

WILDLIFE COMMITTEE NOTES

August 16, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Attachments:

[Notes](#) from our last meeting
[Species of Interest table](#)
[Pest Proposal for Feral Swine](#)

Attendees:

Michael Eichholz
Chris Jacques
Joy O'Keefe
Scott Meister
Gary Glowacki

Michael welcomed everyone to the meeting. The intention of today's meeting is to go through the Pest Proposal for Feral Swine (see link above).

Lydia was requested to look into the public comment period.

The group discussed the risk rating – currently marked as high risk. It was decided this would be an acceptable rating due to the potential for environmental impact and ecological damage.

Everyone requested to read and provide any text revisions to the document.

The group discussed the consequences of introduction and agreed that level three is the score for this species.

Discussed that the scoring system in the paper is a bit wonky. They discussed putting the scoring into a table. Mike and Joy will work on this.

Known pest host range – it was determined a high ranking is what should be designated. It is a habitat generalist.

Reproductive potential – agreed that it is high potential.

Economic impact – level 3 agreed.

Environmental impact – level 3 agreed. Joy will add language here about impacts to forests.

For the section, Consequences of Introduction to Illinois for *Sus scrofa* a total score of 15 was determined.

Zero may be a score for its stable population because there is only one and it is fairly localized. Known only from incursions. Committee agreed a zero. They are not established because of ongoing efforts to keep it from happening.

The Committee discussed whether there is a need for the section on uncertainty. There seems to still be the potential for this species to be introduced or to cross the river.

The proposed rating of this species is high risk.

Recommendation Section: The Committee requested Chris read through to make sure he is comfortable with the final comments and rating.

Mike and Joy will put the document in Word for ease of editing and work through the document in suggestion mode. It will be shared out with the Committee for their review and comment. They will work to have the document out in two weeks and a couple of weeks to review and comment.

Convene for next steps – Lydia to send out a poll when they are ready to get together again.

The Committee needs to think about the next species they would like to tackle. Everyone to come forward with recommendations at the next meeting.

Adjourn.