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Sounds good

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On Apr 24, 2017, 5:16 PM -0400, Larry Mellinger <larry.mellinger@sol.doi.gov>, wrote:

Scott:

This is is very useful information.

In the litigation report to the Department of Justice, is it alright if I list you as the FWS contact for enforcement and management information.

Thanks again for your quick response.

Larry

On: 24 April 2017 14:42, "Kahan, Scott" <[scott\\_kahan@fws.gov](mailto:scott_kahan@fws.gov)> wrote:

Hi Larry-

In response to the commercial fishing enforcement and steps taken thus far in development of the joint management plan:

Commercial fishing enforcement has been limited to education with no citations written. NOAA and FWS developed a list of Q and A's that were posted on NOAA's website to address commonly asked questions about the commercial fishery closure. An educational flyer was also produced to be used by enforcement officers and for outreach at Fishery Management Council meetings and events that draw commercial fisherman.

The Joint Management Plan is at it's beginning stages. NOAA and FWS leadership met March 23, 2017 with focused discussion on the joint management plan. Both agencies reviewed a draft Work Plan outlining the planning process, public scoping options, and draft vision and goals for the Marine Monument. Core planning team members for each agency have yet to be identified.

Please let us know if any additional supporting info.

On Thu, Apr 20, 2017 at 6:35 PM, Mellinger, Larry  
<[larry.mellinger@sol.doi.gov](mailto:larry.mellinger@sol.doi.gov)> wrote:

Scott:

Thanks for getting back to me so promptly. What would be most helpful would be a short summary addressing the issues mentioned in my previous e-mail, along with any significant communications, At this point, I am not looking for the complete record of documents that might be responsive to the litigation hold.

Please let me know if you have any questions. If you can get me something early next week that would be great.

Thanks.

Larry

On Thu, Apr 20, 2017 at 3:40 PM, Scott Kahan <[scott\\_kahan@fws.gov](mailto:scott_kahan@fws.gov)> wrote:

Thanks Larry- I will confirm with our folks when I'm back in the office next week, but I don't believe we will have any responsive documents in the Region re: the creation of the monument or taken any measures to prohibit fishing.

However, we do have records of initial steps/discussions with NOAA re development of a joint management plan.

Scott

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On Apr 20, 2017, 2:34 PM -0400, Mellinger, Larry <[larry.mellinger@sol.doi.gov](mailto:larry.mellinger@sol.doi.gov)>, wrote:

Scott:

I've been given the responsibility of working with the Department of Justice on information involving the FWS in connection with the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association suit against the United States challenging the President's establishment of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument. (b)(5)

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Any assistance you could provide, or in directing me to the appropriate individuals to address these issues would be most helpful.

Thanks.

Larry

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