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Silver Spring, MD 20910

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Mr. Ian Urbina
The New York Times
6010 Broad Branch Road, NW
Washington, DC 20015

Re: FOIA Request # 2010-00586

Dear Mr. Urbina:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received in our office August 27, 2010. Having communicated with your office on a number of occasions, we understand that you are seeking records relating to details of any and all communications or information that mention a multitude of endangered and threatened species and species of concern in the Gulf region following the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster.

This letter is an advice of our third interim response and release of a portion of the records that we have identified as responsive to your request. Any inclusion of withheld personal identifiers will be addressed in our final case summation correspondence. This interim response is composed of one Compact Disc (20,275 pages).

If you have any questions concerning the NMFS FOIA process please contact me at 301-427-8404 ext. 8484.

Sincerely,

Gary Jackson
FOIA/Records Coordinator
NOAA NMFS F/PR

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