



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
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THE DIRECTOR

Rashah McChesney  
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JUN 16 2014

Re: FOIA Request # DOC-NOAA-2014-000941

Dear Ms. McChesney:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request # DOC-NOAA- 2014-000941 dated May 19, 2014, and received by our office on May 23, 2014. You specifically requested: “

...access to and a copy of comments submitted to NOAA Fisheries in regards to fishery disaster funds for the 2012 fishing season. I would like both the Cook Inlet region and Yukon-Kuskokwim region comments to be given in their original, un-redacted form.

I agree to pay any reasonable copying and postage fees of not more than \$10. If the cost would be greater than this amount, please notify me. Please provide a receipt indicating the charges for each document.

As provided by state regulation, I will expect your response within ten (10) business days. If you choose to deny this request, please provide a written explanation for the denial including a reference to the specific statutory exemption(s) upon which you rely. Also, please provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.”

This letter completes our response to your request. This search was conducted within the Alaska National Marine Fisheries Service, Operations and Management Division, and located 57 documents responsive to your request. Enclosed is an index of the released and exempt records. A summary follows:

56 documents are enclosed and released in full

1 document is enclosed and released in part pursuant to:

5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6) which protects personnel and medical files and similar files about individuals when the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The redacted portion of the document contains personal phone and address information of the employees, which they did not directly provide to the agency.



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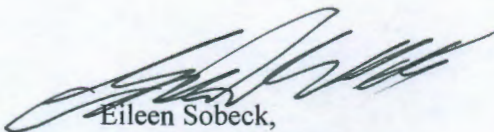
Under 15 C.F.R. § 4.10(a) (2012), you have the right to appeal this denial determination. The Assistant General Counsel for Administration must receive your appeal within **30 calendar days** of the date of the initial denial letter. Address and send your appeal to the following office:

**Assistant General Counsel for Administration (Office)**  
**U.S. Department of Commerce**  
**Room 5898-C**  
**14th and Constitution Avenue, NW**  
**Washington, DC 20230**

You may also send your appeal by e-mail to [FOIAAppeals@doc.gov](mailto:FOIAAppeals@doc.gov) or by facsimile (fax) to **(202) 482-2552**. The appeal must include a copy of the original request, the response to the request, and a statement of the reasons why withheld records should be made available and why denial of the records was in error. The submission (including e-mail and fax submissions) is not complete without the required enclosures. The appeal, the envelope, the e-mail subject line, and the fax cover sheet should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." The e-mail, fax machine, and Office of the General Counsel are monitored only on working days during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday). FOIA appeals posted to the e-mail box, or sent to the fax machine, or received by the Office of General Counsel after normal business hours will be deemed received on the next normal business day.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Ms. Ellen Sebastian, FOIA Coordinator Alaska Region at (907) 586-7152 or [ellen.sebastian@noaa.gov](mailto:ellen.sebastian@noaa.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Eileen Sobeck,  
Assistant Administrator  
for Fisheries

Enclosures