From: O'Connell, Thomas

Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2007 6:51 PM To: King, Howard; Dawson, Frank W.

Subject: FW: Gov/EIS?

Frank/Howard - fyi below. This is in resppnse to a reporter calling the governor's office suggesting that MD has moved further away from an introduction of ariakensis as a result of the Oyster Advisory Panel's meeting last week. Second. Griffin's email was to clarify what are position still is. Tom

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----Original Message----

From: Griffin, John R

Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2007 05:50 PM Eastern Standard Time To: Pisani, Darlene; O'Connell, Thomas; Campbell, Olivia

Cc: 'Sasha Leonhardt'; 'Rick Abbruzzese'; O'Connell, Thomas; Schwaab,

Eric

Subject: RE: Gov/EIS?

All, the Governor has said to the media when we took him, Mike Busch and the Attorney General on the Bay monitoring boat trip that he --and MD--need to be skeptical about the introduction of a non-native oyster species in the Bay. Sasha, I would strongly recommend that he maintain this posture for now. The DEIS target date for release and public comment has now been pushed back again to April of next year and if the past is prologue, that target date may very well slip again. VA is being driven by its seafood industry to go to unrestricted deployment of the non-native but the research as part of the DEIS on this and many other questions is not complete. If Va were to jump the gun, it would be greeted with many lawsuits; even if they do not jump early, they will be sued. Hope this helps, John

From: Pisani, Darlene

Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2007 5:02 PM To: O'Connell, Thomas; Campbell, Olivia

Cc: 'Sasha Leonhardt'; 'Rick Abbruzzese'; O'Connell, Thomas; Griffin,

John R; Schwaab, Eric
Subject: RE: Gov/EIS?

Give her the release and tell her we are preparing an update for Gov's office.

Darlene Pisani Director DNR Office of Communications 410 260 8004

----Original Message----From: O'Connell, Thomas

Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2007 5:00 PM To: Campbell, Olivia; Pisani, Darlene

Subject: RE: Gov/EIS?

Probably the best thing is the last press release that you can fond on the oyster in focus page. If you need more I'll look tomorrow when iget back in the office.

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----Original Message----

From: Campbell, Olivia

Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2007 04:55 PM Eastern Standard Time

To: Pisani, Darlene; O'Connell, Thomas

Subject: RE: Gov/EIS?

Hey Tom -

I got your message and email.

Do we have a 1-2 pager summary on the Oyster DEIS process that we can give to folks in the Governor's office, just so they have some general background on the EIS process, etc.

Darlene -

Sasha called me asking about the Oyster DEIS... he said that Margaret, the student reporter, had called with the impression that the State was leaning against the non-native oyster. Sasha is going to call her back to clarify.

Olivia

----Original Message----

From: Pisani, Darlene

Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2007 4:46 PM
To: Campbell, Olivia; 'Sasha Leonhardt'
Cc: Dawson, Frank W.; O'Connell, Thomas

Subject: Gov/EIS?

I doubt the Gov's office has been briefed yet on Friday's meeting, but I defer to Frank Dawson/Tom.

Darlene Pisani Director DNR Office of Communications 410 260 8004

----Original Message----

From: Campbell, Olivia

Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2007 4:40 PM To: Pisani, Darlene; 'Sasha Leonhardt'

Subject: RE:

She wanted to know about the Lt. Governor's trip tomorrow. Also if the Governor's office had been briefed about the DEIS process & updates.

Olivia Campbell

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----Original Message----

From: Rick Abbruzzese [mailto:rabbruzzese@GOV.STATE.MD.US]

Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2007 03:32 PM Eastern Standard Time

To: Pisani, Darlene

Subject:

Darlene -

Can you call Margaret Lee at Diamondback, 240-893-5876 - she has questions about oysters.