

**From:** Amy Sloan - NOAA Federal <amy.sloan@noaa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Veterinary Visits  
**To:** Mary O'Brien; Jennifer Skidmore; Courtney Smith - NOAA Affiliate  
**Sent:** April 1, 2022 3:59 PM (UTC-04:00)

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**From:** Travis Burke <[tburke@thedolphinco.com](mailto:tburke@thedolphinco.com)>  
**Date:** Fri, Apr 1, 2022 at 10:39 AM  
**Subject:** Veterinary Visits  
**To:** Amy Sloan - NOAA Federal <[amy.sloan@noaa.gov](mailto:amy.sloan@noaa.gov)>

Good morning Amy,

Thank you for all of your time.

The Miami Seaquarium is willing to allow Dr. Ruth Ewing to visit with Dr. Shelby Loos and be present.

The Miami Seaquarium is willing to allow Dr. Ruth Ewing to be part of the Dignity Plan.

My only ask is that Dr. Ewing communicate with Dr. Loos to coordinate visits and work plans and that they keep you and I informed.

Have a great day and thank you.

Respectfully,

Travis



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**From:** Amy Sloan - NOAA Federal <amy.sloan@noaa.gov>  
**Subject:** Tokitae (Lolita) Update  
**To:** Kimberly Damon-Randall - NOAA Federal; Catherine Marzin - NOAA Federal; Jolie Harrison; Shannon Bettridge; Trevor Spradlin; Sarah Wilkin; Teri Rowles - NOAA Federal; Angela Somma; Lynne Barre; Grace Ferrara - NOAA Federal; Laura Engleby; Erin Fougères; Mridula Srinivasan - NOAA Federal; Jenny Litz; Dawn Noren - NOAA Federal; Phillip Morin - NOAA Federal; Mary O'Brien; Rachel Hager - NOAA Federal  
**Cc:** Ruth Ewing - NOAA Federal; Deborah Fauquier - NOAA Federal; Courtney Smith - NOAA Affiliate; Jennifer Skidmore  
**Sent:** October 4, 2022 12:24 PM (UTC-04:00)

Dear all,  
I'm writing to provide you with an update on Toki, the Southern Resident killer whale at Miami Seaquarium. Please forward internally within NMFS as appropriate.

On October 3, 2022, Miami Seaquarium announced on social media that Toki's appetite decreased, and a media report suggested she is under 24 hour watch:

<https://www.local10.com/news/local/2022/10/03/health-concerns-grow-for-miami-seaquariums-orca-lolita/>

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Drs. Jim McBain and Stephanie Norman conducted an independent, on-site health assessment from September 11 - 13, 2022, and the summary of their assessment can be found [HERE](#).

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We are coordinating closely with the USDA/APHIS and have requested that Miami Seaquarium allow Drs. Laurie Gage and Carolyn McKinnie to accompany Dr. Ewing on a site visit as soon as possible. We are awaiting a response.

Additionally, Dr. Ewing was invited by Miami Seaquarium to participate in the development of an end-of-life dignity plan for Toki, as well as the eventual necropsy, which is planned to take place at the University of Georgia when that time comes. Dr. Ewing would take samples during necropsy for NMFS research purposes at the request of the NWFSC and SWFSC.

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Sincerely,  
Amy

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**From:** Jenny Litz - NOAA Federal <jenny.litz@noaa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Request  
**To:** Ruth Ewing  
**Sent:** October 3, 2022 4:36 PM (UTC-04:00)

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**From:** **Jenny Litz - NOAA Federal** <[jenny.litz@noaa.gov](mailto:jenny.litz@noaa.gov)>  
**Date:** Fri, Sep 30, 2022 at 4:57 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Request  
**To:** Amy Sloan - NOAA Federal <[amy.sloan@noaa.gov](mailto:amy.sloan@noaa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Mridula Srinivasan - NOAA Federal <[mridula.srinivasan@noaa.gov](mailto:mridula.srinivasan@noaa.gov)>

Hi Amy -

Thanks for reaching out . We are supportive of Ruth's involvement in the necropsy and travel support would be greatly appreciated. **b**

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Thanks again for checking in.

Have a great weekend,  
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**Subject:** Re: Veterinary Visits  
**To:** Mary O'Brien - NOAA Federal  
**Sent:** April 4, 2022 9:56 AM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks!

On Mon, Apr 4, 2022 at 9:55 AM Mary O'Brien - NOAA Federal <[mary.obrien@noaa.gov](mailto:mary.obrien@noaa.gov)> wrote:  
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