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Tracking Number	Received	Requester	Requester Organization	Submitted
DOC-NOAA-2017-001394	6/19/2017	Ivy Fredrickson	Ocean Conservancy	6/19/2017
DOC-NOAA-2017-001391	6/16/2017	Elizabeth Mitchell	Association of Professional Observers	6/19/2017

DOC-NOAA-2017-001390	6/16/2017	Elizabeth Mitchell	Assocaition for Professiona	6/16/2017

Detail

We request copies of all memoranda, studies, reports, data, correspondence, comments, conversation records, files, electronic mail records, or other documents, which were generated, received, kept, and/or considered by NMFS relating to the reopening of the red snapper season, between the dates of January 20, 2017 and June 19, 2017. This includes documents, records, and materials regarding:

1. extension or reopening of the private recreational red snapper season;
2. how or whether this action would affect progress toward rebuilding under the red snapper rebuilding plan;
3. how or whether this action may cause or contribute to overfishing; and
4. data, computations, or any other analysis used to determine the number of days the season would be open.

We request documents, records, and materials pertaining to the above enumerated subjects involving, but not limited to, the following people:

1. Wilbur Ross
2. Samuel Rauch
3. Alan Risenhoover
4. Roy Crabtree
5. Andy Strelcheck
6. George Kelly
7. Earl Comstock
8. Bonnie Ponwith
9. Patrick Lynch
10. Emily Menashes
11. Benjamin Friedman
12. Lindsey Kraatz

Through the Freedom of Information Act, I request the following documents: A summary of all complaints of violence, threats, or harassment against fisheries observers in US fisheries observer programs that occurred in calendar year 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016, separated by: 1. Year; 2. Whether the complaint was initiated by the observer or by observer program staff; 3. Date of complaint; 4. Observer program from which the observer was deployed; 5. Nature of the complaint (e.g. assault, sexual assault, harassment, verbal abuse, intimidation, interference, lack of assistance, death, or other type of threat); 6. What, if any, outcomes stemmed from each complaint (e.g., arrest, conviction, ongoing investigation). If any portion is redacted, I request that at least the region be revealed.

Through the Freedom of Information Act, I request the following documents: 1. E-mails, photographs and possibly faxes and other communications before and after and relating to my observer trip on board the America No. 1, a US-flagged Patagonia Toothfish longline vessel then owned by Lawrence Lasarow, PacFish, Inc. I met the vessel in Spain September 28, 2003, sailed for the Southern Ocean to test CCAMLR seabird mitigation measures to be confirmed prior to entry into a CCAMLR Ross Sea experimental fishery. My time on board this vessel was from September 28, 2003 through approximately November 27, 2003. The time frame of communications I request is from August 1, 2003 until August 1, 2005. I request e-mails, faxes or other communications, from this time period, to and from myself to DOC employees - Chris Jones (SWFSC); Robin Tuttle; Teresa Turk; NOAA OLE; Paul Ortiz (Office of General Counsel); Frank Sprtel (Deputy General Counsel); Mike Gonzales (OLE); Brett Schneider (OLE). E-mails pertaining to my deployment to and from NOAA and Lawrence Lasarow (Seaport Management Services, LLC; PacFish, Inc) , German Munoz (Chile), and any officials in Spain. 2. I request any investigation reports or communications relating to my harassment while on board, the data I collected, and the reports filed. Other potential names of persons involved are: Hennie Crous, Lawrence Lasarow, and Joe D'Alfio. 3. I request the 2003 consent decree between NOAA and Mr. Lawrence Lasarow's company, PacFish, Inc. and any other legal documents associated with this particular trip. 4. I request any documents relating to NOAA’s presentations at the CCAMLR meeting, CCAMLR-XXII.

Category	Comments
Public Interest/Special Interest	Records specifically are sought pertaining to named Bureau and Department leadership. This issue has been in the news multipled times (http://www.newschannel10.com/story/35647812/federal-red-snapper-season-could-reopen-but-with-a-catch). See also http://www.sportfishingmag.com/gulf-red-snapper-federal-season-reopens.
Public Interest/Special Interest	This is a repeat request, and we routinely receive similar requests seeking the same material. This organization is likley maintaining comparative trends, and historical data on this issue.

Public Interest/Special Interest	This is a specific request for an incident of harassment. Because the requester is familiar with the incident, they also will likely have a more complete knowledge of locations where responsive records are likely to be found and are more prone to raise a search adequacy challenge if the search is deficient.