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Re: Fw: Fwd: DWH Proposed Early Restoration Project - CBRA

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Everson, Dan <dan_everson@fws.gov>

Tue, Jun 24, 2014 at 8:16 AM

To: "Herod, Holly" <holly_herod@fws.gov>

Cc: Colette Charbonneau <colette_charbonneau@fws.gov>, Debora McClain <debora_mcclain@fws.gov>, Bill Pearson <Bill_Pearson@fws.gov>

Hi Holly: after discussing with our CBRA experts here in the office, we concur with the consistency determinations made for the Swift Tract project described in Debora McClain's email of 5/29/2014.

Thank you and let us know if you have any further questions

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On Wed, Jun 18, 2014 at 2:23 PM, Herod, Holly <holly_herod@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Dan, its not a rush. Just touching bases sooner rather than later. CBRA was a new process for me, so I just wanted to see if you might need something I left out.

Holly Herod

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On Wed, Jun 18, 2014 at 1:52 PM, Everson, Dan <dan_everson@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Holly: my CBRA experts are out in the field today - can we get back with you tomorrow? I don't think we have any CBRA concerns here. Our role generally is to inform folks whether they are inside or outside of a CBRA area. When sticky situations arise, we usually send the info off to the Washington office for a determination - in any event we'll try to find out if there are any issues (but I don't think so)

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On Wed, Jun 18, 2014 at 8:14 AM, Bill Pearson <bill_pearson@fws.gov> wrote:

Dan, can you look into this and get back to Holly? Thank you.

From: Herod, Holly [mailto:holly_herod@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2014 06:00 AM
To: Bill Pearson <bill_pearson@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: DWH Proposed Early Restoration Project - CBRA

Hi Bill, I hope this email finds you doing well. I just wanted to check in regarding our CBRA consistency determination (i.e., not applicable because it is in an otherwise protected area) for the Deepwater Horizon Early Restoration Project - Swift Tract Living Shoreline. Will we need to provide your office with any additional information or may we consider this consultation complete?

Sincerely,

Holly Herod

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From: **Debora McClain** <debora_mcclain@fws.gov>
Date: Thu, May 29, 2014 at 9:44 PM
Subject: DWH Proposed Early Restoration Project - CBRA

To: Bill Pearson <bill_pearson@fws.gov>

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Bill,

The DWH Case Management Office is continuing to move the proposed Early Restoration projects forward through the various environmental compliance consultations. First, we would like to thank you for all your efforts in the Intra-Service ESA Section 7 consultations your office conducted for the proposed projects. We are currently working on the Coastal Barrier Resources Act consistency determinations. There is one project in Alabama that will have Federal expenditures and is being evaluated by the Trustees as a potential early restoration project. The early restoration project was proposed in the draft early restoration plan that was released for public comment and review on December 6, 2013. If the Trustees select the project after consideration of public comment and a stipulated agreement is reached with BP, the early restoration project will be implemented by NOAA.

We used the Coastal Barrier Resources System mapper – Beta (<http://www.fws.gov/cbra/Maps/Mapper.htm>) [accessed May 19, 2014] to determine if proposed projects were located within an Otherwise Protected Area or within a System Unit. If the proposed project will occur in an Otherwise Protected Area or outside of a System Unit, no additional analysis was developed.

Swift Tract Living Shoreline, Alabama

The proposed Swift Tract Living Shoreline project will be implemented by NOAA and the State of Alabama (Figure 1). The Swift Tract Living Shoreline project will use standard living shoreline techniques including natural and artificial breakwater material to stabilize eroding shorelines. These materials will dampen wave energy to stabilize eroding shorelines, allow for sediment accretion and provide substrate for oyster and bivalve recruitment. Additionally, this project will protect freshwater marsh and forested wetlands located just inland of the shoreline. The project would provide for construction of up to 1.6 miles of breakwaters in Bon Secour Bay adjacent to the 615 acre Swift Tract parcel, which is part of the Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) (Figure 1). Over time, the breakwaters are expected to develop into reefs that support benthic secondary productivity, including, but not limited to, bivalve mollusks, annelid worms, shrimp, and crabs. The living shoreline project will be constructed on public property in the eastern portion of Bon Secour Bay, approximately 6 miles northwest of Gulf Shores in Baldwin County, Alabama.

Consistency Analysis

The Swift Tract Living Shoreline project occurs entirely within AL-04P Coastal Barrier Resource System Unit (CBRS). We have determined that CBRA does not apply because this is an Otherwise Protected Area and the only prohibition is Federal Flood Insurance.

If there is anything else we need to capture for CBRA please let me know.



Figure 1. Location of the proposed Swift Tract Living Shoreline project.

Thanks

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