

**From:** Michael Weiss - NOAA Federal  
**To:** [Bowman, Randal](#)  
**Subject:** Re: delay in transferring marine monument comments  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 01, 2017 3:18:57 PM

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Thanks. Will call then.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 1, 2017, at 4:17 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

4:30 is fine

On Tue, Aug 1, 2017 at 4:16 PM, Michael Weiss - NOAA Federal <[michael.weiss@noaa.gov](mailto:michael.weiss@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Sorry. Was on a few calls. 4:30 work? Alternatively tomorrow morning @ 9:30 or 10:00?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 1, 2017, at 2:38 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

How about 4 pm for a call?

On Tue, Aug 1, 2017 at 1:29 PM, Michael Weiss - NOAA Federal <[michael.weiss@noaa.gov](mailto:michael.weiss@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Hi again Randy.

A few observations and questions. Mutual goal here is to ensure the policy folks have the relevant information re: the public comments- for upcoming discussions.

1. Appreciate your sending what you identified as new information, but some of the comments included do not appear to meet that threshold (are more opinion/position comments). How are you doing the sorting?

2. DOI initially committed to, using its contractor and system, sorting the comments by bins (e.g., opinion- for/against changes, new information) and then by monument. You indicated that DOI was not sorting by individual monuments as your team reviews comments, due to the fact that a high percentage of comments mention multiple monuments. That makes sense at first cut, but then how have you been identifying discrete monument specific comments that may provide substantive content?

3. In response to our request for DOI to summarize the comments on the marine monuments, you indicated that there is unfortunately nothing to summarize except what percent of comments are for or against the review overall. You indicated DOI had

plans to do a second round of coding for comments with new information, breaking them down by EO factors and traditional DOI issues like grazing, hunting etc, and then reporting on that, but had to abandon because there is virtually nothing submitted with any of that information. Is that still the case, at least for the marine monuments? I did a quick search on [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) and pulled a few examples of discrete comments received. How have you been summarizing comments like these?

Also, do you have a master list of the commentors even if not broken out by site?

Per your other email, happy to follow up with a call later today to discuss. I am free except from 2:30-3:30.

Thanks again,

Michael

On Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 12:11 PM, Bowman, Randal  
<[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

System is working again. Attached are all 8 of the comments coded as "new information" and referencing marine monuments to date; the final set of comments is still being uploaded, and there are a few thousand comments from earlier still being reviewed.

It was easier to copy these than to go through the "export file" process, given the few comments. Some of our reviewers do not seem to share my concept of what "new information" is, but I'm sending them all anyhow. I did no editing except removing double/tripple-spacing between paragraphs in one comment.

On Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 6:02 AM, Michael Weiss - NOAA Federal <[michael.weiss@noaa.gov](mailto:michael.weiss@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Morning.

Ok, thanks for the update. If there is any way to get the few new information comments over today, that would be appreciated.

On Wed, Jul 26, 2017 at 4:16 PM, Bowman, Randal  
<[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Our contractor's system is experiencing delays in uploading the last round of comments from [regs.gov](http://regs.gov), for some of the same reasons regs. had trouble with them, including many attachments with hand-written post cards eating up computer processing capacity. The search function is working irregularly as a result.

This should be resolved in a day or so, and I will start sorting the marine comments out and sending them over next week - I will be gone and not able to access email

from mid-afternoon tomorrow until mid-afternoon  
Monday,

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