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Here's what I sent Richard on Friday, if you're interested in seeing  
what I've already let him know.

----- Original Message -----  
Subject: Re: The drifters  
Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2012 13:39:19 -0400  
From: Rick.Lumpkin@noaa.gov <rick.lumpkin@noaa.gov>  
Organization: NOAA/AOML  
To: Richard Mannix <richard.mannix@noaa.gov>

Hi Richard,

That all sounds like a good approach. We were acting in the interests  
of the drifter program, which serves several societal needs - this  
wasn't some purely altruistic partnership with a private company.

Re: actions of our international partners: we work with the federal  
meteorological agencies of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and  
Canada, all of whom have developed contacts with shipping companies and  
captains of individual cargo ships in those companies. Those met  
agencies routinely use cargo ships to arrange deployments for us,  
without our direct day-to-day involvement. As ship routes are switched,  
they work to find new cargo ships that pass through regions where we  
(and they) need drifters. Shaun Dolk here at AOML is in direct contact  
with individuals in those met agencies, who in turn are in direct local  
contact with the cargo people; Shaun relays deployment information and  
is aware of the upcoming deployment plans, but isn't in direct contact  
with the cargo ships. To our knowledge there are no other private

companies, including any fishing or private research groups, that we have indirectly worked with through international partners in the last several years.

Regards,  
Rick

On 10/19/2012 12:52 PM, Richard Mannix wrote:

> Hi Rick -- Hope all is well with you. We're going to be attendinbg  
> the London Convention/London Protocol meeting in about a week and  
> we'll certainly get questions. I'm not going to have much patience  
> with any suggestion that we gave material assistance to the dumpers.  
> If they had dumped in an area that already had a sufficient number of  
> drifters, and they got surface current information there, would we be  
> "partnering" with them. We had an offer to deploy drifters in an  
> area where we needed them. The drifters were taken to that area and  
> deployed. They are working and sending back the information we need.  
> They'll always be a limit to what we can find out about other purposes  
> the vessel might have. As we get readdy, if you have any other  
> background information that you think might be useful, it would be  
> great for us to have it. One thing we discussed was the fact that  
> this is an international partnership and that public vessels of other  
> nations deploy these devices. Do you know if other nations also  
> enlist private fishing and cargo vessels? Thanks.