

Vaquita FOIA Request
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TAB A



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**THE DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
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ACTION MEMO

FOR: SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

FROM: Ms. Jodi Greene, Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy (Policy)

SUBJECT: Response to Mexico's Admiral Soberon's Request for Assistance

- Recommend you sign the letter at TAB A responding to a letter from Mexican Secretary of the Navy Admiral (ADM) Soberon (TAB B) seeking your advice and assistance with saving the endemic, critically endangered vaquita (a species of porpoise).
- Illegal fishing of the endemic, critically endangered totoaba (the largest member of the drum/croaker family) continues to decimate the vaquita population. Vaquita are often caught and drowned in gillnets used by totoaba fishermen in the Sea of Cortez. More than half of the population has been lost in the last three years, with current estimates ranging from 36-60 vaquitas remaining. The most optimistic estimates foresee the vaquita being extinct within five years under current conditions.
 - The totoaba swim bladder is seen as a delicacy in Chinese cuisine and believed to be a treatment for fertility, circulatory, and skin problems. A recent interdiction of 121 totoaba swim bladders was estimated to have a value of \$750,000 in Hong Kong.
- Mexico's Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, Rafael Pacchiano Alaman, approached ADM Soberon about the possibility of creating a captive breeding program for the vaquita to prevent their extinction. ADM Soberon is seeking your assistance in better understanding the U.S. Navy's Marine Mammal Program (MMP) to guide Mexico in creating a similar program to save the vaquita.
- Mexico has attempted to create a plan for a vaquita captive breeding program for over four years but has not yet answered important questions outlining capture methods, holding locations and basic care and breeding.
- TAB A is an interim response letter for you to send to ADM Soberon. My office is working with representatives from ASN(EI&E), ASN(RD&A), OPNAV (N45), and the Navy MMP to provide a more detailed response once we gain a better understanding of the potential legal, policy, and public affairs risks involved with the Department of the Navy providing assistance for this request.

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RECOMMENDATION: SECNAV sign response letter to ADM Soberon at TAB A.

COORDINATION: TAB C

Attachments:

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON DC 20350-1000

June 14, 2016

Admiral Vidal Francisco Soberón Sanz
Mexican Secretary of the Navy
c/o Defense Attaché Office, Mexico City
Attn: (b) (6)
225 S Vermillion Ave
Brownsville, TX 78521

Dear Admiral Soberón,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter requesting advice and potential assistance to save the endangered Vaquita.

Your efforts to save both the Vaquita and Totoaba are noble undertakings, and I appreciate your interest in exploring the capabilities of the United States Navy's Marine Mammal Program (MMP) to assist in the preservation of the Vaquita. For decades, the MMP has studied the extraordinary echolocation abilities of bottlenose dolphins, as well as conservation research, veterinary care, and marine mammal training. I understand the program could potentially provide insight and guidance in locating the Vaquita, and perhaps the effort to halt the decline of their population.

With due consideration to the urgency of this matter, I have directed my staff to carefully review the complex scientific, policy, legal, and regulatory provisions, with the aim of providing all assistance possible in this matter. My point of contact for this matter is Mr. Thomas Dee, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Expeditionary Programs and Logistics Management).

Again, thank you for your efforts to save this endangered species, and I look forward to continuing to work closely with you to build on the already strong relationship between our two countries.

Sincerely,


Ray Mabus

It was good to speak with you about this. This is my interim formal reply. We will work very diligently on this.



SEMAR
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A.- 956

Ciudad de México, a 16 de mayo de 2016.

Señor.
Ray Mabus.
Secretario de Marina de los
Estados Unidos de América.
Washington, D.C., E.U.A.

Distinguido Secretario Mabus:

Tengo el gusto de enviarle un cordial saludo, y a la vez plantearle un asunto sobre el cual quisiera conocer su opinión al respecto.

Como seguramente habrá escuchado, la Secretaría de Marina - Armada de México a mi cargo, en conjunto con la Secretaría del Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (SEMARNAT), está preocupada por la pesca ilegal y depredación de la especie de peces conocida como Totoaba (*Totoaba macdonaldi*), endémica de la región norte del Mar de Cortés, o Alto California.

Otra consecuencia sumamente preocupante, es que debido a la voracidad de los consumidores en Asia, y a pesar de los muchos esfuerzos del gobierno mexicano para vigilar y tratar de evitar esta actividad ilícita, el contrabando de los subproductos de este pez alcanza precios de mercado negro extremadamente elevados, por lo que quienes realizan su captura utilizan métodos en los cuales también se está diezmando la muy reducida población de la Vaquita Marina (*Phocoena sinus*), un mamífero marino también endémico de esta reserva natural, y que está en peligro de extinción.

Ante esta situación, considerada ya muy grave por el Estado Mexicano, mi colega, el Ing. Rafael Pacchiano Alemán, titular de la SEMARNAT, me ha hecho algunos comentarios sobre la posibilidad de agrupar algunos ejemplares de la vaquita marina, para evitar que puedan ser atrapados por las artes de pesca con las que se captura la Totoaba y dirigirlos a algunos sitios donde se les pueda proteger y ayudar a su reproducción, con la intención de evitar su extinción. Para tales fines, también me ha sugerido la posibilidad de que en este proceso pudiéramos ayudarnos de algunos ejemplares del Programa de Mamíferos Marinos, que con éxito ha desarrollado la Armada de los EE.UU. desde hace varias décadas.

Es por ello que, dada la relevancia que reviste esta problemática, me permito someter a su respetable opinión esta idea, solicitando su apoyo para conocer más sobre dicho Programa, y estudiar la probabilidad de que esta propuesta pueda desarrollarse con más detalle, esperando que ésta pudiera ser una de las muchas acciones que estamos realizando para evitar esta tragedia en nuestro entorno.

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Agradeciendo su fina atención al respecto, me permito también poner a su disposición como punto de contacto al Contralmirante Jorge V. Vázquez Zárate, Presidente de la Comisión de Estudios Especiales, para intercambiar más información con la persona u oficina que usted pudiera tener a bien designar, si así lo considera pertinente.

Esperando tener la oportunidad de saludarle personalmente en un futuro próximo, le reitero mis más distinguidas consideraciones.

VIDAL FRANCISCO SOBERÓN SANZ
ALMIRANTE
SECRETARIO DE MARINA

Courtesy Translation

Distinguished Secretary Mabus,


I am pleased to greet you and to inform you about a very important matter on which I would like to ask for your opinion.

As you may be aware, the Mexican Navy, along with the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, is concerned about the illegal fishing and depletion of the species known as "Totoaba" (*Totoaba macdonaldi*), endemic of the Sea of Cortez, or the Upper Gulf of California.

Another disturbing consequence of this issue is the smuggling of by-products of this specie, which rises extremely high prices in the black market, mainly because of the voracity of Asian consumers, in despite of the countless efforts of the Mexican Government to avoid this illegal activity. These smugglers perform capturing methods which are also decimating the nowadays reduced population of the "Vaquita Marina" (*Phocoena sinus*), an endemic marine mammal resident of this natural reserve, which is also in danger of extinction.

This particular circumstance, of a very serious concern to the Mexican State, has brought the attention of my colleague, Mr. Rafael Pacchiano Alamán, Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, who has asked me about the possibility of grouping some "Vaquita" specimen, as a way to prevent them from being caught by the fishing gear with which the "Totoaba" is captured, in order to place them where they could be protected and assisted for reproduction, thus, preventing their extinction. To that end, Mr. Pacchiano also raised the possibility that, in this process, we could be supported with some species coming from the Navy Marine Mammal Program (NMMP), which has been successfully developed by the US Navy for several decades now.

Given the relevance of this problem, I would like to submit this issue to your respectable opinion, requesting for your support to learn more about this program, as well as the possibility to develop this proposal in detail, hoping that this could be one more of the numerous actions that we are performing to prevent this tragedy in our environment.



I appreciate your kind consideration to this matter, and I would like to designate Radm. Jorge V. Vazquez Zarate, President of the Special Studies Commission, as POC to exchange more information with the person or office that you would designate, if appropriate.

Hoping to have the opportunity in the near future to greet you personally, I reiterate my most distinguished considerations

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DASN(E)	(b) (6) (b) (6)	(b) (6)	31 May 2016
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OJAG (Code 12)	(b) (6)	(b) (6)	31 May 2016
OPNAV (N45)	(b) (6)	(b) (6)	31 May 2016
SPAWAR	(b) (6) (b) (6)	(b) (6)	31 May 2016
DASN(ELM)	(b) (6)	(b) (6)	31 May 2016

TAB B

ACTION MEMO

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FOR: SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

FROM: Mr. Thomas Dee, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Expeditionary Programs and Logistics Management)

SUBJECT: Admiral Soberon Final Response Letter and Plan to Assist with Saving the Vaquita

- **Recommend you sign the letter at TAB A providing a final response to a letter from Mexican Secretary of the Navy Admiral (ADM) Soberon seeking your assistance with saving the critically endangered vaquita. (TAB B)**
 - **Recommend you initial below to approve the use of Secretary of the Navy Emergency and Extraordinary Expense (EEE) finding to begin to initiate training of Marine Mammal Program (MMP) dolphins to potentially be able to locate harbor porpoises and vaquita.**
- **On 18 May, you received a letter from ADM Soberon requesting your advice and assistance with saving the vaquita. You discussed this request during a 9 June phone call with ADM Soberon and received an invitation to the "El Grito" celebrations in Mexico City in September. On 14 June, you signed an interim response letter to ADM Soberon informing him that the Department of the Navy (DON) would provide all assistance possible, to include the potential use of the Navy's MMP dolphins, to Mexico's efforts to save the vaquita. (TAB C)**
- **On 17 June, myself, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Environment (DASN(E)), and staff from the Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy for Policy (DUSN(P)) office conducted a teleconference with Eileen Sobeck, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to discuss the ongoing international efforts to save the vaquita.**
 - **Ms. Sobeck stated that according to the International Committee for the Recovery of the Vaquita (CIRVA) plans, the only assistance that is being sought from the DON is the detection and location of the vaquitas by trained MMP dolphins. When asked if there were other areas where DON/MMP expertise was needed, Ms. Sobeck stated that other organizations with similar expertise that had already been identified and volunteered to assist.**

SUBJECT: Admiral Soberón Final Response Letter and Plan to Assist with Saving the Vaquita

- o Several members of Ms. Sobeck's staff, as well as Dr. Frances Gulland, Commissioner of the U.S. Marine Mammal Commission, are members of the CIRVA organization.
- o Annex 3, Table 1 (page 57) of the May 2016 CIRVA report identifies the U.S. Navy and the National Marine Mammal Foundation (NMMF) as potential partners in the efforts to locate the vaquitas (TAB D).
- In coordination with MMP personnel, we developed a notional timeline and cost estimate for the training and future deployments of MMP dolphins to support this effort (TAB E). MMP dolphins would deploy to the Sea of Cortez in spring 2017 (closely aligning with the planned CIRVA timeline of events) for an initial detection of the vaquita. An initial capture of 1-3 vaquitas is planned to ensure vaquita sustainability in captivity. Pending confirmation of positive captivity program for the vaquita, a second deployment of MMP dolphins for detection purposes in fall 2017 may be needed.
- o I am requesting \$75,000 in Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16) EEE funding to provide the MMP funding to train its dolphins in order to detect and localize harbor porpoises (the closest species in physical similarity to the vaquita). This request fully meets SECNAVINST 7042.12E guidelines for use of EEE funds (TAB F). DON Assistant for Administration, Financial Management Division verified funding is available for this request.
- o The remaining approximately \$130,000 needed for two deployments of MMP dolphins and personnel to Mexico will be budgeted for and funded through FY17 DUSN(P)-managed Latin America Cooperation (LATAM COOP) funding.

RECOMMENDATION: Sign final response letter to ADM Soberón at TAB A and initial below approving an expenditure of \$75,000 in EEE funding for training of MMP dolphins. Approve *[Signature]* Disapprove _____

COORDINATION: TAB G

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

August 5, 2016

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Mexican Secretary of the Navy
c/o Defense Attaché Office, Mexico City
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Brownsville, TX 78521

Dear Admiral Soberón,

I am writing to provide a final response to your May 16, 2016, request for potential assistance in saving the endangered vaquita.

As we discussed during our phone conversation on June 9, 2016, and reiterated in my June 14, 2016, response letter, we are glad to provide all assistance possible in this noble effort.

In discussions with the United States (U.S.) Marine Mammal Commission and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA), and after a thorough review of the International Committee for the Recovery of the Vaquita's (CIRVA's) May 2016 meeting report, utilization of the U.S. Navy's Marine Mammal Program (MMP) to detect and locate the vaquita is where our assistance is most needed at this time.

I am pleased to report to you that I have directed the MMP office to support this endeavor and training of the MMP's dolphins to potentially locate the vaquita is already underway. We expect this training to be completed this fall with a deployment of the MMP dolphins in the spring of 2017, in order to locate the vaquita.

Again, thank you for your efforts to save this endangered species, and I look forward to partnering with you on this important task.

Sincerely,

Ray Mabius

I am glad we can be of assistance



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Ray Mabus

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US Navy Marine Mammal Program Vaquitas Assistance SOW and Cost Estimate

Phase 1- 60 – 90 days with a 14 day proof of concept at USCG Station Golden Gate, CA.

Train three MMS dolphins to detect and localize harbor porpoise echo in San Diego Bay. Subsequently deploy MMS dolphins to San Francisco, CA for proof of concept on indigenous harbor porpoise population. Provide written report on effectiveness and potential for success detecting Vaquitas porpoise in Baja Mexico.

