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RE: FOIA Request #2010-00542

Dear Mr. Zainey:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a request for agency records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 5 U.S.C. § 552, *et seq.* from Ian Urbina, The New York Times, addressed to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). A copy of the FOIA request is enclosed.

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, Southeast Region, found 753 pages of records pertaining to this request, which is the exclusive or primary concern of the Minerals Management Service (MMS), U.S. Department of Interior. Accordingly, per our governing regulations at 15 C.F.R. Part 4 (2011)(copy enclosed), we hereby refer the requester to you for further action related to these documents. A copy of the requested documents is enclosed on a compact disk. Please respond directly to Mr. Urbina regarding these documents and provide us with a copy of your letter.

If you have any questions concerning this process, please contact Beverly J. Smith, Southeast Region FOIA Coordinator, at 727-551-5762.

Sincerely,

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for Roy E. Crabtree, Ph.D.
Regional Administrator

Enclosures
cc: (w/o encl.)
Mr. Ian Urbina

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F/SE – Atwell, Crabtree
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GCNR – Walker, O'Toole
O/FA – Carter-Johnson, Marks