

## Nick Flocken

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**From:** Nick Flocken  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 2:04 PM  
**To:** Glacken, Meredith (Federal)  
**Cc:** Lewis, Wendy (Commissioned); O'Connor, Kasey (Federal); Hull, Cordell (Federal); Brebbia, Sean (Federal); Roberts, Julie (Federal); John Luce - NOAA Federal; Levenbach, Stuart (Federal); Dobrzynski, Tanya (Federal); Nicholas I. Flocken  
**Subject:** Re: Questions on NOAA directives and statements regarding Hurricane Dorian

My NOAA email is now copied.  
-Nick

On Tue, Sep 10, 2019, 12:49 PM Glacken, Meredith (Federal) <[MGlacken@doc.gov](mailto:MGlacken@doc.gov)> wrote:

Thank you, Wendy.

-MG

**From:** Wendy Lewis - NOAA Federal <[wendy.lewis@noaa.gov](mailto:wendy.lewis@noaa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 12:48 PM  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Questions on NOAA directives and statements regarding Hurricane Dorian

Per our conversation this morning, attached is the email and letter requesting information. Please advise how you would like to proceed.

Kindly,

Wendy

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Hooghan, Priyanka <[Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov](mailto:Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov)>  
**Date:** Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 12:00 PM  
**Subject:** Questions on NOAA directives and statements regarding Hurricane Dorian  
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Cc: Thompson, Janie <[Janie.Thompson@mail.house.gov](mailto:Janie.Thompson@mail.house.gov)>

Hi Wendy, Matt, and John,

We are reaching out regarding NOAA's recent [Agency-wide directive](#) to staff following [the President's tweet on September 1<sup>st</sup>](#), and well as the Agency's September 6<sup>th</sup> [statement on Hurricane Dorian](#). Please provide us with responses to the following questions no later than **COB next Monday September 16<sup>th</sup>**:

- Which members of NOAA leadership were involved in drafting and issuing the NOAA-wide directive to staff on September 1 in which they were told to “stick with official National Hurricane Center forecasts” and “not provide any opinion”?
  - Was NOAA directed by the Department of Commerce or White House leadership to issue an Agency-wide directive for this purpose. If so, who within DOC or the White House issued this direction?
- Which members of NOAA leadership were involved in drafting and issuing the September 6 public statement from NOAA, disavowing the NWS Birmingham's [tweet](#)?
  - Was NOAA directed by the Department of Commerce or White House leadership to issue a statement for this purpose. If so, who within DOC or the White House issued this direction?

Additionally, we have attached Chairwoman Johnson's letter to President Trump regarding a White House video released last week that showed a placard of a Hurricane Dorian forecast that had been altered to suggest the hurricane was forecasted to impact Alabama. Let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Priyanka

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