*Labor-	\$2
Perdiem & Travel-	\$54,860
Shipping & Logistics-	\$15,800
Total-	\$72,660

* Task consistent with funded care and maintenance, extended deployment may require additional funding for labor.

Phase 2- 150 – 180 days with a 14 day deployment to San Felipe, Mexico.

Maintain behaviors of three MMS dolphins for harbor porpoise echo detection and localization in San Diego Bay. Subsequently deploy MMS dolphins to San Felipe, Mexico for detection of Vaquitas porpoise population.

*Labor-	\$2
Perdiem & Travel-	\$41,560
Shipping & Logistics-	\$20,000
Total-	\$63,560

* Task consistent with funded care and maintenance, extended deployment may require additional funding for labor.

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DASN(E)	(b) (6) [REDACTED] (b) (6) [REDACTED]	(b) (6) [REDACTED]	18 Jul 16
OJAG (Code 12)	(b) (6) [REDACTED]	(b) (6) [REDACTED]	18 Jul 16
OPNAV (N45)	(b) (6) [REDACTED]	(b) (6) [REDACTED]	18 Jul 16
SPAWAR (MMP)	(b) (6) [REDACTED]	(b) (6) [REDACTED]	18 Jul 16
DON/AA (FMD)	(b) (6) [REDACTED]	(b) (6) [REDACTED]	18 Jul 16
OGC	Mr. Joe Duenas	703-693-7930	19 Jul 16

TAB C

INFO MEMO

FOR: DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (POLICY)

FROM: Ms. Mindy Montgomery, Senior Director for Policy, Strategy and Capabilities

SUBJECT: Update on Mexico's Efforts to Save the Vaquita

- On 7 February 2017, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center (SPAWARSYSCEN)-Pacific, Marine Mammal Program (MMP) informed us that the International Committee for the Recovery of the Vaquita (CIRVA) is delaying its vaquita collection efforts until October or November 2017. A fundraising shortfall in support of the CIRVA-planned vaquita collection and sustainment facility has caused the delay.
- This delay minimally affects DON's EEE funding and support of MMP dolphin training. After completion of a MMP dolphin training method "proof of concept," SPAWARSYSCEN will delay actual dolphin training until summer 2017 in preparation for the proposed October/November deployment.
 - The DON also obligated FY17 LATAM COOP monies to fully fund MMP dolphin and personnel deployment. Although the FY17 NDAA eliminated the DON's LATAM COOP authority, OSD has authorized execution of FY17 LATAM COOP budgets approved by the Military Departments prior to passage of the FY17 NDAA. Although the current plan to assist the Government of Mexico bridges FY17 and FY18, the Office of the DASD-SC stated the DON can execute this program in FY18 as long as the DON obligated the money in FY17.
- A November 2016 CIRVA report estimates a 50% decline in the vaquita population in the 12 months prior to the report's release—a 90% decline from the 2011-2016 timeframe. According to the report, approximately 30 vaquita remain. Despite the Mexican government's two-year ban on gillnet fishing in the Sea of Cortez, enforcement efforts have been insufficient. The ban expires in April 2017, and the Mexican government has not indicated it will extend or make permanent the ban.

COORDINATION: None

Attachments:
None

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TAB D

INFO MEMO

FOR: DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (POLICY)

FROM: Ms. Anne Gebhards, Senior Advisor for International Affairs

SUBJECT: Background on the Department of the Navy's Efforts to Save the Vaquita

- On 18 May 2016, former Secretary Mabus received a letter from Mexican Secretary of the Navy Admiral (ADM) Soberón requesting Department of the Navy (DON) assistance with saving the endemic, critically endangered vaquita. On 14 June 2016, Secretary Mabus signed a response letter to ADM Soberon informing him that the DON would provide all assistance possible, to include the potential use of the U.S. Navy's Marine Mammal Program (MMP) dolphins, to help save the vaquita.
 - In coordination with the International Committee for the Recovery of the Vaquita (CIRVA), the organization assisting the Government of Mexico with its efforts to save the vaquita, the only assistance that is being sought from the DON is the detection and location of the vaquitas by trained MMP dolphins.
- On 5 August 2016, Secretary Mabus approved the use of \$75,000 in Emergency and Extraordinary Expense (EEE) funds to train MMP dolphins to detect and localize harbor porpoises (the closest species in physical similarity to the vaquita).
- MMP personnel deployed three dolphins in October/November 2016 to provide a proof of concept on training and detection methods. Two of three dolphins detected and reported resident porpoises in San Francisco harbor. The two swimmer defense dolphins performed positively while the mine-countermeasures dolphin was observed spotting the porpoises but did not report them.
- Based on the scarcity of the vaquita, the limited positive results from the San Francisco deployment, a larger search area (approximately 450 square nautical miles), and the expected length of the search (approximately five weeks) the MMP determined it would need to train an additional dolphin for the collection efforts.
 - On 19 January 2017, Secretary Mabus approved the use of an additional \$200,000 of EEE funding to conduct behavior maintenance/sustainment training for MMP dolphins in their mission to assist in locating vaquitas in the Sea of Cortez. The additional expenditure will be used to maintain and expand the conditioning of MMP dolphins while awaiting to deploy in support of Mexico's operations to locate a population of vaquitas.

- The remaining approximately \$140,000 needed for the deployment of MMP dolphins and personnel to Mexico will be budgeted for and funded through FY17 DUSN(P)-managed Latin America Cooperative (LATAM COOP) funding.
- In February 2017, CIRVA announced it was delaying its vaquita collection efforts until October 2017 due to a fundraising shortfall in support of the CIRVA-planned vaquita collection and sustainment facility.
- This delay minimally affects DON's EEE funding and support of MMP dolphin training. After completion of a MMP dolphin training method "proof of concept," actual dolphin training will be delayed until summer 2017, in preparation for the proposed October deployment.
 - The DON fully obligated FY17 Latin America Cooperative (LATAM COOP) funds, including funding for MMP dolphin and personnel deployment. The Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Security Cooperation has assured the DON that it can execute this program in FY18 as long as the DON obligated the money in FY17.
- MMP personnel, particularly (b) (6) ██████████, remain instrumental in coordination of the DON's commitment for this effort. They continue to provide updates and input to CIRVA officials, U.S. Embassy Mexico City officers involved in this effort, and your Policy office in its support of Secretary of the Navy engagement with Mexican officials. Their understanding of the situation and ability to remain flexible with funding sources and training timelines have proved to be a tremendous assistance to senior-level DON officials.
- A November 2016 CIRVA report estimated approximately 30 vaquita remain. Despite the Mexican government's two-year ban on gillnet fishing in the Sea of Cortez, enforcement efforts have been insufficient. The ban expires in April 2017, and the Mexican government has not indicated it will extend or make the ban permanent.
 - News reports from early March 2017 indicated that three vaquita had been found deceased, to include one calf.

COORDINATION: None

Attachments:
None

Prepared By: (b) (6) ██████████, DUSN (Policy), International Affairs, (b) (6) ██████████



TAB E



THE DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON DC 20350-1000

ACTION MEMO

UNSECNAV _____

FOR: SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

FROM: Ms. Jodi Greene, Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy (Policy) *JG 17 Jan 17*

SUBJECT: Request for Additional Funding for Department of the Navy Assistance Supporting Mexico's Efforts to Save the Vaquita

- Recommend you initial below to approve the use of an additional \$200,000 of Secretary of the Navy Emergency and Extraordinary Expense (EEE) funding to conduct sustainment training for Marine Mammal Program (MMP) dolphins in their mission to assist the Government of Mexico in locating vaquitas in the Sea of Cortez.
- On 2 August 2016, you approved the expenditure of \$75,000 in EEE funds to validate the capability of MMP dolphins to locate the acoustic shadow of the similarly sized harbor porpoises located in Sausalito Bay, California. The viability of the training was confirmed during this effort.
- The additional expenditure will be used to maintain and expand the conditioning of MMP dolphins while awaiting to deploy in support of Mexico's operations to locate a population of vaquitas in May 2017. The funding will also be used to train an additional dolphin due to the size of the search area (approximately 450 square nautical miles) and the expected length of the search (approximately five weeks.)
- The remaining approximately \$140,000 needed for the deployment of MMP dolphins and personnel to Mexico will be budgeted for and funded through FY17 DUSN(P)-managed Latin America Cooperative (LATAM COOP) funding.
- This request fully meets SECNAVINST 7042.12E guidelines for use of EEE funds. DON Administrative Assistant (DON/AA) Financial Management Division (FMD) has verified funding is available for this request.

RECOMMENDATION: Initial below approving an expenditure of \$200,000 in EEE funding for training of MMP dolphins. Approve *JG* Disapprove _____
JAN 19 2017

COORDINATION: TAB A

Attachments: None

Prepared By: (b) (6) [redacted] DUSN (Policy), International Affairs, (b) (6) [redacted]

COORDINATION PAGE

<u>Office/Dept</u>	<u>Point of Contact/Title</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Date</u>
DON/AA (FMD)	(b) [REDACTED] (c)	703-693-0984	17 Jan 17
OGC	Ms. Anne Brennan	703-614-1994	13 Jan 17

TAB F

- Solomon Letter:

- Marine Mammal Foundation: retired Navy dolphins
- funded to do research (ie detection of other mammals) ^(not USG)
 - can detect but don't know distance or accuracy

○ Navy dolphins?

- some say capture breeding is bad; dolphins & vaquitas might not get along; would MMTF cover Vaquitas (int'l waters or MX?)

↳ lawyers could oppose legal issues in other areas.

- NEPA? (EO 12114)
for overseas

(over)

Soberon Letter, cont.

- M&M already been working on this for 4+ years & doesn't have answers to how capture, where held, how take care of, etc.

- Think dolphins @ Foundation still owned by Navy but contract people & services, etc.

- Approx 36-60 Vaquitas (poos - 2) left; extracts 3-5 years before extracts

- Med Monk Seal?

- SPAWAR on VTC

- Shell Action Memo w/ legal, policy & PA notes

(b) (6)

Virginia VTC (31 May)

- NMFS (friend of (b) (6)) thinks they want help w/ finding Virginia as well as setting up pen (open ocean)
- SPAWAR talked to US then Marine Mammal ~~Assoc~~ (b) (6) Francis M. Anderson
Commander
- study done by trained Navy dolphin on harbor porpoise (as stand in for Virginia) & dolphin did better than ^{acoustic} sonar; could detect @ patch of about 200m;
- could do pilot effort @ place like SF Bay w/ actual harbor porpoise
- many other private enterprises could help w/ captive breeding & transfer program
- Program Office & USF approval & go-ahead to use MMP for location
- test timeframe (w/ retired dolphins) would be this summer, test results by spring 2017 - but time to find Virginia
- costs ~ \$50-100K for just trip to SF (couple weeks)

Vaquita VTC, cont

- not return dolphins but individuals; no impact to current ops
 - potential for MMP to attack vaquitas but usually happens w/ males - we would send older females
 - never had MMP dolphin attack indep mammals
 - vaquitas unlikely to be used as similar to our MMP dolphins as harbor porpoises been found to be too fragile
 - timeframe of creating capture breeding program in MX could be established by next spring, even if long
 - no idea what minimum # would be to create viable sustanment (Cali Condors survived w/ just 12)
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Vaqtas

- locating (either MMP or ^{toad} hydrophone)
 - capturing (light salmon gillnet techniques) — suggest chabris
 - transportation (seems easy enough; none of this ever been)
 - housing (short-term or long?) not sure prob but tried w/ vaquitas
 - veterinary care
 - reproduction
 - release
- but where?

(over)

DASU(E) & NOAA - Fisheries Research (& DASU(ELM))

Soken: pleased w/ SU letter; very appropriate

- K: (b) (6) bring all work

- ES: species totally w/in MX so we can't tell them what we want them to do; about 60 left & found 3 dead in 1 month

- K: SU letter good but we don't know what happens next; is there a MX plan?

- ES (NOAA): can MMP be helpful & if they can find, then what?

- (b) (6) (NOAA) (b) (6): mentioned CIRVA groups; no idea how reguira will do in captivity

- in talks w/ MX, all they want help from USU in locating

- looking to do stages approach; 1-2 @ time to roll in peninsular areas in Gulf; if works then maybe look to capture more & look into breeding; nothing in writing yet

- Tom: looking for other areas of expertise? ~~X~~

- (b) (6) ES: can but we have & know of other people w/ expertise as well

- T: mentioned plan of testing then maybe deploying in spring

- (b) (6): that's consistent w/ what we believe MX looking for

- T: any potential permitting & regulatory issues?

- (b) (6) level of USU participation not need permit; anything more than locating might trigger permit needs

(b) (6) offered to help nail down that location as all MX needs USN for

(b) (6) : how long will stage approach take?

(b) (6) : not sure but services concerns it will take too long; plus don't know how regents will respond

(b) (6) : MX using own \$ for follow-on stage (w/ input from NOAA)
- crowd our plan w/ NOAA; will send AOC info soon

(b) (6)

(b) (6) (b) (6)

NOAA Fisheries

Vaquito Update Meeting (12/7)

- \$750K for conditioning between now & spring deployment
- \$139K for spring deployment (4 dolphins) (we have \$62K of IATAV)
- Swimmer def dolphins reported (mine dolphin spotted but not reported)
- Met w/ ~~STAN~~ CHVA yesterday/last week
- Vaq showing up in 3 areas
 - 450m² but the three are new of ~10m/2m each
 - need 5 weeks; some is on-site training

If could use electronic tag method would be cheaper but training is tougher course

- Had rep from MW in SF when they were done

- 31K Dec

- 6^m for Jan/Feb/Mar

labor costs

- window of deployment likely mid-Apr or early May (for 1-month)

- GoM getting more aggressive & going

- Contractors employees are from New Maine Mammal Foundation!

