mayne Island who is wanting a permit to kill fallow deer on Mayne Island.

Does region support a permit being issued to Mr. Stout?

Thank you.

Kelly Smith

Permitting Officer
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Environmental Stewardship Division

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April 18, 2006

s.22

Dear s.22

RE: PERMIT TO HUNT FALLOW DEER ON MAYNE ISLAND

Thank you for your application requesting a permit to hunt nuisance Fallow Deer on Mayne Island. Unfortunately, we cannot grant your request for the reason stated below.

The regional Ministry of Environment office has granted ~~issuing~~ **a very limited number of permits for the last couple of years** for a fallow deer control program to deal with the abundance of Fallow Deer on Mayne Island. No additional permits are being considered at this point.

You have the right to appeal this decision to the Environmental Appeal Board within 30 days. For more information on the EAB appeal process, see Appendix 1, attached to this letter, and the following website: www.eab.gov.bc.ca.

Yours truly,

Dick Heath
Regional Manager
Environmental Stewardship Division
Vancouver Island

APPENDIX 1

Right to Appeal (notice required by Ministry policy)

You may appeal this decision to the Environmental Appeal Board under section 101.1 of the *Wildlife Act*. To do this, you must give written notice of appeal to the Environmental Appeal Board not later than (a) 30 days from the date you actually receive this notice, or (b) 44 days from the date, this decision is deposited in Canada Post, registered mail, whichever is earlier.

A notice of appeal must comply with the Environmental Appeal Board procedure regulation (BC Reg. 1/82) under the *Environmental Management Act*. It may be provided by mailing it by registered mail to the chair of the Environmental Appeal Board at PO Box 9425 Stn. Prov. Govt., Victoria, B.C., V8W 9V1, or by leaving it for the chair during business hours at the 4th floor, 747 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C.

You, your counsel, or a representative must sign the notice of appeal and contain:

- your name and mailing address,
- the name of your counsel or representative, if any,
- the reasons for the appeal,
- particulars relative to the appeal, and
- a statement of the nature of the order requested.

Your notice of appeal must be accompanied by a fee of \$25.00, payable to the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations.

FW: Mayne Island fallow deer

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To: Sand, Debra AL:EX <Debra.Sand@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Haddow, Wayne AL:EX <Wayne.Haddow@gov.bc.ca>, Brunt, Kim ENV:EX <Kim.Brunt@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 1, 2006 2:28:23 PM PST

Hi Debra...since this is in my Region I guess I better follow this up with you. Do you know if there is a current licence for fallow deer on Mayne....and what is the legal description of the property? I have never been over to Mayne so any background info would be good place to start. I had heard of this problem from Islands Trust and what I heard was the owner did not live on the property anymore - but this all needs to be checked out.

Rob

From: Haddow, Wayne AL:EX
Sent: Fri, December 1, 2006 1:52 PM
To: Schwantje, Helen ENV:EX; Sand, Debra AL:EX; Kline, Rob AL:EX
Cc: Brunt, Kim ENV:EX; McHarg, Pat ENV:EX; Betts, Michael AL:EX
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Cc: Brunt, Kim ENV:EX <Kim.Brunt@gov.bc.ca>, McHarg, Pat ENV:EX <Pat.McHarg@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 4, 2006 9:31:46 AM PST
Debi,
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Hi everyone, Paula has a game farm licence under Arbutus Bay Deer Farms. Her last inventory showed 7 deer. I will call her today and address all of the issues.

I will let you know what transpired; however, Paula is usually not willing to give information freely. She sends in her transaction reports on time as well as her renewals. She always tells me that she only has 7 female and never any births.

Thanks,
Debi

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I have an email into Deb Sand but she is away until Monday. Hopefully, when she will be able to provide information on this item. Helen, Wayne does not cover Mayne Island anymore and I will be following up on this item...and I think Wayne is relieved :)

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Deb must know if she has a current Game Farm permit???

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Subject: RE: Mayne Island fallow deer

I have not been back since the visit many years ago, so can add no new info.

Michael

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Sent: December 4, 2006 11:14:55 AM PST
Attachments: Arbutus.doc
Hi, here is the letter that I faxed to Paula. I have left a message, but I do not anticipate a prompt response.

Date December 4, 2006 # of pages (including this sheet) 2

To Paula Buchholz cc: Cst. Holmes, Mayne Island
Arbutus Bay Deer Farms Kim Brunt, MOE
Fax: 250 539-2301

From Debra Sand, Operations Coordinator
Livestock Health Management & Regulatory Unit
Ministry of Agriculture & Lands
Phone: (604)556-3014; toll free 1-877-877-2474 (within BC)
FAX: (604)556-3015

Subject Fallow Deer at large and Ear Tag Requirements

Material contained in this fax transmission may be confidential, and should be delivered only to the addressee. If all pages are not received, please call: **Debi Sand, (604)556-3014**

Under the *Game Farm Act Regulation 5, 6 and 7*, you are required to notify our office of any escapes of your heard. I have attached those specific sections of the *Regulations*. The *Game Farm Act* does allow you 30 days to recapture game that escapes, however, if it is determined that the escaped bison constitute a danger to property, the health or safety of an animal or individual or to the genetic integrity of wildlife as outlined under Section 7(2) of the *Game Farm Regulation*, Section 79 of the *Wildlife Act* (destruction of animals) may be invoked earlier.

It is the licensee's responsibility to ensure the fencing is adequate for animal containment and failure to maintain such fencing could result in the suspension of your Game Farm licence. We certainly hope that you can correct any fencing deficiencies and avoid such action. I would also ask that you report any shortages to your heard.

The Ministry of Environment on Vancouver Island, the local RCMP, and our ministry office in Duncan, are aware of your fallow deer being at large. Please make every possible effort to regain captivity of your fallow deer in order to avoid them becoming the property of the Crown.

You are also required to have all your fallow deer tagged. Please call if you require replacement and/or new tags.

If you have questions, please call me toll free at 1-877-877-2474.

Arbutus Bay Estates - Paula Bucholz

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To: Michael.Holmes@rcmp-grc.gc.ca, Brunt, Kim ENV:EX <Kim.Brunt@gov.bc.ca>, Haddow, Wayne AL:EX <Wayne.Haddow@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 5, 2006 4:29:06 PM PST
Attachments: Dec 2006.doc

I still haven't heard from Paula. Here is the letter I am sending registered and regular mail. I will also be following up with a phone call this afternoon and tomorrow.

Any questions, please call.

Thanks,

Debi

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October 4, 2006

File: 74800-40/Arbutus

Paula Buchholz
Arbutus Bay Deer Farms
770 Beechwood Drive
Mayne Island, BC
V0N 1J0

Re : Fallow Deer at large and untagged

We have been advised of the following; you have fallow deer at large, deer that aren't tagged, your fallow deer come in contact with wildlife and you have fawns on your farm. As a Game Farm licence holder, you are responsible for tagging, ensuring your game farm animals do not escape from the approved facilities, and preventing game farm animals from coming into contact with wildlife. Failure to abide by those conditions could result in licence suspension or cancellation.

You could also be liable for any and all damage to Crown land, equipment and facilities, as well as damage to private property, resulting from the capture and transportation of escaped game farm animals

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Arbutus Bay Estates Ltd.
December 4, 2006

Your recent transaction report shows that you have 7 female deer and have ear tags numbered 1028, 1029, 1031, 1032, 1043, 1044, 1055. Please confirm in writing that these tags are still on the livestock and there are no additions to your herd. Should you require replacement tags, please phone and I will forward new tags.

Please contact me, toll free, at 1 877-877-2474 so we may set up an inspection to inspect your operation.

Yours truly,

Debra Sand
Operations Coordinator

Cc: Cst. Mike Holmes, Mayne Island RCMP
Kim Brunt, Ministry of Environment
Wayne Haddow, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands

RE: Mayne Island fallow deer

From: Sand, Debra AL:EX <Debra.Sand@gov.bc.ca>
To: Brunt, Kim ENV:EX <Kim.Brunt@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 12, 2006 10:13:37 AM PST

Hi Kim, I am preparing a letter for her this week, that will be advising her that we will not be renewing her licence this year unless she can ensure her fencing is adequate and that she is advising us of the fawns. I will be ccing you in the letter as well as the RCMP.

