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**Subject:** Lolita/Toki site visit next Wed 9 am  
**To:** Kimberly Damon-Randall - NOAA Federal; Ruth Ewing - NOAA Federal  
**Cc:** Jenny Litz; Catherine Marzin - NOAA Federal; Jolie Harrison; Mary O'Brien  
**Sent:** March 4, 2022 10:32 AM (UTC-05:00)

Hi Kim and Ruth,

We are confirmed for a site visit at the Miami Seaquarium next Wed around 9 am with Travis Burke. I'm hoping we can plan to meet at 8:30 am prior. Right now, we're scheduled for one day. We can discuss additional follow up visits next week.

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Below are recent articles following the USDA licensing.

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/article259031643.html>

<https://miami.cbslocal.com/2022/03/04/lolita-no-display-miami-seaquarium/>

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/health/last-remaining-southern-resident-orca-in-captivity-will-no-longer-perform-at-miami-seaquarium/>

I'll let you know once I have my travel arrangements confirmed.

Thanks,

Amy

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**To:** Trevor Spradlin - NOAA Federal  
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**Cc:** Clay Porch; John Walter - NOAA Federal; Keeley Belva - NOAA Federal; Trika Gerard; erica.rule@noaa.gov; Ruth Ewing  
**Sent:** March 7, 2022 2:12 PM (UTC-05:00)

Thanks Lisa -

Yes, I spoke with Erica about an hour ago and will get her an RTOW memo by tomorrow morning .

Thanks,  
Jenny

On Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 2:05 PM Lisa Desfosse - NOAA Federal <lisa.desfosse@noaa.gov> wrote:

Jenny - This will require a RTOW for the Seaquarium visit. You can submit the RTOW memo and I will approve it.

Lisa

On Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 1:01 PM Jenny Litz - NOAA Federal <jenny.litz@noaa.gov> wrote:

Hi everyone -

Kim Damon-Randall and Amy Sloan are coming into town on Wed. and have requested that Ruth Ewing join them in a site visit of Miami Seaquarium to meet with the new owner and veterinarian (The Miami Seaquarium just changed ownership) and check on the status of the killer whale, Lolita also known as Toki.

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Below are some links to recent articles on this topic:

<https://www.facebook.com/frdolphinPOV/> (A blog from Naomi Rose regarding APHIS' action in issuing the license, you may need to scroll down the FB page to see the right entry with a picture of Lolita)

<https://us.whales.org/2022/03/04/the-show-is-over-for-captive-orca-lolita/> (other media outlets are interpreting this as "a step towards retirement")

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Thanks, Amy. It was lovely to meet and catch up.

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Thanks,  
Kim

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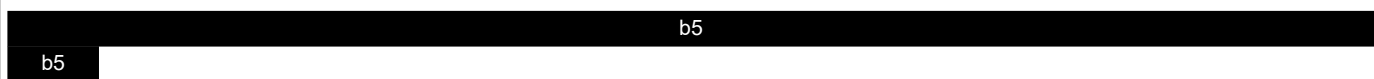


**From:** Amy Sloan - NOAA Federal <amy.sloan@noaa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Instagram post  
**To:** Ruth Ewing - NOAA Federal  
**Cc:** Jenny Litz - NOAA Federal; Mridula Srinivasan - NOAA Federal  
**Sent:** March 18, 2022 10:36 AM (UTC-04:00)

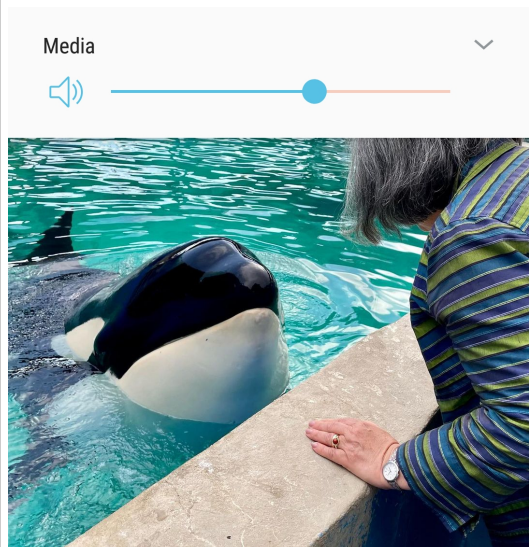
Hi Ruth,  
Thanks for the notification. I'd like to let APHIS know next Wednesday at our services call with APHIS, USFWS, and NMFS. It's a monthly interagency meeting to primarily discuss captive marine mammal issues that arise. It would be great if you could attend this meeting if you are available. Dr. Mckinnie will be on the call, and we'll likely talk about Toki. You'll also be able to meet Jennifer Skidmore and Courtney Smith, who are in my division and will be involved. I'll ask to have it added to your calendar.  
Best,  
Amy

