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Subject: [External_Sender] Request for Additional Information to Support Reinitiated Consultation for FPL St. Lucie
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Dear Briana,

We have completed our review of the Biological Assessment, and we have the following questions at this time:

Request for Additional Information to Support the Reinitiated Biological Opinion

- 1) NMFS requests FPL's 2016 and 2017 PSL Annual Environmental Operating Reports (we have already received the 2018 report from FPL).
- 2) In NMFS's March 24, 2016 Biological Opinion (BO) to NRC, we required FPL to develop a monitoring and maintenance plan (within 6 months of BO issuance) to inspect and remove debris and biofouling organisms from the intake pipes based on increased flow rate through the intake pipes and number of fresh scrapes on sea turtles (RPM 2, Term and Condition 2, p. 66 of the BO). The Term and Condition states the plan must be coordinated with NMFS Southeast Regional Office. **Has FPL developed the monitoring and maintenance plan required by this Term and Condition?** If so, please provide the plan to Audra Livergood via email at Audra.Livergood@noaa.gov. In particular, we are interested in how often FPL plans to clean the intake pipes. It is our understanding, from reading the Biological Assessment, the last cleaning occurred in 2011. **When is the next scheduled cleaning of the intake pipes?**
- 3) On page 9 of the Biological Assessment, the NRC states, "Intake pipe-related mortality appears more likely in cases where a pre-existing injury, disease, or other condition has already weakened the turtle." **In the case of a sea turtle with a pre-existing condition that ends up being classified as an "intake pipe-related mortality," does FPL consider these cases to be causal mortalities?**
- 4) **Were any smalltooth sawfish captured in the intake canal by FPL biologists in 2018 or 2019? If yes, please share available data with NMFS.**

NMFS reserves the right to request additional information once we have received and reviewed the information requested in this email. We look forward to receiving your response within **45 days** from the date of this email.

However, if no response to this request for additional information is received within **45 days**, we will assume the consultation is no longer active. We will then close out the consultation request. Please note this 45-day period has been established as a national policy.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you,
Audra

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