

From: [Schmidt, John](#)
To: [Barbara Douglas](#)
Cc: [Tiernan Lennon](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Mountain Valley - Candy Darter Conference Opinion
Date: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 3:24:32 PM

Thanks Barb. Send it with that change Tiernan.

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Our office review times have been severely slowed by a high priority, large scale FOIA requests. We will do our best to get back to you as soon as possible.

On Wed, Nov 28, 2018 at 3:23 PM Douglas, Barbara <barbara_douglas@fws.gov> wrote:

I would change it to "assess take" as opposed to "calculate take" - since assess is broader and would cover some of the outstanding issues we are trying to figure out how to address.

On Wed, Nov 28, 2018 at 2:49 PM Lennon, Tiernan <tiernan_lennon@fws.gov> wrote:

Hey John - I've received multiple emails and voicemails from MVP and FERC regarding the candy darter BO, so I've drafted the following response. Let me know if you think I should send it or if there is another course of action you'd like to take.

Barb- Feel free to edit as you see fit.

Hey Amanda - We have begun drafting the Biological Opinion (BO) for the candy darter, however we are still having internal discussions on how to calculate take and what type of monitoring is needed. Depending on the outcome of these discussions, we may need to request additional information. Our office is currently dealing with competing priorities, so unfortunately at this point in time I am unable to give you a timeline for the BO.

If you have any additional questions please reach out to my supervisor John Schmidt (cc above). I would also appreciate it if you could relay this message to the applicant, since they have been making similar inquiries.

Thanks,
Tiernan

On Tue, Nov 20, 2018 at 2:43 PM Amanda Mardiney <Amanda.Mardiney@ferc.gov> wrote:

Hi Tiernan,

Now that the candy darter has been listed, I am checking in on the status of the Conference Opinion. I believe my last conversation about the candy darter was with Jennifer Stanhope and she told me that the candy darter CO was being handled by the Elkins office now. Is there any additional information you need? Does the listing status change the requirements of the CO? I know it this week is tricky while most people are taking time off for the holiday, so if you can't get back to me until next week I completely understand. I will be in the office today until about 6pm. Are you available for a quick call today? If not, we can set something up next week.

Let me know.

Thanks!

-Amanda

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