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Re: Request for 60-day extension of deadline for public comments

Dear Ms. Kler and Mr. Payne,

I am writing on behalf of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners regarding the Navy's request for authorization from the NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service for the incidental take permits of marine mammals and the Navy Draft EIS/OEIS. We feel that it is in the best interest of the community to extend both of the deadlines for public comments on the ITP permits and Navy NWTT Draft EIS/OEIS.

Due to the length of the documents available for review, we feel that more time is required in order to adequately gather public comments from members of the community and surrounding areas.

We recognize and appreciate the Navy's attempts to reach out to the public in order to gather comments on their Draft EIS/OEIS and their two letters of authorization from the NOAA Fisheries for the incidental take permits. The board however would greatly appreciate an extension on these deadlines mentioned above, and believes this extension is necessary to allow for more meaningful public input.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Hall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "H".

Bill Hall

