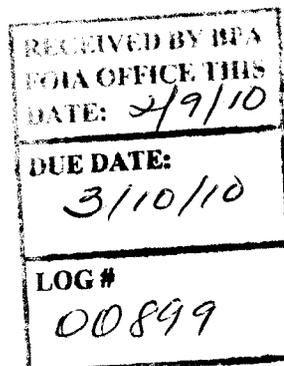


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To: FOIA
Subject: FOIA Request

The following is a New FOIA request:

Name: Steven Hawley
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Description of Request: All communications, including, but not limited to, emails, written notes, letters and draft documents addressed, sent to or written by Jeff Stier, Senior Policy Advisor, pertaining to the 2008 Columbia River salmon and steelhead Biological Opinion, including the Adaptive Management Implementation Plan.
Preferred format: pdf

Type of Requester: News Media - High Country News - Magazine

I request a fee Waiver

I request a waiver or reduction of fees because my request concerns "the operations or activities of the government" as explained below:

The biological opinion was created in consultation with the BPA and other federal agencies, and clearly falls within "the operations or activities of the government."

I request a waiver or reduction of fees because the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities as explained below:

Mr. Stier is a Senior Policy Advisor who appears to have played a significant role in the creation of a document that ESA law dictates should be written with deference to scientists from NOAA. Revealing the extent of this influence is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operation or activities."

I request a waiver or reduction of fees because an understanding by the general public of the subject is likely to result from disclosure, taking into account my ability and intent to disseminate the information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter as explained below:

Both the bi-op and AMIP process have been criticized as less than open to public scrutiny. As a freelance journalist, through magazine publication, citizens will gain further understanding of the subject matter. Disclosure of the bi-op and AMIP is not only an area of public, but legal concern in the court case concerning the matter.

I request a waiver or reduction of fees because the disclosure is likely to contribute

"significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities as explained below:

The BPA and NOAA claim that they are using "the best available science" in the bi-op process. The presence and precise role of Mr. Stier, a Policy Advisor, merits further scrutiny. A more detailed account of his function in the creation of the bi-op and AMIP would contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities.

I request a waiver or reduction of fees because of a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure, and, if so:

None

I request a waiver or reduction of fees because the magnitude of the identified commercial interest of the requester is sufficiently large, in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is "primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." as explained below:

Not applicable

I believe a compelling need exists to warrant expedited processing because there is an urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity exists as described below:

With a ruling in this case pending, the issue is timely. I'm a journalist working on a deadline.