



Decision List BC Meeting October 8, 2024

Subtitle	Weekly BC Meeting
Date	10/08/2024
Time	9:00 – 12:00
Location	Courtroom
Chair	Governor Johnson
Attendees	Eviton Heyliger and Jonathan Johnson
Absentees	Bruce Zagers

1.0.0 Welcome

2.0.0 Minutes

Attachment:

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Decision:

Approved.

3.0.0 Discussion Papers

3.0.2 Goat removal November – December

Two invasive species hunters, recently visited Saba to assess the situation with regards to the roaming goats and prepare a visit in November and December this year focused on a further reduction of the roaming goat population.

The visit was fruitful and provided valuable insights for a hunting mission at the end of this year. The aim of the hunters is to come with a group of maximum four people and work on goat removal continuously for around 6 weeks in November and December. By using specialist techniques, like Judas and Mata Hari goats, and heat sensor drones, the hunters will be able to work very efficiently. To further make sure they can be as effective as possible on the challenging terrain on Saba, the hunters will work closely together with at least the government hunter and if possible other local hunters or SCF rangers.



Decision:

Approved. See explanation.

Explanation:

To be determined a later date in coordination with the team; "No hunting will take place on the Mountain road and the Mt Scenery trail, to make sure the Mt. Scenery trail remains accessible at all times".

3.0.4 Mental Health & Safety research report

In November 2023 Onderzoekshuis has conducted a social marketing research on Saba on the topics of Mental Health and Safety. It took a while since, but we have received the final research report recently. The primary goal of the research was to answer the question: How can we gain a profound understanding of the perceptions, challenges, and needs related to mental health and safety on Saba? With the results of the research both the Public Health & Sports department and the Public Order & Safety department have gained valuable insights from the Saba population and would like to start working on several issues addressed. On the part of Mental Health this would for example be addressing the stigmatisation of Mental Health and access to Mental Health Care. For Public Order and Safety this would be improving the reporting and dispatch system. Currently, reporting is perceived as inefficient, primarily due to the central reporting center being located on Bonaire, which causes confusion or delays in addressing incidents. Respondents emphasize that this inefficiency leads to underreporting of disturbances and incidents on the island. The next step after BC approval would be to share the results and discuss with several other stakeholders (for example, but not limited to: Community Development and Culture Department, MHC, ZJCN, KPCN, SRCN and OM) what next steps could be taken collaboratively.

Decision:

Approved.

3.0.6 World Food Day event 2024

World Food Day is celebrated every year in October to commemorate the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in 1945. Last year, the PES hosted a successful World Food Day event.



The NEPP team would like to organize an event to celebrate World Food Day this year as well. The goal of event is to create awareness on sustainable food production, promote the agriculture efforts on Saba through, for example, hydroponics, foster entrepreneurship and promote healthy lifestyles. This year's theme is "Right to foods for a better life and a better future." Various booths and activities will be organized centered around this theme.

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Approved.

- 4.0.0 Formalities**

- 5.0.0 Incoming pieces/request (on paper)**

- 6.0.0 Announcements**
 - 1. Governor Johnson
 - 2. Commissioner Heyliger
 - 3. Acting Island Secretary van Duin

- 7.0.0 Signing**

- 8.0.0 Closing**