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July 17, 2017

Mr. Andre Sivels  
Records Officer  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
1315 East West Highway  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Mr. Sivels:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is aware of an alleged unauthorized disposition of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) records based on a news article published in the Daily Caller News Foundation on July 6, 2017 (see attachment). The news article stated that the Cause of Action Institute (CoA) believes that “NOAA might illegally be destroying records of a recent Management Council meeting discussing new regulations against the fishing industry.” The discussed new rules, “compel fisherman to pay for supplemental at-sea monitoring services, which would have a disastrous effect on America’s fishing industry.”

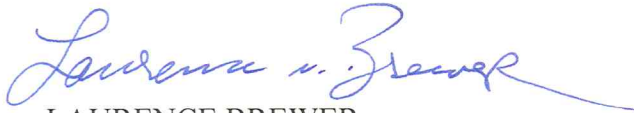
In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.16(b), NARA is requesting that NOAA provide us with a response within 30 calendar days indicating the specific actions NOAA will take to address these allegations related to Google Chat and Skype messages. If NOAA determines that an unauthorized disposition has occurred, we will require a report as described in 36 CFR 1230.14. If a loss of records has occurred, please indicate if they can be recreated or duplicated from other sources.

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Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Noel, Senior Records Analyst, at 301-837-3564 or by email at [andrea.noel@nara.gov](mailto:andrea.noel@nara.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurence Brewer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

LAURENCE BREWER  
Chief Records Officer  
for the U.S. Government