- NGOs donate to NMFF?

TAB G

(b) (6) **DUSN (Policy) International**

From: (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 14:49
To: (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy; (b) (6) DUSN POLICY;
(b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International; (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Subject: UPDATE N6356717WREE003 RE: Vaquitas Funding Update
Attachments: N6356717WREE003.pdf; Phase II EEE Funding Request Signed.pdf
Signed By: (b) (6)@navy.mil

Good afternoon,

Attached is a copy of the FY17 EEE Vaquitas funding Work Request. After reviewing the document, please have the acceptor sign block 16 and return a copy to our office for obligation. Contact myself or (b) (6) if you require further information.

V/R,
(b) (6)
Accounting Analyst
Department of the Navy/Assistant for Administration
Tel: (b) (6)

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

From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 3:32 PM
To: (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD; (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD; (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, 72R00
Cc: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy; (b) (6) DUSN POLICY
Subject: RE: Vaquitas Funding Update

Thanks!

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

From: (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 2:45 PM
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International; (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD; (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy; (b) (6) DUSN POLICY
Subject: RE: Vaquitas Funding Update

(b) (6)

oversight. The approval of the \$200K of additional EEE was buried in my inbox. We will prepare a new Work request for the remaining \$200K of SECNAV EEE.

(b) [REDACTED]

Please prepare a Work Request for \$200K to the same address per SECNAV Approval on 19JAN17.

(b) [REDACTED]

(b) (6) [REDACTED]

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Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 2:29 PM
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Cc: (b) (6) [REDACTED] DON/AA, FMD; (b) (6) [REDACTED] DUSN Policy, Strategy; (b) (6) [REDACTED] DUSN POLICY
Subject: RE: Vaquitas Funding Update

All,
Attached is the funding that Ivette is referring to. Please let me know if you have any further questions or issues.

For awareness - DUSN Greene will be in San Diego next week and visiting this program. It would be helpful to have any issues smoothed out before her arrival.

Thanks,

(b) [REDACTED]

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

From: (b) (6) [REDACTED] DON/AA, FMD
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 2:21 PM
To: (b) (6) [REDACTED] DUSN (Policy) International; (b) (6) [REDACTED] SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6) [REDACTED]
Cc: (b) (6) [REDACTED] DON/AA, FMD
Subject: RE: Vaquitas Funding Update

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached email and let us know if you require further information. (b) (6) does not seem to be included on the email chain. Also attached is the active file for the EEE MIPR that shows the funding as liquidated to ~\$75K. The remaining funds should be provided by LATAM for FY17 as stated in the action memo. LATAM funds are administered through OPNAV and not this BSO.

V/R,
(b) (6)
Accounting Analyst
Department of the Navy/Assistant for Administration
Tel : (b) (6)

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

From: (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 2:01 PM
To: (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Subject: FW: Vaquitas Funding Update

(b) (6),

Didn't we send this?

(b) (6)

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

From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 1:21 PM
To: (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Subject: RE: Vaquitas Funding Update

Hello (b) (6),

This is news to me as I thought you already had those funds. I've copied (b) (6) on this email as he would be the one you coordinate the funding with. Please let me know if I can be of any other help.

Thanks,

(b) (6)

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

From: (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 12:53 PM
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Subject: RE: Vaquitas Funding Update

Hello (b) (6),

Just following up on the \$200K of EEE funds that is set aside for the MMP. When should we expect the funds?

Thanks!

V/r,

(b) (6)

Business Financial Manager, (b) (6)

Sciences Division

AWAR Systems Center Pacific

(b) (6) | Email: (b) (6)@navy.mil

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

From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International

Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 8:02 AM

To: (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6)

(b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) DASN ELM, PTGN; (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD

Cc: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy; (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6)

(b) (6) EODTECHDIV; (b) (6) NSWC IHEODTD, PE; (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Vaquitas Funding Update

(b) (6)/All,

The funding that we plan to use for the deployment, LATAM Coop, is managed through a different financial management office so it would not be (b) (6). (b) (6) manages the EEE funding which is the \$200k that you already have obligated to you. That funding should not need to be processed through a PO as that is for the Sustainment training (and proof of concept, now.)

As for the \$139k requested for the deployment (LATAM Coop), that would be the money that we would be looking to work through a PO - if it comes to that. Based on the delays that continue to persist with this effort (through no fault of the Department of the Navy's efforts), I do not feel comfortable spending this money, through a PO or any other way, until such time as we have a little better sense of whether or not this funding will truly be needed. As we approach the time to begin actual planning for the deployment, we will revisit the idea of whether or not a PO for the deployment money (LATAM Coop) would be necessary.

If anyone has any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

(b) (6)

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

From: (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 10:44 AM

To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International; (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6)

(b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) DASN ELM, PTGN; (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD

Cc: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy; (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6)

(b) (6) EODTECHDIV; (b) (6) NSWC IHEODTD, PE; (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Vaquitas Funding Update

Hi (b) (6),

In response to the financial portion of the email thread, we understand the uncertainty of allocating funds next year so we would like to propose issuing the current year OMN funds as a Project Order (PO). A PO is a specific, definite order issued under authority contained in 41 USC 6307. A PO's work completion date (WCD) can extend beyond the fund's expiration date (FED) and it also requires specific entries into the funding document and Statement of Work. A Project Order would allow SSC PAC to prepare for and complete the Vaquita's Search and Collection effort.

If the PO is an acceptable option, please confirm that (b) (6) is the correct FPOC so I can start working with him to ensure the document is properly structured for acceptance.

Any questions please advise

Thank you!

V/r,

(b) (6)
Project Business Financial Manager, (b) (6)
BioSciences Division
SPAWAR Systems Center Pacific
📞 (b) (6) | Email: (b) (6)@navy.mil

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

From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 9:05 AM
To: (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) DASN ELM, PTGN; (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Cc: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy; (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) EODTECHDIV; (b) (6) NSWC IHEODTD, PE
Subject: RE: Vaquitas Funding Update

Thanks for the quick reply.

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

From: (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 12:02 PM
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International; (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) DASN ELM, PTGN; (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Cc: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy; (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) EODTECHDIV; (b) (6) NSWC IHEODTD, PE
Subject: RE: Vaquitas Funding Update

"Why did CIRVA postpone? Seems like a delay of 7 months would see a population decline to unsustainable levels for the species, assuming the captive breeding goes well."

We understand it is a fund-raising issue to support the collection and sustainment facility. Recently, CIRVA has pronounced the population estimate at ~30. Not looking good, and not our call.

"The deployment funding we are using is an annual funding source so we could (potentially) reallocate it for this year and budget for it next year. The problem is that we (DON/DUSN(P)) might not have direct control over allocations following this FY. Also, I'm not sure we would be able to allocate the funds for this FY in order for the "swap" to happen since the "receipts" would not show the actions for which the funds were intended."

(b) (6) will reply to this one.

The \$200k for training - it was difficult to get that funding for this effort, I don't think another \$200k (or anything more) would be easy to find, especially with a new Administration coming in soon. Best bet here may be to use the very minimum possible now in order to get a basic proof of concept and then spin up again just prior to deployment. This

would also save us from wasting funding should the deployment not be necessary for one reason or another come October."

reed. We'll do the proof of concept training and suspend behavior maintenance.

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

From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International

Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 8:47 AM

To: (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) DASN ELM, PTGN; (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD

Cc: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy; (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) EODTECHDIV; (b) (6) NSWC IHEODTD, PE

Subject: RE: Vaquitas Funding Update

(b) (6),
Thanks for the update. A few questions/thoughts:
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-- The deployment funding we are using is an annual funding source so we could (potentially) reallocate it for this year and budget for it next year. The problem is that we (DON/DUSN(P)) might not have direct control over allocations following this FY. Also, I'm not sure we would be able to allocate the funds for this FY in order for the "swap" to happen since the "receipts" would not show the actions for which the funds were intended.
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Thanks,

(b) (6)

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

From: (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 11:28 AM

To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International; (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) DASN ELM, PTGN; (b) (6) CIV DON/AA, FMD

Cc: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy; (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) EODTECHDIV; (b) (6) NSWC IHEODTD, PE

Subject: RE: Vaquitas Funding Update

UPDATE: CIVRA has postponed the search and collection effort until the fall, with current projected dates 12 Oct - 10 Nov.

ISSUE: Deployment funding is expected to expire at the end of the fiscal year.

RESOLUTION: In order to provide statutory care to the Navy's marine mammals--regardless of the fiscal environment--we are authorized to establish and use a financial facility known as a Service Center. It allows us to mix different appropriations to fund the myriad activities associated with statutory care and some operations. As such, we will be able to swap the expiring deployment funds for other non-expiring funds to complete the deployment.

ISSUE: The \$200K for additional training will be insufficient to spin up and maintain the behavior augmentations necessary from now until October.

RESOLUTION: Best case would be to find another \$200K to support this. Second best will be for us to complete the new training now to establish confidence in our methods, then suspend maintaining the behaviors to preserve enough funding to spin them back up prior to deployment.

In any given year, it would not be unusual for our acquisition manager to locate other expiring funds and send them to us for execution, and I have requested they do so with this effort in mind. The issue is timing, tho, as those opportunities typically occur in the fourth quarter.

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

From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International

Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 9:25 AM

To: (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) DASN ELM, PTGN; Legarski, Gary F CIV DON/AA, FMD

Cc: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy; (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6)

Subject: Vaquitas Funding Update

All,

Secretary Mabus approved the expenditure of \$200k in EEE funding in order to support Phase II of the MMP training support to the effort to save the vaquita. Please see the attached document for reference. Should anyone have any questions, please let me know.

Phase III (Deployment) will come from a separate funding source that has already been identified and set aside. When it comes time to begin the request for that funding, please check in with (b) (6).

Thanks!

(b)(6)

(b) (6)
Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy (Policy)
International Affairs

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(b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International

From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 14:20
To: Gebhards, Anne B SL DUSN (Policy)
Cc: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy
Subject: RE: (b) (6) can you do a short summary of Vaquita assistance/MMP cooperation for DUSN's book?
Attachments: Info Memo - Vaquita Update for DUSN Visit to San Diego (Apr 17) (Anne).docx
Signed By: (b) (6)@navy.mil

For your review. Updated as we discussed. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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

From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 10:34 AM
To: Gebhards, Anne B SL DUSN (Policy)
Cc: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy
Subject: RE: (b) (6) can you do a short summary of Vaquita assistance/MMP cooperation for DUSN's book?

Can it have pictures in it? :)

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Cc: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy
Subject: (b) (6) can you do a short summary of Vaquita assistance/MMP cooperation for DUSN's book?

We are going to want to get her something by OOB tomorrow.

Should be unclassified

Best,
Anne

Anne Bonfante Gebhards
Senior Advisor for International Affairs
Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy (Policy)
Pentagon (b) (6)
(b) (6)

(b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International

From: (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 14:45
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International; (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD; (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC; (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy; (b) (6) DUSN POLICY
Subject: RE: Vaquitas Funding Update
Signed By: (b) (6)@navy.mil

(b) (6)

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(b) (6)

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Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 2:29 PM

To: (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD; (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC; (b) (6)

(b) (6) DON/AA, FMD; (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy; (b) (6) DUSN POLICY

Subject: RE: Vaquitas Funding Update

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Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 14:21
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International; (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Subject: RE: Vaquitas Funding Update
Attachments: RE: Vaquitas funding document (101 KB); Action Memo - Final Vaquita Response (Signed).pdf; N6356716WREE002.pptx
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To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Subject: RE: USG and eNGO Conference call on Vaquita - Tuesday March 14th 3 pm EST/noon Pacific

Not really. There was a large number of NGOs, including some unfavorably disposed towards the NMMP, tho they kept silent about that during the call. It began with a bleak report on Sea Sheppard's activities pulling up illegal fishing nets, with one containing two adults and a calf, dead of course. Enforcement remains a primary concern.

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Attachments: Info Memo - Vaquita Update (9 Feb 17) - v2.docx
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Gents,

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Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 10:44
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Hi (b) (6),

In response to the financial portion of the email thread, we understand the uncertainty of allocating funds next year so we would like to propose issuing the current year OMN funds as a Project Order (PO). A PO is a specific, definite order issued under authority contained in 41 USC 6307. A PO's work completion date (WCD) can extend beyond the fund's expiration date (FED) and it also requires specific entries into the funding document and Statement of Work. A Project Order would allow SSC PAC to prepare for and complete the Vaquita's Search and Collection effort.

If the PO is an acceptable option, please confirm that (b) (6) is the correct FPOC so I can start working with him to ensure the document is properly structured for acceptance.

My questions please advise

Thank you!

V/r,

(b) (6)
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To: (b) (6) DASN ELM, PTGN
Subject: RE: Marine Mammal System (MMS) support to Mexico
Signed By: (b) (6)@navy.mil

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Perfect; thanks.

(b) (6), USMC
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(b) (6) will do. Im doing my own Info Memo as well tomorrow so i'll get you some edits early.

(b) (6)

DUSN(P) International Affairs

O: (b) (6)

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From: (b) (6) DASN ELM, PTGN

Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 5:58:18 PM

To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International

Cc: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM

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(b) (6), no problem. Tomorrow morning is fine. I just want to get Mr. Stackley the correct story.