On Fri, Mar 18, 2022 at 9:57 AM Ruth Ewing - NOAA Federal <[ruth.ewing@noaa.gov](mailto:ruth.ewing@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Hello,



Ruth



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Liked by [thechocolatecontessa](#) and **640 others**  
**mayordlc** Today, I met with The Dolphin Company at [@miamiseaquarium\\_](#) and appreciate their willingness to discuss Toki's (Lolita) well-being.

Her health and safety is our top priority. As such, I echoed the wishes of our community in calling for an outside examination to assure her health.

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**From:** Ruth Ewing  
**Date:** Thu, Mar 17, 2022 at 11:28 PM  
**Subject:** Instagram post  
**To:** [ruth.ewing@noaa.gov](mailto:ruth.ewing@noaa.gov) <[ruth.ewing@noaa.gov](mailto:ruth.ewing@noaa.gov)>



Commissioner Regalado instagram post attached

**From:** Amy Sloan - NOAA Federal <amy.sloan@noaa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fed vet team  
**To:** Ruth Ewing - NOAA Federal; Deborah Fauquier - NOAA Federal  
**Cc:** Jennifer Skidmore; Courtney Smith - NOAA Affiliate  
**Sent:** April 29, 2022 11:26 AM (UTC-04:00)

Hi Ruth and Deb,

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Have a good weekend.  
Thanks,  
Amy

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**From:** Amy Sloan - NOAA Federal <amy.sloan@noaa.gov>  
**Subject:** Toki update  
**To:** Ruth Ewing - NOAA Federal; Deborah Fauquier - NOAA Federal  
**Cc:** Jennifer Skidmore; Courtney Smith - NOAA Affiliate  
**Sent:** May 27, 2022 12:22 PM (UTC-04:00)

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Thanks!  
Amy

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**From:** Ruth Ewing - NOAA Federal <ruth.ewing@noaa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Tokitae  
**To:** Dawn Noren - NOAA Federal  
**Sent:** October 4, 2022 1:55 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thank you Dawn.

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Ruth

On Tue, Oct 4, 2022 at 1:29 PM Dawn Noren - NOAA Federal <[dawn.noren@noaa.gov](mailto:dawn.noren@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Dear Ruth-

I hope you are doing well. I just received Amy's email regarding the update on Tokitae. [Redacted block with b5 labels]

I think the email I sent to you on February 11th with sample requests and body morphometric and blubber thickness measurements to be taken was very thorough, but please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,  
Dawn

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**From:** Ruth Ewing - NOAA Federal <ruth.ewing@noaa.gov>  
**Subject:** Site visit  
**To:** Amy Sloan - NOAA Federal  
**Sent:** October 5, 2022 10:01 AM (UTC-04:00)

Hi Amy,

I spoke with Shelby yesterday. [REDACTED] b5  
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Ruth

**From:** Ruth Ewing - NOAA Federal <ruth.ewing@noaa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Site visit  
**To:** Amy Sloan - NOAA Federal  
**Sent:** October 5, 2022 12:07 PM (UTC-04:00)

Hi Amy,

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Ruth

On Wed, Oct 5, 2022 at 10:16 AM Amy Sloan - NOAA Federal <[amy.sloan@noaa.gov](mailto:amy.sloan@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks, Ruth. [Redacted] b5  
[Redacted] b5 when you discussed with Shelby, did you mention Carolyn and Laurie or just APHIS in general would be coming with you?

