

**From:** [Castellanos, Gilbert](#)  
**To:** [Boario, Sara D](#); [Skibo, Bobbie Jo](#); [Loya, Wendy M](#)  
**Subject:** Re: ANWR talking points - Secretary's trip to CAN  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 29, 2023 10:08:18 AM

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Hi Sara,

This request came from DOI, Office of the Secretary - Office of International Affairs. For something like this, typically Ryan Close, who serves as Canada Desk Officer in that office, would have run this through all appropriate contacts, including the FWS Director's Office. However, he's out of the office on paternity leave until November. In his place, Brooke is covering, and she sent it to various folks across the bureaus

I'll forward you the original email. It includes some familiar FWS and other bureau folks names, but others I don't recognize, though you may.

Gil-

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**From:** Boario, Sara D <sara\_boario@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 29, 2023 7:58 AM  
**To:** Skibo, Bobbie Jo <bobbiejo\_skibo@fws.gov>; Castellanos, Gilbert <gilbert\_castellanos@fws.gov>; Loya, Wendy M <wendy\_loya@fws.gov>  
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Thanks all...who did this request come from/through? It's helpful to know as usually these would come through the OC or from Director to RD...so just want to make sure folks in my chain are aware of our contributions. thx - sb

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Alaska Region

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**From:** Skibo, Bobbie Jo <bobbiejo\_skibo@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 29, 2023 7:53 AM  
**To:** Castellanos, Gilbert <gilbert\_castellanos@fws.gov>; Boario, Sara D <sara\_boario@fws.gov>; Loya, Wendy M <wendy\_loya@fws.gov>  
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Thank you Gil. I think it addresses the Coastal Plain topic well (with additions).

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**From:** Castellanos, Gilbert <gilbert\_castellanos@fws.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, August 28, 2023 7:34 PM

**To:** Boario, Sara D <sara\_boario@fws.gov>; Loya, Wendy M <wendy\_loya@fws.gov>

**Cc:** Skibo, Bobbie Jo <bobbiejo\_skibo@fws.gov>

**Subject:** ANWR talking points - Secretary's trip to CAN

Hi Sara and Wendy,

Here's the *if raised* talking points re: ANWR/SEIS/PCB from the Secretary's briefing memo for her upcoming trip to Ottawa. I've included my suggested edits in ~~strikethrough~~ for suggested deletions and red text for suggested additions.

Let me know if you have any questions about any of this. I've also cc'd Bobbie Jo, in case she has any comments.

Sara, on a related note, I remain ready to assist on PCB appointments of U.S. Board members, and possible meetings with the Government of Canada. Let me know if there's anything I can do on this front.

Gil-

***IF ASKED about the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge:***

- I understand that Canada, Yukon, Northwest Territories, and the Gwich'in Tribal Council, and other groups in Canada, have concerns that energy development within the Refuge may have transboundary impacts. I appreciate the seriousness of these issues, and it is important to me to proceed in an open and cooperative way with our partners on both sides of the border.
- Under the Biden-Harris Administration, we've set a strong direction on this issue. The President placed a temporary moratorium on the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program's implementation. Since then, although we are mandated by statute to hold a second lease sale before December 2024, we have begun a new, comprehensive analysis of potential environmental impacts from the proposed program. We are working on that analysis – in consultation with several Cooperating Agencies – with the goal of completing that analysis next year.
- We recognize the importance of the International Porcupine Caribou Board, and I was happy to recently appoint a U.S. federal co-chair last year to the Board. We are working to fill the three other U.S. Board

positions ~~in the coming months~~ and will continue to communicate through the Canadian Co-chair as this process moves forward.

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