

Subject: RE: VFOIA update on "Project Jonah" \$10 million loan
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Dear Mr. Smith,

In response to your request below dated May 14, 2020, please find the enclosed documents attached. Certain correspondence relating to Project Jonah considered exempt, confidential and/or proprietary pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 2.2-3705.1(5), 2.2-3705.1(2), 2.2-3705.6(3), and 2.2-3705.7(2) has been excluded.

There have been no changes to the VCEDA loan terms since its approval in 2017, other than the two extensions in 2018 and 2019 which extended the loan closing deadline to December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2020, respectively. The VCEDA loan has not been closed, and no funds have been disbursed on the loan.

There will be no charge this time for the provision of the attached documents.

If you could please confirm receipt of this email, I would appreciate it, and have a good day.

Sincerely,
Jonathan

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Tazewell County reports recently that it is proceeding with a foreign investment in fish farming dubbed "Project Jonah."

https://www.swvatoday.com/news/article_2318b36e-88b5-11ea-bea5-5f01ab9a65fd.html

In 2013 VCEDA offered a \$10 million loan for the project, and extended deadlines