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From: Firmin, Brigette
Sent: Tue 3/6/2018 4:55:19 PM
Subject: Fwd: ESA consultation on LOOP

Dear Isaac,

Monica Sikes forwarded your message to me regarding the ESA Consultation on the LOOP discharges. I am the biologist who works on the federally listed coastal species for our office, so I will be your point of contact for any questions regarding those species. I am working on a list of prey species to send you; please note that the prey species may be generic in name, but I'll try to provide as much information as I have. Please feel free to send any questions you may have my way. My contact information can be found in my signature block below. I look forward to working with you.

With kindest regards,
Brigette

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From: **Chen, Isaac** <Chen.Isaac@epa.gov>
Date: Mon, Mar 5, 2018 at 2:20 PM
Subject: ESA consultation on LOOP
To: "monica_sikes@fws.gov" <monica_sikes@fws.gov>

Monica,

This is Isaac Chen, EPA 6. I am the permit writer for LOOP offshore outfalls. Ms. Stacey Dwyer and other EPA staff had a meeting with FWS on LOOP couple weeks ago. According to meeting notes provided to me, FWS has concerns how brine discharge may affect piping plover and/or red knot pray species near LA shore area. Would you please provide me a list of pray species of concern in the action area or direct me where I may find those specific information? Also, like to clarify with you that EPA may make "no effect on manatee" determination for discharges inside levee? Will you be my contact to share or discuss my draft BE before we send the official informal consultation request? Thanks.

Isaac Chen

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