Thanks,
Debi

From: Brunt, Kim ENV:EX
Sent: Tue, December 12, 2006 10:11 AM
To: Sand, Debra AL:EX
Subject: RE: Mayne Island fallow deer

All of the free-ranging fallow deer on Mayne Island (and they are quite numerous and very widespread at this point) originated from Paula's farm, and they have been treated as property of the Crown for many years now. There are a number of permitted hunters that taken several dozen deer from the island each year for distribution (primarily) to FNs and families in need. They are permitted by us as an attempt to try and limit the increase in numbers and distribution of fallow deer on the island.

This latest review of Paula's situation came about from a question raised by the local RCMP officer (who is also one of the permitted fallow deer controllers) who regularly noticed up to 20 animals going in and out of Paula's property which has open gates as well as breaks in the fence along the back side. In my opinion, her current permit for 7 deer being kept in captivity does not reflect reality, and is being kept active on the speculation that her farm may at some point in the future become operational once again.

Cheers, Kim
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From: Sand, Debra AL:EX
Sent: Tue, December 12, 2006 9:05 AM
To: Brunt, Kim ENV:EX
Subject: Mayne Island fallow deer

Hi Kim, I just received my 'returned' registered mail to Paula Bucholz and the post office wrote:
"this customer is out of the county until mid January 2007"

At this point it would appear that any fallow deer at large would not fall under the 30 day protection (Section 7 of the Game Farm Act Regulations; as the escaped game may constitute a danger to property, the health or safety of an animal or individual or to the genetic integrity of wildlife.

Comments???

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From: Andrews, Trevor B ENV:EX <Trevor.Andrews@gov.bc.ca>
To: Brunt, Kim ENV:EX <Kim.Brunt@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 13, 2006 9:11:42 AM PST
Thanks Kim

I spoke with my brother and he wasn't that interested in the meat. He was more interested in giving me an opportunity to use my bow. So, I won't be pursuing the harvest.

Trevor

From: Brunt, Kim ENV:EX
Sent: Tue, December 12, 2006 10:06 AM
To: Andrews, Trevor B ENV:EX
Subject: Mayne Island fallow deer

I recently spoke to the RCMP officer on Mayne Island who is one of our permitted hunters on the island about another fallow deer related issue. I took the opportunity to ask him how they deal with landowners who might allow deer to be taken from their property and disposal of meat from such endeavours. He said that typically, virtually all of the meat goes to the landowner at the beginning as a token of good will, with the meat from subsequent harvests going, in part to FNs and families in need, but from the conversation I had, it seems that the landowner is always considered in meat distribution decisions.

Let me know if this might work for your brother, and I can give you the contact info. for a couple of the key organizers of the ongoing cull.

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Sent: December 18, 2006 1:41:39 PM PST

Hi Kim and Micheal, can we set up a meeting or conference call with both of you. We need to make some decisions on the deer.

Mike - if you could give us an update on what is happening at the farm, that would help in making decisions. I would like to set this meeting up as soon as possible and would include yourselves and Merv Wetzstein, manager. Preferably sometime this week.

Thanks,
Debi

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Nice talking to you, will keep you in touch with how things go by notes if that's OK. Will probably get around to a new plan, would be nice if we could schedule a second meeting which you could attend. Anything open in April? Note the pdf file at the end.

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This bit of information comes from Paula Bucholz, who won't be attending our founding or any other meeting, but suggests that it might be useful in the discussion. It was originally printed in the Mayneliner around August 1999.

Still fishing for a date that fits the majority, many have not yet replied. Still in the March 7-9 range.

ARBUTUS BAY DEER FARMS

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September 23, 1999

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CERTIFIED MAIL

Ms. P. M. Bucholz
Arbutus Bay Estates Ltd.
777 Beechwood Drive
Mayne Island, B.C.
V0N 2J0

Dear Mr. Bucholz:

**Re: ARBUTUS BAY DEER FARMS, MAYNE ISLAND
- INVESTIGATION INTO FALLOW DEER ESCAPEMENTS**

On June 8, 1999, Senior Conservation Officer Jamie Stephen, Wildlife Biologist Kim Brunt and I visited your fallow deer farm on Mayne Island. I am writing this letter to clarify our position. We realize you are licenced by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food to operate a fallow deer farm on Mayne Island. We are also aware that this licence carries with it certain responsibilities. You have advised us that fallow deer have escaped from the perimeter fence of your deer farm on three separate occasions due to blow-down during windstorms. Due to our experience with attempting to live-trap wildlife, we realize that it is not an easy task to recapture all your fallow deer escapees. In spite of your efforts, we continue to receive complaints from residents of Mayne Island about your escaped fallow deer.

While we are aware that there is a growing blacktailed deer population on Mayne Island due to the Island's no shooting or hunting closure, it is your escaped fallow deer that are the focus of the public complaints we receive.

As you are no doubt aware, Ministry of Environment Lands and Parks (MOELP) is having to spend considerable time and effort to address a growing fallow deer population on Sidney Island. In spite of heavy hunting pressure, Sidney Island's fallow deer population continues to grow. MOELP Wildlife Biologists simply do not want a repeat of the Sidney Island situation on Mayne Island. They do not want any fallow deer on Mayne Island unless they are inside the confines of your deer farm's perimeter fence.

So, in spite of complaints from Mayne Islanders about your escaped fallow deer, we are trying to push aside those complaints and deal with the issue. Our Ministry simply insists that you continue to work toward reducing the number of non-captive fallow deer on Mayne Island to zero. It is your responsibility.

You should be aware that I have contacted Dr. Mervyn Wetzstein of Ministry of Agriculture and Food in the Abbotsford office to obtain a copy of your Game Farm Licence, as well as the manual which outlines your responsibilities as a licensee.

You should also be aware of sections 76 and 77 of the Wildlife Act, copies of which are enclosed for your perusal. The definition of "*domestic animal*" used in both sections is defined by Section 12 of B.C. Reg.

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September 23, 1999

Re: ARBUTUS BAY DEER FARMS, MAYNE ISLAND
- INVESTIGATION INTO FALLOW DEER ESCAPEMENTS cont'd...

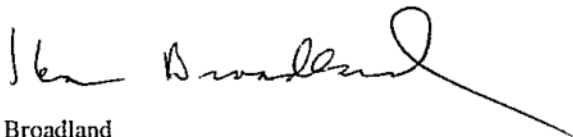
168/90 and includes horse, cattle and sheep. Therefore, fallow deer are not considered domestic animals. The offence sections are 77(2) which states "release or abandon other than domestic animal" and 77(3) which states "fail to recover escaped non-domestic animal", and can both be dealt with by way of \$115 tickets. In more serious cases, charges under these sections can be dealt through the Courts where, upon conviction, penalties can range up to \$5000 and/or six months imprisonment.

As discussed by telephone, this matter is under investigation, with the possibility of charges.

As you can see from Section 76, your escaped fallow deer are really the property of the Crown. In our recent telephone discussion, you indicated that the fallow deer rut starts near the end of September and runs until mid December. You have indicated you are most successful in baiting the fallow deer during the rut. Bearing in mind that we can shoot your escaped fallow deer at any time (see Section 79) since they are now the property of the Crown, we will tentatively give you until the end of October 1999, to try and recapture your escaped fallow deer.

If you have any questions about the investigation or the fallow deer issue, please do not hesitate to contact me in Duncan at (250)746-1236 or by fax at (250)746-1295.

Yours truly,

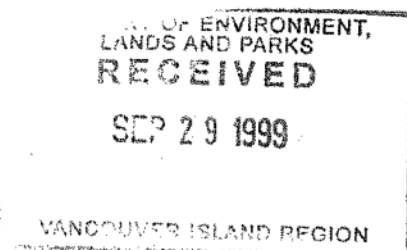


K. R. Broadland
District Conservation Officer
Duncan - Vancouver Island Region

KRB/mab

Enclosures: *Pertinent Sections of the Wildlife Act*

cc: Jamie Stephen, Senior Conservation Officer, Southern Vancouver Island, MOELP, Duncan
→ Kim Brunt, Wildlife Biologist, MOELP, Nanaimo
Doug Janz, Head, Wildlife Section, MOELP, Nanaimo
Mervyn Wetzstein, DVM, Manager, Health Management & Regulation, MOFF, Abbotsford





ARBUTUS BAY DEER FARMS

Ministry of Environment, Lands & Parks
Nanaimo, B.C.
Fax (250) 751-3103

Attn. Mr. Kim Brunt
Wildlife Biologist

October 14, 1999

Dear Mr. Brunt:

Attached please find copy of my response to Mr. Ken Broadland, District Conservation Officer of the Ministry of Environment dated October 14, 1999 for your information.

