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**Subject:** Follow up on Effects Analysis Communications

Hi, Maria.

The communications folks at (BOR, USFWS and myself) just finished up on another phone call to discuss the upcoming effects analysis release on June 3. One question that came up was what to do if the document was requested from us by news media after it is given our for peer review? It seems appropriate that we would make the analyses available upon request from a media outlet. I would rather give them the document straightaway rather than them going through a third party. And it seems consistent that we (NMFS) would be the ones giving it out and not BOR.

Also, there was some discussion about who the spokesperson would be for the effects analyses. During our previous call I believe you decided I should do it to keep the CVO out of the line of fire, so to speak. Just would like to make sure you still want me to fill that role.

Finally, there is some interest about how we will eventually roll out the BiOp. The comms folks liked the idea of having everyone together from the different agencies to make the announcement and answer questions. I think there is interest in having the briefing with congressionals, stakeholders, and then news media. That's a lot of briefings, and I don't know how you feel about that, so please let me know. Is it also too soon to know who our spokesperson will be? I imagine it will be you, but could it be Barry?

I know many of these questions are a bit premature, but just want to get your input early on. Thanks, and talk with you soon,

Best,  
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