

Requester Information

Requester Organization	Tanya Sanerib Center for Biological Diversity	Tracking Number	DOI-FWS-2022-004329
Requester Has Account	No	Submitted Date	06/17/2022
Email Address	tsanerib@biologicaldiversity.org	Received Date	06/17/2022
Phone Number		Perfected Date	
Fax Number		Last Assigned Date	06/17/2022
Address	2400 NW 80th street #146	Assigned To	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
City	Seattle	Last Assigned By	
State/Province	WA	Request Track	Simple
Zip Code/Postal Code	98117	Fee Limit	\$0.00

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public	No	Request Type	FOIA
Request Track	Simple	Request Perfected	No
Fee Category		Perfected Date	
Fee Waiver Requested	Yes	Acknowledgement Sent Date	
Fee Waiver Status	Pending	Unusual Circumstances	No
Expedited Processing Requested	No	Litigation	No
Expedited Processing Status		Court Docket Number	
		5 Day Notifications?	No

Description

Long Description

We request the following records pertaining to leopards, African elephants, and African lions, or any combination of species from May 23, 2022 to whenever this request has been processed: All non-detriment findings (positive or negative) or general advices made or received by USFWS for imports of sport hunted trophies or a trophy; All enhancement findings (positive or negative) or advice for imports of sport hunted trophies or a trophy; All permit applications submitted for ESA permits for sport hunted trophies or a trophy; All permit applications submitted for CITES permits for sport hunted trophies or a trophy; All FWS decisions (positive or negative) on ESA permit applications for sport hunted trophies or a trophy; All FWS decisions (positive or negative) on CITES permit applications for sport hunted trophies or a trophy; All FWS communications sent to applicants regarding ESA permit applications for sport hunted trophies or a trophy; All FWS communications sent to applicants regarding CITES permit applications for sport hunted trophies or a trophy. Please note that regarding our request for permit applications, for both Form 3-200-20 and 3-200-19, we are not requesting the following information: • from Section A parts 2, 5a, 5b, 6; • from Section B parts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; • from Section C parts 1a and 2a; and • from Section E phone numbers, email addresses, and the “street” portion of addresses given in response to questions. In Section E we are still requesting the names (individual or company), cities, and states (or for foreign addresses other similar geographic designations such as provincial names). Note, if we indicate we are not requesting information in a numbered part, we are not requesting any information in any of the related sub-sections – i.e., part 3 includes information in parts 3a and 3b.

Has Description Been Modified

Yes

Long Description Modified

Description Available to the Public

No

Short Description

Additional Information

Relevant park or refuge or site or other location N/A

Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the Public?

No

Attached File Name	Size (MB)	File Type
June 2022 Trophy NDF and Enhancement FOIA.pdf	0.1874	Adobe PDF Document

Appeals

Tracking Number	Appeal Date	Appellant	Phase	Notification
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No appeals have been created.

Consultations

Tracking Number	Consulted Agency	Created By	Consultation Date	Due Date	Phase
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No consultations have been created.

Correspondence to Requester

Subject	From	To	Date
FOIA Request DOI-FWS-2022-004329 Submitted	System	Tanya Sanerib	06/17/2022

This message is to confirm your request submission to the FOIAonline application: [View Request](#). Request information is as follows:

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- Requester Name: Tanya Sanerib
- Date Submitted: 06/17/2022
- Request Status: Submitted
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All permit applications submitted for CITES permits for sport hunted trophies or a trophy;

All FWS decisions (positive or negative) on ESA permit applications for sport hunted trophies or a

trophy;

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All FWS communications sent to applicants regarding ESA permit applications for sport hunted trophies or a trophy;

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Other Correspondence

Attached File

File Type

Size (MB)

No correspondence has been created.

Fee Estimates

Current Estimate Total \$0
Date Estimate Sent to Requester N/A
Estimate Required for Payment N/A

Invoices

Sent

Title

Invoice Date

Amount

No invoices have been created.

**Total Amount Billed Which Has
Been Sent To Requester** \$0.00

Payments

Date

Amount

Type

Total Amount Paid

\$0.00

Total Amount Owed

\$0.00

No payments have been added.

Case Responsive Records

Publish Options:

UU - Unredacted - Unreleaseable

RU - Redacted - Unreleasable

**UR - Unredacted - Releaseable to the
General Public**

**RR - Redacted - Releaseable to the General
Public**

REQ - Release to Requester Only

Release Type	Title	User	Date/Time	Exemptions	Release Date
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No records have been uploaded.

Restricted Materials

Attached File Name	Size (MB)	File Type	User	Actual Agency	Date/Time
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No restricted materials have been added.

Existing Admin Costs

Date	User Name	Charge Type	Hours/Quantity	Rate	Billable?	Total
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No cost entries have been added.

Fee Category: N/A

Total: \$0.00

Invoice Amount: \$0.00

Assigned Tasks

Outcome	Task Type	Assigned To	Assigned By	Submitted Date	Due Date	Closed Date	Notification	Justification
Pending	Fee Waiver	FWS	Tanya Sanerib	06/17/2022	06/17/2022		No	

Requester Justification

As the attached letter explains, the Center meets the test for a fee waiver. Under FOIA, a party is entitled to a fee waiver when “disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the [Federal] government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.” 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii); see 43 C.F.R. § 2.45.

Two main criteria are used to determine if a request is in the public interest: (1) whether the requested records “concern the operations or activities of the Federal government,” and (2) whether the “disclosure is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of those operations or activities.” 43 C.F.R. § 2.48(a)(1)-(2). The second criterion considers seven factors:

- (i) the informational value of the requested records;
- (ii) the logical connection between the requested records and operations or activities of the federal government;
- (iii) how disclosure will contribute to an understanding of a reasonably broad audience of interested persons;
- (iv) the requester’s expertise in the subject area, as well as its ability to disclose the information in an informative way to a reasonably broad, interested audience;
- (v) the requester’s ability and intent to disseminate the information to a reasonably broad, interested audience;
- (vi) whether the records would confirm or clarify data that has been previously released; and
- (vii) the extent to which the public’s understanding will be enhanced by the disclosure.

43 C.F.R. § 2.48(a)-(2).

As demonstrated below, the Center’s request meets each of these criteria, and moreover, the Center has no commercial interests in obtaining the requested records; thus a fee waiver is appropriate for this request.

Existing Comments (0)

Date Created

Last Edited On

User Name

No comments have been added.

Assigned Reviewers

Review Order

Review Outcome

Assigned Reviewer

Review Date

No reviewers have been assigned.
