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Sent: 8/17/2020 9:29:01 PM
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Subject: FW: PEBBLE TONAL LETTER - PLEASE GIVE REBECCA YOUR OK ASAP

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Heidi

Thanks for sending this. I just spoke with Rebecca and reiterated your point below that, at this point, it seems to make the most sense to wait to hear from senior leaders before sending them another version of this letter.

-Palmer

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Tom and I made a few comments but honestly we don't know what we are reviewing for – why did Cindy makes the changes she did (she didn't offer an explanation). We had more questions than anything. At first blush, they seemed more than "tonal" to us. I would be concerned about anyone representing that this document had OGC WLO review. This email does not constitute "OGC sign off" (which I can't do anyway as a staff attorney).

It's a policy call but why can't we wait to hear from senior leaders before sending around another version? Is that something NEPA management in the Region can talk to OFA about?

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Palmer, Heidi, and Allison-
Are OW and OGC still reviewing this letter? If so, how much more time is needed and is it possible to be finished by 1:45 pm (pacific time)? I am going to review before it goes to RAs office this afternoon, but want to make sure that it has OGC and OW concurrence on OFA edits. We will be sending the letter to Chris with the track changes so that leadership can see the edits.
Patty

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Palmer and Patty

Cindy advises that if we get the most recent version from Palmer today: we have what reflects OFA and OW sign off on these proposed revisions. TBD if we will be able to get OGC sign off as well.

Patty is able to review this quickly on the R10 side of the shop- Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) We would want her to have a chance to look this over before it goes to the RAs office.

At this point- I am thinking we'd be sharing it with the RAs office with the recommendation that these tonal edits could be shared with leadership. Note that the proposed edits have been reviewed by OW/OFA, and we are awaiting the input of OGC. And Chris will hopefully have the info he needs to make his decision.

Feel free to reach out with questions.

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Palmer and OGC – As soon as you finish reviewing the version Marthea sent around at 2pm EDT, please send your OK to Rebecca directly so she can get to the RA. She is short staffed today.

Thanks!

Cindy

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