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constitution pipeline - MYSE - to survey or not to survey

Tim Sullivan <tim_r_sullivan@fws.gov> Wed, Mar 5, 2014 at 4:23 PM
To: Robyn Niver <robyn_niver@fws.gov>
Cc: Patricia Cole <patricia_cole@fws.gov>, David Stilwell <david_stilwell@fws.gov>

We just had a meeting on this.

From: Niver, Robyn [mailto:robyn_niver@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 4:13 PM
To: Tim R Sullivan
Cc: Patricia Cole; David Stilwell
Subject: constitution pipeline - MYSE - to survey or not to survey

Hi Tim!

I talked to Al last week about surveys for MYSE and whether they would be helpful. Surveys are only helpful if they will inform a management decision. It may make sense to assume presence and move on - given the wide distribution of MYSE across NY. I understand that a TOY restriction may not be possible for the entire ROW - we would just take that into consideration with the effects analysis. Acoustic surveys will likely just verify the probable presence somewhere along the ROW. That said, if they want to do acoustic surveys to try to rule out presence in some areas, that is a valid approach. I left Chris a voicemail to give me a call.

I suggest perhaps it would be beneficial to have an internal NYFO meeting at your earliest convenience.

David and Trisha - I copied you in case you didn't know about an upcoming meeting with Paul.

Thank you,

Robyn

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: <achicks@nycap.rr.com>
Date: Wed, Mar 5, 2014 at 3:45 PM
Subject: Pls call Chris RE: setting up a meeting concerning constitution pipeline
To: "Niver, Robyn" <Robyn_Niver@fws.gov>
Cc: "Newhall, Christopher" <christopher.newhall@aecom.com>

Hey Robyn,

You and I had discussed the Constitution Pipeline project a couple of weeks back and you suggested that a meeting/phone conversation would be helpful to get everyone to understand exactly where the Service is coming from regarding MYSE. I always agree with everything you say and this is no exception. Apparently there is going to be a meeting with Paul Phifer and a bunch of other folks on a bunch of issues but it was thought that a smaller meeting with you first to specifically discuss MYSE would be valuable. Could you give Chris Newhall a call 508-888-3900 as he would like to set up such a meeting with you.

Thanks a bunch,

Hope all is well.

Al

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