

Exhibit B



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Via email: nick@seashepherdlegal.org

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Dear Mr. Fromherz:

On, July 26, 2018, you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

Request for records maintained by the Department of Interior (“DOI”) regarding DOI’s review of the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument, the Rose Atoll Marine National Monument, the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, and the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (collectively, the “Pacific Marine National Monuments”) pursuant to Executive Orders 13792 and 13795. Consistent with SSL’s mission and pursuant to 43 C.F.R. Part 2 and the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request the following records from the DOI:

- All records relating to the DOI’s consultation and/or review, whether completed or ongoing, regarding the Pacific Marine National Monuments pursuant to Executive Order 13792 (entitled “Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act”).¹ This request includes records relating to cost-benefit analysis, environmental considerations, legal analysis, communications with other federal agencies and state, tribal, and local governments, and any other records bearing a connection to review of the Pacific Marine National Monuments under Executive Order 13792. This request also includes any DOI findings, conclusions, reports, or recommendations, whether final or tentative, relating to the Pacific Marine National Monuments under Executive Order 13792.
- All records relating to the DOI’s consultation and/or review, whether completed or ongoing, regarding the Pacific Marine National Monuments pursuant to Executive Order 13795 (entitled “Implementing An America-First Offshore

Energy Strategy”).² This request includes records relating to cost-benefit analysis, environmental considerations, legal analysis, communications with state, tribal, and local governments, and any other records bearing a connection to review of the Pacific Marine National Monuments under Executive Order 13795. This request also includes any DOI findings, conclusions, reports, or recommendations, whether final or tentative, relating to the Pacific Marine National Monuments under Executive Order 13795.

The items specifically requested are not meant to be exclusive of any other documents that, although not specially requested, have a reasonable relationship to the subject matter of this request. “Documents” and “records” include, but are not limited to, all permits, agreements, contracts, surveys, field notes, correspondence, minutes, memoranda, maps, plans, drawings, emails, reports, databases, emails, faxes, and notes. This request includes all documents that have ever been within your custody or control, including all inter- and intra-agency documents, whether they exist in agency working, investigative, retired, electronic mail, or other files currently or at any other time.

Your request was received in the Office of the Secretary FOIA office on July 26, 2018, and assigned control number **OS-2018-01436**. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

We have classified you as an “other-use” requester. As such, we may charge you for some of our search and duplication costs, but we will not charge you for our review costs; you are also entitled to up to 2 hours of search time and 100 pages of photocopies (or an equivalent volume) for free.

See [43 C.F.R. § 2.39](#). If, after taking into consideration your fee category entitlements, our processing costs are less than \$50.00, we will not bill you because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. See [43 C.F.R. § 2.37\(g\)](#)

Fee Waiver

You have asked for a waiver of all FOIA processing fees. Please be advised that we are in the process of determining whether or not your entitlements are sufficient to enable us to process your request, or if we will need to issue a formal determination on your request for a fee waiver.

You can expect to hear from us promptly regarding the outcome of this search.

You have asked for copies of agency records. According to our regulations, you may choose the format of disclosure for such records. Unless you specify otherwise, the Office of the Secretary will provide copies of responsive records electronically via email or CD-ROM as scanned PDF images when the responsive records exceed 50 pages.

Because we will need to consult with one or more bureaus of the Department in order to properly process your request, the Office of the Secretary FOIA office is taking a 10-workday extension under [43 C.F.R. § 2.19](#). For the same reason, we are placing your request under the “Complex” processing track. See [43 C.F.R. § 2.19](#).

In the interim, if you have any questions regarding the status of your request, or any of the issues discussed in this letter, you may contact Cindy Sweeney by phone at 202-513-0765, by fax at 202-219-2374, by e-mail at os_foia@ios.doi.gov or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-7328 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Clarice Julka.

Sincerely,

Clarice Julka
Office of the Secretary
FOIA Officer