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To: San Antonio, Christine M CIV USARMY CENAE (USA)
Cc: Randall, Todd A CIV USARMY CENAE (USA)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Sorry dude!
Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 2:31:23 PM

Thanks, Christine. We would be able to provide a FWCA planning aid letter/technical assistance, but not clear that we will have capacity for a broader FWCA 2b Report/investigation. Please keep me in the loop as this continues to move forward.

Chris

On Mon, Jan 12, 2026 at 2:12 PM San Antonio, Christine M CIV USARMY CENAE (USA) <Christine.SanAntonio@usace.army.mil> wrote:

> Hi Chris,
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> No, we have not yet sent an official request. Now that we've chatted informally about it, that will be our next step (once it's clear what that looks like). We'll be in touch soon with an official request.
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> Thanks,
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> **Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Sorry dude!

Thanks, Christine and Todd. Good information here. Did you send a request to us already, or is that the next step?

Chris

On Fri, Jan 9, 2026 at 11:23 AM San Antonio, Christine M CIV USARMY CENAE (USA) <Christine.SanAntonio@usace.army.mil> wrote:

> Hi Chris,
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> Thanks again for the conversation yesterday. I spoke with Chris Chabot and he was able to provide the some examples of a PAL, CAR, and back and forth correspondence on comments. I've also attached the MOU we were looking at yesterday as additional reference.
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> Looking forward to continuing our coordination (with or without Todd!)
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> Cheers,
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> **From:** Randall, Todd A CIV USARMY CENAE (USA) <Todd.A.Randall@usace.army.mil>
> **Sent:** Friday, January 9, 2026 11:02 AM
> **To:** Christopher Boelke - NOAA Federal <christopher.boelke@noaa.gov>
> **Cc:** San Antonio, Christine M CIV USARMY CENAE (USA) <Christine.SanAntonio@usace.army.mil>
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OK, great. All good at home – I recently replaced the pellet feeding motor in our pellet stove at home, but apparently new motor feeds to fast, so stove kept dropping in pellets at an uncontrollable rate and tripping the "too hot" sensor – Kymm thought she might burn down the house and wanted me to check. Freaking aftermarket parts… ha!

Cool on letter – thanks!

In my mind I thought y'all can just highlight the following at a minimum:

- Anadromous fish runs in Charles River and Mystic River – tell us to please consider these when contemplating barrier solutions
- Something in regard to cod habitat and making sure the outboard solutions (i.e., seawalls) take into account the hard bottom habitat they prefer – and possible mitigation if converting habitat is unavoidable
- Silt producing activities associated with seawall installation (if you think there is flounder value in the shallow subtidal areas that currently exist adjacent to all the seawalls in Boston Harbor) should be minimized to the extent practicable

I know you know we already know to do the above - this letter is kind of a box checking exercise. With our maintenance project stuff, it is easy to get out of the requirement to have a Planning aid Letter. But for large Investigations (i.e., building new shit) we really need to document (for the world to see) that we asked NMFS and USFWS about the project (in the light of FWCA) and that you gave us advise to follow. I wouldn't overcomplicate the effort – just tell us not to do stupid things.

I'm around all day (for real – wink!) or we can chat again down the road if you want to chew on the above

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TODD

From: Christopher Boelke - NOAA Federal <christopher.boelke@noaa.gov>
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To: Randall, Todd A CIV USARMY CENAE (USA) <Todd.A.Randall@usace.army.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Sorry dude!

no problem - hope you have everything sorted out. Yes, good discussion with Christine. I'm looking into the FWCA planning aid letter/reports and see how we have handled this in other regions. We have never written a 2(b) FWCA report that I am aware of in our region. Christine was also going to talk to you and Chris about next steps.

Chris

On Fri, Jan 9, 2026 at 9:59 AM Randall, Todd A CIV USARMY CENAE (USA) <Todd.A.Randall@usace.army.mil> wrote:

> Hey Chris,
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> Sorry about missing meeting yesterday – had a fireplace issue at home yesterday and had to run out. All good though.
>
> Did you have a conversation with Christine?

> > Sorry again!
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> > TODD