Sincerely

ARBUTUS BAY DEER FARMS

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'P. Buchholz'.

PAULA M. BUCHHOLZ
President



ARBUTUS BAY DEER FARMS

Ministry of Environment
Attn. Mr. Ken Broadland
Duncan B.C.
Fax (250) 746 - 1295

October 14, 1999

Dear Mr. Broadland:

Re: Recapture of storm related escapees of fallow deer from my pastures

I have received your letter dated September 23, 1999 as ordinary mail in my mailbox on September 28, 1999, addressed to a Mr. Buchholz. As I informed you in detail since the very first time you contacted me, I am constantly on the alert to recapture my escaped deer back into my fenced pens. I have been quite successful so far. In addition to the numbers I have reported to you before in September with a total of 12, I have caught a big rutting buck last week. My efforts continue on a daily basis in this regard.

I was glad to hear from you that the Ministry's biologists are also not happy with the results on Sidney Island. However, to take this dissatisfaction out on me, a deer farmer punished already with the storms and escapees of my property, the deer, is just not right. As you are aware, the complaints from Mayne Island were instigated by public articles written with false facts in our local newspaper by one person who made it her goal to pursue fallow deer, after she had seen the devastation created by Sidney Island fallow deer under your management. But you cannot compare apples with oranges.

It is unacceptable when you personally interpret the law and threaten me, a law abiding citizen, with jail for six months or a fine of \$ 5,000.00 if I fail to recover the escaped deer. The law reads differently: "... the person commits an offense if he or she fails to make every reasonable effort to recover the animal". This is a big difference, Mr. Broadland.

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It is unexplained, why you highlighted in the attached section of the Wildlife Act, which you named "pertinent", under 77 (2) "If a person releases or abandons an animal, other than a domestic animal, the person commits an offense". Why did you highlight that? Are you insinuating a release or abandon by me? I find this part of your letter also very offending and unacceptable.

However, reading further under section 79, I raise the question, how can you justifiably say that my escaped fallow deer at large are likely to harm persons, property, wildlife or wildlife habitat - so far having been caught eating flowers - and are therefore to be killed by you, when you are undoubtedly aware that the grossly overpopulated black tail deer are definitely constantly causing all of these damages, including several car accidents on the island and nothing is being done about that proven harm to persons and property? I have provided you with my response article which included constructive suggestions how to properly manage our black tail population.

As you wrote: "this matter is under investigation, with the possibility of charges", I would like to know what exactly you are investigating and what charges are being contemplated? I think, it is only fair to answer my question in this regard at your earliest convenience.

As I did before, I can assure you that I have the utmost interest of capturing my escaped deer, thus getting my property back behind my fences. Accordingly, my efforts are not only reasonable but I extend every possible effort to recapture them. I look forward to get answers to my questions from you.

Sincerely

ARBUTUS BAY DEER FARMS



PAULA M. BUCHHOLZ
President

cc: Dr. Mervyn Wetzstein, DVM, Manager, Ministry of Agriculture & Food
Ministry of Agriculture & Food, Brent Warner, Fax (250) 655-5657
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Kim Brunt, Wildlife Biologist, MOELP, Fax (250) 746-1295
Dr. Jim Hatter, Wildlife Biologist, Fax (250) 721-1029



January 17, 2000

File: 9806996

Dr. Mervyn A. Wetzstein
Manager, Regulatory Unit
Ministry of Agriculture and Food
Abbotsford Agriculture Centre
1767 Angus Campbell Road
Abbotsford, B.C.
V3G 2M3

Dear Dr. Wetzstein:

Re: ARBUTUS BAY DEER FARMS, MAYNE ISLAND

Last fall I sent you a copy of my September 23, 1999 letter to Ms. Paula Buchholz at Arbutus Bay Deer Farms. Ms. Buchholz pleaded that we allow her to recapture the escaped Fallow deer, rather than us attending to shoot the deer. We agreed and have waited patiently while she recaptured over 35 Fallow deer.

While this is admirable, it has to come to our attention during the course of the investigation that some of the perimeter fencing on the deer farm may be too large a mesh size, thus allowing some of the smaller deer to push their way through the perimeter fence. When asked about this situation, Ms. Buchholz did not deny that some of the deer were able to push through some areas of the perimeter fence, rather she simply stated that some Ministry of Environment (MOE) staff had apparently approved the perimeter fencing at the time when MOE staff were responsible for such approval.

Could we please discuss this issue. We are interested in hearing what the approved mesh size is for perimeter fencing on Fallow deer farms. There is a need for a field inspection to identify what proportion of the perimeter fence meets standards. It seems pointless to allow Ms. Buchholz to play "the recapture game" if some Fallow deer are free to leave whenever they decide to leave. We understand there are still about 10 escaped Fallow deer near the deer farm.

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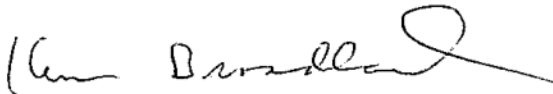
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January 17, 2000

Re: ARBUTUS BAY DEER FARMS, MAYNE ISLAND cont'd...

I can be reached at (250)746-1236.

Yours truly,



K. R. Broadland
District Conservation Officer
Duncan - Vancouver Island Region

KRB/mab

cc: Doug Janz, Regional Wildlife Biologist, MOELP, Nanaimo
→ Kim Brunt, Wildlife Biologist, MOELP, Nanaimo
 Jamie Stephen, Senior Conservation Officer, MOELP, Duncan
 Paula Buchholz, Arbutus Bay Deer Farms, Mayne Island

MESSAGE

Date 9/6/8/20 Time 11:50
To Kim Brunt

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

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From

s.22

TELEPHONE

Telephoned		Please call	
Called to see you		Will call again	
Wants to see you		Returned your call	

MESSAGE

re: fallow deer
overrunning Mayne
Island what/when
are we going to
do something about
them (1)

Fallow Deer - Mayne Isl.

Escape date = 7

~~18~~ FEB 12/95

MARCH 14/95

they're fair game

Brunt, Kim

From: Janz, Doug
Sent: July 26, 2000 3:45 PM
To: Broadland, Ken; Sundquist, Lance; 'Stephen, Jamie'
Cc: Brunt, Kim; 'Hatter, Ian ELP:EX'
Subject: RE: Mayne Island Fallow deer farm

yes, lets get on with phase 2.....

-----Original Message-----

From: Broadland, Ken
Sent: July 26, 2000 1:52 PM
To: Janz, Doug; Sundquist, Lance; 'Stephen, Jamie'
Subject: Mayne Island Fallow deer farm

Although I've concluded this file, the issue of the escaped fallow deer on Mayne Island doesn't go away. As a result of Jamie's June 20 note to me I called Merv Wetzstein (MAF) yesterday. I read out the points raised in Jamie's note to me. With respect to Merv instructing Paula Buchholz that upgraded fencing and removal of danger trees will be a condition of her licence in the future, Merv did not agree and viewed it as a threat that we would be prepared to contact somebody higher up in MAF. Merv went on to say that Paula has reduced her herd size down to 22 fallow deer, they are all ear tagged and she has agreed to confine them in the approved fence area. I had a twenty minute conversation with Merv. Bottomline, he believes Paula has made a significant effort to reduce her herd size and things are under much better control on the farm. Merv suggested he would probably de-licence the lower, unapproved fencing area from future licences. Merv was not concerned about access to the barn area (which is contained within the unapproved fenced area), so long as the wing fences leading to the barn area were brought up to standard.

Shortly after that conversation, Paula's neighbour Sally Sexsmith called me. She agrees Paula has worked very hard to eliminate 95 fallow deer. She says Paula is anxious for plans for one-way gates that she could install in the lower, unapproved fenced area. Sally went on to say that she thinks she saw 3 fallow deer in the lower fenced area, but when she called Paula she wouldn't believe her. When we discussed phase two (getting names of Mayne Islanders that would be prepared to shoot fallow deer), Sally suggested John Dodds, Richard Brown and Punch Robson. More on that at a later date.

