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From: [REDACTED] (ERG-BIO)
Sent: 27 March 2012 10:42
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: IN CONFIDENCE: Snares report publication

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That is yet to be decided by Ministers, but if you wish to discuss in advance of their decision please let me know. I appreciate this may not be a key issue for the RSPB but I suspect that there will be those that will argue snares are useful /(essential ?) for the conservation of native ground nesting birds, so would be good to know the RSPB's official line on snares even if you do not wish to meet to discuss.

Thanks,
Ashley

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 March 2012 11:32
To: [REDACTED] (ERG-BIO)
Subject: RE: IN CONFIDENCE: Snares report publication

Hi [REDACTED]
Thanks for this. Is it expected that this will lead to legislative change, policy change, new guidance, or is that all still up in the air until Ministers have considered the report?

Thanks
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 March 2012 10:35
To: [REDACTED] (ERG-BIO)
Subject: IN CONFIDENCE: Snares report publication
Importance: High

All,

Please treat in confidence until the publication of the report is announced in a Written Ministerial Statement on Thursday 15 March 2012 (likely to be mid-late morning).

Tomorrow (Thursday 15 March 2012) we will publish the Defra report, 'Determining the extent of use and humaneness of snares in England and Wales', on our website.

No stakeholders have had prior sight of the report. Therefore Ministers are providing a post-publication period for stakeholders to read and consider the report and an opportunity to discuss with officials, before Ministers consider their options and announce what action they are minded to take. (Following that there will then be a full 3 month public consultation on any proposed policy changes).

There will NOT be a press-release by Defra. A written Ministerial statement will be made to Parliament (not sure of exact timing but will be Thurs 15). As Ministers have not yet decided on a

course of action the statement will simply announce publication of the report. The report will be accessible via the link at the bottom of our web-page WM0315

There is no immediate need to rush to discuss with Defra, we will not be moving ahead without giving due time for discussions. Next week, once you have had chance to read the report, I will be looking to set up meetings for those who wish to discuss the report's findings with me. Please could anyone wishing to do this let me know by replying to this email by CoP Monday, and I will contact you shortly after that to arrange a date & time. I will make sure all of the organisations that have received this email and wish to discuss the report with me, will have an opportunity to do so, prior to Ministers considering policy options. Please forward to others in your organisation on a 'need-to-know' basis only and remember that this information must not be released outside your organisation prior to the statement on Thursday.

If downloading / printing/ emailing the report please be aware: it is 14MB, needs to be in colour for various graphs etc/ is around 200 pages long.

Any press enquiries will be dealt with by Defra Press Office.

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