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Ms. Kimberly Damon-Randall
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Dear Ms. Damon-Randall:

The Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing (AFTT) Annual Monitoring Report fulfills reporting requirements of National Marine Fisheries Service's Final Rule, Letters of Authorization (LOAs), and Incidental Take Statements under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and Endangered Species Act authorizations. The full report with all enclosures is available on the United States (U.S.) Navy marine species monitoring website (<http://www.navy-marinespeciesmonitoring.us/>).

This report presents an overview of all U.S. Navy monitoring efforts within the AFTT Study Area in 2023. Though the AFTT LOA permit period is from November 14, 2022 to November 13, 2023, the monitoring report is based on calendar year.

Note, the 2023 Annual AFTT Exercise and Testing Report was forwarded separately to your office on January 30, 2024 (unclassified portion).

If you have any questions regarding these reports or the procedures being implemented, please contact Ms. Laura Busch at (757) 836-8471.

Sincerely,

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