

**From:** Bowman, Randal  
**To:** [Van Houten, William](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Review of National Monuments - DoD input  
**Date:** Monday, June 05, 2017 12:33:47 PM

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OK, on my way

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 1:30 PM, Van Houten, William <[william\\_vanhouten@ios.doi.gov](mailto:william_vanhouten@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

can we do this now in the cafeteria? so we don't miss each other, should we meet maybe by the coffee place that is not part of the main cafeteria?

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On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 1:26 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

I heard that from John Pierson a little while ago. Welcome aboard! I am working from my old office, which I share, so if you have your own office I will come there. If not, perhaps we could go to the cafeteria. I am available at any point today except 2-2:30.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 1:20 PM, Van Houten, William <[william\\_vanhouten@ios.doi.gov](mailto:william_vanhouten@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Randal,

I looped back with the Navy and he concurs that the lead for this should be within OSD (because the monuments cross the various components of the DoD). Can we have a brief call today, or can I come up and see you? I am on the 5th floor, and I generally prefer face to face meetings.

Bill

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On Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 5:11 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

That will be fine with me - just want to be sure everyone is on the same page.

On Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 5:10 PM, Van Houten, William <[william\\_vanhouten@ios.doi.gov](mailto:william_vanhouten@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Thank you for the clarification. I am waiting on Pierson to respond to an email I just sent him.

Ron Tickle is working this at OSD. Ronis from DASN and N45 offices, and so we

should be able to get to the bottom of this.

I will write back when I have an answer.

Note that if Ron has the stick, he wants to have a call with you or meet. I would also attend for situational awareness.

bill

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On Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 5:06 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Appreciate your checking. I can only rely on what I was told, and could have misunderstood, but it was my clear understanding that John is representing DOD on all monuments.

On Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 5:04 PM, Van Houten, William <[william\\_vanhouten@ios.doi.gov](mailto:william_vanhouten@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Thanks.

Could it be that the Navy has the lead on monuments which are offshore?

I have written the Navy and will make sure that all parts of the DoD know how to respond.

Thanks.

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On Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 3:39 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Thank you - I believe we met in the cafeteria a while back, with Twinkle Thompson.

I was in touch early in the monument review process with John Pierson, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Environment, who is the lead Navy staff for the National Ocean Council, which I was previously involved with.

It is my understanding that he was authorized to represent all of DOD on the review issue, and is a member of the DOI monument review team. I suggest you contact him before proceeding further:

Pierson, John C CIV OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment), [john.c.pierson@navy.mil](mailto:john.c.pierson@navy.mil)

On Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 3:24 PM, Van Houten, William  
<[william\\_vanhouten@ios.doi.gov](mailto:william_vanhouten@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Sir:

I am on a long term detail to the ASLM Office from the Department of Defense as the DoD/DOI Liaison. In this capacity, I work issues of concern between the two Departments. I sit in BLM spaces at Main Interior so as to improve communication.

I have been working with the DoD to ensure that they consider your subject federal register notice, both from a military mission impact as well as possible environmental consequences. Any assistance you might be able to provide in terms of how we can frame responses to be most useful would be appreciated.. I would aim for the inputs to be specific as to impacts and locations within the monuments.

DoD is working on a consolidated response (versus individual comments coming in from multiple organizations, such as the Military Departments or individual installations). Consolidation will allow a review in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and a consistency in approach. Even with this approach, you may still get individual comments.

Would it be helpful to set up a call with the DoD lead for this? Is there some other way I can assist?

v/r  
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