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From: Jennifer Schultz - NOAA Federal
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 12:46 PM
To: CHAMBERS, ANGY L GS-12 USAF AFSPC 45 CES/CEIE
Subject: Re: 45th Space Wing INRMP for green turtle

Thank you, Angy! To answer your question regarding NMFS' signature, no it is not required. The USAF and USFWS signatures are necessary to show that the INRMP is compliant and operational (thank you for sending).

I will review the information and get back to you if I have any questions. I am hoping to complete all INRMP reviews by the end of October.

Sincerely,

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On Tue, Aug 23, 2016 at 12:32 PM, CHAMBERS, ANGY L GS-12 USAF AFSPC 45 CES/CEIE <angy.chambers@us.af.mil> wrote:

Jennifer - Please find attached requested signature pages, the sea turtle management plan, as well as the introductory portion of the T&E plans (this one discussed green turtle monitoring). Please note that NMFS Protected Species Office declined to review and sign our revised INRMP last year; that email is included in the signature pages. The nesting surveys have been conducted annually since the late 80s; we do not expect that to change. The Trident Basin green turtle project is also funded annually. While I don't expect that one to change either, there has been discussion (not from us) on the need for it because we do not have a Biological Opinion that requires that monitoring. However, the amount is small we've been able to justify the funding annually since the 90s. So, yes the surveys and the green turtle monitoring have been conducted annually for the past several years and we expect it to continue.

We are getting ready to conduct our annual INRMP review with the agencies and

thus far I haven't received any input from NMFS. The attached sea turtle plan and the introductory document have just been updated and will be reviewed with the agencies (FWC and USFWS) at a meeting next week. I've also attached our Work Plan Implementation Spreadsheet which lists all of our activities and what was completed over the last year. If you tab to CCAFS on the bottom, you will see the in-house work first and then the projects that are funded; that is where you will find the two projects for juvenile green monitoring and sea turtle monitoring. We also have a project for Patrick AFB to conduct annual nest surveys on that beach as well.

The entire INRMP is too large to email but if you want a copy, let me know and I think I can upload it to a site we use called AMRDEC safe file exchange.

I know you probably cannot answer this, but do you foresee a problem with getting the in water critical habitat designation if NMFS hasn't signed the INRMP?

Please let me know if you need anything further or have any questions on what I sent. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

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

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Subject: 45th Space Wing INRMP for green turtle

Hi Angy,

My name is Jenny Schultz, and I am working on the green turtle critical habitat designation for NMFS. Ann Marie Lauritsen gave me your contact information. I will be reviewing the Cape Canaveral/Patrick AFB INRMP for exemption.

For my review, I will need a signed copy of the final INRMP. If it is too large to email, would you be able to send the signature page for my records? Also, I have a track changes "final draft" version off the Sea Turtle Management Plan...would you send me the final version? One last question: I noticed that there are some projects subject to funding availability (Trident Submarine Basin juvenile green sea turtle monitoring and nest surveys). Would you let me know if those projects have been funded and implemented in recent years (2 - 5 years)?

Thank you!

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