Also, are you okay if I forward this to Deb, Carolyn, Courtney, and Jennifer?  
Best,  
Amy

On Wed, Oct 5, 2022 at 10:00 AM Ruth Ewing - NOAA Federal <[ruth.ewing@noaa.gov](mailto:ruth.ewing@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Amy,

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**From:** Ruth Ewing - NOAA Federal <ruth.ewing@noaa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Follow up re contacting Dr. Rodriguez  
**To:** Amy Sloan - NOAA Federal  
**Cc:** Deborah Fauquier - NOAA Federal; McKinnie, Carolyn - APHIS; Gage, Laurie J - MRP-APHIS; Courtney Smith - NOAA Affiliate; Jennifer Skidmore  
**Sent:** October 20, 2022 12:57 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks Amy,

Carolyn - [REDACTED] b5  
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Regards,  
Ruth

On Thu, Oct 20, 2022 at 12:49 PM Amy Sloan - NOAA Federal <[amy.sloan@noaa.gov](mailto:amy.sloan@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Hi all,  
[REDACTED] b5

Please let us know how you'd like to proceed.  
Thanks,  
Amy

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**From:** Ruth Ewing - NOAA Federal <ruth.ewing@noaa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Toki [REDACTED] b5  
**To:** Amy Sloan - NOAA Federal  
**Cc:** McKinnie, Carolyn - APHIS; Deborah Fauquier - NOAA Federal; Dawn Noren - NOAA Federal; Courtney Smith - NOAA Affiliate; Jennifer Skidmore  
**Sent:** October 21, 2022 1:11 PM (UTC-04:00)

Hi Amy,

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Ruth

On Fri, Oct 21, 2022 at 12:44 PM Amy Sloan - NOAA Federal <[amy.sloan@noaa.gov](mailto:amy.sloan@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ruth and Carolyn,

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Dawn, feel free to add here.

We can coordinate a call if needed.

Much thanks,  
Amy

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**From:** Ruth Ewing - NOAA Federal <ruth.ewing@noaa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: USDA report raises questions about dolphin care at Miami Seaquarium - CBS Miami  
**To:** Jenny Litz - NOAA Federal  
**Sent:** October 24, 2022 9:34 AM (UTC-04:00)

Hi Jenny,

[Redacted bar with 'b5' text]

Ruth

On Mon, Oct 24, 2022 at 9:19 AM Jenny Litz - NOAA Federal <jenny.litz@noaa.gov> wrote:

Hi -

I wasn't sure if you heard about this story. It seems to have hit the media this weekend because several people have asked me about it.

Jenny

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**From:** Jenny Litz <jennyli4400@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Sun, Oct 23, 2022 at 10:50 PM  
**Subject:** USDA report raises questions about dolphin care at Miami Seaquarium - CBS Miami  
**To:** <jenny.litz@noaa.gov>

USDA report raises questions about dolphin care at Miami Seaquarium - CBS Miami

<https://www.cbsnews.com/miami/news/usda-report-raises-questions-about-dolphin-care-at-miami-seaquarium/>  
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**From:** Ruth Ewing - NOAA Federal <ruth.ewing@noaa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Lolita/Tokitae measurements follow up and [REDACTED]  
**To:** Dawn Noren - NOAA Federal  
**Sent:** February 1, 2023 1:39 PM (UTC-05:00)

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Hi Dawn,

How much blood does she need and what preservative if any? And how should it be kept or shipped immediately on ice packs?

Ditto for the serum.

Ruth

On Wed, Feb 1, 2023 at 12:11 PM Dawn Noren - NOAA Federal <[dawn.noren@noaa.gov](mailto:dawn.noren@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Hello Ruth-

There was a miscommunication, and I did not add a sample request for Kim Parsons (NWFSC). She is requesting whole blood for genetics. If you can please add that request, we would really appreciate it.

Thanks,

Dawn

On Monday, January 30, 2023, Dawn Noren - NOAA Federal <[dawn.noren@noaa.gov](mailto:dawn.noren@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ruth-

Thanks for the email. I'm happy to hear that Toki is looking good. Perfect timing. I just received information from Phil Morin (SWFSC) and have included the combined list from NWFSC and SWFSC (below) and a morphometrics protocol (attached).

Because we don't have a research permit that covers Toki specifically, the permit office has told us that we are only allowed to receive samples/measurements that are currently being taken for husbandry purposes, and that we are not able to request that the samples/measurements be taken at a higher frequency than currently being done.

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So, the requests below are the optimal sampling requests, but we need to know what the husbandry limits are in order to be in compliance with what we are allowed to do.

Similarly, I understand that not all morphometric measurements are taken on Toki, but I am interested to know if any of the ones being collected on her overlap with those on my attached protocol.

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NWFSC Requests:

Dawn Noren: body condition measurements, pool temp, food records (see details in attached document). Even without blubber thickness measurements, the girth and length measurements will be very useful.

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Paul Chittaro: biological samples

1. serum
2. fecal
3. muscle tissue from each prey species fed to Tokitae.

