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July 29, 2016

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Re: FOIA Request DOC-NOAA-2016-001453

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

Your request was entered into FOIAonline, our request tracking database, on July 19, 2016. Your request tracking number is DOC-NOAA-2016-001453.

You requested:

*"All documents related to the appointment or reappointment of members of the New England Fishery Management Council from November 1, 2015 to the present. This request includes all communications, both inside the government and with outside parties, including .gov e-mail, personal e-mail, text messaging, and any other methods of communication. This request specifically includes communications to or from the personal and official e-mail accounts of the following persons and entities:*

- 1. The Office of the Secretary of Commerce*
- 2. The Office of Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, Administrator of NOAA and Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere*
- 3. Lois J. Schiffer, NOAA General Counsel*
- 4. Eileen Sobeck, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries*
- 5. Samuel D. Rauch III, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs*
- 6. Dr. Alan D. Risenhoover, Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries*
- 7. John Bullard, Northeast Regional Administrator*
- 8. Michael Pentony, Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries*
- 9. Dr. William A. Karp, Science and Research Director, Northeast Fisheries Science Center"*

15 C.F.R. 4.6(d) (2) allows an agency to extend the FOIA response deadline by ten business days for unusual circumstances. Due to *the need to search for and collect the requested records from field facilities or other establishments separate from the office processing the request*; we are choosing to invoke this 10 day extension and anticipate completing your request by August 30, 2016.

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



If you have questions regarding your request, please contact Amanda Patterson at [Amanda.Patterson@NOAA.gov](mailto:Amanda.Patterson@NOAA.gov) or call (978) 281-9210.

Sincerely,

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