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Freedom of Information Act Request

Supervisor/Freedom of Information Officer
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Dear Supervisor/FOI Officer:

This is a FOIA request for the National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Law Enforcement, investigative files on false reporting by International Seafoods of Alaska, Inc.

The company pleaded guilty in June 2001 to a felony charge. Since this is a closed investigation, which ended in a guilty plea, you may release these records. We are requesting all releasable records on investigations into ISA since 1999, including but not limited to interview notes, email, correspondence and findings.

We'd appreciate expedited review and release, and news-media fee waivers, to the extent provided by law. We are investigating resource and workplace conditions in the North Pacific fishery, and reporting on what the National Marine Fisheries Service is doing. Our articles will be disseminated to the public through a general circulation newspaper and wire services. The Congress, administration, task forces and federal advisory groups have current discussions and upcoming decisions on fishery issues. Our reporting will help let the public give its input.

As I am making this request as a journalist, please contact me by telephone or email if I can help to clarify or expedite this request. Also I look forward to talking with your office about it later this fall.

Sincerely,

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Subject: FOIA from Seattle Times

Date: Fri, 04 Oct 2002 07:02:47 -0800

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Hi Mark,

Per NEOM 5.10.6.2, I am forwarding by fax (4 pages) a copy of a FOIA request to you. The FOIA request is for *"all releasable records on investigations into ISA since 1999, including but not limited to interview notes, email, correspondence & findings."* Specifically mentioned is the ISA criminal investigation. I have attempted to contact the requestor to clarify the scope of the request.

Also, I have initiated the 1st draft of the CD-244 per DAO-206-14 section 7 and attached it to the fax.

Per item 7 on the CD-244, this request might be able to be "fulfilled by facility" (us). I will begin the process of searching for documents responsive to this FOIA. I will consult with the ASTIA and GCAK as well.

JCK

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Subject: FOIA request: 2003-00039
From: "Michael Berens" <mberens@seattletimes.com>
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The Seattle Times remains interested in its public records request (#2003-0039) as outlined by a 11/15/04 letter received from the U.S. Department of Commerce. Specifically, the request involved investigative files on false reporting by International Seafoods of Alaska, Inc. This issue remains on on-going effort by The Times.

Reporter Michael J. Berens has assumed contact responsibility for this request. His contact information is provided below.

We would appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

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