

## Scott Smullen - NOAA Federal

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**From:** Scott Smullen - NOAA Federal  
**Sent:** Monday, September 9, 2019 1:46 PM  
**To:** Varon, Sophie  
**Cc:** julie.roberts@noaa.gov; christopher.vaccaro@noaa.gov  
**Subject:** Re: CNN Anderson Cooper 360 Request for Chief Scientist Craig McLean

Hi Sophie,

Craig does not want to do interviews. He feels his email speaks for itself and no further elaboration is needed.

This statement may be of help, however. -Scott

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On Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 1:37 PM Varon, Sophie <[Sophie.Varon@turner.com](mailto:Sophie.Varon@turner.com)> wrote:

Hi Julie, Scott and Christopher,

I hope you're well!

I'm reaching out on behalf of Anderson Cooper 360 at CNN to request an interview with Craig McLean. This is regarding NOAA's response to President Trump's explanation of Hurricane Dorian's path.

Thank you so much!

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