# NOAA-NMFS-2013-0056 Docket No. 130321272-4020-01

# EXHIBIT G TO THE PEER REVIEW COMMENTS OF MIAMI SEAQUARIUM May 23, 2014

#### **Preview Request**

## **Agency Selection**

Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce

Sub-Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### **Processing Fees-**

Will Pay Up To: \$400.00

#### **Description:**

See attached requests for documents under FOIA

## Request a Fee Waiver

Request Expedited Handling

Make Request? No

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Attach Supporting Files ————————————————————————————————————		
Attached File	Туре	Size (MB)
00053771.DOCX	Microsoft Word	0.02

- Agree to <u>Privacy Act Statement</u>. I have read the Privacy Act Statement and agree to the terms set forth.
- Affirmation. Pursuant to 28 USC § 1746, I declare and affirm that under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that all of the foregoing information, statements, and signatures submitted in connection with this request and in any supporting documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

# FOIA Request by Birch Horton Bittner and Cherot, P.C. on Behalf of Miami Seaquarium to National Marine Fisheries Service

(to be submitted via webform through FOIA Online)

In this Freedom of Information Act request, the term "Lolita Petition" refers to the petition filed by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and others in January, 2013 asking NMFS to include the killer whale known as Lolita housed at Miami Seaquarium in the Endangered Species Act listing of the Southern Resident Killer Whales. "12 Month Finding" refers to the document the National Marine Fisheries Service ("NMFS") published at 79 Fed.Reg. 4913 (Jan. 27, 2014) finding that including Lolita in the "endangered" listing of the Southern Resident Killer Whales is warranted and seeking public comment on proposed rules relating to the finding. Office of Protected Resources Branch Chief Lynne Barre in the NMFS Seattle Office is familiar with this matter.

Please provide the following documents:

- 1. The personal communication with Dr. A.R. Hoelzel cited by NMFS in the 12 Month Finding at 79 Fed. Reg. 4313, 4316 (Jan. 27, 2014), including any email, notes or other documents that constituted or reflected or recorded or summarized the communication.
- 2. The personal communication with Candice Emmons cited by NMFS in the 12 Month Finding at 79 Fed. Reg. 4313, 4316, including any email, notes or other documents that constituted or reflected or recorded or summarized the communication.
- 3. The "new genetic analysis, available since the original 2005 listing, which indicates that Lolita has a genotype consistent with a Southern Resident origin" described by NMFS in the 12 Month Finding, 79 Fed.Reg. 4313, 4316.
- 4. Any recordings or other documents reflecting "Lolita's acoustical calls" as described by NMFS in the 12 Month Finding, 79 Fed.Reg. 4313, 4316.

We already have, and so do not need, the 2013 Status Review Report referenced in the 12 Month Finding.

Miami Seaquarium is a private corporation and will pay costs of up to \$400 in conjunction with that request. If you anticipate that costs will exceed that amount, please call James H. Lister at 202-659-5800 to discuss approval of a higher cost amount or whether the request may be modified.

Please direct all copies and questions to Miami Seaquarium's attorney:

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