My final conversation on the issue was with Paula Buchholz. She's not very happy and became very upset with me on several occasions during our conversation. She says she has 22 fallow deer left on the farm, 20 yearling does, 2 bucks. All are ear tagged. She has agreed to only use the areas with approved fencing, but is not happy because the best pasture was in the older, unapproved fencing area. She is having to provide more grain, albeit for fewer animals. To slaughter the 95 deer she had to capture them and take them five at a time to Chemainus. She had to pay \$75/deer for slaughtering and meat cutting (\$7125 my calculation), plus on-going freezer costs. She lost it when I brought up the topic of logging the danger trees. She is also very upset that she is not allowed to use her best pasture, because of "a mistake by our Ministry" (approving the old fencing that is now substandard). Paula got really stressed when I wanted to give her fair warning that phase two would probably happen this Fall (Islanders to be given permits to shoot Fallow deer on their property). The conversation was suddenly over.

I believe things are working out. We've taken too long to get to phase two, but I believe phase one was a success because we're down to 22 ear tagged fallow deer being raised in an area of approved fencing. Tell me if you think I should still write to Merv. Personally I believe the emphasis should now switch to phase two, before it's too late.

↑ 96.09.05 ↑

Call from ^{s.22}

→ 2 does + 2 fawns (fallow deer seen)

→ Corner Simpson + Gallagher Bay Rd.

→ Punch Robsons has 1 buck + cows

→ ^{s.22}

; lives on Mayne Isl.

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- good likely contact for determining
when/where a successful hunt might
be carried out

- Called Ken Broadland - he says he can permit
^{s.22} and/or other Mayne Is. F+G
clubbers (if they exist) to shoot these deer even
though it is a no hunting/shooting area

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- left a message on
machine re: above + asked him to call
me back. ^{answering}

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called my home in evening ^{96.09.12} He is
willing to be permitted to hunt the fallow deer
(along with another person) - he will contact COS Duncan for permit(s)

Brunt, Kim

From: Stephen, Jamie
Sent: May 04, 2000 9:07 AM
To: Broadland, Ken
Cc: 'Lambert, Mike'; 'Sundquist, Lance'; 'Brunt, Kim'; 'Janz, Doug'
Subject: RE: Mayne Is. Fallow Deer

Ken - As per our conversation, please hold off taking any initiative until we receive input from Mike re. permits. Mike, if permits were issued to Bucholtz's designated hunters as well as those we may choose to permit directly (one or two Island farmers), would you approve of those latter farmers disposing of any carcasses themselves (i.e. using edible meat themselves or giving to others) since it would be logistically/economically difficult for us to retrieve them.

Jamie

-----Original Message-----

From: Broadland, Ken
Sent: May 03, 2000 3:55 PM
To: Stephen, Jamie; Janz, Doug
Cc: 'Lambert, Mike'; 'Sundquist, Lance'; 'Brunt, Kim'
Subject: RE: Mayne Is. Fallow Deer

I spoke just now to our Crown Counsel, John Blackman. He seemed to grasp the situation quite quickly. He recommends consultation rather than confrontation. John suggests we explain to Ms. Paula Buchholz our concern that every reasonable effort be made to reduce the number of non-captive fallow deer on Mayne Island to zero and that since some of the buck fallow deer have no intention of ever returning home (some bucks have been loose for several years), maybe it should be her responsibility to arrange for another way to eliminate them. John thinks we should encourage her to apply for a permit from the Regional Manager and figure out a way for local hunters to be delegated as her agents. Makes sense to me. Thoughts? Should I write the letter to Ms. Buchholz?

-----Original Message-----

From: Stephen, Jamie
Sent: May 03, 2000 11:35 AM
To: Janz, Doug
Cc: 'Lambert, Mike'; 'Sundquist, Lance'; 'Broadland, Ken'; 'Brunt, Kim'
Subject: RE: Mayne Is. Fallow Deer

Hi Doug - Thanks for the update from MAF; while I am encouraged that MAF will communicate new responsibilities to Ms. Bucholtz, unless those stipulations are incorporated as pre-requisite conditions for licence renewal, they may not achieve the desired result. Please would you notify me as soon as you learn the outcome of MAF's visit. Notwithstanding (a) Dan Ireland's feeling that C.O.s should address the issue of the escapees, and (b) Paula Bucholtz's past re-capture efforts, the responsibility may still reside with the farmer (s. 77(3); Ken Broadland will consult with Crown Counsel over the interpretation of 'every reasonable effort'. Mike, If Crown Counsel agrees that Ms. Bucholtz has statutory responsibility to 'recover' the still at large animals, would you be prepared to issue a permit to an approved (by us) designated hunter employed by her to hunt in a closed area? Moreover, would wildlife staff be prepared to accompany one or two of us to (a) meet with a quorum of those Islanders who signed the Sexsmith petition, with a view to identifying potential collaborators (hunters) who may assist upon their own land; and (b) under acceptable circumstances, shoot any Fallow deer escapees which we encounter. Doug, please advise me of your position asap. I'm sure you would agree that further delays may exacerbate the problem. Thanks.

Jamie

-----Original Message-----

June 01, 2000

Brunt, Kim

From: Stephen, Jamie
Sent: March 15, 2000 1:09 PM
To: 'Janz, Doug'; 'Sundquist, Lance'; Whately, Mike; 'Warnock, Earl'
Cc: 'Brunt, Kim'; 'Broadland, Ken'; 'Edwards, Charmane'
Subject: Paula Bucholz Fallow deer farm

As you are aware, Paula Bucholz operates a Fallow deer farm on Mayne Island, from which, since a Game Farm permit was originally issued (by Barry Saunders in 1988), an unknown number of Fallow deer have escaped. Last year, Kim Brunt and Ken Broadland and I visited Paula, inspected her farm, and found a number of Fallow deer escapees browsing close to the farm and another group further north on the Island. As a result of that visit and another site inspection by Ken and Dr. Mervyn Wetzstein (Min. of Agriculture) about 6 weeks ago, we believe the following improvements must be made to prevent the future escape of captive deer:

- (1) Fencing must be upgraded to current standards as expressed by policy of the Ministry of Agriculture (in 1988, standards were less stringent than today);
- (2) Standing trees upon the Bucholz property, within a tree length of the existing perimeter fence, must be removed so as to eliminate windthrow fence damage, which is believed to have provided escape opportunities in the past;
- (3) All captive deer must be permanently marked for ease of distinguishing any new escapes from escapees from previous times (N.B. that it is an existing condition of Paula's permit that all deer have to be permanently marked, but it appears that this requirement has not been met).

In recent weeks, our office has received further reports from Mayne Islanders that Fallow deer continue to roam freely about their property. Although it is difficult to attach confidence to estimates from various individuals, one property owner recently reported a small herd of '10 to 11' at one location. Paula Bucholz does seem to have re-captured a number of escapees at the farm site since our initial visit last year, but those deer which have migrated to remote locations from the farm will not likely be recaptured.

In order to minimize the potential for increasing numbers of Fallow deer on Mayne Is., I propose the following:

- (a) Wildlife section request the Ministry of Agriculture insist on escape control measures as outlined above, and in the event the control measures are not implemented, that the Ministry of Agriculture cancel Paula Bucholz's permit (N.B. Dr. Mervyn Wetzstein is familiar with the site and circumstances, and can be reached at 604-556-3013 or by facsimile at 604-556-3015);
- (b) Ministry staff (Conservation Officers and Wildlife section staff) undertake a schedule of planned hunts to attempt to reduce the numbers of free ranging Fallow deer on the Island. In order to assess the feasibility of hunting Fallow deer escapees on Mayne Is., I have requested Conservation Officers Ken Broadland and Gary Horncastle to attempt to shoot - as authorized by section 79.(1) of the Wildlife Act - as many escaped Fallow deer as practical, where safety considerations and consent from private property owners has been satisfactorily addressed.

Please contact me immediately (desk 746-1250; s.22) if you have any reservations about this strategy for limiting the spread of Fallow deer on Mayne Island.

