

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

William W. Walker, Ph.D., Executive Director

November 16, 2012

Stephanie L. Willis Senior Attorney National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office of General Counsel 263 13th Avenue South, Suite 177 St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Re: DMR-130146; Comprehensive Program for Enhanced Management of Avian Breeding Habitat Injured by Response in the Gulf Islands National Seashore (GUIS)

Dear Ms. Willis:

The Department of Marine Resources in cooperation with other state agencies is responsible under the Mississippi Coastal Program (MCP) for managing the coastal resources of Mississippi. Proposed activities in the coastal area are reviewed to insure that the activities are in compliance with the MCP.

The Department has reviewed the proposed project to enhance affected beach-nesting and shorebird habitats within the GUIS in Jackson and Harrison counties, Mississippi. This activity has been determined to be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the Mississippi Coastal Program.

The above granted consistency certification was based upon the information presented. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Greg Christodoulou with the Bureau of Wetlands Permitting at (228) 523-4109 or greg.christodoulou@dmr.ms.gov.

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Sincerely,

cc: Harriet M. Deal, U.S. Department of the Interior