

EXHIBIT 6



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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FOIA Request #DOC-NOAA-2018-000377

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Alicia Cate
Senior Counsel
Oceana
1350 Connecticut Avenue, NW, 5th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20036

Re: FOIA Request DOC-NOAA-2018-000377

Dear Ms. Cate:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request entered into FOIAonline on December 8, 2017. You requested information regarding the Regulation to Reduce Incidental Bycatch and Mortality of Sea Turtles in the Southeastern U.S. Shrimp Fisheries, Regulation Identifier Number ("RIN") 0648-BG45. You specifically seek the following information:

"Oceana requests copies of all documents, records, and materials, including but not limited to all memoranda, studies, reports, data, correspondence, comments, conversation records, meeting notes, files, electronic mail records, or other documents, which have been generated, received, kept, and/or considered by NMFS and/or NOAA relating to OMB's review of the Final Rule with RIN 0648-BG45."

Automatic 10-Day Extension

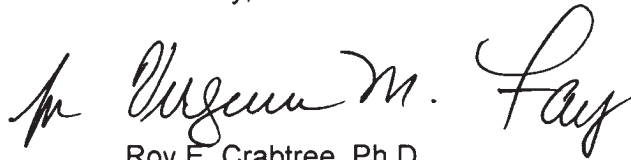
15 C.F.R. § 4.6(d) allows an agency to extend the FOIA response deadline by ten business days for unusual circumstances. Due to: (i) The need to search for and collect the requested agency records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request; (ii) The need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records that are the subject of a single request; or (iii) The need to consult with another Federal agency having a substantial interest in the determination of the FOIA request or among two or more components of the Department having substantial subject-matter interest in the determination of the request. We are choosing to invoke this ten day extension due to unusual circumstances that fall into categories d(i) and (ii) above. We anticipate providing a response to you on or before **January 24, 2018**.

Please contact us if you are interested in narrowing the scope of your request to help expedite its processing.



If you have any questions or would like to narrow the scope of your request please contact Ms. Smith via e-mail at beverly.smith@noaa.gov or by phone at 727-551-5762, or the NOAA FOIA Public Liaison Robert Swisher at (301) 628-5755.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roy E. Crabtree". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the printed name.

Roy E. Crabtree, Ph.D.
Regional Administrator