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Mr. Jeff Ruch  
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RE: FOIA Request #2007-00534

Dear Mr. Ruch:

This letter is in further reference to your previous FOIA request #CRRIF 07-294, dated February 13, 2007. You requested a summary of all incidents of violence, threats, or harassment against professional observers, including both NOAA employees and government contractors, that occurred between January 1 and December 31, 2006 (copy enclosed).

Your request was forwarded to the Department of Commerce FOIA Officer on June 7, 2007, and, after consulting with NOAA's FOIA Officer, a search for responsive documents was conducted within NOAA's Office of Security. As you know, a "no records" response was sent to you on June 28, 2007. However, your request also should have been forwarded to NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

To ensure a complete search, your request has now been assigned to the NMFS Office for Law Enforcement. We will contact you regarding the results of this additional search no later than October 15, 2007.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Tonya Woods, NMFS FOIA Office, at (301) 713-1364, x147.

Sincerely,

William T. Hogarth, Ph.D.

Enclosure



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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request # 2007-00534

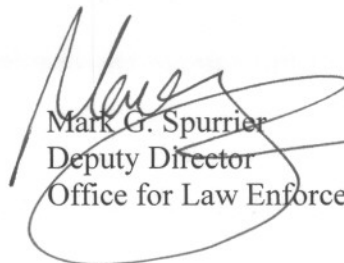
Dear Mr. Ruch:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request #2007-00534 date February 13, 2007 and received by our office September 17, 2007. You specifically requested a summary of all incidents of violence, threats or harassment against professional observers, including both NOAA employees and government contractors that occurred between January 1 and December 31, 2006.

In accordance with the terms of your request, we have created a two-page summary that is a full response to your request. Since you have been granted a full fee-waiver you will not be charged for the associated costs of processing this FOIA request. I have enclosed two additional listings of violation types to assist you in understanding the regulatory references.

If you have any questions regarding your request, you may contact me at 301-427-2300.

Sincerely,

  
Mark G. Spurrier  
Deputy Director  
Office for Law Enforcement

Enclosures

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