Thx,

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Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 5:32 PM

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Let me know what might work.

Thanks,

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M: (b) (6)

From: (b) (6) DASN ELM, PTGN

Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 4:26:21 PM

To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International

Cc: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM

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Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 16:26
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Cc: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
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From: (b) (6) (Mexico City) <(b) (6)@state.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 8:43
To: (b) (6) CIV DUSN (Policy) International
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] VAQUITA UPDATE

(b) (6)

Submitted the edit, don't think it will be an issue.

Sad day for the vaquita:(

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Thanks! I have concurred. I will watch Taskers for the signed approval.

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An additional \$200K of SECNAV EEE will be required for this Action Item.

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I have the package ready to go up to SecNav for his signature, it is in the tasker for your review. All I need is FMD concurrence.

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Subject: RE: HOT - RE: Action Memo - Vaquita Phase II

(b) (6)

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Brett:

It's done.

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Sir:

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If you have any questions or would like more details, please feel free to let me know.

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Cc: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Subject: RE: Action Memo - Vaquita Phase II (3)

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I will be on leave for the remainder of the week after today.

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Navy vaquita project

Regarding jobs and titles, here is a link to the webpage we maintain with extensive and detailed info on the permit application process: <https://mx.usembassy.gov/education-culture/scientific-research/>

The important takeaways are:

- The lead time is six months, and it really does take six months, so we need to get the completed applications submitted on time
- In our experience, it is usually not possible to expedite the permit or speed up the process.

I've copied MexicoSciencePermits@state.gov, monitored by (b) (6). She has lots of experience with the permit process and good contacts at the institutions. We will be touch with contacts at SRE, CONAPESCA, etc., and can help shepherd the application through as long as it is complete and on time.

Saludos,

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To: (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Cc: (b) (6) DUSN POLICY; (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy
Subject: RE: Action Memo - Vaquita Phase II
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This is now in taskers - DCN 2017UGENERAL-00029Sg.

We understand the concern over this seemingly "double-dipping" and the concerns that comes with that and EEE. This is Phase II of the effort and is slightly different that the original request last July. The effort was changed by the Mexicans and has therefore changed the original plan for both funding and execution. There is another funding source that will be used for the last part of this effort and this will be the last time EEE funding is sought.

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Regards,

(b) (6)
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(b) (6) [REDACTED] DUSN (Policy) International

 **m:** (b) (6) (Mexico City) <(b) (6)@state.gov>
sent: Monday, January 09, 2017 8:56
To: (b) (6) (OES); [REDACTED] (b) DUSN (Policy) International; [REDACTED] (b) SPAWARSCEN-PACIFIC, 71005
Cc: (b) (6) (Mexico City)
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From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 15:23
To: (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Cc: (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD; (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD; (b) (6) DUSN POLICY; (b) (6) CDR DUSN Policy, Strategy
Subject: RE: Additional EEE Request
Attachments: Action Memo - Vaquita Phase II.docx
Signed By: (b) (6)@navy.mil

And now its attached.....

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From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
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Subject: Additional EEE Request

(b) (6)
Attached for your review and coordination is a request for an additional \$200k in EEE funding to support efforts of PAWAR's MMP. SECNAV is aware that an additional \$200k is needed and is expecting to see this request on his desk next week when he returns from leave. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2016 10:00 AM
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International; (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Subject: RE: Vaquitas Update

Sir,

The \$75K is still available in the SECNAV EEE account.

V/R,

(b) (6)

Accounting Analyst
Department of the Navy/Assistant for Administration
Tel : (b) (6)

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From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2016 9:47 AM
To: (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Cc: (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD

Subject: RE: Vaquitas Update

(b) (6)

ry update on this?

Thanks!

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 3:47 PM
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Cc: (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Subject: RE: Vaquitas Update

(b) (6),

Let me double check with my assistant (b) (6) to make sure he kept the \$75K in the SECNAV EEE. We are running on fumes this year and it has been a shell game since spending has gone through the roof on ORF, EEE, etc.

(b) (6)

Can you double check to see if the \$75K is still in SECNAV EEE?

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From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 3:44 PM
To: (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
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(b) (6)

Does that mean things are good, that I can let the Embassy deliver the letter, etc? Or, should I continue to stop the process?

The funding is going to SPAWAR (SPAWARSYSCEN-Pacific). The financial POC is (b) (6) - (b) (6) @navy.mil, (b) (6).

Thanks,

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 3:39 PM
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Subject: RE: Vaquitas Update

(b) [REDACTED]

Where will be sending funding to? If you can get me a POC.

(b) (6) [REDACTED]

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From: (b) (6) [REDACTED] DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 3:32 PM
To: (b) (6) [REDACTED] DON/AA, FMD
Subject: RE: Vaquitas Update

(b) [REDACTED]
You and I had a few emails about this subject and submitting a tasker on it on 8 Jul. I told you the EEE part was part of a larger package that was going up so I would be putting the Action Memo together and getting OGC coord as well.

The tasker (DCN 2016UGENERAL-013815b) was submitted on 14 Jul (your office was listed for Coordination and you specifically were on it as Info) and was due on 19 Jul. Unfortunately I was out on leave that week and it appears there was some confusion here in the office. We did get the package cleared by OGC (b) (6) [REDACTED] but the confusion came in thinking you had already cleared on it.

Can you please put a rush on clearing this? We have already forwarded the letter to our Embassy in Mexico City and I believe SecNav Admin may have already put the hard copy in the mail. We're hoping we can hold the EMB from passing the letter along to ADM Soberon but we don't know where that stands right now. We need to know as soon as possible this is going to be an issue.

Thanks,

(b) [REDACTED]

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From: (b) (6) [REDACTED] DON/AA, FMD
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 3:04 PM
To: (b) (6) [REDACTED] DUSN (Policy) International
Subject: RE: Vaquitas Update

(b) [REDACTED]

How did this not go through me here in DON/AA for review and coordination since we handle the Secretary of the Navy's EEE?

I normally prepare the packages and Action Memos, responses and coordinate the chops through DON/AA, OGC, etc.

(b) [REDACTED]

(b) (6) [REDACTED]
Program Manager
Official Representation Funds (ORF)
Navy General Gift Fund (NGGF)
Navy Department Employees Recreation & Welfare Fund (NDERWF)

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Washington, DC 20350-1000
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From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International

Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 1:22 PM

To: Dee, Thomas P SES ASN (RDA), DASN ELM

Cc: (b) (6) DASN ELM, PTGN; (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment); (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) DUSN Policy, (b) (6), (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD; (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6)

Subject: Vaquitas Update

Sir/All,

SecNav signed the Vaquita package (Action Memo and response letter to ADM Soberon) on Friday - see attached. We are now free to begin Phase I of the support plan.

For your awareness, SecNav will be visiting Mexico and ADM Soberon on 15-16 September. We'll be looking for an update on where things stand with Phase I shortly before that trip so that the Secretary can discuss the status with ADM Soberon. There are other stops on the trip so he will actually be departing on the 13th.

Anyone has any questions, please let me know.

Thank you!

(b) (6)

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(b) (6) **DUSN (Policy) International**

From: (b) (6) SECNAV, FO
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 13:45
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Subject: RE: letter for ADM Soberon
Attachments: RESUME_(b) (6)_Dec16 (1).docx

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

From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 9:07 AM
To: (b) (6) SECNAV, FO
Subject: RE: letter for ADM Soberon

Any luck on getting that resume for me?

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

From: (b) (6) SECNAV, FO
Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 4:34 PM
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Cc: Greene, Jodi SES DUSN (Policy), FO; Gebhards, Anne B SL DUSN (Policy)
Subject: RE: letter for ADM Soberon

Thank you!

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Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 4:33 PM
To: (b) (6) SECNAV, FO
Cc: Greene, Jodi SES DUSN (Policy), FO; Gebhards, Anne B SL DUSN (Policy)
Subject: RE: letter for ADM Soberon

(b) (6),
Happy New Year!

Got it.

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DUSN(P) International Affairs

O: (b) (6)
(b) (6)

From: (b) (6) SECNAV, FO
Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 4:12:12 PM

To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Cc: Greene, Jodi SES DUSN (Policy), FO; Gebhards, Anne B SL DUSN (Policy)
Subject: letter for ADM Soberon

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Office of the Secretary of the Navy

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(b) (6) **DUSN (Policy) International**

m: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 12:50
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Subject: Vaquita Action Memo
Attachments: Vaquita_Phase 2_AM(v1).docx
Signed By: (b) (6)@(b) (6).navy.mil

Attached.

V/r

(b) (6)

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Pentagon, (b) (6)
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From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 10:51
To: (b) (6) @state.gov'
Cc: (b) (6) DASN ELM, PTGN
Subject: FW: Navy Dolphins to find Vaquita
Signed By: (b) (6) @navy.mil

Hello (b) (6)

My name is (b) (6) and I work in the SECNAV's Policy office. While I don't work for DASN Dee directly, Secretary Mabus asked his Policy office to coordinate (as far as DC is concerned.) Our folks with the MMP out in San Diego have been working with CIRVA and others on this project for the on-the-ground work. We've been in touch with (b) (6) Vorderstrasse from our Consulate in Tijuana and (b) (6) and (b) (6) from Post, as well as our Attaché office. We also coordinated with (b) (6) from NOAA Fisheries prior to setting off on this effort as well.

I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have or talk with you at any time.

Thanks,

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From: (b) (6) DASN ELM, PTGN
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 10:30 AM
To: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Navy Dolphins to find Vaquita

(b) (6), USMC
CoS, DASN ELM
Pentagon, Rm (b) (6)
Desk: (b) (6)
DASN ELM Office: (b) (6)

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From: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 10:25 AM
To: (b) (6) (OES)
Cc: (b) (6) DASN ELM, PTGN
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Navy Dolphins to find Vaquita

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From: (b) (6) (OES)
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Appreciate any help you may be able to offer Lisa Phelps

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LOS ANGELES TIMES

Navy dolphins' new mission; The sea mammals are preparing for an unprecedented challenge: saving rare vaquita porpoises

SANDRA DIBBLE

January 03, 2017

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Signed By: (b) (6) r@navy.mil

(b) (6),

State Dept is showing interest in the Vaquita effort, and wants to ensure we have our dolphins in line prior to execution (see below).

(b) (6), I'm thinking coordination with State would fall in your lane (?), with (b) (6) connecting the required dots with our MMS Program Office. Concur?

Thx,

(b) (6)

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Subject: Navy Dolphins To Help Locate Rare Vaquita Porpoise
Signed By: (b) (6) @navy.mil

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Happy New Year.

The below was in this morning's CHINFO News Clips. How's the search for funding going?

Thx,

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(SAN DIEGO UNION TRIBUNE 30 DEC 16) ... Sandra Dribble

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The operation "has to be done in a very careful, staged manner, and if any one of those fails, it's over," said Barbara Taylor, a conservation biologist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Southwest Fisheries Science Center in La Jolla.

Scientists say the vaquita population has dwindled over the past two decades - from 567 in an initial survey in 1997 to fewer than 60 today. Despite a massive two-year plan launched in April 2015 by President Enrique Peña Nieto's administration that includes an expanded ban on gillnet fishing in the vaquita's habitat - and a compensation program

for area fishermen - the vaquita population has continued to fall at an alarming rate largely because of entanglement in the gillnets used for a rampant illegal fishery for totoaba, a large fish whose swim bladders fetch exorbitant prices in China.

The new approach is known as ex-situ conservation, and would involve placing vaquitas inside a protective pen off the coast of San Felipe, with the hope that they might have a better chance for survival. If all goes well, they might also breed and reproduce.

"You are really getting down to the last few vaquitas," said Taylor, a member of the International Committee for the Recovery of the Vaquita, an international advisory group to the Mexican government. "We can't afford to be slow about this. We have to give this our mightiest effort as quickly as possible."

Rafael Pacchiano, Mexico's environment secretary, announced the collaboration with the U.S. Navy earlier this month in an interview with the Mexican newspaper, *Excelsior*. "Without a doubt this will be the last call for the vaquita, and as President Peña instructed us, we are doing all we can to avoid its extinction," the secretary said.

The U.S. Navy's involvement followed a request earlier this year from Mexico's navy secretary, Adm. Vidal Francisco Soberón Sanz to U.S. Navy Secretary Ray Mabus.

"Admiral Soberón sent a letter requesting some help to locate the vaquita," said Mabus' spokesman Patrick McNally. "So Secretary Mabus talked with our folks in the Marine Mammal Program. It seemed like it would be a good fit." The cost is about \$140,000 and comes out of the Navy's "partnership fund" budget. "We have a lot of great partnership activities with Mexico, and this is an example," McNally said.

Based in San Diego, the Navy Marine Mammal Program uses both dolphins and sea lions for a range of tasks, from finding and removing underwater mines to detecting clandestine swimmers and divers in restricted areas.

Dolphins are skilled at locating things beneath the surface through echolocation, or sonar, which allows them to interpret the echoes of sound waves, as well as through their capacity for directional hearing underwater.

To test the plan's feasibility, some of the program's dolphins were flown earlier this year to San Francisco Bay off of Sausalito, "where there is a very predictable group of porpoises, it's very well known when and where they will appear," said Mike Rothe, head of the Marine Mammal Program. "We had success. Our dolphins were able to detect and report the presence of the porpoises."

