



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
Silver Spring, MD 20910

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Ms. Elizabeth A. Mitchell, President
Association for Professional Observers
P. O. Box 933
Eugene, Oregon 97440

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request for all documents from the NMFS meetings and/or workshops on data confidentiality of fisheries observer data and information that took place in April 2003 and again in January 2008.

The subject matter of the requested documents is identifiable to specific meetings know to have taken place. Specifically contacts for these meetings are as follows:

- (1) The first meeting in 2003 is posted on the National Observer Program's website, <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st4/nop/workshops.html>, as having taken place in April of that year; and
- (2) The second meeting in 2008 was held in Seattle, Washington at the Alaska Fishery Science Center, which only agency personnel were involved.

You also requested that all fees associated with processing this request be waived. This will be taken into consideration.

Your request was received in our office on January 15, 2010. For tracking purposes, we have assigned your request **NOAA FOIA No. 2010-00153**.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at (301) 713-1364.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Justen
NMFS FOIA Liaison Officer