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Hi Laura:

Thank you for your thoughtful email. Thank you for the invitation to attend. It was helpful to hear the Alliance's concerns and CITES priorities. See you at CoP18. Rose

On Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 11:34 AM VanderMeer, Laura <[LVanderMeer@kelleydrye.com](mailto:LVanderMeer@kelleydrye.com)> wrote:

Thanks so much to all of you for participating this morning. I heard some very encouraging things and our members certainly were appreciative to have had you here with us.

Thanks again and best regards,

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Good Morning Laura,

Two last minute things:

- Yes, I will introduce myself in my new role and the new marine mammal permit team and our acting Assistant Director - International Affairs who will all be present during our session. My thought is that they can stand up and wave to the group so that we get name/face recognition with the members. I suggest that we do that after Aurelia's remarks and before we launch into the Phase II; however, I will follow Aurelia's cue and be ready to do that whenever she indicates.
- We appreciate the offer of staying through lunch. I need to ask in order to be clear whether us doing so will cost the Alliance \$25/person or more. If so, we need to complete ethics forms so that we are on the up and up. Please just let us know and if it is the case, we'll go ahead and do so. Several of us plan to stay during the lunch time to get a chance to interact with the membership informally.

Thanks and see you soon,

Pam

On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 3:31 PM VanderMeer, Laura <[LVanderMeer@kelleydrye.com](mailto:LVanderMeer@kelleydrye.com)> wrote:

Hello everyone,

I've had a brief opportunity to speak with Aurelia by and phone and wanted to follow up with the final plan for tomorrow.

First, please note that due to a change by USDA, our panel starts between 9 and 9.15. You all are welcome to be in the room earlier to hear introductions, etc. Or you can come closer

to 9 as you wish. If you send me a text (b)(6) I will come out and greet you in the lobby of the hotel and bring you into the room.

Attached is the agenda for day one so you can see which regulators will be present.

Also attached the slides we communicated about last week.

CHANGE IN PLAN (as discussed with Aurelia):

I. Aurelia will start with remarks. Pam, if you want to add to that with FWS organisation, that would be great. We will hold the totoaba/vaquita issue until Part III.

II. We will then dive into the CITES detail using the slides as prompts I assume this is where Rosemarie will star....

III. I will leave the stage and two of our members will come up to discuss a bit about Alliance and Alliance parks engagement on vaquita and to share thoughts about lessons learned in the interest of other species. It would be great if one of you could then talk about USG efforts/any current news out of Mexico and of course feel free to react to the information you will just have heard. All three of you can remain on the podium or not as you wish (I don't know who is best placed to speak to the vaquita, etc. issue).

Sorry for the last minute change but we think this will maximize the value of the session and enrich the discussions by keeping the CITES discussion fairly brief and allowing more time to think together about in situ and ex situ conservation going forward.

Final details:

1) If any of you wish to stay to lunch, please let me know.

2) Attached please find an invitation to a Congressional briefing which you and/or your staff are welcome to join on Friday of this week.

Thanks so much and looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow morning.

Regards, Laura

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