

Subject: Re: Mtg. Request

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Hi Heath,

I am back on campus at NCSU on Friday and currently open (other than a pile of term papers to grade anyway...). Happy to talk about it.

As an update, we did our 'sidebar discussion' with the DARPA Safe Genes team this afternoon and this subject came up, but not for any sustained discussion really. There was mainly a feeling on the part of the program folks that they wish they had a chance to respond I think. The program officer (Renee Wegrzyn) felt that some of the points had been previously addressed, but that that was not reflected in the piece. Overall, it is fine in the context of the Safe Genes project, but I appreciate the need to talk about communication within the group. This is timely as the formal announcement will be coming in perhaps 4-6 weeks and there will be substantially more media attention then probably (as you have repeatedly noted).

Rgds, John

On Wed, May 3, 2017 at 8:16 PM, Heath Packard <heath.packard@islandconservation.org> wrote:

Dear Fred and John,

I would like to schedule a brief (30 min) meeting with you to discuss this article and enlist your help to resolve communications issues related to it.

http://www.slate.com/articles/technology/future_tense/2017/05/what_happens_if_darpa_uses_synthetic_biology_to_manipulate_mother_nature.html

The lack of communications internally (NCSU & GBIRD) prior to this story publishing, the timing of the story, and the partners/stakeholder/donor fallout related to this story are concerning.

Could you please let us know your availability in the next several business days so we can arrange

this call?

Thank you very much,

Heath Packard

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