Jamie

*Trees along fence line
Upgrade lower 12" x 6"
Fencing 12" vert. vs. 6"
current requirement.*

Brunt, Kim

From: Janz, Doug
Sent: May 29, 2000 11:26 AM
To: Brunt, Kim
Subject: FW: May 18, 2000 trip to Mayne Island with Merv Wetzstein, MAF

-----Original Message-----

From: Broadland, Ken
Sent: May 23, 2000 4:04 PM
To: Janz, Doug; Lambert, Mike; Sundquist, Lance; 'Stephen, Jamie'
Subject: May 18, 2000 trip to Mayne Island with Merv Wetzstein, MAF

Just a quick summary of our visit to Paula Buchholz Fallow deer farm on Mayne Island. Paula has about 130 deer and plans to immediately start reducing herd size to 20 deer, including about 17 fawns. Wants to accomplish this before the bucks get in velvet (they're already starting). On fence issue-not using the old Fish and wildlife approved fenced area. More feasible considering her herd size to be reduced to 20 deer, but still needs to use part of it because that's where the barn is and that's where they are fed and processed. Regarding the issue of falling all trees within a one tree length of the perimeter fence... Paula says it's not needed and an over-reaction, but she agrees there are still some trees that could be affected by prevailing south-easterlies and the trees are on her land and she would have them logged if the Government would pay logging costs. On the issue of ear tags, fawns of the year are not required to be ear tagged until December, so if she reduces herd size to 20 deer, only about 3 deer will initially need to be ear tagged.

I gave her a letter saying she had to arrange for agents to hunt or trap the remaining loose fallow deer on Mayne Island. Although initially reluctant, she eventually agreed that they needed to be dealt with, probably by shooting, but thought that we were probably in a better position to organize qualified hunters to do the shooting. Paula thought we'd have trouble finding anybody to do the hunting, I told her there had been several volunteers. Paula has 160 acres, 24 in the fenced fallow deer enclosure. I asked if hunters could hunt on her property. At first she said no, then later agreed they could so long as she had some say as to who hunted on her property.

Paula is having trouble with a former tradesperson who was helping build her new house. On Monday, May 22, Paula called to say someone opened a gate and cut part of a fence and 50 fallow deer escaped. RCMP are investigating. Paula has since recaptured 9 fallow deer. More as it continues.

File: 78 700 -35/FALL



Kim - Rye/Rile

Doug Janz
Wildlife Biologist
Ministry of the Environment and Lands
2080 Labieux Road
Nanaimo BC.
B9T 6J9

24 April, 2000

Copy of Petition Regarding the Existence of Fallow Deer on Mayne Island

Dear Mr. Janz,

I am sending a copy of the petition which I have sent personally to Dr. Wetzstein at the Ministry of Agriculture and to Mr. Sundquist in your Ministry.

I wanted you to have a copy as well when the topic comes us – which we certainly hope it will soon, as these deer drop their fawns in June.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Sexsmith".

Sarah Sexsmith

Mayne Island
250.539.2385

Mr. Lance Sundquist
Regional Conservation Officer
Ministry of the Environment
2080 Labeux Road
Nanaimo BC V9T 6J9

22 April 2000

**REGARDING THE SERIOUS PROBLEM
OF ESCAPED FALLOW DEER ON MAYNE ISLAND.**

Dear Mr. Sundquist

We, the undersigned farmers on Mayne Island, have been concerned for several years with the presence of escaped Fallow Deer on our Island. As is well known, these animals are extremely destructive to pasture and trees; grazing the former down to the roots and girding the latter of bark, causing the death of the tree. These incidents put these animals (which are now the "property of the government" in direct competition with the interests of farmers and fruit tree growers on Mayne.

Both the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of the Environment have clear responsibilities to help us with this growing problem.

An Abridged Quotation of **The Ministry of Agriculture's** Game Farm Regulations reads:

Control of Game

- 4 A licensee must
(a) confine to the farm the game for which the game farm license is held.....

Notification of escape

(various stringent requirements involving accurate reporting of the escape within hours to 7 days)

Notification of recapture

(notification of recapture within 7 days)

Game at large

- 7 (1) A licensee must recapture game that escapes from the licensee's farm within 30 days of the escape of the game to avoid application of section 76 of the Wildlife Act to that game. (see section 76, to follow)

(continued)

Ministry of the Environment, Lands and Parks' Wildlife Act, section 76 reads:

Section 76 On the escape from captivity or the release or abandonment of an animal that is not a domestic animal, the government acquires the ownership of that animal.

We request that the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture confer together and do their jobs as outlined in the regulations which govern their activities or issue specific hunting permits to farm owners to eliminate these escaped animals. Fallow deer directly compete with our farming efforts on Mayne. Further, we remind you of the shocking devastation caused by Fallow Deer on Sidney Island.

s.22

Copies to:

* Mervyn Wetstein, Regulatory Officer, Ministry of Agriculture
Doug Janz, Wildlife Biologist, Ministry of the Environment
MLA Murray Coell
MP Gary Lunn
Gary Richardson, Senior Planner, Islands Trust
Richard Dallon, Southern Gulf Islands CRD Representative
The Honorable Joan Sawicki, Minister of the Environment, Lands and Parks
The Honorable Corky Evans, Minister of Agriculture

s.22



June 16, 2005



File: 78700-20/DEER-FALL

Rich Tamboline
Capital Regional District -
Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area Director
260 Georgina Pt. Rd.
Site 25 Comp. 9
Mayne Island BC V0N 2J0

Dear Rich:

Thank you for your letter of April 26, 2005, regarding fallow deer management on Mayne Island.

We applaud your efforts to maintain access to the few areas where hunting is permitted by having Richard Brown coordinate the permitted individuals to avoid conflicts. Your suggestion of pursuing some form of identification for the permitted hunters also appears to have merit for facilitating access to private lands. However, we do not have any type of Ministry identification that could be provided beyond the letter of introduction we provided to permittees in September 2004, or the permit itself.

You mention in your letter that you would be following up on looking into a small trap that might be used to trap deer. While trapping is not authorized under the current permits for fallow deer control on the island, we are very interested in hearing from you any ideas on trapping activities that might be used. Perhaps we could set up a conference call prior to this fall's hunting activities where we could discuss this further.

Thank you for your efforts to date, and we look forward to working further with you on this issue.

Yours truly,

Bob Hooton
Head, Fish & Wildlife
Science & Allocation Section

cc: Kim Brunt, Wildlife Biologist

Brunt, Kim WLAP:EX

From: Brunt, Kim WLAP:EX
Sent: January 11, 2005 9:47 AM
To: Rich Tamboline (sgidirector@crd.bc.ca)
Cc: Hooton, Bob WLAP:EX; Ryan, Jill WLAP:EX
Subject: Mayne Island Fallow Deer permits

Hello Rich:

The Mayne Island fallow deer kill permits expired on December 31/04. All permitting is now down out of Victoria, coordinated by the Permit Authorization Service Bureau (PASB). I called them to see about renewing these permits, (as well as adding Mr. Holmes as an additional permittee) and they said that shouldn't be a problem.

I spoke to Nancy Smith who was temporarily filling in for Kelly Smith who usually handles these types of permits (called Wildlife Act Sundry permits). She couldn't confirm that there would be no charge for these permits until she had spoken to Kelly. I did let her know that these individuals are basically doing a service for the Ministry, and I understand that a waiving of any applicable fees in these circumstances typically occurs.

The process for obtaining these permits is to have each of the potential permittees (Richard Brown, Robert Anderson, John Dodds, Steve MacDonald and Michael Holmes) contact the PASB office via their toll free number to initiate the permitting process. The number they should call is:

1-866-433-7272 ext. 2, then 3

PASB staff will be able to confirm whether a waiving of fees is applicable when they are contacted by the permittees. The permit then comes to our regional office for approval. Could you please pass this information along to each of these gentlemen??

Many thanks, Kim
Kim Brunt, RP Bio.
Wildlife Biologist
Ministry of Water, Land & Air Protection
2080A Labieux Road
Nanaimo, BC
V9T 6J9
ph. (250) 751-3213
email: kim.brunt@gems9.gov.bc.ca

P.S. - there is a requirement in the 2004 permits to report the number and sex of fallow deer killed under this permit, by January 15, 2005. Please insure that the 2004 permittees are reminded of this requirement. A phone call to Bob Hooton (751-3109) or myself (751-3213) would satisfy this reporting requirement.



September 8, 2004
File: 78700-20 DEER-FALL

Dear Sir or Madam:

As you are probably aware, free-ranging fallow deer currently occur on most parts of Mayne Island. This is the result of several escapes of deer from a local fallow deer farm.