Rothe said that four Navy dolphins will be now "part of a large effort this spring that's going to involve an international group that's going to have a lot of different boats, a lot of different ways" to look for vaquita in the Upper Gulf. "There will probably be some aircraft, and there will definitely be some watercraft. We would be another capability searching for the vaquita."

The dolphins will be flown to San Felipe, and remain in temporary floating enclosures, until directed to conduct a search of a certain area. If the search is at some distance from the enclosures, the dolphins would be initially transported by boat to the general vicinity.

"Our objective would be to have the dolphins swim part way to where the vaquita is, and then leap out of the water, and then swim back," Rothe said. The dolphins would be able to detect the vaquitas by detecting the biosonar echos in the vaquitas' air-filled lungs.

The operation, being planned for May, is the latest in a series of efforts aimed at protecting vaquita, a small porpoise that lives only in the rich and turbid waters of the Upper Gulf of California. The animals, which must surface to breathe, are not only rare but extremely shy and difficult to spot, as they splash little, travel in small groups, and avoid boats. The search would take place two years after President Peña traveled to San Felipe in April 2015 to launch an expanded two-year gill net fishing ban in the vaquita habitat and a compensating fishermen who have made their living in the region. The government also committed to stepped-up enforcement in this area, with Mexico's navy joining the effort to crack down on illegal fishing.

But the challenge to discourage poaching has only grown with the rising demand in China for the giant totoaba fish, and the vaquita have continued to die as by-catch in the illegal totoaba nets. A letter from non-profit groups earlier this year said monitoring had been insufficient, and alternative "vaquita-safe" fishing gear was not being implemented.

The illegal activity has continued - as have efforts to curb it. Earlier this month, Mexico's environment ministry and the World Wildlife Fund Mexico announced the removal of 103 abandoned fishing nets in Upper Gulf in an operation that involved collaboration with environmental groups such as the World Wildlife and the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society.

The society announced that that on a single day earlier this month its vessels worked with the Mexican navy to catch six fishing boats using prohibited nets in the vaquita habitat area to catch totoaba.

In recent days, leaders of World Wildlife Fund and the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society have spoken out against the plan to capture vaquita. "Removing the vaquita will allow the fishermen to intensify their exploitation of the endangered totoaba fish," Capt. Paul Watson, Sea Shepherd's Founder, wrote on his Facebook page.

But defenders of the plan say it is worth the effort - and the risk. NOAA's Taylor said even as the vaquita capture plan moves forward, enforcement efforts and other programs also must continue. "It's not a situation where you can give up on enforcement, and give up on getting nets out of the water."

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Vaquita and Navy Dolphins
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Thanks for the introduction. I have attached two of our recent cables on to the tototaba/vaquita issue.

Regards,

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Subject: RE: Vaquita and Navy Dolphins

(b) (6)/All,

I'm not sure what our schedule looks like but if there is time, I would be more than happy to sit down with everyone and discuss the vaquita efforts. Since I am the one in the building managing, tracking, funding, etc. for the SecNav, I am very much up-to-date on Navy's efforts.

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Secretary Mabus and staff will be here later this week. We will ask for an update.

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From: (b) (6) (Mexico City)
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Subject: RE: Vaquita and Navy Dolphins

gentlemen,

I wanted to check in on this request again to meet briefly. Also if there is anyone from Sec. Mabus' team who follows the vaquita issue and would like to discuss it. (b) (6), and I follow the general issue as closely as anyone and we would be happy to talk about it.

Thanks,

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Subject: FW: Vaquita and Navy Dolphins

(b) (6)

know you are out until Monday, but we wanted to ask...

Wed Dec 14, are you available to meet with me, (b) (6) (from Tijuana) to compare notes on what we know about progress with Navy dolphins being trained to help save the vaquita marina in the Gulf of California? We are hearing that the effort is moving forward and wanted to know what you are hearing through the Navy.

Thanks,

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2016 10:59 AM
To: (b) (6) (Mexico City); (b) (6) (Mexico City)
Subject: Re: Vaquita and Navy Dolphins

(b) (6) :

Following up on my question about meeting with the Navy on Dec. 14.

Regards,

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m: (b) (6)

nt: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 8:35 AM

To: (b) (6) (Mexico City); Stevens, Adam T (Mexico City)

Subject: FW: Vaquita and Navy Dolphins

(b) (6) :

I met yesterday with the National Marine Mammal Foundation in San Diego, the NGO that works with the Navy dolphins. They are expecting CIRVA to give the go-ahead for using the Navy dolphins to find the vaquitas, and possibly even for the land-based rescue program. We will know by the last week of this month, which is good since the NMMF said that they must have everything in place by the end of December if there is any chance of having the dolphins in the water in San Felipe in April 2017. They also said that the tests in San Francisco Bay make them confident that the dolphins will not attack the porpoises.

I will arrive in Mexico City the night of December 13th for consultations on the 14th before the Pol/Econ Conference. I would suggest that we sit down with (b) (6) some time that day to go over this plan- it will require a lot of work from all of us to pull it off. What do you think?

Regards,

(b) (6)

SBU

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(b) (6) **DUSN (Policy) International**

From: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 12:55
To: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Cc: (b) (6) DUSN, DUSN(P)
Subject: FW: Vaquita Phase 1 Assessment
Signed By: (b) (6) @ (b) (6) .navy.mil
Importance: High

(b) (6),

Just left you a voicemail, but wanted to follow up with an email.

- In this year's budget for LATAM COOP was the request for \$62K which I intended to submit for next year's budget as well. This was predicated on my notes that planned engagement with Mexico in the Q2 or Q3 FY17 and Q1 FY18.
- The total LATAM COOP budget each year is <\$600K, split between the USN and USMC, so taking \$400K is a non-starter unless I am directed to ignore all other requests. This would have to be for FY18 as people have made plans and are counting on FY17 money.
- We should look to alternative funding, perhaps another request for EEE to support the additional cost, but we would need a clear picture of the timeline of disbursement required.

Standing by on this end to help out.

v/r

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

From: Dee, Thomas P SES ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 12:48 PM
To: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
Cc: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International; (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy
Subject: FW: Vaquita Phase 1 Assessment

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From: (b) (6) J CIV SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 11:41 AM
To: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) DASN ELM, PTGN
Subject: Vaquita Phase 1 Assessment

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From: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2016 8:40
To: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Subject: RE: SPAWAR Vaquitas spending phasing plan
Signed By: (b) (6) @ (b) (6).navy.mil

(b) (6), this is great. Exactly what I needed.

Thanks & V/r

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From: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2016 6:57 AM
To: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy
Subject: FW: SPAWAR Vaquitas spending phasing plan

(b) (6)

I asked the MMP director your question and this is the response I received.

(b) (6)

(b) (6)
Action Officer
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Expeditionary Program and Logistics Management (DASN ELM)
Pentagon, Room (b) (6)
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-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, 71005
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 2:44 PM
To: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
Subject: RE: SPAWAR Vaquitas spending phasing plan

By "unplanned" I mean that we haven't set a date in the event we are asked to redeploy for a second search event. A lot will depend on the success of the first evolution.

From: (b) (6) SPAWARSCEN-PACIFIC, 71005
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 9:15:08 AM
To: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
Cc: (b) (6) SPAWARSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment)
Subject: RE: SPAWAR Vaquitas spending phasing plan

(b) (6), this is not going to be much help, because we're not able to be that precise right now. The anticipated costs are built on the deployments: site survey, equipment shipping, advanced party, animal transport, operations and return.

The feasibility deployment to SFO is planned for Oct 24 - Nov 10, and we will have executed the funding we have received so far.

The first Mexico deployment is tentatively scheduled for Spring, hopefully May, but we will have to coordinate with CERVA and the Mexican Navy, and it will also be dependent on flight scheduling (NALO or USCG) and weather. I believe we projected ~\$62K for that, and expect to execute in the 3rd quarter FY17.

A second Mexico deployment is unplanned at this time.

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From: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 5:42 AM
To: (b) (6) SPAWARSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6) SPAWARSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment)
Subject: FW: SPAWAR Vaquitas spending phasing plan

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Can you please provide a spend plan? Thanks!

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From: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2016 4:16 PM
To: (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment); (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
Subject: SPAWAR Vaquitas spending phasing plan

(b) (6)

Do you have the phasing plan over the four quarters of FY17? I'm working on the LATAM COOP package and need an approximation of the breakout by quarter.

y respectfully,

(b) (6)

Office of the Deputy Undersecretary of the Navy for Policy International Cooperation Pentagon, 4B714

(b) (6)@navy(.smil).mil

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(b) (6) **DUSN (Policy) International**

m: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
ent: Friday, September 02, 2016 11:35
To: (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, 71005; (b) (6)
SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6)
Subjec Vaquitas Update
Signed By: (b) (6)@navy.mil

(b) (6),
I depart with SecNav on 12 September for a trip that will include a stop in Mexico City. I believe the EEE funding has been passed to SPAWAR for Phase I of the "Save the Vaquita" plan but can you tell me where things stand otherwise? I.e. - have MMP dolphins for the project been identified? Has training in San Diego started? Do we have a notional timeline for the San Fran portion of the testing? Any sort of updates/details you guys could pass to me either today or Tuesday would be much appreciated.

Thanks!

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 1:22 PM
To: Dee, Thomas P SES ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
cc: (b) (6) DASN ELM, PTGN; (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment); (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC; (b) (6) (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy; (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD; (b) (6) CIV SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6)
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(b) (6) **DUSN (Policy) International**

From: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 9:24
To: (b) (6) (Mexico City); (b) (6) @state.gov
Cc: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Subject: RE: Holding Vaquita letter one more day
Signed By: (b) (6) @ (b) (6) .navy.mil

Sir,

Funding issues solved here, please feel free to present SECNAV's letter to SEMAR.

V/r

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From: (b) (6) (Mexico City) [mailto:(b) (6) @state.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 5:13 PM
To: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Holding Vaquita letter one more day

(b) (6),

Our (b) (6) assistant, (b) (6) will keep tabs on the memo.

(b) (6) @state.gov

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I will be out of the office for travel and leave from 10 through 23 August.

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Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 3:55 PM

To: (b) (6) (Mexico City)

Subject: Holding Vaquita letter one more day

Sir,

Thanks for your phone call. I do request you hold the letter another day, as I am trying to resolve a question with our Financial Management Division. If you're out of the office, who may I contact to say that I have resolved the question?

V/r

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From: (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2016 10:00
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International; (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Subject: RE: Vaquitas Update
Signed By: (b) (6)@navy.mil

Sir,

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V/R,
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Tel: (b) (6)

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From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2016 9:47 AM
To: (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Cc: (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Subject: RE: Vaquitas Update

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Any update on this?

Thanks!

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You and I had a few emails about this subject and submitting a tasker on it on 8 Jul. I told you the EEE part was part of a larger package that was going up so I would be putting the Action Memo together and getting OGC coord as well.

The tasker (DCN 2016UGENERAL-013815b) was submitted on 14 Jul (your office was listed for Coordination and you specifically were on it as Info) and was due on 19 Jul. Unfortunately I was out on leave that week and it appears there is some confusion here in the office. We did get the package cleared by OGC (b) (6) but the confusion came in thinking you had already cleared on it.

Can you please put a rush on clearing this? We have already forwarded the letter to our Embassy in Mexico City and I believe SecNav Admin may have already put the hard copy in the mail. We're hoping we can hold the EMB from passing the letter along to ADM Soberon but we don't know where that stands right now. We need to know as soon as possible this is going to be an issue.

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How did this not go through me here in DON/AA for review and coordination since we handle the Secretary of the Navy's EEE?

I normally prepare the packages and Action Memos, responses and coordinate the chops through DON/AA, OGC, etc.

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Cc: (b) (6) DASN ELM, PTGN; (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment); (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) CIV ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy; (b) (6) (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD; (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6)
Subject: Vaquitas Update
Attachments: SECNAV Final Response to ADM Soberon (Signed).pdf; Action Memo - Final Vaquita Response (Signed).pdf
Signed By: (b) (6)@navy.mil

Sir/All,

SecNav signed the Vaquita package (Action Memo and response letter to ADM Soberon) on Friday - see attached. We are now free to begin Phase I of the support plan.

For your awareness, SecNav will be visiting Mexico and ADM Soberon on 15-16 September. We'll be looking for an update on where things stand with Phase I shortly before that trip so that the Secretary can discuss the status with ADM Soberon. There are other stops on the trip so he will actually be departing on the 13th.

If anyone has any questions, please let me know.

Thank you!

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Subject: RE: Request of EMAIL of Mr. Thomas Dee, USNAVY
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EEE has been identified as the source for Phase I funding. Not sure if the package is approved yet to start work.

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From: (b) (6) <(b) (6)@WWFUS.ORG>
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2016 15:38
To: (b) (6) DUSN, Policy; (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Catching up

Hi (b) (6) and (b) (6) -

Just wanted to ensure you had seen this out of the White House today. Never thought I'd see a joint Presidential commitment on my little vaquita - but there it is. ?? I'll be celebrating tonight, but back to work to ensure these commitments are maintained on Monday.

(b) (6) - as I mentioned to you - it would be amazing if the Navy or Coast Guard could offer enforcement support. And, of course, if there was any possibility of using our dolphins to detect illegal and/or derelict gillnets, that would be a huge help.

Please don't ever hesitate to reach out if we can do anything to assist you in your vaquita conservation efforts!

