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Dear Mr. Fromherz,

We acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Commerce for records relative to NMFS' analysis of bycatch or other interactions concerning and in application of the Marine Mammal Protection Act to New Zealand regarding Maui dolphin.

The Tracking Number for your request is DOC-NOAA-2019-001780. Your request is in the Department's FOIAonline electronic FOIA system which will allow you to track the status of your request.

Pursuant to the FOIA fee schedule cited at 15 CFR §4.11, we determined that you have been granted a full fee waiver. 15 CFR 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, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records that are the subject of a single request, we anticipate completing your request by October 1, 2019.

Additionally, 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 Kimberly Young at 301-427-8313 and email Kim.Young@noaa.gov.