Fallow deer are not native to British Columbia. They are, however, very successful at colonizing new territory at the expense of habitat for native species of wildlife. Also, fallow deer often cause extensive damage to agricultural crops and gardens. For these reasons, the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection is seeking the support of local land owners. If you wish to support us in this regard, you can help by providing access to your property for hunters who have been permitted by the Ministry to harvest fallow deer. With your co-operation we believe it is possible to control the situation before irreversible damage to native wildlife and their habitats occurs.

The following individuals have been authorized by special permit to harvest fallow deer on Mayne Island:

- Richard Brown;
- Robert Anderson;
- John Dodds; and
- Steve MacDonald

The permits given to these individuals include very explicit conditions regarding safety, their own liability for their actions, dispatch of animals, and care and destination of meat. Your assistance in providing the permittees access and any pertinent information on fallow deer concentrations and behaviour will be appreciated.

Should you require further information please contact Bob Hooton, Kim Brunt, or myself at 250 751-3100.

Thank you for your assistance in addressing the Mayne Island fallow deer problem.

Yours truly,

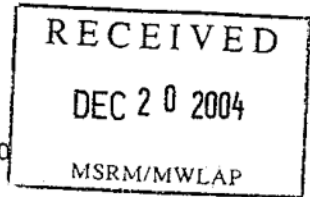
R. H. Heath, R.P. Bio., R.P.F.
Regional Environmental Stewardship Manager
Vancouver Island Region

cc: Rich Tamboline, Regional Director, Capital Regional District, Mayne Island
Mayne Island Trust Committee, Victoria
Bob Hooton, Fish & Wildlife Science & Allocation Section Head
Kim Brunt, Wildlife Biologist



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December 13, 2004

Robert Hooton, Head
Fish and Wildlife Science and Allocation
Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection
2080-A Labieux Road
Nanaimo, BC V9T 6J9

Dear Bob:

Re: Fallow deer on Mayne Island, BC File: 78560-25

We have some good news in connection with our control programme and would like to recommend the following candidate as an additional permittee:

Michael T. Holmes - BC Hunter #751217
706 Charter Road
Site 9 Comp 32
Mayne Island, BC V0N 2J0

Constable Mike Holmes has recently been assigned to the Outer Gulf Islands RCMP Detachment at Mayne Island. He is an experienced hunter and has a diploma from Malaspina College in the RMOT Resource Management Program. Would you make the necessary arrangements to have a permit issued for Mike?

Richard Brown and I have talked with Mike about the history of the problem and we are enthusiastically looking forward to getting a more organized programme put together this winter. It will make a great difference to have one more permittee on island.

We would like to try baiting at a selected site which will entail deciding on a proper time, obtaining permission from the land owners and agreeing on availability of permittees.

I will copy this correspondence by email to Kristen Dunn and Peter Pauwels.

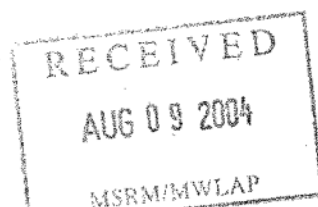
My best wishes to you and your staff for the New Year and I look forward to providing you with updates on how our programme is progressing.

Best regards,

Rich Tamboline
Regional Director



Capital Regional District
SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS ELECTORAL AREA
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August 4, 2004

Kim Brunt
Wildlife Biologist
Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection
2080-A Labieux Road, Nanaimo, BC
V9T 6J9

Dear Kim;

Re: Escaped fallow deer problem, Mayne Island

Bob, Richard and I were very pleased to have the opportunity to meet you and the other members of the Branch staff yesterday. Although we did not make any "earth shattering" decisions or undertake any great new initiatives, it was very satisfying to agree on the approach we will be using in trying to deal with this difficult situation.

We are certainly fortunate to have people like Richard and Bob, who are so well qualified and experienced, to carry on the programme we discussed. I hope we are successful in attracting new permittees who are just as conscientious and capable.

I will contact Sally Sexsmith, who undertook to look into this problem some years ago, and see if she has any material that would be useful in the preparation of a letter to assist the permittees in obtaining access to private property. If anything that seems to be useful turns up I will forward it on to you.

In connection with the disposal of the meat from harvested animals the permittees will continue the disposal methods which they have used since the programme began: ie. distributing it to the needy and First Nations.

Thank you for your contribution to a better understanding of what is "doable" and providing direction for our efforts. Also, would you please extend my appreciation to the other staff members for their participation and input (regrettably I didn't write their names down).

I hope we can continue our dialogue and review the project on a regular basis to assess its effectiveness and consider changes which may be indicated.

Best personal regards,

Rich Tamboline
Regional Director

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Oak Bay~Southern Gulf Islands~Saanich~Sidney~Salt Spring Island~Sidney~Sooke~Victoria~View Royal



FAX SHEET

Date: JAN 11/05 # of pages (including this sheet) 5
To: Nancy Smith/Kelly Smith Fax # 387.0922
Office: PASB Phone # 356.7990
From: Kim Bunt Phone # 250 751-3213
Fax # 250 751-3108
Re: Mayne Island fallow deer permits

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

→ 4 expired permits attached; I will instruct these individuals to call the Wildl. Sunday permits option on the PASB call line for renewals. In addition ~~the~~ to these folks, there will be one more for 2005: ^{s.22}

→ I will have him call as well.
→ Assuming the "no fee" option is still available (as these folks are basically doing the Ministry a service) ???

URGENT: No

CONFIDENTIAL: No

ORIG. IN MAIL: No

→ All other conditions of the permit could be the same.
Material contained in this fax transmission may be confidential, and should only be delivered to the addressee. If you do not receive all pages, please call 751-3100.

Many thanks, Kim

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PERMIT P-NA-192

Wildlife Act Section 19 R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 488
Permit Regulation 253/2000 Section 2(i), 2(c)(iii), 23(4)(a)

NAME John Dodds
ADDRESS s.22

TELEPHONE s.22

Is authorized to discharge a firearm in a "No Shooting" area, to wit: Mayne Island, and to hunt and kill wildlife, to wit: Fallow Deer, for the purpose of controlling wildlife population: subject to the following conditions:

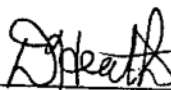
1. Permittee must hunt on own property, or have written permission to hunt on other private property.
2. Permittee must carry valid hunting licence, this permit, and letter of permission to hunt on private property, and be able to produce upon request for a Conservation Officer or an RCMP member.
3. Any Fallow Deer killed under authority of this permit must be field dressed and preserved in such a manner that they can be used as food for human consumption.
4. Permittee responsible for making arrangements to ensure that the meat of any Fallow Deer killed is utilized by needy persons residing on Mayne Island.
5. The permit allows for the use of rifles to kill Fallow Deer on Mayne Island. The permittee is responsible for any damage caused to persons or property during the hunting of Fallow Deer.
6. Permittee must report by January 15, 2005, the number and sex of any Fallow Deer killed under the authority of this permit.

This permit is only valid from January 21, 2004 to December 31, 2004.

Issued at Nanaimo on January 21, 2004

If fee is charged,
number of General Receipt issued

Permit Fee \$ n/a
HCTF\$ n/a


R.H. HEATH, R.P.BIO., R.P.F.
Regional Environmental Stewardship Manager
Vancouver Island Region

Distribution: Permit & Licensing Officer Victoria ☐ Permittee ☐ Regional Office ☐ District Office ☐

PERMIT P-NA-191

Wildlife Act Section 19 R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 488
Permit Regulation 253/2000 Section 2(i), 2(c)(iii), 23(4)(a)

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ADDRESS s.22

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PERMIT P-NA-190

Wildlife Act Section 19 R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 488
Permit Regulation 253/2000 Section 2(i), 2(c)(iii), 23(4)(a)

NAME Richard Brown
ADDRESS s.22

TELEPHONE s.22

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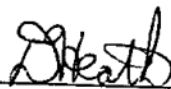
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PERMIT P-NA-189

Wildlife Act Section 19 R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 488
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NAME Steve MacDonald
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TELEPHONE s.22

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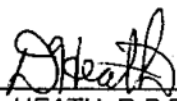
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August 11, 2004

File: 78560-25

Rich Tamboline
Regional Director
Capital Regional District
Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area
260 Georgina Point Road
RR 1 Site 25 Comp 9
Mayne Island BC V0N 2J0

Dear Rich:

Thank you for the opportunity to meet on August 3, 2004, and discuss emerging fallow deer issues on Mayne Island. We sincerely appreciate the effort you have made to convene those who have the knowledge and experience to develop management options. In terms of the action points Ministry staff took from the meeting, I would like to confirm the following:

- 1) Ministry staff will prepare a letter outlining the fallow deer problem and steps the Ministry authorizes and supports to control population growth. We understand the current free ranging population to be in the order of 50-60 animals. There is little likelihood of reducing this number substantially. Our primary objective is to prevent this number from increasing. Our letter will serve as a backgrounder and introduction to land owners where permitted hunters may desire access for population control purposes.
- 2) The Ministry is prepared to issue permits to up to three more individuals who are considered by existing permittees and our staff to be qualified and capable of contributing to population control efforts. We await your further recommendations in this regard.
- 3) The Ministry will review the language of the existing permits with the objective of providing greater clarity around the conditions attached thereto (especially disposal of carcasses).
- 4) The Ministry will approach First Nations representatives to encourage their participation in harvest on reserve and to investigate opportunities for delivering fallow deer carcasses to them.

