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Folks,

As we discussed, I drafted this statement, which we would provide to anyone in the media requesting an interview. Please let me know if this works and don't hesitate to make it better.

"The Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries support EPA's Cooling Water Intake Structure Rule, which includes safeguards to protect wildlife. EPA worked closely with the FWS and NOAA Fisheries since 2012 on the development of the rule to protect threatened and endangered species. NOAA Fisheries and FWS will continue to collaborate with EPA, delegated State and Tribal authorities, and facilities to ensure streamlined implementation of the rule and regulatory certainty under the Endangered Species Act."

For your interest, I've attached a file with a little more detail.

Thanks,

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