

**From:** Bowman, Randal  
**To:** [Michael Weiss - NOAA Federal](#)  
**Subject:** Re: POCs to send the public comments  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 12, 2017 4:33:44 PM

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OK, thanks.

On Wed, Jul 12, 2017 at 2:57 PM, Michael Weiss - NOAA Federal

<[michael.weiss@noaa.gov](mailto:michael.weiss@noaa.gov)> wrote:

ps, FYI we are preparing brief responses to letters received from Gov's Ige (HI) and LePage (Maine), acknowledging receipt and indicating we will consider, as well as indicating we will provide to DOI (although they came to both Secs).

On Wed, Jul 12, 2017 at 2:49 PM, Michael Weiss - NOAA Federal

<[michael.weiss@noaa.gov](mailto:michael.weiss@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks Randy, appreciate the update.

Haven't yet heard from them but expect it was helpful.

On Wed, Jul 12, 2017 at 2:40 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Hope their trip was worthwhile. We went through [regs.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) comments for a while, they agreed with me that there was little new information in them, then they broke for lunch while I took a late-scheduled noon call. I left them browsing large notebooks of scientific articles and prior-year public comments (which we are not counting) on several marine monuments. I had intended to have a quick sandwich and get back with them, but a senior political joined me in the cafeteria and wanted to chat, and they were gone by the time that wrapped up.

On Wed, Jul 12, 2017 at 10:46 AM, Michael Weiss - NOAA Federal

<[michael.weiss@noaa.gov](mailto:michael.weiss@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Randy.

Adele and Candace are on the metro and meeting at the C street entrance at 11:15. If you could meet them that would be great.

Adele's cell number is (b) (6).

Thanks again

On Wed, Jul 12, 2017 at 10:34 AM, Michael Weiss - NOAA Federal

<[michael.weiss@noaa.gov](mailto:michael.weiss@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Randy. Did you get a room number and where should our folks meet?

On Tue, Jul 11, 2017 at 4:47 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Our conference room is booked 2-3, and I have a briefing from 10-11, so we could go 11:30-2, with a break for lunch here, or 3 to whenever, as your folks prefer.

On Tue, Jul 11, 2017 at 2:37 PM, Michael Weiss - NOAA Federal

<[michael.weiss@noaa.gov](mailto:michael.weiss@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Randy.

Thanks again. However, the spreadsheet you sent yesterday is fairly unworkable- very difficult to find who was the commentor, and access any attachments, etc.

Thus, why I offer the approach that

1. DOI to do the review for the marine monument comments as it is doing for the terrestrial; and
2. To help identify and access substantive comments sooner than later have a few of our folks come over tomorrow, and if needed Thursday, and spend time (2-3 hours) with you or someone who has access to the the system.

That work?

On Tue, Jul 11, 2017 at 11:12 AM, Bowman, Randal

<[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Not a problem - we are not sorting by individual monuments as we review comments, due to the fact that a high percentage of comments mention multiple monuments. I just need to sort the marine monuments out by individual name and then go through the steps I mentioned in yesterday's email to get the information to you.

Perhaps it would be helpful if I come over at some point, log into my account and show comments and options for sorting on your screen, so your team can focus on what's available.

On Tue, Jul 11, 2017 at 10:45 AM, Michael Weiss - NOAA Federal

<[michael.weiss@noaa.gov](mailto:michael.weiss@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Randy.

Appreciate your reaching out but we now have lost a fair amount of time for our folks to get up to speed and able to access and review comments, and I am not sure how far we would get tomorrow to this end. Thus, I strongly offer the following proposal- that since you and other DOI reps are already familiar with the program and have a system in place for reviewing the comments, that DOI also review and summarize the comments on the marine national monuments as you are doing for the others. We will focus on the data call/info gathering as we have been doing and writing that piece up. Then we can figure the best way to bring all the pieces together.

That would be much appreciated and better enable us to meet the time frames for completing the review in time to provide to our respective political leaderships.

Thanks again,

Michael

On Tue, Jul 11, 2017 at 8:34 AM, Bowman, Randal

<[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

I believe the problem is with the comments, not the review system. It turns out our contractor is also a part-time soccer coach, currently coaching at the Olympic Development Program camp for New England, and so is not available until Wednesday. If you will pick a time that afternoon - I am booked in the morning - I'm sure we can set up call. He uses a "Go-to-Meeting" app that lets everyone share a screen, which is what you saw at the meeting here, and so you and others could see what you would get, and look at some of the existing comments on-screen.

On Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 2:24 PM, Michael Weiss - NOAA Federal

<[michael.weiss@noaa.gov](mailto:michael.weiss@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Randy.

Not easily workable, and many are not about Rose Atoll- just has that name along with other monuments. Thus, concerned we would be reviewing the same comments in different batches.

Is there a way for some of me and a few of our folks to get on the phone tomorrow with you and the contractor to discuss options?

Thanks,

Michael

On Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 12:28 PM, Bowman, Randal

<[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

I had to be shown by our contractor how to export comments, and it was Friday before I actually had any pulled together. Thought I would wait until you had cleared out your inbox before sending it.

I have a sample attached, not sure how useful it is. There are 493 comments on Rose Atoll, picked that as an easy sample.

If your folks can work with the attachment, I can send a set of comments daily, will probably take a week to get them all. We will have 6 sets of comment downloads from Regs.gov, and I will need to search each set by the names of each of the marine monuments, move those records into a common file, export it, email it to you, then do the same with the next set. I need to do it myself as that is a project management function the way the system works, and I need to fit that in with everything else.

Alternatively, the contractor said you could purchase one or more licenses from him, at \$100 a month per license, that would give you

direct access to our comments on a limited basis, in that you could not recode or otherwise change anything we had done. I'm not at all sure on details, but they are on the GSA supply list, and so don't need a full-blown contracting process. After all the initial hassle here, the contracting took a day; think it was something like contracting issues task order, company accepts, contracting office notifies us to start. We can't loan you our licenses as they are useable only by DOI employees.

On Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 11:48 AM, Michael Weiss - NOAA Federal <[michael.weiss@noaa.gov](mailto:michael.weiss@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Good morning Randy.

Hope you had a nice 4th.

I am back in the office and I understand that we did not get any comments last week. We were really hoping to get started reviewing so it is unfortunate that could not be accommodated.

What is the earliest this week we can receive/obtain the public comments?

Thank you,

Michael

On Fri, Jun 30, 2017 at 2:23 PM, Michael Weiss - NOAA Federal <[michael.weiss@noaa.gov](mailto:michael.weiss@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Randy.

Thanks again for the time.

Please send the marine monument public comments to Kate Spidaliere, Adele Irwin, and Jessica Kondel, cc'd above so you have their email addresses.

Much appreciated,

Michael

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