4. Ideally, #1,2,& 3 would be collected at several points in time, for example, once a month for 5 months.

SWFSC Requests:

Phil Morin: Checking on availability of mouth swabs. He tried to contact his collaborator, Marlys Houck at the San Diego Zoo's tissue culture facility, to see if she wanted to receive the mouth swabs, but got an auto-reply that she's out all week. He will contact me again once he hears back from her. For now, the question is, are they collected for husbandry purposes?

Please let me know if you need any further information, and thanks very much for your assistance!

Dawn

On Mon, Jan 30, 2023 at 11:07 AM Ruth Ewing - NOAA Federal <[ruth.ewing@noaa.gov](mailto:ruth.ewing@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Dawn,

Please share the revised collection list when you are able. Just saw Toki today and spoke with her vet. I told her about the revisions and that I would share it with her soon. Toki's looking good.

Ruth

On Wed, Jan 25, 2023 at 5:17 PM Dawn Noren - NOAA Federal <[dawn.noren@noaa.gov](mailto:dawn.noren@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Hello Courtney-

Thanks very much for this update. I will coordinate with others at NWFSC and then follow up with Ruth next week.

Best,  
Dawn

On Wed, Jan 25, 2023 at 2:11 PM Courtney Smith - NOAA Affiliate <[courtney.smith@noaa.gov](mailto:courtney.smith@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Dawn,

Happy New Year to you, as well! Thanks for following up.

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Best,  
Courtney and Shasta

On Wed, Jan 4, 2023 at 8:03 PM Dawn Noren - NOAA Federal <[dawn.noren@noaa.gov](mailto:dawn.noren@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Shasta and Courtney-

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Thanks,  
 Dawn

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**From:** Ruth Ewing - NOAA Federal <ruth.ewing@noaa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Lolita/Tokitae measurements follow up and [REDACTED]  
**To:** Dawn Noren - NOAA Federal  
**Sent:** January 30, 2023 2:07 PM (UTC-05:00)

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Hi Dawn,

Please share the revised collection list when you are able. Just saw Toki today and spoke with her vet. I told her about the revisions and that I would share it with her soon. [REDACTED]

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Ruth

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Best,

Courtney and Shasta

On Wed, Jan 4, 2023 at 8:03 PM Dawn Noren - NOAA Federal <[dawn.noren@noaa.gov](mailto:dawn.noren@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Shasta and Courtney-

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Thanks,  
Dawn

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**From:** Ruth Ewing - NOAA Federal <ruth.ewing@noaa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Site visit coordination email  
**To:** Amy Sloan - NOAA Federal  
**Sent:** March 31, 2023 2:11 PM (UTC-04:00)

Hi Amy,

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Thanks,  
Ruth

On Fri, Mar 31, 2023 at 1:16 PM Amy Sloan - NOAA Federal <[amy.sloan@noaa.gov](mailto:amy.sloan@noaa.gov)> wrote:

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Please let me know if you're okay with this or have edits.

Thanks,

Amy

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**From:** Ruth Ewing - NOAA Federal <ruth.ewing@noaa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Weekly call notes submission  
**To:** Laura Engleby - NOAA Federal  
**Cc:** Jenny Litz - NOAA Federal; MMTD Ops Manager  
**Sent:** August 21, 2023 5:44 PM (UTC-04:00)

Hi All,

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Thanks,  
Ruth

On Mon, Aug 21, 2023 at 4:34 PM Laura Engleby - NOAA Federal <[laura.Engleby@noaa.gov](mailto:laura.Engleby@noaa.gov)> wrote:  
Hi,

I think it's fine-- and the sentence you wrote looks good to me, if okay with Ruth.

On Mon, Aug 21, 2023 at 4:29 PM Jenny Litz - NOAA Federal <[jenny.litz@noaa.gov](mailto:jenny.litz@noaa.gov)> wrote:  
Hi Emily -

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Ruth and Laura - feel free to suggest edits.

On Mon, Aug 21, 2023 at 12:59 PM MMTD Ops Manager <[sefsc.mmtd.opsmanager@noaa.gov](mailto:sefsc.mmtd.opsmanager@noaa.gov)> wrote:  
Hi Jenny and Ruth,

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Let me know if you think it's an appropriate addition

Emily

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I support flexible working arrangements and I am sending this email now because it suits the hours I am working today. Please do not feel obliged to reply right away as I understand and expect that you will reply during the hours that you work. Thank you



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Laura K. Engleby  
Acting Director, Marine Mammal Turtle Division (on detail)  
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