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In Reply Refer To:
DOI-FWS-2022-001070

May 17, 2022

Via email: annaw@petaf.org

Anna Whistler
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
2154 W. Sunset Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90026

Dear Ms. Whistler:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office received your FOIA request dated December 9, 2022 and assigned it control number DOI-FWS-2022-001070. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request. You are generally requesting information pertaining to the *illness or death of any manatee at Miami Seaquarium*.

Response

We have enclosed one (1) pdf document consisting of thirty-seven (37) pages, which is being released in its entirety.

Fees

We have classified you as an “other-use” requester. You agreed to pay up to \$50.00. Because the cost of processing your request was less than \$50.00, there is no billable fee for processing this request, as the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. See [43 C.F.R. § 2.37\(g\)](#). Therefore, your request for fee waiver is moot, as there is no billable fee for the processing of this request.

Mediation/Dispute Resolution

If after contacting us as described below, you need further information or assistance with your request, you may wish to seek dispute resolution services from the Department’s FOIA Public Liaison, Natasha Alcantara by email at doifoiapublicliaison@sol.doi.gov.

If you need further information or assistance after contacting the Department’s FOIA Public Liaison, you may wish to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The 2007 FOIA amendments created the OGIS to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between

FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Web: <https://www.archives.gov/ogis>
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Fax: 202-741-5769
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

Please note that using the Department's FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer.

Conclusion

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. See [5 U.S.C. 552\(c\)](#). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

This is our final response and closes your request DOI-FWS-2022-001070. If you have any questions about our response to your request, you may contact me by email at barbara_beckett@fws.gov, by phone (703) 358-2239, or by mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; ATTN: FOIA Office; 5275 Leesburg Pike; MS: IRTM; Falls Church, VA 22041.

Sincerely,

Barbara Beckett
FWS FOIA Coordinator