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Dear Mr. Clark,

This letter is an acknowledgment that the Division of Management Authority (DMA) has received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of May 21, 2018, received by my office on May 30, 2018, for the following information:

You requested the following:

"...applications and/or permits rejected, approved, waitlisted or otherwise on hold in your agency's possession pertaining to the importing of trophies of animals from African nations dating between March 1, 2018 to present. In a formal memo issued this past March, your agency withdrew earlier agency rulings related to importing trophies of dead elephants from South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia, Botswana and Namibia, as well as those related to importing trophies of dead lions and bonteboks from South Africa. This request should include every application you have received since that ruling and include the current status of that application."

We use Multitrack Processing to process FOIA requests. The Simple track is for requests that can be processed in one to five workdays. The Normal track is for requests that can be processed in six to twenty workdays. The Complex track is for requests that can be processed in twenty-one to sixty workdays. The Exceptional/Voluminous track is for requests requiring more than sixty workdays for processing. The Expedited track is for requests that have been granted expedited processing. Within each track, requests are usually processed on a first-in, first-out basis.

Your request falls into the Exceptional/Voluminous processing track, because we will have to search and gather the information from multiple places; we are taking a 10-workday extension under [43 C.F.R. § 2.19](#). Please keep in mind that all FOIA requests are reviewed and processed in sequential

order. We receive a large number of complex FOIA requests annually. You agreed to pay the duplication fees.

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If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, Branch of Permits, MS: IA, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041 (by phone at (703) 358-1989 or via e-mail at Brenda_Tapia@fws.gov).

Sincerely,



Mary Cogliano, Chief
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Division of Management Authority