

# Exhibit G



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

August 3, 2015

Ms. Stephanie Hsiung  
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RE: FOIA # DOC-NOAA-2014-001474

Dear Ms. Hsiung & Mr. Huber:

This letter and enclosed CD of **353 records** represent the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) second Interim response to your August 11, 2014, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request that we have identified as DOC-NOAA 2014-001474.

- The documents on the CD are all fully releasable. In accordance with the Department of Commerce's FOIA regulations at 15 CFR 4.11, any fees associated with your request have been waived.

We have completed our search for responsive records and are continuing our review. Four other agencies (*Department of the Interior, Environmental Protection Agency, and the White House's Council on Environmental Quality and the Office of Management and Budget*) also received a FOIA request for records related to the issuance of the 316(b) regulations. Accordingly, and because many of the records each agency has located contain multiple agency equities, NOAA and the other agencies began on November 21, 2014 to hold weekly calls to coordinate review. Given the large volume of responsive records and the need to coordinate the review of responsive records among the five Federal agencies, processing the records is taking more time than we anticipated.

We now expect to provide a final response by October 30, 2015. We will continue to provide interim responses as expeditiously as possible. Thank you for your patience.

If you have any questions regarding your FOIA request, please contact me at the Office of Protected Resources in Silver Spring, Maryland via email at [nmfs.hq.pr.foia@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.hq.pr.foia@noaa.gov) or call (301) 427-8404.

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