Have a great weekend both,
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Both Presidents committed to intensify bilateral cooperation to protect the critically endangered vaquita marina porpoise, including through the following actions:

- * Mexico will make permanent a ban on the use of gillnets in all fisheries throughout the range of the vaquita in the upper Gulf of California;
- * Both countries will increase cooperation and enforcement efforts to immediately halt the illegal fishing for and illegal trade in totoaba swim bladders;
- * Both countries will redouble efforts, in collaboration with international experts, to develop alternative fishing gear to gillnets that does not result in the entanglement of vaquita and establish "vaquita-safe" fisheries; and
- * Both countries will establish and implement a long-term program to remove and permanently dispose of illegal and derelict fishing gear from vaquita habitat in the upper Gulf of California.

From: (b) (6) DUSN, Policy <(b) (6)@navy.mil>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 4:18 PM
To: Henry, Leigh
Cc: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Subject: RE: Catching up

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That sounds good- is District Common (next to BTS) ok?

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To: (b) (6) DUSN, Policy
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That works too. I'm at 24th and M (Foggy Bottom). Our office is about a 10 min walk - very happy to host you here, or we could just meet at one of the restaurants right by the metro?

From: (b) (6) DUSN, Policy <(b) (6)@navy.mil>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 2:59 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Catching up

(b) (6)

I am at the Pentagon, so it can be a chore coming in but if you have the time we can meet here, but there is no parking. We could come sneak out of work early and meet you downtown.

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6) [mailto:(b) (6)@WWFUS.ORG]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 2:58 PM
To: (b) (6) DUSN, Policy
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Catching up

Thanks, (b) (6)! Any chance 3-4 would work for you tomorrow? If that works, then I could stop in on my way from DC back home (Arlington) and come to you? If that DOES work, just let me know your address, and any guidance on parking appreciated.

Look forward to seeing you.

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6) DUSN, Policy <(b) (6)@navy.mil>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 2:54 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Catching up

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Thanks, it was great to run into Justin and catch up. Does tomorrow still work? Pentagon City is easiest for us but we could also go downtown. Just let me know,

Vr

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6) [mailto:(b) (6)@WWFUS.ORG]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 12:59 PM
To: (b) (6) DUSN, Policy
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Catching up

Hey (b) (6)!

It's been so long. Really hope you and (b) (6) and (b) (6) are doing great. (Please tell (b) (6) I said hello!)

(b) (6) happened to run into you and mention my trip to La Jolla. Would really be interested in catching up with you and/or your colleague if possible. I've never worked on an issue more urgent, and complicated, in my 15 years at WWF.

Let me know if you guys might have any time Wed or Thu - I'm free other than 9-10 each day.

Look forward to talking to you,

(b)

(b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International

m: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2016 9:37
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Subject: FW: New Tasker - Letter to Mexica CNO - MMP

(b) (6)

I forwarded to SPAWAR and they have no comments. Mr. Dee did not have any comments either. I will go into taskers and close out for us and for SPAWAR if the system will let me.

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(b) (6)

Thank you for this and the opportunity to comment. Upon our review, we do not believe we can improve it.

Thanks,

(b) (6)

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Subject: FW: New Tasker - Letter to Mexica CNO - MMP

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The documents that are attached to this email is for a tasker that has been created for our review and comments. Comments are due back by COB Tuesday 19 July. The link to the tasker is in the below email but if you want to provide your comments back to me directly, I can load them into the system for you. Thanks!

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(b) (6) -

Here's an interesting one. a letter to the Mexican CNO offering the MMP to locate the vaquita (a rare species of porpoise endemic to the northern part of the Gulf of California). Note the short turnaround. due on Tuesday. Over to you!

Tasker #: 013815b

Title: Mexico CNO Letter

Due Date: TUESDAY 19 July 2016

Link: <https://hq.ahf.nmci.navy.mil/taskerfind&bABUKS8>

Files attached for reference.

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(b) (6) (comm)



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From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2016 10:34
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Catching up
Signed By: (b) (6)@navy.mil

Hi (b) (6),

No problems with changes for today - I could actually use the time to catch up on things that should have been done earlier this week. I'll be out of the office all next week but I'd be happy to chat with you over the phone today or tomorrow.

Just to give you some background - I've talked with (b) (6) and (b) (6) from NOAA and based on that discussion we are in the process of identifying funds to be able to train and then deploy our Marine Mammal Program dolphins to detect and locate the vaquita. We're looking at getting the training underway hopefully next month and then if everything works out, deploy the dolphins in the spring to help with the detection and location efforts.

It has been our understanding that this is the extent of our assistance that that CIRVA people/plans were looking for.

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Thanks, (b) (6) - and good morning, (b) (6)!

I've unexpectedly had to change plans today as well and am working from home (in Arlington).

Would you guys like to push this back to early next week? Brett - if you'd still like to meet late afternoon today, just let me know and we'll figure out somewhere that makes sense - or we can always start with a phone call.

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That sounds good- is District Common (next to BTS) ok?

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From: (b) (6) [mailto:(b) (6)@WWFUS.ORG]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 3:03 PM
To: (b) (6) CIV DUSN, Policy
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Catching up

That works too. I'm at 24th and M (Foggy Bottom). Our office is about a 10 min walk - very happy to host you here, or we could just meet at one of the restaurants right by the metro?

From: (b) (6) DUSN, Policy <(b) (6)@navy.mil>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 2:59 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Catching up

(b)

am at the Pentagon, so it can be a chore coming in but if you have the time we can meet here, but there is no parking. We could come sneak out of work early and meet you downtown.

V/r

(b)

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Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 2:58 PM

To: (b) (6) DUSN, Policy

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Catching up

Thanks, (b) (6)! Any chance 3-4 would work for you tomorrow? If that works, then I could stop in on my way from DC back home (Arlington) and come to you? If that DOES work, just let me know your address, and any guidance on parking appreciated.

Look forward to seeing you.

(b)

From: (b) (6) DUSN, Policy (b) (6)@navy.mil>

Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 2:54 PM

To: (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Catching up

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Thanks, it was great to run into Justin and catch up. Does tomorrow still work? Pentagon City is easiest for us but we could also go downtown. Just let me know,

Vr

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To: (b) (6) DUSN, Policy

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Hey (b) (6)!

It's been so long. Really hope you and (b) and the kids are doing great. (Please tell (b) I said hello!)

Glad (b) happened to run into you and mention my trip to La Jolla. Would really be interested in catching up with you and/or your colleague if possible. I've never worked on an issue more urgent, and complicated, in my 15 years at WWF.

Let me know if you guys might have any time Wed or Thu - I'm free other than 9-10 each day.

Look forward to talking to you,

(b)

(b) (6) **DUSN (Policy) International**

From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2016 11:32
To: (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Cc: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy; (b) (6) DON/AA, FMD
Subject: RE: EEE FMD POC
Signed By: (b) (6) @navy.mil

Will do. Just wanted to make sure the funding was at least available first in case I had to scramble and check under the coach cushions to find some money.

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From: (b) (6) CIV DON/AA, FMD
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To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
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Subject: RE: EEE FMD POC

(b) (6),

Ok. Can you put the package in Taskers so we have tracking information on it.

Thanks,

(b) (6)

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Subject: EEE FMD POC

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(b) (6) **DUSN (Policy) International**

From: (b) (6) SPAWARSCEN-PACIFIC, 71005
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2016 13:10
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International; (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
Cc: (b) (6) DASN ELM, PTGN; Dee, Thomas P SES ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment); (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy
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We're not planning on being part of the collection effort. There are plenty other entities with experience collecting dolphins in the Gulf of Mexico for continued monitoring of the BP oil spill. I think they have that covered.

A phase III would cost the same as phase II if the duration is the same.

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From: (b) (6) CIV DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2016 9:06 AM
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(b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International

From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2016 8:18
To: (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment); (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
Cc: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy
Subject: RE: Estimated Cost and Schedule to Support Vaquitas
Signed By: (b) (6) @navy.mil

(b) (6),
I am working on putting together a final package for DASN Dee to sign to SecNav. I think it would make most sense to have the EEE request be a part of that package. I'd be happy to write up the request letter but if either of you has an example you could share that I could plagiarize from it would be appreciated.

Thanks,
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I have experience with EEE funding, but if RDA sending in an EEE funding package request is a simple solution - I am happy to help. In light of this simple solution, I don't think we need a call to discuss.

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(b) (6),

Happy to facilitate. Only blocked dates for me are 7, 12, and 13 July. Talking with (b) (6), the easiest solution would be a EEE funding package for SECNAV to sign for Phase I and incorporating Phase II into the FY17 LATAM COOP budget.

Best regards,
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(b) (6),

FYSA - I checking into some options but I didn't find a simple funding solution. I do think we need to have a larger group call to discuss options.

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We will have to find a source of funding for phase I; looking at EEE as a possible source. Unfortunately it does not meet the requirements for LATAM COOP funding.

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What about phase I? This is critical because it will determine if this is even feasible to do. Thanks!

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Thanks for the planning effort. I believe we could submit the \$63K phase II as a requirement for FY17 Latin America Cooperation Fund expenses.

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(b) (6) **DUSN (Policy) International**

From: Scoratow, Leon B CDR DUSN Policy, Strategy
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 8:59
To: (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment)
Cc: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International; (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
Subject: RE: Estimated Cost and Schedule to Support Vaquitas
Signed By: (b) (6) @ (b) (6).navy.mil

(b) (6),
Happy to facilitate. Only blocked dates for me are 7, 12, and 13 July. Talking with (b) (6), the easiest solution would be a EEE funding package for SECNAV to sign for Phase I and incorporating Phase II into the FY17 LATAM COOP budget.

Best regards,

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-----Original Message-----
From: (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment)
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 5:04 PM
To: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy
Subject: RE: Estimated Cost and Schedule to Support Vaquitas

(b) (6)
FYSA - I checking into some options but I didn't find a simple funding solution. I do think we need to have a larger group call to discuss options.

-----Original Message-----
From: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2016 5:11 PM
To: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International; (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment); (b) (6) OPNAV, N52
From: (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC; (b) (6); (b) (6) DASN ELM, PTGN; Dee, Thomas P SES ASN (RDA), ASN ELM
Subject: RE: Estimated Cost and Schedule to Support Vaquitas

(b) (6),

We will have to find a source of funding for phase I; looking at EEE as a possible source. Unfortunately it does not meet requirements for LATAM COOP funding.

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From: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM

Sent: Monday, June 27, 2016 4:42 PM

To: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy; (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International; (b) (6)

OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment); (b) (6) CDR OPNAV, NS2

Cc: (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, 71005; (b) (6) DASN ELM, PTGN; Dee, Thomas P SES ASN (RDA),
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Subject: RE: Estimated Cost and Schedule to Support Vaquitas

(b) (6),

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What about phase I? This is critical because it will determine if this is even feasible to do. Thanks!

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From: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy

Sent: Monday, June 27, 2016 4:03 PM

To: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International; (b) (6)

OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment); (b) (6) CDR OPNAV, NS2

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ASN ELM

Subject: RE: Estimated Cost and Schedule to Support Vaquitas

(b) (6)

Thanks for the planning effort. I believe we could submit the \$63K phase II as a requirement for FY17 Latin America Cooperation Fund expenses.

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From: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM

Sent: Monday, June 27, 2016 3:26 PM

To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International; (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment); (b) (6),
(b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy

Cc: (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) DASN ELM, PTGN; Dee, Thomas P SES ASN (RDA),
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(b) (6) **DUSN (Policy) International**

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Sent: Monday, June 27, 2016 15:26
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International; (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment); (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy
Cc: (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC; (b) (6); (b) (6) DASN ELM, PTGN; Dee, Thomas P SES ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
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Attachments: NMMP Vaquita Assistance POAM.XLS; NMMPVaquitas Assistance Cost Estimate Rev 1.docx

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(b) (6) **DUSN (Policy) International**

From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 10:08
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International 
Cc: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy
Subject: RE: Invitation for the Secretary of the Navy to attend the Mexican Independence Day Celebration on 14-16 September 2016
Signed By: (b) (6)@navy.mil

Hey (b) (6),
Hope all is well on the trip. (b) (6) and I met with DASN Dee and DASN Ohannessian last Thursday where we passed them SecNav's response letter to ADM Soberon and let them know that SecNav intended to have the DON offer as much assistance as was possible.

On Friday, I sat in with DASN Ohannessian and DASN Dee on a phone call with Eileen Sobeck, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries at NOAA along with her (b) (6), (b) (6). Both (b) (6) and (b) (6) reiterated several times (both DASNs and myself wanted to be sure so asked repeatedly) that the Mexicans were not looking for or expecting anything more from the USN than assistance from the MMP for location and detection of the vaquitas. They understood this to be true from their involvement with the international group to save the vaquita (CIRVA; which NOAA has 4 members of), as well as discussions (b) (6) has had with (b) (6), Commissioner of the Marine Mammal Commission as well as a CIRVA member. When we mentioned that SecNav may want to do more than just location and detection, (b) (6) and (b) (6) said that the DON could of course provide other areas of expertise but that they (NOAA and CIRVA) have and know of other people with expertise as well.

There is, in fact, a plan (of sorts) in place. CIRVA's meeting back in May produced a report that contained an annex on the feasibility of ex situ conservation efforts and actions. Within this plan, it listed unknowns, actions to address unknowns, and potential partners for these actions. (All of the "potential partners" are either a part of CIRVA and/or were part of the development of the annex for ex situ conservation, expect for the DON.) (b) (6) has offered to nail down the fact that location and detection are all the help that MX is looking for from the DON. I will also help DASN Dee reach out to RADM Zarate (Soberon's POC) to confirm this as well.

