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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request #: 2011-00417

Dear Ms. Lopez;

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request # 2011-00417 dated April 22, 2011 and received in our office on April 26, 2011. You specifically requested:

- All documents regarding the recent turtle strandings in the Gulf of Mexico from April 20, 2010 – present;
- All documents regarding law enforcement actions for violations during shrimp trawling activities and enforcement actions concerning sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico from April 20, 2010 – present;
- All documents regarding the known or suspected cause or causes of the recent turtle strandings in the Gulf of Mexico from April 20, 2010 – present; and
- All documents reporting sea turtle interactions and mortalities from the Gulf of Mexico shrimp trawl fishery or from observer from April 20, 2010 – present.

On September 7, 2011, we released 5,533 pages of documents. This is another interim release of records concerning your request. We have enclosed 20,275 pages of documents which are released in their entirety.

We continue to search and review responsive material. We hope to complete this process shortly. If you have questions, please contact Sophia Howard, FOIA coordinator at 305-361-4286.

Sincerely,

Theo Brainerd, Ph.D.,
Deputy Center Director