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From: Jennifer Schultz - NOAA Federal
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 1:56 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV COMPACFLT, N465JR
Cc: AnnMarie Lauritsen
Subject: Re: Sea turtle data/reports

Hi (b)(6),

Remember how I told you that we'd be giving as much notice as possible regarding critical habitat? Well, we are starting now, even before we've identified all critical habitat areas. We are in a crunch for time due to our statutory requirements (i.e., we should have our final critical habitat rule out by March 2017). Once we have identified the proposed critical habitat areas, we will contact our DoD partners to identify potential national security risks (section 4(b)(2) of the ESA). However, in the meantime, we would like to know if there are any Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans (INRMPs) that include green turtles (section 4(a)(3) of the ESA).

I was wondering if you could help me to spread the word? I am going to reach out to the contacts you provided (Kevin Birndock, (b)(6), Jacque Rice, Joel Helm, (b)(6), and (b)(6)) to introduce myself and request INRMPs that include green turtles. If you think of anyone else who should be notified, would you send me their contact information or forward them this email? Thanks! Jenny (paragraphs below give details...)

The National Marine Fisheries Service the US Fish and Wildlife Service (together, the Services) are discussing potential critical habitat for our proposed green sea turtle distinct population segments. We have not yet identified critical habitat areas, but before we do, we would like to know what Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans (INRMPs) are available for green turtles. Under the Endangered Species Act, we do not designate critical habitat on DoD areas where we conclude that an INRMP provides a benefit to the species:

(B)(i) The Secretary shall not designate as critical habitat any lands or other geographical areas owned or controlled by the Department of Defense, or designated for its use, that are subject to an integrated natural resources management plan prepared under section 101 of the Sikes Act (16 U.S.C. 670a), if the Secretary determines in writing that such plan provides a benefit to the species for which critical habitat is proposed for designation (16 U.S.C. 1533(a)(3)(B)(i)).

If you have an INRMP that includes green turtles, or if you plan on adding green turtles to an existing INRMP, please contact me at jennifer.schultz@noaa.gov (301-427-8443).

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On Thu, Aug 27, 2015 at 10:57 PM, (b)(6) CIV COMPACFLT, N465JR (b)(6) @navy.mil> wrote:

Hi Jenny,

Just realized I had this as well. This is the data from Tinian that the report summarizes. Suspect it'll be more useful to you.

Aloha (b)(6)

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From: Jennifer Schultz - NOAA Federal [mailto:jennifer.schultz@noaa.gov]

Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 9:59 AM

To: (b)(6) CIV COMPACFLT, N465JR

Subject: Re: Sea turtle data/reports

Hi (b)(6)

It was good talking to you, too! Thank you for all of the information, and thanks for the files. I'll be in touch when I have a better idea of specific areas we're considering for critical habitat.

Aloha,

Jenny

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On Thu, Aug 27, 2015 at 3:38 PM, (b)(6) CIV COMPACFLT, N465JR <(b)(6) @navy.mil> wrote:

Hi Jenny,

Good talking to you yesterday. Thanks for reaching out.

Attached are the two projects that we discussed yesterday. The excel spreadsheet is for Pearl Harbor

specifically. The other is the final report (already submitted to FWS) for sea turtles on Tinian.

Aloha, (b)(6)