In the meantime, DASN Dee has directed SSP Pac (the MMP folks) to come up with a detailed plan with detailed costs for the research and training of MMP assets to (potentially) be able to locate and detect vaquita. The plan will include research and training of MMP dolphins to detect harbor porpoises in SF this fall and then transportation down to MX in the spring. The first trip in the spring would be to find 1-3 vaquita, see how they manage in captivity, and then a follow-up visit later on if the vaquita are able to adapt and survive to captivity.

Okay, so that is a whole lot and probably more info than you were expecting/looking for right now, but that is where things stand. The plan/report to SN should be fairly simple and short and is easily on track to have it sitting on his desk waiting for signature upon his return next month.

(b) (6)

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

From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2016 5:08 AM
To: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy
Cc: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International

Subject: FW: Invitation for the Secretary of the Navy to attend the Mexican Independence Day Celebration on 14-16 September 2016

i (b) (6)
Did you confirm with the American embassy?

(b) (6) How goes it with the Vaquitas deliverable? SECNAV wants us to look at advising them more broadly on preservation and captive breeding.

We have a hard deadline on making this happen. Need to ensure you are having IPRs so that you can periodically check it is trending in the right direction.

Thanks,

(b) (6)

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(b) (6) International Affairs
Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy (Policy)

From: (b) (6) SECNAV, FO
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 4:24:00 PM
To: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy; DON_International_Affairs
Cc: (b) (6) SECNAV FO; (b) (6) SECNAV, FO; (b) (6) SECNAV, FO; (b) (6) SECNAV, FO; (b) (6) SECNAV, FO; (b) (6) SECNAV, FO; (b) (6) SECNAV, FO; (b) (6) SECNAV, FO
Subject: Invitation for the Secretary of the Navy to attend the Mexican Independence Day Celebration on 14-16 September 2016

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your considerate invitation for the Secretary of the Navy to attend the Mexican Independence Day Celebration on 14-16 September 2016. Secretary Mabus would like to accept this invitation and confirm his attendance. Please defer to Ms. Greene to determine specific events for the Secretary's attendance.

Please forward a copy the acceptance email, so we can keep it for our records.

Thank you.

V/r

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(b) (6) **DUSN (Policy) International**

m: Dee, Thomas P SES ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
sent: Friday, June 17, 2016 16:22
To: (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) CIV
SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6)
Cc: Russell, Stephen D SES SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, 70000; (b) (6) DASN ELM,
PTGN; (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; Keeney, Carmela A SES
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(b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment); (b) (6) DUSN Policy,
Strategy; Ohannessian, Karnig H SES OASN EI&E; (b) (6) ASN (RDA),
DASN ELM; (b) (6), N95; (b) (6) ASN (RDA),
DASN ELM
Subject: RE: SecNav Response Letter re: Vaquitas
Signed By: thomas.dee@navy.mil

Mike,

Had the phone call with (b) (6), NOAA Fisheries, today. (b) (6), NOAA (b) (6), was also on line.

(b) (6) seemed very familiar with the issue and was well aware of, and fully supportive of, what you were proposing to do. Both (b) (6) and Eileen indicated that in their discussions with the Mexicans, Mexico did not expect any more from the MMS Program than the possibility of assisting with the detection/location efforts. The request from the Mexican SECNAV was more broadly worded than he expected it to be, but that doesn't change his understanding of their request. We'll need to ensure the final response from the SECNAV to his Mexican counterpart reflects the same.

In (b) (6) estimation, your conduct of the experiment in SFRAN doesn't begin to approach the threshold of a "take" and there will be no permitting requirements for the experiment. The US will impose no requirements on operations in Mexican waters.

As everyone seems aligned on this, I don't think there's any need for a conference call next week. What I do need however is a detailed POAM for what you're proposing to do along with the detailed costs. We'll need to present the plan to the SECNAV for his approval within the next 30 days. I'd also like to coordinate it with the NOAA/MMC folks to ensure we stay aligned.

Do you think you could have something for me by the end of next week? If not, when might you be able to provide?

Thanks,
Tom D

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From: Dee, Thomas P SES ASN (RDA), DASN ELM

Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 11:35 AM

To: (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6)
Cc: Russell, Stephen D SES SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, 70000; (b) (6) DASN ELM, PTGN; (b) (6) ASN
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International; (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment); (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy;
Ohannessian, Karnig H SES OASN EI&E; (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) OPNAV,
N95; (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
Subject: FW: SecNav Response Letter re: Vaquitas

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From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 10:38 AM

To: Dee, Thomas P SES ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; Ohannessian, Karnig H SES OASN EI&E

Cc: (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment); (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy

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DASN ELM; (b) (6) OPNAV, N95; (b) (6) ASN (RDA),
DASN ELM
Subject: FW: SecNav Response Letter re: Vaquitas
Attachments: Mabus Signed - Admiral Soberon Sanz - 14 Jun 2016.pdf; CIRVA-7-Final-Report.pdf
Signed By: thomas.dee@navy.mil

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(b) (6) **DUSN (Policy) International**

From: Dee, Thomas P SES ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 10:47
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International; Ohannessian, Karnig H SES OASN EI&E
Cc: (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment); (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy
Subject: RE: SecNav Response Letter re: Vaquitas
Signed By: thomas.dee@navy.mil

Thanks (b) (6)

Will forward to SSC Pac and try to schedule a meeting next week to discuss with them.

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m: (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment)
ent: Monday, June 13, 2016 13:16
To: (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN Environment
Cc: (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy; (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Call Request for (b) (6)
Signed By: (b) (6) @NAVY.MIL

(b) (6),

Sometime before Karnig's telephone call with (b) (6), can you put on his calendar a 30 minute meeting with (b) (6). Purpose: Update Karnig on discussion between SECNAV and Mexico's ADM Soberon last week about this topic.

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

From: (b) (6) NOAA Federal [mailto:(b) (6)@noaa.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 11:17 AM
To: (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment)
Cc: (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN Environment
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Call Request for (b) (6)

The thought it would be good to touch base on vaquita.

On Mon, Jun 13, 2016 at 11:12 AM, (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment) (b) (6)@navy.mil> wrote:

(b) (6)

(b) (6) manages his calendar.

Is there something particular (b) (6) would like to discuss?

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

From: (b) (6) - NOAA Federal [mailto:(b) (6)@noaa.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 10:39 AM
To: (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Call Request for (b) (6)

Hi (b) (6) -

(b) (6) asked that I reach out and find a time for her to connect with Mr. Ohannessian. Who should I work with to try and get a call on the books?

Thanks so much for any assistance,

(b) (6)

(b) (6)
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(b) (6) **DUSN (Policy) International**

From: (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment)
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 12:40
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Call Request for (b) (6)
Signed By: (b) (6) @NAVY.MIL

(b) (6),

(b) (6) (Administrator National Marine Fisheries Service) is looking to touch base on vaquita with (b) (6). Subsequent traffic looks like this will be a telephone call.

- #1 - Do you want to be on the call?
- #2 - Should we discuss, internal to DON, what to say during the call?

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From: (b) (6) - NOAA Federal [mailto:(b) (6)@noaa.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 11:17 AM
To: (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment)
Cc: (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN Environment
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Call Request for (b) (6)

She thought it would be good to touch base on vaquita.

On Mon, Jun 13, 2016 at 11:12 AM, (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment) <(b) (6)@navy.mil> wrote:

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(b) (6) manages his calendar.

Is there something particular (b) (6) would like to discuss?

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Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 10:39 AM
To: (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Call Request for (b) (6)

Hi (b) (6)

(b) (6) asked that I reach out and find a time for her to connect with Mr. Ohannessian. Who should I work with to try and get a call on the books?

Thanks so much for any assistance,

(b) (6)

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(b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International

From: (b) (6) <(b) (6)@mmc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 11:03
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Cc: (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: State of Play Mexican Request re Navy Dolphins

(b) (6):

Thank you very much. I will pass along to (b) (6) that the discussions continue between Navy leadership and a formal reply to Adm Soberon can be expected to be transmitted soon through our Embassy.

I very much appreciate this information. If I can be of assistance in any way on this matter please let me know. One of our Marine Mammal Commissioners, Dr. Frances Gulland, and I are closely involved in all elements of the vaquita issue, and Dr. Gulland has led the effort to evaluate the question of ex situ conservation approaches for vaquitas.

Again, thanks. With all the best.

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International [mailto:(b) (6)@navy.mil]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 10:51 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment)
Subject: RE: State of Play Mexican Request re Navy Dolphins

(b) (6),

My name is (b) (6) and I work on the Secretary of the Navy's International Affairs staff. Please be aware that Secretary Mabus has a phone call scheduled with ADM Soberon this afternoon where part of the discussion will be in regards to the request for assistance with preserving the vaquitas.

Also, a formal reply with a designated POC for this matter is anticipated to be signed by Secretary Mabus in the very short term. As soon as that letter is signed, we will scan the document (as well as send the original) and email it to our Embassy in order to deliver to ADM Soberon.

In the meantime, we continue to discuss the possibilities of what support can be provided within the Department of the Navy. Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Regards,

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment)
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 10:10 AM
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Subject: FW: State of Play Mexican Request re Navy Dolphins

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From: (b) (6) [mailto:(b)(6)@mmc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 8:00 AM
To: (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment)
Cc: Frances Gulland; (b) (6) ONRA, 322
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] State of Play Mexican Request re Navy Dolphins

Dear (b) (6)

I am at the International Whaling Committee Scientific Committee meeting. (b) (6), the Mexican lead for vaquita conservation is here. He has received an urgent request from his boss, Mexican Environment Minister Pacchiano. The Minister is asking for information on the status of the US Navy response to the Mexican request for Navy assistance on locating vaquita porpoises. Failing a response, Minister Pacchiano is also asking whom within the Navy he might contact directly by phone on the matter.

I have no information on a possible Navy decision on this request or progress of a response through the Navy organization. Can you help me provide an answer to (b) (6) on the state of a response to the request?

I am enclosing a copy of the report of the International Recovery team for vaquita, which, as one of many recommendations, proposes the step-wise exploration of a possible ex situ program to protect vaquitas (see pg. 28). Navy assistance could provide for a narrow portion of this program - namely helping to locate vaquitas.

Thanks for your assistance in providing information that Lorenzo can use to report on progress to Minister Pacchiano.

Best,

(b) (6)

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(b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International

From: (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 9:40
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International; (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy; (b) (6) @state.gov; (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) OPNAV, N45; (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment); (b) (6) JAG, CODE 12; (b) (6) ONRA, 322
Cc: (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) OASN EI&E, JGPO
Subject: RE: Save the Vaquitas
Signed By: (b) (6) @navy.mil

A suggested slight tweak to the second paragraph:

Your efforts and those of your government to save both the vaquita and totoaba are noble undertakings, and I appreciate your interest in exploring the capabilities of U.S. Navy's Marine Mammal Program (MMP) to assist in the preservation of the vaquita. For decades, the MMP has studied the extraordinary echolocation abilities of bottlenose dolphins, and has trained and deployed them worldwide to search the oceans for a wide variety of underwater objects. I understand that the program could potentially provide assistance in locating the vaquita.

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From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 5:02 AM
To: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy; (b) (6) @state.gov; (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, 56400; (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); Buonantony, (b) (6) OPNAV, N45; (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment); (b) (6), CODE 12; (b) (6) ONRA, 322
Cc: (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) OASN EI&E, JGPO
Subject: Save the Vaquitas
Importance: High

All,
There have been some edits made to the interim letter from SecNav to ADM Soberon. Before we route the package any further I wanted to be sure that everyone had another chance to coordinate on the text. Please get back to me with any comments/edits by 1300 (DC time) today. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks!

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(b) (6) **DUSN (Policy) International**

From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 18:01
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International; (b) (6) DUSN, DUSN(P)
Subject: SECNAV Letter to ADM Soberon (ELM edits)
Attachments: SECNAV Letter to ADM Soberon (ELM edits).doc

Proposed changes. Let me know if you think any of it needs to be re-coordinated. I think it is ok from a legal perspective but not sure if I described the MMP correctly.

Best,

(b) (6)

(b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International

m: (b) (6) ONRA, 322
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 13:12
To: (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment); (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International; (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy; (b) (6) @state.gov; (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, 56400; (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6) OPNAV, N4S; (b) (6) JAG, CODE 12
Subject: RE: Save the Vaquitas

(b) (6),
I understand that the International recovery team report (CIRVA) is scheduled to be completed and made public by the International Whaling Commission. The IWC annual meeting starts next week, so the report should be available soon thereafter.

Dr. Frances Gulland is a US researcher, a US Marine Mammal Commissioner, and member of the CIRVA team. She has also a co-PI on several ONR projects. She would be a good US contact to clarify the ask from the Mexican Secretary of the Navy.

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Date: Thursday, May 26, 2016 4:03 PM

To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International; (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; Scratow, Leon B CDR DUSN Policy, Strategy; (b) (6) @state.gov; (b) (6)

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When: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 13:00-14:00 (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: (b) (6), DON/AA Conference Room, Pentagon

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From: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 11:14
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Subject: FW: Vaquitas POC
Attachments: SECNAV Letter to ADM Soberon (ELM edits).doc; Action Memo on ADM Soberon Vaquita Request Response (ELM edits).docx
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Here are some edits from Mr. Dee.

V/R

(b) (6)

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Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 11:10 AM
To: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
Cc: (b) (6); (b) (6) CIV ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
Subject: RE: Vaquitas POC

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From: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 10:47 AM
To: Dee, Thomas P SES ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
Cc: (b) (6); (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
Subject: FW: Vaquitas POC

Sir,

Here is the revised letter and action memo.

