

**From:** Gary Sullivan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 05, 2012 5:17 PM  
**To:** 'john\_elfson@fws.gov'  
**Subject:** Re: Op Something Bruin meeting

John the address is 2760 Wildlife Lane West Columbia SC 29172 This runs off of Fish Hatchery Road If you have trouble with your GPS let me know and I will meet you or guide you in by phone Please forward to Phillip for me

**From:** Elofson, John [[mailto:john\\_elfson@fws.gov](mailto:john_elfson@fws.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 05, 2012 04:49 PM  
**To:** Phillip Lucas <[philip.lucas@ncwildlife.org](mailto:philip.lucas@ncwildlife.org)>; Gary Sullivan  
**Cc:** Tom Chisdock <[Tom\\_Chisdock@fws.gov](mailto:Tom_Chisdock@fws.gov)>; Darwin Huggins <[Darwin\\_Huggins@fws.gov](mailto:Darwin_Huggins@fws.gov)>  
**Subject:** Op Something Bruin meeting

Gary, Phillip,

Can either of you confirm the location (address) for where the meeting on Op Something Bruin will be held. Please also confirm it is still on Monday December 10 at 10:00 a.m. also.

John Elofson

**From:** Elofson, John [[mailto:john\\_elfson@fws.gov](mailto:john_elfson@fws.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 05, 2012 4:50 PM  
**To:** Phillip Lucas; Gary Sullivan  
**Cc:** Tom Chisdock; Darwin Huggins  
**Subject:** Op Something Bruin meeting

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**From:** Elofson, John [[mailto:john\\_elfson@fws.gov](mailto:john_elfson@fws.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 06, 2012 12:09 PM  
**To:** Phillip Lucas; Gary Sullivan  
**Subject:** Re: Op Something Bruin meeting

Thank you. Looking forward to it.

John

On Wed, Dec 5, 2012 at 4:49 PM, Elofson, John <[john\\_elfson@fws.gov](mailto:john_elfson@fws.gov)> wrote:  
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John Elofson

**From:** Gary Sullivan  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 12:47 PM  
**To:** Chisolm Frampton  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: bruin meeting

Yes that's it let's take Rusty and John since they have been involved with our case since it started

**From:** Chisolm Frampton  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 12:42 PM  
**To:** Gary Sullivan  
**Subject:** Fwd: bruin meeting

This is the bear meeting correct and who is going to attend w us

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Caveny, Dale" <[dale.caveny@ncwildlife.org](mailto:dale.caveny@ncwildlife.org)>  
**Date:** November 16, 2012, 8:40:43 AM EST  
**To:** Eddie Henderson <[eddie.henderson@dnr.state.ga.us](mailto:eddie.henderson@dnr.state.ga.us)>, Chisolm Frampton <[FramptonC@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:FramptonC@dnr.sc.gov)>, Russ Arthur <[rarthur@fs.fed.us](mailto:rarthur@fs.fed.us)>, "Luis Santiago@fws.gov" <[Luis\\_Santiago@fws.gov](mailto:Luis_Santiago@fws.gov)>, "Myers, Gordon S." <[gordon.myers@ncwildlife.org](mailto:gordon.myers@ncwildlife.org)>, "Martin, Mallory G." <[mallory.martin@ncwildlife.org](mailto:mallory.martin@ncwildlife.org)>  
**Cc:** "Southard, Brian ([bsouthard@fs.fed.us](mailto:bsouthard@fs.fed.us))" <[bsouthard@fs.fed.us](mailto:bsouthard@fs.fed.us)>, "Lucas, Philip A" <[philip.lucas@ncwildlife.org](mailto:philip.lucas@ncwildlife.org)>, "Arnold, Chad R" <[chad.arnold@ncwildlife.org](mailto:chad.arnold@ncwildlife.org)>  
**Subject:** bruin meeting

South Carolina DNR has offered to host our meeting on 12/7 in Florence, SC to discuss the political and media issues that will accompany the close of the enforcement operation previously discussed. The location is listed below unless we are directed otherwise by SC.

295 South Evander Drive  
Florence, SC 29506

If you will send me agenda items you would like to discuss by Monday 12/3 at 1000, I will put them together and send out a completed agenda that afternoon for each of you to review before the meeting. Some examples of topics may include:

- An overview of the operation
- Developing a consistent media message with all agencies
- How we choose to release information to the media
- Maximizing the impact of these charges/arrests

- The impact of these charges on pending, proposed or possible legislation in your jurisdiction
- Handling/managing potential “spin” (positive or negative) by sportsmen and/or animal rights groups, etc.

It would also be beneficial from a logistical standpoint to get a list of the people who plan to attend. Brian, will you forward this to the US Park Service?

Thanks.

