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Subject: Re: NOAA response to media queries re: drifters & ocean dumping  
in  
the North Pacific  
References:  
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Although there is more detail here than in their exchanges with Shaun,  
this summarizes what they told us about their project:

[http://www.hsrl.com/current-events/press-releases/drifters-press-rele  
ase/](http://www.hsrl.com/current-events/press-releases/drifters-press-release/)

In summary, they told us they were interested in advection and  
dispersion, and its affects on salmon in particular.

Rick

On 10/17/2012 01:35 PM, Gustavo Goni wrote:

> Hello,

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> One question that I have is referred to this paragraph:

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> \*Did NOAA know that the ship being used to launch the drifters was  
> also discharging material into the ocean as a geoengineering experiment?\*

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> No. NOAA learned of the discharge via the Guardian article on Oct. 15,  
> 2012.. NOAA was originally told that the drifter data would be used to  
> collect ocean current data in support the Haida Salmon Restoration  
> research effort.

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> Was there any information given to us on what this research effort  
> was about ?  
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> Gustavo  
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> On Wed, Oct 17, 2012 at 1:30 PM, Erica Rule <erica.rule@noaa.gov  
> <mailto:erica.rule@noaa.gov>> wrote:  
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> Bob and Gustavo,  
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> I just wanted to give you an update on the recent media coverage  
> regarding the dumping of iron sulphate in the North Pacific by the  
> Haida Salmon Restoration Project, and NOAA's contribution of  
> drifters to the same entity.  
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> Attached is a DRAFT version of talking points that NOAA will use  
> to provide comment on this topic to several media outlets that  
> have requested comment from NOAA (Nature, NYTimes and a British  
> Columbia newspaper). Jana and I developed these with  
> NOAA Communications and they have been reviewed by Rick. They are  
> currently being reviewed by NOAA HQ.  
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> To date all references have been to NOAA as an organization, and  
> not specifically to AOML. Jana Goldman is responding to all media  
> requests on this topic. If you are contacted by the media about  
> this topic you may send them to Jana for comment.  
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> Please let me know if you have any questions. - Erica  
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