Hi Jim,

Both Suzanne and I would appreciate a briefing. I read the Executive Summary and sections of interest in both documents, but we would appreciate a technical briefing and a chance to ask questions on the data presented. I'm sure David Sakoda and other DAR staff who were not involved in its preparation would be interested, too.

Please contact Sara Levins, Suzanne's Executive Assistant, to find a convenient time for us to meet. I appreciate your interest in submitting this to OEQC in a timely manner. Unfortunately, I am available only through Wednesday this week but would be willing to adjust my schedule, if necessary, to accommodate Suzanne's schedule.

Aloha,

Bruce

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Ms. Case, this is Jim Lynch, and I've been working with David Sakoda to develop and file the draft HEPA documents for Commercial Aquarium Permits.

If it would be helpful to you, I'd be happy to set up a technical briefing to discuss any questions you might have about the Draft EAs that were submitted to OEQC last week. As background, I'm attaching comments from the independent peer reviewers that reviewed these documents. I believe the peer reviewers are likewise available if you have any questions for them. Data presented in the DEAs were obtained from DLNR, NMFS, and scientific peer reviewers.

We are hoping that OEQC is able to publish these documents on March 23. To that end, we submitted copies of the DEAs and Shape Files to OEQC early last week, along with other required information for publication. We've worked closely with DLNR and OEQC to help ensure the form of these DEAs complies with OEQC standards.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or if you are interested in receiving a technical briefing at any point this week. Thank you for your attention to this.

Jim Lynch

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