

To: Bill Whitacre[bwhitacre@westgov.org]
Cc: Smith, Hilary[hilary_smith@ios.doi.gov]; Reaser, Jamie[jamie_reaser@ios.doi.gov]
From: Cameron, Scott
Sent: 2017-06-19T15:35:06-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Change of venue for mussels announcement
Received: 2017-06-19T15:35:44-04:00

OK, thanks, that's very helpful. I'll email you our Communications Director's contact information shortly.

Thanks,
Scott
Scott J. Cameron
Acting Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, and
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget
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Cell 202 706 9031

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From: Cameron, Scott
Sent: 2017-06-20T10:41:46-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Change of venue for mussels announcement
Received: 2017-06-20T10:42:23-04:00

OK, no problem, Bill. Put the idea where you think it makes the most sense. It could be further toward the front of the letter, if that makes more sense.

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On Tue, Jun 20, 2017 at 10:06 AM, Bill Whitacre <bwhitacre@westgov.org> wrote:

Scott,

Sorry I missed your call last night. I spoke with Jim, and it sounds like it should be no problem to include the edit you suggested.

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From: Cameron, Scott
Sent: 2017-06-19T19:33:48-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Change of venue for mussels announcement
Received: 2017-06-19T19:34:25-04:00

Bill,

Per my voicemail, we'd really like to see the letter acknowledge our joint activity of the last several months. Right now it gives the impression that this effort is a brand new idea.

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