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VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Debora McClain
Acting DOI DWH NRDAR Case Manager
Fish and Wildlife Service
U. S. Department of the Interior
1875 Century Boulevard
Atlanta, GA 30345

Re: Request for Advance Payment #007

Dear Ms. McClain:

I write in response to your Invoice/Request for Advance Payment #007, dated February 28, 2012. This invoice requests advance funding the amount of \$347,730 for a "Colonial Waterbird Photographic Census." In subsequent correspondence via email, you clarified that this request is for the analysis of data that was collected during Trustee-sponsored independent aerial surveys focusing on breeding colonies and conducted during May and June of 2011. Data analysis will consist of three steps: 1) analysis of the photographic colony census data collected; 2) preparation of a Before-After/Control-Impact ("BACI") analysis comparing 2010 data with 2011 data; and 3) preparation of a final report on the BACI results.

BP appreciates the value of this work and supports the evaluation proposed. Prior to advancing funding, we would like to reach agreement with the Trustees on the following:

- A protocol for conducting the analysis of the photographic data (step 1 above);
- Concrete deliverables and delivery dates for completion of each step of the analysis described above;
- An opportunity for BP to review and comment at the conclusion of steps 1 and 2;
- A concrete date for delivery of a draft final report on the BACI results; and
- An opportunity for BP to review and comment the draft final report on the BACI results.

We understand that Glenn Ford will be the principal investigator for this effort; please confirm. Finally, we would like to reach agreement as to a date certain by which BP will receive 1) a copy of the scope of work and/or contract with the principal investigator and 2) the draft and final reports of the BACI results.

We hope that the Trustees will agree that a consensus on these items will help to ensure that the proposed effort is conducted using accepted scientific methods and documented appropriately. We welcome a dialogue, and hope to hear from you so that we can reach agreement, BP can provide the requested funding, and work can begin. We look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robin Bullock/LR".

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