

From: Bryan Blom
To: Cornelius Kiley
Date: 11/7/2011 5:48 pm
Subject: Re: Fwd: Urgent: Draft letter required asap please.

Actually, I just received their latest version - there were barely any changes...contrary to what they were saying on the comms call...

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From: Cornelius Kiley
To: Bryan Blom <Bryan.Blom@inspection.gc.ca>

Sent: 11/7/2011 5:33:08 PM
Subject: Fwd: Urgent: Draft letter required asap please.

Brian,

Just forwarding you this to make a point. It is becoming more apparent that DFO MinO may not understand that ISAV is no longer theirs. The disease is reportable under the H of A and CFIA takes the lead. That they may be doing a rewrite of the news release is worrisome.

Con

>>> "Stephen, Stephen" <Stephen.Stephen@dfo-mpo.gc.ca> 11/7/2011 4:55 pm >>>

Hi Con,

Thank you. Just to clarify there ARE NO LETTERS. Our Minister's office is requesting that I draft an open, unsolicited letter to US Senators and Congressmen / Congresswomen.

Stephen

From: Cornelius Kiley [mailto:Cornelius.Kiley@inspection.gc.ca]
Sent: November 7, 2011 4:53 PM
To: Stephen, Stephen
Cc: Moore, Wayne; Ian Alexander; Joanne Constantine; Kim Klotins
Subject: Re: Urgent: Draft letter required asap please.

Stephen,

Yes, your reading is correct.

We will reply to these official letters.

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>>> "Stephen, Stephen" <Stephen.Stephen@dfo-mpo.gc.ca> 11/7/2011 4:22 pm >>>

Con,

Please see the note below from our Minister's office. Could I please get your Agency's opinion on this approach?

I've looked at the request outline and suggested to my ADM's office that CFIA is leading the investigation AND the federal agency responsible for International communications/negotiations with foreign governments on issues related to animal disease. In my opinion the Agency should be coordinating any responses to elected US officials.

You are also leading the comparative review of both DFO's and AVC's laboratories.

Unfortunately MINO is still requesting that I draft a letter.

Thank you,

Stephen

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From: Waddell, Mark
Sent: November 7, 2011 2:20 PM
To: Moore, Wayne; Stephen, Stephen
Cc: Bungay, Alfred; Fournier, Paula; Stubbins, Sylvie
Subject: FW: Urgent: Draft letter required asap please.

Please note request from MINO below and advise on feasibility of timeline requested.

From: Lynch, Erin
Sent: November 7, 2011 2:09 PM
To: Waddell, Mark; Voyer, Geneviève
Cc: Hodgson, Blair; Bartley, Matt; Martin, Francine; Walsh, Neil
Subject: FW: Urgent: Draft letter required asap please.

Good afternoon,

Please note MINO is seeking to have urgent letters to these individuals.
If possible, if this information could be received latest tomorrow, it would be much appreciated.
Cheers.

E.
Erin Lynch
947-4561

Could you please request a DRAFT letter be prepared, on an urgent basis, from Minister Ashfield to US Senators and/or members of congress (recipients to be determined) providing a factual update of the ISA situation in Canada?
Key messages to be included:

Testing:
Our official lab in Moncton has completed the first tests and we can confirm that all samples which have previously been reported as infected with ISA have tested negative in our lab. The samples show no signs of the disease.

Lab review:
We have contracted an independent review into the conduct of both laboratories to determine how a false positive could have been obtained - looking at diagnostic procedures, handling of samples and assessment of practises.

Public confidence:
The public can be confident in our current review and management practises - between the federal and provincial governments, we've tested over 5000 samples and none have tested positive for the disease. Our management practises are clearly working. Should we be required to adjust our practises in the future due to new data, we are prepared to adjust our review and management practises accordingly.