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## Proposed Waiver for ENP Gray Whales / Update on NEPA Process

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Parties,

In consideration of some of the information presented at the November 2019 hearing, NMFS has determined that preparing a supplemental draft environmental impact statement would benefit the public and the agency's decision-making. We expect the SDEIS to evaluate information related to the 2019 UME as well as any other appropriate updated information and intend to publish a notice announcing preparation of the SDEIS later this week. There will be a 45-day public comment period for the SDEIS. Please let me know if you have any questions about this.

Regards,  
Laurie

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