

Midway Atoll Mouse Eradication Draft EA  
Approved List of Topics for Public Comment  
Northwest Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council  
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Questions for USFWS (since the Draft EA had yet to be released at the time of the meeting, these questions may be answered in the document)

1. The goal is 100% eradication, what happens if this does not occur?
2. What about coastal species? Monk seals, turtles, corals, etc.
3. What is the success rate of similar projects?
4. What is the half-life of the poison?
  - a. *USFWS response at RAC meeting: not currently known, 1-2 months*
5. What are the patterns of “blooms” at other islands?
  - a. *USFWS response at RAC meeting: have looked at other islands, small sample size.*
6. What is the no action and what other alternatives were considered?
  - a. *USFWS response at RAC meeting: Yes, all other feasibility discussed.*
7. Does the draft EA describe biosecurity protocols?
8. Does the draft EA allow eradication to happen in subsequent years? (If the 2019 season is not possible?)
9. How does USFWS define the success of the project?
10. How does USFWS know when there are no mice?
11. This EA only covers this effort – would USFWS have to come back for additional work on Midway?

Comments on the Midway Atoll Mouse Eradication

- RAC supports action to eliminate the mice
- The RAC does not want the mice to come back
- USFWS needs to consider bio-security for emergency landings
- The RAC supports the funding for this effort
- The RAC supports different methods for different parts of the island
- Appreciate that USFWS is partnering with groups who have done this before
- The RAC encourages USFWS to work with groups who have expertise in the community, relations to gain support
- The RAC encourages USFWS to utilize climate comparisons in other areas where this has occurred
- The health of Midway Atoll is culturally important and it is important to bring balance back to Midway Atoll
- The urgency is a protocol
- The RAC encourages USFWS to consider cultural protocol in order to cleanse and restore the balance of the place