

MARINE MAMMAL COMMISSION
4340 EAST-WEST HIGHWAY, ROOM 905
BETHESDA, MD 20814

10 August 2001

Office of Management and Budget
Room 6002 New Executive Office Building
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Attention: Mr. David Childs

Dear Mr. Childs:

This letter comprises the Marine Mammal Commission's Commercial Activities Inventory Report, as required by the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998 and detailed in OMB Circular No. A-76 (revised).

As Executive Director of the Marine Mammal Commission, I serve as the designated official responsible for implementing the Circular and its supplement within the Commission.

The Marine Mammal Commission consists of three part-time Commissioners, nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate. It is assisted in its work by a nine-member Committee of Scientific Advisors on Marine Mammals. The Commission is an independent agency, charged with maintaining an overview of and making recommendations on domestic and international actions and policies of all federal agencies with respect to marine mammal protection and conservation and with carrying out a research program.

The Commission currently has a full-time staff of 8, soon to be 10, which includes six professional staff members and a two-person support staff. The duties of all staff members fall within the definition of "an inherently Governmental function"; that is, functions and activities that require the exercise of discretion in applying government authority or the use of value judgments in making decisions for the government.

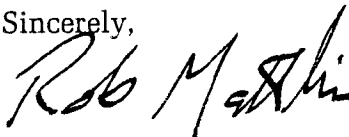
Since it was established, the Commission has contracted with commercial suppliers for certain support services. At present, these include such services as maintenance and repair of office furniture and equipment, maintenance of the Commission's computer network, mail and messenger services, translation services, transcription services, library operations, independent financial auditing services, and supply services. Additionally, the Commission lets contracts for certain reproduction, copying, and duplication projects; other functions such as are provided by the lessor of the Commission's offices on a cost-reimbursable basis; and guard and protective services. When funding is adequate, the Commission also contracts for special studies and analyses related to the protection and conservation of marine mammals.

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To date, the Commission has not identified any non-inherently governmental functions that are not already provided to us by the commercial sector.

Please feel free to contact me at 301-504-0087 if you have any questions about this report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Mattlin". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Robert H. Mattlin, Ph.D.
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Gary C. Reisner

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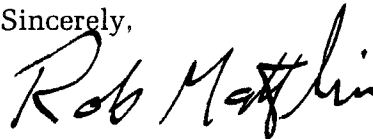
This letter comprises the Marine Mammal Commission's report listing the agency's "inherently governmental positions," as requested in OMB Memorandum M-01-16, dated 3 April 2001. It is submitted in conjunction with the Commission's 2001 FAIR Act inventory.

Executive Director
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Permits Officer
Administrative Officer
Staff Assistant (2 positions)

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