

# **EXHIBIT 12**

**From:** [Tiffany McClurkin](#)  
**To:** [Ramona McGee](#)  
**Subject:** FOIA FWS-2019-00455 Acknowledgment (Red Wolf and Recovery Program)  
**Date:** Thursday, February 28, 2019 9:11:58 AM  
**Attachments:** [Signed Acknowledgment Letter 2.28.19.pdf](#)

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Good Morning Ms. McGee,

Attached is your acknowledgment for FOIA FWS-2019-00455 pertaining to the Red Wolf Recovery Program. Thanks!

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FWS-2019-00455

February 28, 2019

Ramona McGee  
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Dear Ms. McGee:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated February 19, 2019, for the following:

- *All records concerning FWS's Proposed Replacement of the Regulations for the Nonessential Experimental Population of Red Wolves in Northeastern North Carolina, 83 Fed. Reg. 30,382 (June 28, 2018) ["Proposed Rule"], including but not limited to documents used, reviewed, or relied on by FWS to develop and issue the Proposed Rule, documents received in response to the Proposed Rule that are not part of the public docket contained at FWS-R4-ES-2018-0035, RIN 1018-BB98, and all records concerning FWS's efforts since publication of the Proposed Rule to revise the red wolf rule or develop any supporting analyses for the Proposed Rule.*
- *All records from December 5, 2017 through the date of the agency's search for this request, concerning efforts by FWS to identify new reintroduction sites for wild red wolf populations.*
- *All records from December 5, 2017 through the date of the agency's search for this request, related to any study planned or conducted by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission related to hybridization of red wolves with coyotes, GPS 2 monitoring of canids, or the Commission's 2013 Memorandum of Understanding with the FWS.*
- *All records from January 1, 2018 through the date of the agency's search for this request related to the trapping, collaring, or releasing of red wolves, coyotes, or red wolf-coyote hybrids in Northeastern North Carolina, including planned or completed releases of captive red wolves into Northeastern North Carolina.*
- *All records from January 1, 2018 through the date of the agency's search for this request related to the sterilization of coyotes or red wolf-coyote hybrids in Northeastern North Carolina.*

Your request has been assigned tracking number FWS-2019-00455. Our office received your request on February 19, 2019.

We have classified you as an "other-use" requester and considered your fee waiver request. Your fee waiver has been granted.

We use Multi-track Processing to process FOIA requests. The Simple track is for requests that can be processed in one to five workdays. The Normal track is for requests that can be processed in six to twenty workdays. The Complex track is for requests that can be processed in twenty-one to sixty workdays. The Exceptional/Voluminous track is for requests requiring more than sixty workdays for processing. The Expedited track is for requests that have been granted expedited processing. Within each track, requests are usually processed on a first-in, first-out basis.


Your request falls in the "complex" processing track. Requests in this track will take between twenty-one workdays to sixty workdays to process. Please note the use of multi-track processing does not alter the statutory deadline for Fish and Wildlife Service to comply with your FOIA request.

You may narrow the scope of your request to obtain quicker processing in your currently-assigned track or move the request into a faster track (which may have the effect of reducing the cost of processing your request). If you have any questions about this, please contact us.

Please accept this as receipt of your request. Thanks and please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

2/28/2019

 Tiffany McClurkin

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