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Request Guidance in Donating Fossils

Ken - Per your directions, LaRC requests instructions on the procedure for donating paleontological property to non-Federal entities. Geologic remains of a baleen whale were encountered here at LaRC (another Langley first ?).

Since the property is not cultural as in NHPA Section 110/106 historic cultural resources (NEPA is being checked), there is no known requirem't to manage ownership/preservation in NASA. (Bureau of Land Management and Nat'l Forests must)

LaRC invited the College of William and Mary Geology Dept to excavate and take the loan of the fossils, which they did gladly.

Our agreement with the Smithsonian only covers aerospace artifacts. W & M wishes to research the remains for about a year, then contribute them to a museum of nat'l history.

Hard copies of various fact sheets/publicity is being sent to you.

Thx,

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