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Re: FOIA Request DOC-NOAA-2017-001194

Dear Mr. Bolinder:

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

Your request was received by our office on May 10, 2010. Your request tracking number is DOC-NOAA-2017-001194. You requested:

*"Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 ("FOIA"), CoA Institute hereby requests access to all communications—including, but not limited to, e-mail,8 instant messaging, Google hangouts or Google chat messages, text messages, SMS messages, Blackberry messages, Skype messages, handwritten notes, or communications through any other media—sent or received by any and all NOAA employees who attended the April 18–20, 2017 NEFMC meetings in their official capacity. The time period for this request is April 17, 2017 through April 24, 2017. The list of individuals should include, but not be limited to: • John Bullard • Michael Pentony • Elizabeth Chilton • Amy Martins • J. Michael Lanning • Jon Hare • Moira Kelly • Carrie Nordeen"*

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: (i) 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 June 22, 2017.

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



Eric Bolinder, Esq.

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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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FOIA Coordinator, Greater Atlantic Region