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Good Afternoon,

Attached please find this week's report. The primary request of interest this week was submitted by Stephanie Hsiung with Sierra Club, seeking documents relating to Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Consultation for the Renewable Fuel Standard Program. (DOC-NOAA-2016-001648).

DOC also indicated during the FOIA Council face to face that they intend to issue guidance regarding Bureau obligations in light of the "foreseeable harm" standard articulated in the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016. Currently, NOAA's foreseeable harm statement is maintained in the Tasker Memorandum pursuant to NAO 205-14, Sec. 4. One of the options suggested by Mike Toland was to include a reference to the foreseeable harm in the closure letter issued to the requester. This issue was also brought up and discussed on the FOIA Legal Experts Call.

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