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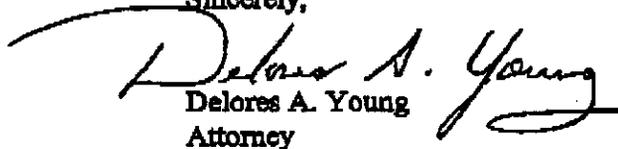
Re: Responses to Invitations to Participate in MMPA Rulemaking

Dear Eric:

Pursuant to paragraph 2 of our settlement agreement, attached hereto are copies of responses the Service has received from entities invited to participate in the MMPA rulemaking process.

Best regards.

Sincerely,


Delores A. Young
Attorney



"Larry Olsen"
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To: <dave_hankla@fws.gov>
cc: "Chuck Listowski" <wcind200@aol.com>, "Ed Barber"
<ebarber@ebaenviron.com>
Subject: Marine Mammal Protection Act - Committee

RE: FWS/R4/ES-JAFL; letter of 28 March, 2001 - promulgation of regulations under the Marine Mammal Protection Act

Dear Mr. Hankla:

Your letter to me was forwarded recently and I will reply by snail mail, but since time is of the essence, I thought I had best respond first by e-mail.

Thank you for inviting the West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) to be a member of your committee to draft the new marine mammal regulations. I will be representing Mr. Chuck Listowski, Director of WCIND, at meetings that he cannot attend. My capacity will be as a special consultant to WCIND.

We look forward to participating in the discussions. The point of contact will be:

Chuck Listowski, Director
WCIND
P.O. Box 1845
Venice FL 34284

Ph: 941-485-9402
FAX: 941-485-8394
e-mail: wcind200@aol.com; drlars@netfally.com

Sincerely,

Larry Olsen, Ph.D.
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FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT

April 20, 2001

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Mr. David L. Hankla, Field Supervisor
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Dear Mr. Hankla:

RE: **Marine Mammal Protection Act**

Thank you for the invitation to be part of the drafting process for the referenced regulations. I will be the point of contact for our agency.

Sincerely,

David K. Roach
Executive Director



St. Johns River
Water Management District

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April 5, 2001

David L. Hankla
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**RE: Promulgating Regulations Under the Marine
Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361-1407)**

Dear Mr. Hankla:

Thank you for your recent invitation to participate in drafting regulations under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972. The St. Johns River Water Management District would very much like to be included in this process. I will serve as the contact person for the District. All pertinent contact information is as follows:

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St. Johns River Water Management District
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Palatka, FL 32178-1429
Phone: (386) 329-4838
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I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Angelo
Sr. Assistant General Counsel
Office of General Counsel

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Regulatory Division
Manatee Rulemaking

MAR 26 2001

Mr. David L. Hankla
Field Supervisor
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
6620 Southpoint Drive South, Suite 310
Jacksonville, Florida 32216-0958

Dear Mr. Hankla:

Thank you for your invitation to participate in the rulemaking process under the Marine Mammal Protection Act to allow authorization for the incidental take of small numbers of Florida manatees associated with government activities related to watercraft and watercraft access facilities in Florida.

Because of its role in permitting the construction of watercraft access facilities, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Jacksonville District Regulatory Division will join you in this rulemaking process. The point of contact for the Corps will be Dr. John R. Hall, Chief of my Regulatory Division. Please contact him directly at the letterhead address or by telephone at 904-232-1666.

Sincerely,

James G. May
Colonel, U.S. Army
District Engineer



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David B. Struhs
Secretary

March 26, 2001

Mr. David L. Hankla
Field Supervisor, U.S. Department of Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
6620 Southpoint Drive South
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Jacksonville, FL 32216-0958

Dear Mr. Hankla:

Secretary Struhs asked me to respond to your letter of March 6, 2001 regarding the upcoming promulgation of regulations under the Marine Mammal Protection Act associated with government activities related to watercraft and watercraft access facilities in Florida.

We appreciate your invitation to join in the rulemaking process. As requested in your letter, I will serve as your designated point of contact at FDEP during the drafting and review of the proposed regulations. My telephone number is (850) 921-5330; my Internet address is: Eric.Bush@dep.state.fl.us. Please send written correspondence to me at the above address, Mail Station 2500. Mr. Jim Stoutamire (Jim.Stoutamire@dep.state.fl.us) of my office will serve as an alternate point of contact (same mailing address). Jim's telephone number is (850) 921-9885. Mr. M. B. Adelson (M.B.Adelson@dep.state.fl.us) from our Office of General Counsel will also be assisting us in our review of the proposed regulations. Mr. Adelson's telephone number is (850) 488-9314.

We thank you for the opportunity to participate.

Sincerely,

Eric L. Bush, Chief
Bureau of Submerged Lands and
Environmental Resources

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Dear Mr. Hankla:

Thank you for inviting the Coast Guard to participate in drafting regulations to authorize the incidental take of a small number of Florida manatees. As you are aware, we routinely conduct operations in the vicinity of manatees and are very interested in the rulemaking project. Our point of contact for this issue is LT Robert Clarke, Office of Law Enforcement. He can be reached at (202) 267-2041 or rclarke@comdt.uscg.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. CONROY".

J. CONROY
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Chief, Office of Law Enforcement



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Memorandum

April 27, 2001

To: Delores Young, Department of the Interior, Solicitors Office
Atlanta, GA

From: Pete Benjamin, Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services
Jacksonville, FL *PB*

Subject: Responses to our invitations to participate in the MMPA rulemaking process

According to Paragraph 3 of the settlement agreement, we are to provide the plaintiffs and intervenors with copies of any responses the Service receives from any entities invited to participate in the MMPA rulemaking process. Attached are copies of the responses we have received to date. I am not sure what kind of cover letter may need to accompany these, but I would like to get them to the other parties as soon as possible. As such, I would appreciate it if you could please forward these to the other parties.

I will forward any additional responses to you as they come in, but at this point it appears that we have heard from just about all the agencies that intend to respond. Let me know if you have any questions.



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Memorandum

To: David L. Hankla, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

From: Jerry Belson, Regional Director, SERO

Subject: Manatee Rulemaking Process

Shauna A. Allen
Acting

The National Park Service accepts the invitation issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to participate in promulgating regulations that would authorize the incidental take of a small number of Florida manatees due to government watercraft activities. Our point of contact in this matter is Shauna Allen, Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, 13165 Mt. Pleasant Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32225, (904) 221-7567, shauna_allen@nps.gov. Should you have any questions, please contact Shauna or Sheila Colwell, NPS Southeast Regional Office at (404) 562-3113.