V/R

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From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International

Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 10:42 AM
To: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
Subject: RE: Vaquitas POC

(b) (6)
This is what is being routed. It hasn't changed all that much from what we talked about yesterday. It has not made it to DUSN Greene yet so there is still some time to make changes, just let me know.

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Subject: RE: Vaquitas POC

(b) (6),
Mr. Dee would like to see the revised version that you are routing.....he just spoke to Mike Rothe and has a better understanding of the possible way forward. He is concerned that the PMO will get stuck with a bill.

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From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 9:21 AM
To: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM
Subject: Vaquitas POC

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I am going to start routing the SecNav response letter to ADM Soberon with DASN Ohannessian as his POC. If we get it figured out today that that is not the case we can always switch the name while it is in route. However, I have a feeling that because of the direct SecNav interest in this that we will most likely be directed to keep the POC as someone within the Secretariat.

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Acting Deputy Director
Office of Protected Resources
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m: (b) (6) (Mexico City) <(b) (6)@state.gov>
ent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 12:44
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Save the Vaquitas

I will not be able to dial-in. I will be traveling to Manzanillo in 15 minutes for Día de la Marina celebrations. The ceremony is tomorrow.

The President, the SEMAR Secretary Admiral Soberon, and the Director for Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT) with other senior cabinet members will attend. I expect a few questions tomorrow... so please forward a summary of the discussion.

I can read email on my BlackBerry.

Thanks,

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

From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International [mailto:(b) (6)@navy.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 9:45 AM
To: (b) (6) (Mexico City)
Subject: RE: Save the Vaquitas

(b) (6),

It just had the dial in info on it, that was all. If you are now able to dial in this afternoon, please let me know as I will have to call and get another line added to the bridge for the VTC.

Thanks,

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From: (b) (6) (Mexico City) [mailto:(b) (6)@state.gov]
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To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
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Thanks,

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Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 8:15 AM

To: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) DUSN

Policy, Strategy; (b) (6) (Mexico City); (b) (6) SPAWARSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6); (b) (6)

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(Environment); (b) (6) JAG, CODE 12; (b) (6) ONRA, (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6) SPAWARSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Save the Vaquitas

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Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 11:28
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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: ADM Soberon Interim Response Letter

Independence Day Celebration 11-17 September.

Invitations will be coming from the Mex Embassy, will send an advanced copy as soon as it is translated.

Highly recommend SECNAV attend, if not the whole event, the second half of the event, which will include spending the evening at the Presidential Palace with the President of Mexico and other VIPs from around the world.

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Subject: RE: ADM Soberon Interim Response Letter

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Do you have any idea/insight into what the September invite is for? I vaguely recall us trying to get SN down there for something in September in previous years but cant recall what holiday/event it was for.

On another note - SN is actually out of the office for a couple more days. The call wont happen today. We'll get you the info you need asap though.

Thanks!

(b) (6)

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

From: (b) (6) (Mexico City) [http://(b) (6)/?url=mailto:(b) (6)@state.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2016 1:26 PM
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International; (b) (6) DUSN Policy, Strategy
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Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 10:30
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Subject: RE: Save the Vaquitas

Brett,
I will use the open line if available. I'm solo in Northern CA.

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From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 6:14:31 AM
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- * SPAWAR: (b) (6)
- * Open: (b) (6) (If you intend to use the Open/Spare line, please let me know as soon as possible. If more than one location needs to use it, I will need to call and get us another line.)

The Conference Number is (b) (6). If you have any technical difficulties, please call (b) (6).

Thanks!

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From: (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment)
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2016 10:12
To: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Subject: RE: FYSA/Info - Points of Contact re: Mexican Navy Request for assistance re: Vaquita Porpoise
Signed By: (b) (6) @NAVY.MIL

Copy.

FYSA (b) (6) (Mexico City) (b) (6) @state.gov> just spoke with me on the telephone. Mexico is wondering whether there is an update. I shared that we are still discussing how best to help Mexico. This is a complex problem set, so we don't have anything significant to share just yet. He mentioned that the Mexican Admiral might be having a call with Secretary Mabus next week. This request might come up within that conversation, if it happens.

If the Secretary is asked, the answer might be that we share Mexico's concern and all of DON is trying to figure out ways DON could help Mexico with the vaquita situation.

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From: (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2016 9:33 AM
To: (b) (6) OASN (EI&E), ODASN (Environment)
Subject: RE: FYSA/Info - Points of Contact re: Mexican Navy Request for assistance re: Vaquita Porpoise

(b) (6)

I was hoping to maybe get to it this week but Mon and Tue were busy and I was out of the office yesterday. I'll try and see about setting something up for early next week.

(b) (6)

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- (b) (6) SPAWARSYSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6) <(b) (6)@spawar.navy.mil>;
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- (b) (6) JAG, CODE 12 <(b) (6)@navy.mil>;
- (b) (6) ONRA, (b) (6) <(b) (6)@navy.mil>;

I am NOT a sme on vaquitas, but if this helps attached is a broad power point introduction. This seems like an ASN RDA/SPAWARSYSCEN discussion/decision. I can offer some background as well as thoughts, but I acknowledge the decision rests outside my lane.

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 Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 1:09 PM
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 Subject: RE: FYSA/Info - Points of Contact re: Mexican Navy Request for assistance re: Vaquita Porpoise

Thanks (b) (6)

(b) (6), I manage the Biosciences Division at SSC Pacific, and (b) (6) (cc: added) is the Director of the Navy Marine Mammal Program. Standing by to participate in concall/VTC when scheduled.

Cheers,

(b) (6)

(b) (6), PhD
 U.S. Navy Marine Mammal Program
 Head, Biosciences Division (715)
 Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific
 53560 Hull Street
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Hi (b) (6)

I am forwarding your inquiry to (b) (6). (b) (6) runs the Navy's Marine Mammal Program here in San Diego and is the right person to provide input to this request.

R,

(b) (6)

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Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 7:16 AM
To: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM (b) (6)@navy.mil; (b) (6) SPAWARSCEN-PACIFIC,
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(b) (6), Thanks.

(b) (6) and (b) (6), Attached is a letter from Mexico's Secretary of the Navy to Secretary Mabus. DUSN Policy would like to arrange a VTC/Conference call to discuss. This touches on ASN RDA, SPAWAR equities, so it seems like someone from those organizations should be include within the discussions.

This is a very unique request, so I am not exactly sure who the best POCs are so Jim thought I could start with the both of you.

There are potential issues that need to be considered, so the first step is to get the interested parties brought into the discussions. Are you the appropriate representatives for ASN RNA and SPAWARs?

I copied (b) (6) with ONR, because maybe they should also be include within the initial discussions.

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Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 9:51 AM
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Cc: (b) (6) ASN (RDA), DASN ELM; (b) (6) SPAWARSCEN-PACIFIC, (b) (6)
Subject: FYSA/Info - Points of Contact re: Mexican Navy Request for assistance re: Vaquita Porpoise

(b) (6),

As the request from the Mexican Navy to SECNAV to discuss the Vaquita Porpoise evolves, I recommend including the following POCs on your distribution for their SA/Info on this issue:

(b) (6) - DASN Expeditionary Logistics Management (ELM) POC for marine mammal issues w/I OASN RD&A

(b) (6) - SPAWAR POC for systems & env issues re: marine mammals

VR,

(b) (6)
Director, Environmental Acquisition
OASN EIE/ODASN Environment
1000 Navy Pentagon, RM (b) (6)
Washington, DC 20350-1000

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Tuesday AM PDT and Friday are not good for us. Otherwise, standing by.

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We are anticipating a more detailed response to SecNav for his passing to ADM Soberon will take some time but I am working on getting up an interim response letter for him to send to ADM Soberon by the end of the week.

Thanks,

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Subject: Vaquita/Totoaba News

All,

Just thought I'd pass along the link below about totoaba fish bladders the Mexican government seized the other day. It is one of the top stories on CNN today. It is the illegal Totoaba harvesting that is decimating the vaquita, so clearly even with the 2 year ban on Totoaba fishing and Mexican Navy patrols this remains an issue.

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/05/23/health/aquatic-cocaine-totoaba-bass-smuggling/index.html>

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Sent: Friday, May 20, 2016 9:31
To: (b) (6) (Mexico City)
Cc: (b) (6) OPNAV, N3NS; (b) (6) OPNAV, N52; (b) (6) DUSN (Policy) International
Subject: RE: (U) [Non-DoD Source] Letter from Adm. Soberón, Mx Navy
Signed By: (b) (6) @ (b) (6).navy.mil

Sir,

We had a meeting in SECNAV yesterday - reps from ASN EI&E, OLC, and N45 to discuss the letter. We'll work with DOS and OSD on a way ahead which is likely going to be a combination of liaison with charitable foundations that do mammal research and have some ties with the USN program and possibly avenues to reach into IMET for fisheries protection.

Of course the issue is never simple when dealing with support to civilian efforts in foreign countries, and we'll keep you posted.

V/r

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Cc: (b) (6) OPNAV, N3NS
Subject: Fw: (U) [Non-DoD Source] Letter from Adm. Soberón, Mx Navy

(b) (6)

Bottom line, someone went direct to SECNAV without a recommendation from me. If you want to be the hero, visit (b) (6) first thing in the morning with a copy of the request in your hand. Talk to (b) (6) or one of the action officers. (OSD OFFICE FOR Defense support to civil authorities.) They will tell you how to staff this request, or send you to the correct office.

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Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2016 11:34 PM
To: (b) (6) USFF, NS
Subject: Re: (U) [Non-DoD Source] Letter from Adm. Soberón, Mx Navy

First I heard of this in SEMAR or official DoD channels. NOAA Attaché was working this issue with his Mexican counterparts (SEMARNAT) Two weeks ago NOAA Attaché asked about the possibility of using USN dolphins to support this initiative. I told him there was no guarantee DoD could support such a request (legal restraints, costs, resource availability). I suggested a call to Sea World who already had an interest in this project. I also advised him that any request for DoD support had to go through OSD. (my last job in the Pentagon was staffing these types of requests for SecDef approval). He never indicated that NOAA was ready to make an official request to DoD, just seeking advice.

I highly recommend you contact OSD Homeland Defense or OSD ISA for advice. I think this is a SECDEF issue, while SECNAV is the resource provider. Don't get dragged down the wrong path.

I'm on leave until Monday... just happened to peek at my phone.

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You aware of this one?

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Good afternoon Sir,

Please see below email.

ADM Soberon sent the attached letter to SECNAV requesting his opinion IRT possibility of working with USN in the preservation of Mexican endemic species. Specifically, SEMAR is asking for information on USN's Marine Mammals preservation programs, to develop a similar program for endangered endemic fish species in the Sea of Cortez. Details in my email below.

ADM Soberon wants to personally follow up with SECNAV via phone call. I discussed with CEE and they are ok with waiting for SECNAV's return and whatever time he needs to prepare for follow up phone call. I've discussed with CDR [redacted] from OPNAV 52. He understands the issue and is aware of urgency to GoM. He'll be following up with SECNAV's office (b) (6) to ensure a prompt follow up.

I don't think there is anything we (USN) can do ahead of SECNAV's return from TDY and potential telecon with ADM Soberon, but (b) (6) wanted me to check with you and get your opinion... Do you think we should try to get back to ADM Soberon before Friday?

V/r

(b) (6)
Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy
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+ COGATTs... fisheries issue.

V/r

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Gentlemen,

FYSA, CEE sent the attached letter via email to SECNAV. RDML Zarate explained the urgency of the issue and the need to go directly to SECNAV:

"not a matter of national security, but a delicate environmental issue of concern not only to SEMAR but to a fellow Secretary" – Mr. Rafael Pachiano Alamán, Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT – Secretaría del Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales).

ADM Soberon wants to follow up with a phone call to SECNAV after receiving confirmation that SECNAV has read his letter and is ready to discuss the issue. SECNAV is out of office until Friday, so the phone call will likely take place early next week. CDR Scoratow, SECNAV's POC for International Engagements, will track and follow up with SEMAR to schedule the phone call.

Letter BLUF: The letter addresses a fisheries issue and requests SECNAV's opinion regarding possibility of working with USN on a preservation program to save endemic Mexican species in danger of extinction.

Letter summary:

- ADM Soberon expresses SEMAR and SEMARNAT's (Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources) concerns about the illegal fishing and depletion of the species known as "Totoaba" (Totoaba macdonaldi), endemic of the Sea of Cortez (sought after by Asian consumers), and the "Vaquita Marina" (Phocoena sinus), which is now almost extinct.
- SEMARNAT is interested in establishing a program to relocate these species to safe locations for their preservation. They have learned USN has successfully implemented similar programs for preservation of marine mammals and are interested in receiving information or working with USN for the preservation of the Mexican endemic species.

V/r

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Very respectfully,

Capitán de Navío

(b)(6)

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Signed By: (b) (6) @ (b) (6) .navy.mil

Sir,

Please see the attached letter from ADM Soberon, which has caused some gyrations up here in the Pentagon. Was EMB Mexico City aware of a pending request for assistance from GOMEX in saving the vaquita? Has DOS or any other government agency been involved in this fisheries protection problem?

We've convened a meeting with ASN EI&E personnel, cc'ed above and will do a vtc or conference call next week, folding in SPAWAR & ASN RD&A to address the USN Marine Mammal Program questions. Your insight ahead of time is greatly appreciated.

Very respectfully,

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