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Hello Valerie, I wanted to email regarding the incorrect statements provided within one of the public comments recently submitted (11/20/2013) by TIRN.

The public comment specifically states that the Pflieger Institute of Environmental Research (PIER) received funds to perform longline trials off California, this is not the case. Roughly half of the CFR-West award was granted to PIER to work collaboratively with NOAA to test deep-set buoy gear and tag swordfish along the Central California coast. The long line portion of this study is not being performed by PIER scientists.

Thank you for your time and sorry for any inconvenience.

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