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Re: FOIA Request# **DOC-NOAA-2016-000605**

Dear FOIA Officer:

Enclosed is a copy of a request for agency records under the Freedom of Information Act request DOC-NOAA-2016-00605, from Ms. Margaret Townsend at Center for Biological Diversity, dated *February 10, 2016* requesting records relating to "Significant Portion of Range Policy":

1. All records related to the Joint Policy on Interpretation of the Phrase ''Significant Portion of Its Range'' in the Endangered Species Act's Definitions of "Endangered Species" and "Threatened Species." 79 Fed. Reg. 37,578 (July 1, 2014); 76 Fed. Reg. 76,987 (Dec. 9, 2011).

2. All records related to, concerning, and/or generated by or in connection with the Significant Portion of Its Range Team consisting of representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries.

We have finished processing this supplemental response to the request. **The following two documents are being referred to you for release determination.**

- Accordingly, per our governing regulations, 15 CFR § 4.5(b), we are also referring the FWS/DOI portions of these *two documents* to them. We request that you make a determination on the DOJ-origin text. You should respond directly to the requestor as to the DOJ portions while maintaining protection of any DOI/FWS portions that are not redacted.

Please find enclosed a copy of our supplemental final response letter sent to the requester from NMFS.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to call Ms. Tawand Tonic at 301-427-8482 or email to nmfs.hq.pr.foia@noaa.gov should you have any questions.

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