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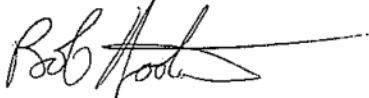
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- 5) The Ministry will review available information and options for use of attractants to concentrate fallow deer in areas where harvest may occur readily.

One final point relates to hunting opportunity. Whereas the Ministry generally supports maintenance of such opportunities, we accept the safety and public perception issues around reinstatement of a restricted hunting season on Mayne Island are not likely to be resolved. For that reason we will not pursue a fallow deer hunting opportunity at this time.

Thank you again for your efforts in dealing with the fallow deer problem. We look forward to your continuing support.

Yours truly,



R. S. Hooton, Head
Fish & Wildlife Science and Allocation

cc: Gary Horncastle, Conservation Officer Service, Duncan
Kristen Dunn, Conservation Officer Service, Victoria
Kim Brunt, Wildlife Biologist, Nanaimo

Brunt, Kim

From: Brunt, Kim
Sent: Monday, February 01, 1999 10:38 AM
To: Ireland(Dan) AGF:EU
Cc: Janz, Doug; Kissinger, Chris
Subject: Gulf Islands Fallow Deer Meeting

Dan:

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Thanks, Kim Brunt
s.22

Feb 1/99

Also called Mark Frater - (James Is. fallow deer mgr.)
- he will attend if possible.

- He says:
- good contact for info - fallow deer farmer in Merritt
 - limited market for meat; "white table cloth" crowd, like steaks but not stew + burger
 - slaughterhouse in Langley to be used, also one on the Island (Westholme meats)
 - TB test required if they go thru a farm; share / apply antigen / re-examine for reaction after 3 days
 - He has extensive capture / handling experience

Brunt, Kim

From: Brunt, Kim
Sent: Monday, February 01, 1999 4:16 PM
To: 'Iwanson, Marna'
Subject: FW: Gulf Islands Fallow Deer Meeting

Marna:

This is just an update on our plans to have a Gulf Islands Fallow deer meeting sometime during the week of March 8-12 (not the 11th). I had a telephone conversation with Mark Fraker who will also try to attend. He has extensive experience in James Island fallow deer management activities.

Once I hear back from Dan Ireland we can pick a firm date.

Cheers, Kim Brunt
Wildlife Biologist
ph. 751-3213
kbrunt@nanaimo.env.gov.bc.ca

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Brunt, Kim

From: Broadland, Ken
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 1999 12:41 PM
To: Brunt, Kim; Janz, Doug
Subject: Mayne Island...Fallow Deer

Kim, I had a s.22 from Mayne Island call me about the Fallow deer problem. He reported seeing 20. I take it most of the Mayne Islanders know how the Fallow deer got there and are wondering if we're concerned and what we might be planning to do about it. I told Bill we'd had calls in the past, are concerned, but had never gotten around to any sort of eradication program, other than having local people deal with it as they saw fit. I don't know what sort of increase we're getting with that population, but I suppose we should gaze into our crystal ball and ask ourselves whether or not we want Fallow deer on Mayne and possibly neighbouring Islands. Thoughts?

96.08.23

(^{DL}
s.22) → Follow Deer on Mayre Island - discussion with
Ken Broadland. He has spoken to Mrs Dodds
and she seems to be sympathetic to us
removing some ^{follow} deer from her property.
she has seen 2 does each with 2 fawns
and some small bucks.

→ I will continue to try & contact her
to line up a hunt with Duncan COS
for early - mid Sept.



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TO: Ken Broadland

DATE: 96.04.22

Gary Horncastle/Tamie S.

ADDRESS:

FAX NO: 746-1295

DUNCAN C.O.S.

PHONE NO: 746-1236

FROM: Kim Brant

MESSAGE:

Intb. on fallow deer escapes on Mayne
Island. Pls. have a look and we can
discuss further re: who should initiate contact
with whom....

cheers

Kim.

Sent by:

KB

Time Sent:

11:10

Rush/Urgent: Yes ☐ No ☒
ADM018.201

Confidential: Yes ☐ No ☒

April 9/96

Doug/Mike:

Re: Mayne Island Fallow deer escapees

Today I spoke to Shaun Freeman, the previous Animal Control Officer for Mayne Island. He no longer has the job (as of May/95) but he gave me the name of the new ACO. While on the phone, Shaun indicated that he did not end up taking any of the 5 to 9 fallow deer that escaped from Ms. Bucholz' farm on Feb. 12/95, but that a month or so ago when he was on Mayne Island, he saw some fallow deer. He said the biggest problem that was encountered in trying to control (i.e. kill) these escapees was gaining access to properties where they were hanging out - in particular, an older gentleman who goes by the nickname of "Punch" doesn't want them shot on his property.

I also spoke to Bob Knapman, the new ACO (ph. 539-2075) who at first thought that there were no escapees left because he hadn't received any complaints. When I let him know that at least some adults with juveniles had been sighted recently, he didn't seem too surprised because Ms. Bucholz only recaptured 2 from the original escapees. He indicated that Shaun Freeman had obtained access from Carol Kennedy to control these deer but they seem to spend a lot of time on "Punch's" property. He thought that if we (wildlife or COS) approached the people where the deer are hanging out with a good argument for taking these animals out, they may be cooperative. He has spoken to Ms. Bucholz who said she has a dart gun and would be willing to try and recapture the deer if called when they are sighted. Having been involved in a number of ground stalking attempts to dart free-ranging animals, I peg her chances of success at slim to none.

I think that it is very worthwhile to pursue this matter now at a time when we have a chance at nipping this thing in the bud before we have another Sidney Island on our hands. If you agree, I'd like to talk to the Duncan COS and ask them to take a trip over to the Island to talk to the key players (the ACO, Punch, Ms. Bucholz, Carol Kennedy, etc.) and see if it is possible to gain access to have a stab at eradicating these critters.

Kim.

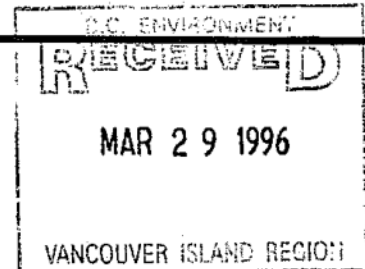


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MEMORANDUM

March 26, 1996



TO: Earl Warnock, Regional Director
Vancouver Island Regional Headquarters
Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks

Doug Turner, Regional Enforcement Manager
Conservation Officer Service
Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks

RE: FALLOW DEER FARM - MAYNE ISLAND

Further to this issue, I wish to update you as to the fallow deer remaining at large from the above premises.

Some animals have been recaptured during the past few months. As of March 21, 1996, there remains one or two mature does at large. Our office has received reports that offspring have been sighted with the mature animals but an exact count is not known.

The licensee has been requested to conduct an accurate herd inventory to determine the exact number of animals still at large. Ms. Paula Buchholz has agreed and will forward a detailed report by April 30, 1996.

However, since the 30-day "grace" period extended for game at large under the Game Farm Act has expired some time ago, the remaining animals fall under the jurisdiction of your ministry. Ms. Buchholz has been advised that any costs incurred by government personnel for recapture or disposal may be charged to her should your ministry decide to take action under Section 79 of the Wildlife Act.

If you wish to discuss this further, please contact me at 356-6238. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Ireland, P. Ag.
Game Farm Coordinator

cc: A. C. Fleury, President
Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association

Sharon Oliver, Operations Manager

Mile Whately. Does this require a response?

