

Questions from the Owner's Engagement Meeting, April 14, 2018

Note: these questions are listed in random order. They were written at the beginning of the meeting, so some of them were addressed, or partially answered, during the session. Other questions have been included in the documentation received from Parks Canada.

1. If we choose not to eradicate, are we confident we can sustain a sufficient hunting presence over the next 20 years as our current crop of owner-hunters retires from the field? (Succession Planning!)
2. Why would we, as current owners, create a legacy for the future that includes a highly destructive invasive species (fallow deer) that may or may not be reduced to a level that will allow a healthy ecosystem to thrive?
3. I understand that some new owners bought, in part, because of the hunting opportunities. Do they believe that they have a "right" to hunt?
4. Would the island ecology that existed pre-fallow deer be preferred to what exists today, to be enjoyed by all and left as a legacy for future generations?
5. Why are we not just following the advice of experts on invasive species?
6. How can the island's sustainability (plants, trees, birds) be maintained if fallow deer are not eradicated?
7. What is the prime advantage of fallow deer eradication on Sidney Island?
8. If owners choose not to eradicate fallow deer on the strata property but they are eradicated in the National Park, will any funder become available for later?

9. Can we still enjoy the growth of the flora (i.e. wild flowers + growth of trees) by managing the deer populations? This small island is beautiful with the Fallow Deer – unique, in my view what attracted me.
10. How will Parks Canada control deer (blacktail or blacktail/fallow) in the future? How did they do it in the past? What is the best way to maintain trust when voting?
11. Will those who want to hunt and source their own food (i.e. deer) be willing to only hunt blacktail deer?
12. Is there any likelihood that hunting could keep the fallow deer numbers under control?
13. How well can we know: a) if some low level of fallow deer population.
14. I'm interested in possibilities that are other than the status quo, and other than full eradication. For example, have government help fund constructing very substantial areas void of deer. (very large exclusion zones where the natural flora and fauna can establish)
15. Could (or should) we postpone the question of eradication for a few years, and in the meantime determine whether we can manage fallow deer satisfactorily?
16. How will you ensure the immediate and complete removal of each and every deer carcass from all public and private land on the island?
17. What will the process be of eradication (i.e. how will it be done? How long will it take?)
18. How many people have attended one of the (Parks) info sessions?
19. Food security is a global issue. Are we prepared to eliminate a food source and contribute to the problems of commercial agriculture production?

20. Why is a continued culling program not enough of a control?

21. Why do we need to eradicate the fallow deer?

22. How many individuals feel that hunting is the concern and not fallow deer?

23. If this was feral goats or rats stripping the flora, what would this conversation be about?

Or would we be even having one? How would we urge council to handle it?

24. Only 20 owners attended Parks and Coast Conservations p

resentations. How do we ensure the other 62 owners understand what this \$1 million gift entails?

25. For the pro-eradication supporters: Do you feel it is respectful of hunters who value the fallow deer, to partner with a non-community member to remove this asset from our island?

26. Although supportive on many levels of removal of the cougar, my reactions to the news of this demise was profound. Does anyone else, although possibly appreciative of some of the benefits of eradication, struggle with the moral issue?

27. If the fallow deer are gone, how sure are we that blacktail will be controlled?

28. How do you reconcile the short-term decision to not eradicate the fallow deer with the long-term burden we place on future owners?

29. How will the island manage the blacktail deer if fallow deer are eradicated?

30. I am curious about why hunting fallow deer is valued more than hunting blacktail deer and if there are options that would meet those same goals or values?

31. Isn't hunting blacktail a satisfactory substitution for hunting fallow, given that it would resolve this contentious issue?

32. How will the non-Parks point of view be represented in a structured, funded way?
33. How will I be compensated for loss of a resource I purchased into?
34. How will eradication of fallow deer avoid impacting blacktail population?
35. What tools will we have for husbandry post-eradication?
36. Why are we fighting the status quo?
37. Why are hunters so fanatical or enthusiastic about their past time?
38. If there is no eradication: How will we maintain the maximum # of deer/year? And,
39. What if we don't succeed in maintaining that critical #?
40. Are islanders concerned about the capacity/requirements of volunteerism needed on Sidney for all its community initiatives in future years with new and younger generation's owners? Say next 5 - 10 years?
41. How do fallow deer benefit the island?
42. How will eradication impact road/driving safety? That is, with reduced visibility, reduced speeds, pruning costs, etc.
43. What is driving the issue? I.e. who benefits?
44. If you have an opinion re: fallow deer eradication what information or facts would change that opinion?