

AVIAN INFLUENZA PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS MEETING

Agenda

Feb 6-7, 2008

USFWS Regional Office

1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK

Meeting Goal: To facilitate a comprehensive AI sampling effort for the 2008 field season

Objectives:

- 1) Review previous (2006 and 2007) sampling regimes and AI results
- 2) Identify data gaps and focal areas with regards to species, geographic distribution and live vs harvested samples
- 3) Decide upon sample collection techniques for 2008
- 4) Review data access and reporting policies
- 5) Discuss interagency/international collaboration
- 6) Provide morbidity/mortality response training to FWS response team members

Agenda:

Wednesday: February 6

8:30 – 9:00 Welcome and Introductions

Presentations: 2006/2007 DOI-ADFG Surveillance and Research Programs

9:00-9:20	Global Overview Review of R7 AI Surveillance Program	Kim Trust
9:20-9:40	Live-Bird Sampling Effort: Comparison of AI results among species/between years	Paul Flint
9:40-9:50	Hunter/subsistence Harvest Results	Kim Trust
9:50-10:20	Update from the National Wildlife Health Center	Hon Ip/ Paul Flint
10:20-10:30	<i>Break</i>	
10:30-10:40	Pintails	Jerry Hupp
10:40-10:50	Swans	Craig Ely
10:50-11:00	Shorebirds	Dan Ruthrauff
11:00-11:10	Shorebirds	Rick Lanctot

Presentations: Other Agency Programs

11:10- 11:30	Update from USDA on Alaska Wild Bird sampling	Dave Sinnett
11:30-11:40	Update from the State Veterinarians Office	Bob Gerlach
11:40-1:00	<i>Lunch</i>	

Discussion:

1:00-2:30: Data Gaps

- A) Missing/low numbers of certain species- how to focus our efforts in 2008
 - 1) Number of samples per 'population'
 - a. Currently, n = 200 from each group of birds sampled
 - b. What's considered a 'population'?
 - 2) Review original criteria for species selection
 - a. Additional species of interest
 - b. Do the 2006/2007 results influence the species selection
- B) Geographic distribution
 - 1) Is the State adequately covered?
 - 2) Do the 2006/2007 results influence the geographic spread

2:30-2:45 Break

2:45-4:00: Sampling Strategy in 2008

- A) Species
- B) Seasonality-Do we need to get earlier samples from more projects
- C) Sample collection methods
- D) Hunter/Subsistence participation (YKHC PIs)
 - How to motivate hunters and get better cooperation
 - Consistency in sampling effort (age of carcass--i.e., time after death)

4:00-5:00: Interagency/International Collaboration

Thursday, Feb 7

8:30 – 9:30 Data Policies
Access to data
Reporting results
Publications

9:30-10:30 Long-Term Strategies
Potential budget reductions after 2008

10:30-11:00 Wrap-up

Training (FWS only):

11:00- 12:00 Morbidity/Mortality Response

Donna Dewhurst

- Respirator fit tests
- Field response to morbidity/mortality events