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**From:** Gary Sullivan  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 12:54 PM  
**To:** Chisolm Frampton  
**Subject:** Re: bruin meeting

Be a good dose of structure and reality for both

**From:** Chisolm Frampton  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 12:50 PM  
**To:** Gary Sullivan  
**Subject:** Re: bruin meeting

I don't know about rusty john for sure

**From:** Chisolm Frampton  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2012 1:01 PM

**To:** Gary Sullivan  
**Subject:** Re: bruin meeting

Yes but rusty s riddles and rhetoric might not help him Just thinking we will see. On way home now from Maryland

**From:** [John\\_Elofson@fws.gov](mailto:John_Elofson@fws.gov) [[mailto:John\\_Elofson@fws.gov](mailto:John_Elofson@fws.gov)]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 15, 2012 9:59 AM  
**To:** Gary Sullivan; [philip.lucas@ncwildlife.org](mailto:philip.lucas@ncwildlife.org); [Andrey\\_Guidera@fws.gov](mailto:Andrey_Guidera@fws.gov)  
**Subject:** Coordination meeting/briefing Elvers Investigation

I am sending this email for us to coordinate a meeting date, time, location so that Andrey Guidera, the case agent with USFWS OLE can brief you and your Col's on the Investigation involving the unlawful take of Elvers.

Time frame that we are trying to target for the meeting is either the last week of November or the first week of December. With travel, I would prefer mid week, but with everyone's busy schedule, I will be very flexible on dates.

With regard to location, I will leave it up to the experts (Captain Gary Sullivan and Lt. Phillip Lucas) with better ideas for meeting locations. We would like to make it central to both North Carolina and South Carolina.

Please advise on dates and locations that would work.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2012 2:32 PM  
**To:** Gary Sullivan; [philip.lucas@ncwildlife.org](mailto:philip.lucas@ncwildlife.org)  
**Subject:** Fw: bear meeting

Could we coordinate the Elvers Investigation meeting for a consecutive time to this meeting, in order to avoid duplication of travel?

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----- Forwarded by John Elofson/R4/FWS/DOI on 10/16/2012 02:29 PM -----

**Darwin  
Huggins/R4/FWS/DO  
I**  
10/16/2012 12:06 PM

To Luis Santiago/R4/FWS/DOI@FWS, John  
Elofson/R4/FWS/DOI@FWS, Tom  
Chisdock/R4/FWS/DOI@FWS

cc

Subject Re: bear meeting 

I should be able to make it work.

▼ Luis Santiago---10/16/2012 09:55 AM EDT---

From: Luis Santiago  
To: John Elofson; Darwin Huggins; Tom Chisdock  
Cc:  
Date: 10/16/2012 09:55 AM EDT  
Subject: Fw: bear meeting

Heads-up on proposed coordination meeting on December. Please pencil-in the first two weeks of December! If you have any major conflict w/date, let me know ASAP.

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"You'll never get the best from employees by trying to build a fire under them-- you've got to build a fire within them." --Bob Nelson

----- Forwarded by Luis Santiago/R4/FWS/DOI on 10/16/2012 09:43 AM -----

"Caveny, Dale"  
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10/15/2012 04:38 PM

To"Myers, Gordon S."  
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Subjectbear meeting

I have talked with Director Myers (NC), Col. Henderson (GA), Col. Taylor (SC), and Russ Arthur (USFS) about having a meeting in December to discuss possible political implications, peripheral management issues, and media releases concerning the upcoming end of Operation Something Bruin. This will give us an opportunity to brainstorm various scenarios that may arise when the arrests are made and how can attempt to get in front of those before they arise. We can also begin work on talking points for news releases and/or news conferences so we can come out with a strong uniform message. It has been suggested that this meeting include the state agency's executive director and/or chief deputy director (or federal SAC or ASAC), chief of law enforcement, and your lead public information officer.

Brian Southard and any officers he feels are necessary can give us an overview of the operation, the types of violations, etc. After some discussion the PIOs can move to another room and work on a set of talking points that we can review before leaving for the day. This will give us a month to fine tune our message.

Chisolm, Alvin offered to find a location in upstate SC for the meeting. The Gaffney/Spartanburg area is about an equal distance from Raleigh and Atlanta. Can you suggest a location?

Luis, I wasn't sure who should attend from USFWS. Will you forward this to the

appropriate person(s)?

Russ, I assume Brian will attend. Will you forward to who else should attend from USFS?

Brian, Should we have a representative from the USPS since some activities may have taken place in the Smokies?

It looks like this could be a large meeting which will making scheduling difficult. Check your calendars for the first two weeks in Decembers and pass along any conflicts. We will try to pick a day that works for as many as possible. I realize that calendars fill up quickly. If you will respond back by Friday, 10/19, we will nail down a date the first of next week.

Thanks

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**Subject:** Bear Meeting

Gary, Phillip,

If you could confirm the final date time location for the bear meeting and send an email that includes our agency members on the CC list I would appreciate it. You may want to email all participants with the final info as well.

Thus far I understand December 7th, but the time and location needs to be confirmed.

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**Subject: Re: bear meeting**

Dale, first couple of weeks in Dec look good for me, except 12/6, 12/10. I have cc:d ASAC Darwin Huggins, RAC John Elofson, and SA Tom Chisdock for coordination.

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