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Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 3:20 PM
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Subject: RE: Green turtle critical habitat

Jenny

The Navy works collaboratively with Southwest Fisheries Science Center on a San Diego Bay green sea turtle project.

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There are two subcomponents of Navy participation, one from shoreside commands interested in turtle movement in relation to Navy facilities in San Diego, and another interested in turtle movements for at-sea consultation. The at-sea part I represent is relatively minor in the form of purchasing additional FastLoc GPS satellite tags in 2015 for SWFSC/Navy deployment and analysis.

In terms of past and ongoing cumulative data collection and results, I'd refer you to Tomo Eguchi at Southwest Fisheries Science Center. He'd be the best person to get you the info you would need. (I'm not scheduled to get any formal reporting to the Navy until next winter or early spring).

In terms of sea turtles and INRMPS, I'd refer you to (b)(6) who works for one of the regional Navy shore commands as well as helps with our at-sea contracting for tag purchases.

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Could you get back with Jenny in terms of any San Diego Bay INRMP and green sea turtles? Not sure if I have the latest INRMP document.

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From: Jennifer Schultz - NOAA Federal [jennifer.schultz@noaa.gov]
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To: (b)(6) CIV COMPACFLT, N465CJ

Subject: Green turtle critical habitat

Hi (b)(6),

My name is Jenny Schultz, and I work for the National Marine Fisheries Service. Together with US Fish and Wildlife Service, we are starting the critical habitat designation process for green sea turtles (we just proposed 11 DPSs for listing under the Endangered Species Act).

(b)(6) gave me your name as someone who may have spatial information on green turtles (in San Diego Bay and Southern California): for example, where they nest, forage, or migrate. Also, I was wondering if you may know of any Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans (INRMPs) that include green turtles. Under the Endangered Species Act, the Services do not designate critical habitat on DoD areas where we conclude that an INRMP provides a benefit to the species:

(B)(i) The Secretary shall not designate as critical habitat any lands or other geographical areas owned or controlled by the Department of Defense, or designated for its use, that are subject to an integrated natural resources management plan prepared under section 101 of the Sikes Act (16 U.S.C. 670a), if the Secretary determines in writing that such plan provides a benefit to the species for which critical habitat is proposed for designation (16 U.S.C. 1533(a)(3)(B)(i)).

Please let me know if you have any data or INRMPs that we should consider when identifying areas important to green turtles.

Sincerely,

Jenny

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