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In Reply Refer To:
DOI-FWS-2020-002484

September 9, 2020

Via email: foia@democracyforward.org

Sam Ritzman
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Dear Mr. Ritzman:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated February 25, 2020, and assigned it control number DOI-FWS-2020-002484. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request. Your request is seeking:

- *A copy of the Office of the Solicitor opinion referred to in Secretary Bernhardt's November 4, letter in which the Office of the Solicitor determined that the exemption in section 6 is not limited to shoreline stabilization projects occurring within the System*

- *All records concerning the Coastal Barrier Resources Act, Section 6(a)(6)(G) exception, including but not limited to, all records containing any of the search terms from the below list:*
 - *6(G)*
 - *6(a)(6)(G)*
 - *exception AND "Section 6" (or "Sec. 6")*
 - *exemption AND "Section 6" (or "Sec. 6")*
 - *Morgenweck*
 - *FWS.CW.0380*
 - *shoreline stabilization*

The date range for this request is December 1, 2018 to the date the search is conducted.



In response to item one of your request, we are releasing one document (18 pages) in its entirety. We are continuing to process records responsive to item two of your request.

If you have any questions about our response to your request, you may contact me at cathy_willis@fws.gov or by mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, FWS FOIA Officer, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: IRTM, Falls Church, VA 22041.

Sincerely,
**Cathy
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