Doug Jany

- This is the Atlantic
Salmon of wildlife mgmt!

- What is your advice?

Should we be actively
pursuing recapture or
eradication of these animals?

(Mayne) I am mindful that this
is an island and we know what
happened on Sydney & Jones.

MW

76/04/92

Kim

• is not the local CRD animal
control officer involved?

New animal control officer as of May '95
= Bob Knapman (Mayne Island) 539-2075 CRD Animal Control #

April 9/96

Doug/Mike:

78560-45/DEER
78700-35/FALL

Re: Mayne Island Fallow deer escapees

Today I spoke to Shaun Freeman, the previous Animal Control Officer for Mayne Island. He no longer has the job (as of May/95) but he gave me the name of the new ACO. While on the phone, Shaun indicated that he did not end up taking any of the 5 to 9 fallow deer that escaped from Ms. Bucholz' farm on Feb. 12/95, but that a month or so ago when he was on Mayne Island, he saw some fallow deer. He said the biggest problem that was encountered in trying to control (i.e. kill) these escapees was gaining access to properties where they were hanging out - in particular, an older gentleman who goes by the nickname of "Punch" doesn't want them shot on his property.

I also spoke to Bob Knapman, the new ACO (ph. 539-2075) who at first thought that there were no escapees left because he hadn't received any complaints. When I let him know that at least some adults with juveniles had been sighted recently, he didn't seem too surprised because Ms. Bucholz only recaptured 2 from the original escapees. He indicated that Shaun Freeman had obtained access from Carol Kennedy to control these deer but they seem to spend a lot of time on "Punch's" property. He thought that if we (wildlife or COS) approached the people where the deer are hanging out with a good argument for taking these animals out, they may be cooperative. He has spoken to Ms. Bucholz who said she has a dart gun and would be willing to try and recapture the deer if called when they are sighted. Having been involved in a number of ground stalking attempts to dart free-ranging animals, I peg her chances of success at slim to none.

I think that it is very worthwhile to pursue this matter now at a time when we have a chance at nipping this thing in the bud before we have another Sidney Island on our hands. If you agree, I'd like to talk to the Duncan COS and ask them to take a trip over to the Island to talk to the key players (the ACO, Punch, Ms. Bucholz, Carol Kennedy, etc.) and see if it is possible to gain access to have a stab at eradicating these critters. //

Kim.

→ Kim. Please proceed as you suggest. * Thank you for the update. (MAY) 96/04/10.

Brunt, Kim

From: Brunt, Kim
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 1999 11:50 AM
To: Jones, Greg
Cc: Janz, Doug
Subject: RE: Mayne Island Fallow Deer

Greg:

We share a concern about fallow deer on Mayne Island. Shortly before receiving your email, the Duncan COs and I planned a trip to the island on June 3rd to assess the situation. If the estimate of 100 or more is correct, we have probably already missed a our best opportunity to control this population. Late in 1994, I first heard of an escape of fallow deer that occurred in May, 1994, where at least 3 of the deer were not recovered. There have been several escapes since (apparently about 20/year) "most" of which have been recovered. I have been making noise about "nipping this thing in the bud" for quite some time. However, other than providing permits to the animal control contractor and a local employee of BC Hydro (or is it BC Tel?) to kill deer, we have not had much success controlling the deer numbers.

The local fallow deer farmer, Paula Bucholz is the source of the escapees. Duncan CO Ken Broadland called her to let her know we would be out for a look and likely soon "gunning" for her escapees and she was quite concerned at losing some of "her" animals, but has been given fair warning to round them up now, or risk losing them permanently. I have a letter from Min. of Ag&Fish from Mar./96 stating that escapees became the property of the Crown after 30 days. We'll assess the likelihood of success of an archery hunt and update you on our planned course of action after our June 3rd trip.

If we decide on MoE control program, maybe you should come along Greg..... it looks like this might be a rare opportunity to actually be successful on a deer hunt in Region 1!!

Cheers, Kim.

From: Janz, Doug
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 1999 9:34 AM
To: Brunt, Kim
Subject: FW: Mayne Island Fallow Deer

Kim - pls respond to Greg - thx.

From: Jones, Greg
To: Janz, Doug
Subject: FW: Mayne Island Fallow Deer
Date: Wednesday, May 19, 1999 3:35PM

Doug: this is regional, any comments?

Thanks

Greg

From: Dryden, Doug
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 1999 8:24 AM
To: Hayden, Mark; 'Jones, Greg'
Subject: Mayne Island Fallow Deer

At the Fish and Game meeting on Monday night the issue of fallow deer on Mayne Island was raised and what we proposed to do about it. According to what I heard there are considerably more than the 25 or 30 roaming wild that we had previously heard about. More in the order of 100 or more.

Apparently these are long term escapees from the fallow deer farm on the island and there has been no attempt to recapture them or if there has, it's been largely unsuccessful.

I assume these become a crown resource after having been left in the wild for 30 days? (similar to bison?) If so, we may have a problem looming as the numbers grow unimpeded. If not, we should start leaning on the owner to do something about them.

Assuming the facts given to me are accurate, what can we do about it since Mayne is a no shooting/no hunting island. Have we had any complaints from Mayne residents? What about a permit bow season? Other ideas?

Brunt, Kim

From: Broadland, Ken
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 1997 3:17 PM
To: Brunt, Kim
Subject: RE: Fallow Deer- Mayne Island

I'm sure Sharon believes (from her office) that Paula will be just as successful at rounding up the escapees as she has been in the past. Sharon is under the impression that , prior to the most recent escape, only 2-4 Fallows were still loose. I don't think locals would agree with that number. Sharon believes Paula will make an effort to round up the latest bunch, time will tell.

From: Brunt, Kim
To: Broadland, Ken
Subject: RE: Fallow Deer- Mayne Island
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 1997 2:58PM

No cross-breeding potential, but habitat degradation a la Sidney Island if we don't nip this thing in the bud.

Any indication from Sharon about the deer farmers' obligations to round up the escapees??

Thanks for the info.....

Cheers, Kim.

> **From:** Broadland, Ken
> **To:** Brunt, Kim
> **Subject:** Fallow Deer- Mayne Island
> **Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 1997 2:30PM
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> I spoke to Sharon Oliver . Paula B. advised Sharon on Oct 20
> that 25 does escaped one paddock about then (away for
> weekend). Seems as though a buck (previous escapee) tried to
> get back INTO the pen to do what deer do at this time of the
> year. No doubt he wanted the best of both world's. He
> developed a bit of a hole in the fence, enough for all the
> does to get out, but alas the hero of the piece was caught up
> in the page wire only to meet a gruesome end, without
> accomplishing his true mission. The buck was still warm when
> Paula found him, antlers caught up in the wire. Sharon says
> that most of the previous escapees have returned (oh sure),
> prior to these twenty-five, maybe only two or four deer were
> still loose. She'll keep us posted if the girls return. Do
> Fallow's cross breed with Black-Taileds?
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File: 78700-35/ Fallow Deer

Miles Drew
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Dear Miles Drew:

Re: Fallow deer on Mayne Island

It has recently come to our attention that at least three fallow deer have been free-ranging on Mayne Island since May 1994. BC Environment is very concerned about the potential effects of this introduced species on native wildlife and habitats. The most significant of these concerns relate to disease transmission and habitat degradation.

Although the health of captive fallow deer can be monitored closely, free-ranging animals may become reservoirs and/or vectors for diseases which may be devastating to native wildlife. In addition, fallow deer in the Gulf Islands have the potential to develop extremely high population levels which have been shown to severely alter native ecosystems. Sidney Island is a prime example of the level of habitat degradation that can occur if fallow deer are allowed to proliferate. It appears that the group of three fallow deer includes both males and females, so the opportunity for population expansion is obvious.

We strongly endorse any efforts by the Animal Control Officer on Mayne Island to remove these deer by safe, humane means. This should be done as soon as possible to reduce the chance of the addition of more animals through spring births. Please request that the officer record any ear tag information (if present), and the sex/age of any animals removed.

Yours truly,

M. R. Whately, R.P.Bio.
Regional Fish and Wildlife Manager
Vancouver Island Region

cc: Shaun Freeman, Animal Control Officer, Mayne Island
Doug Janz, Head, Wildlife Section
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