

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY MOBILE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS P.O. BOX 2288 MOBILE, AL 36628-0001

March 20, 2017

South Alabama Branch Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Modification Number 3 to Department of the Army (DA) SAM-2011-00493-DEM, The Nature Conservancy, Various Shorelines of Mobile Bay, Portersville Bay, Bon Secour Bay, Weeks Bay, and the Mississippi Sound

The Nature Conservancy Attention: Ms. Judy Haner 56 St. Joseph Street Mobile, Alabama 36602

Dear Ms. Haner:

This is in reference to the subject Department of the Army (DA) permit which authorized the construction of approximately 11 miles of oyster reef/living shoreline breakwaters along approximately 15 miles of shoreline. We have received your letter dated February 2, 2017, requesting an extension of time. In accordance with your request, the subject DA permit for is modified as follows:

-- The time limit to complete this project is extended until March 7, 2022. If the authorized activity is not completed on or before **March 7, 2022**, this permit, if not previously revoked or specifically extended, shall expire. Exceptions to this time extension are listed below.

This time extension <u>does not include</u> portions of the originally permitted work for the Alabama Swift Track Living Shoreline, Bon Secour Bay, that have been transferred to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA GOM Disaster Response Center.

Enclosed is a copy of the modified certification dated February 24, 2017, from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

All other previous conditions to which the work is made subject shall remain in full force and effect.

A copy of this Permit Modification has been furnished to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Mobile Branch, Coastal Section, Attention: Mr. Allen Phelps, Chief, 3664 Dauphin Street, Suite B, Mobile, Alabama 36608.

Please contact me at (251) 694-4611 or email at joy.b.earp@usace.army.mil, if you have any questions. For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx. Also, please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey located near the bottom of the webpage. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

JAMES A. DELAPP Colonel, U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers District Commander

BY: Joy B. Earp

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February 24, 2017

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Ms. Joy B. Earp U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 2288 Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001

RE:

State of Alabama Clean Water Act (CWA) §401(a) Water Quality Certification (WQC) Time Extension Facility: 11 Miles of Living Shoreline and Oyster Reef Breakwaters, Mobile and Baldwin County, Alabama Mobile District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Permit Numbers: SAM-2011-00493-DEM Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) Tracking Code: 2011-191-WQC-COE-IP-E1

Dear Ms. Haner and Ms. Earp:

This letter responds to The Nature Conservancy's request for a WQC time extension associated with the above referenced USACE permit which is set to expire on March 9, 2017. Extension of the USACE permit is needed in order to continue with restoration activities authorized therein as those activities cannot be completed prior to the current permit expiration date. This letter extends the ADEM's WQC provided there remains strict adherence to the conditions listed in the original WQC. This extension of the ADEM's WQC will terminate coincidentally with the expiration of the extended USACE permit.

Contact the Mobile-Coastal office anytime with questions. Always include the ADEM tracking code above when corresponding on this matter.

Sincerely.

Anthony Scott Hughes, Chief Field Operations Division

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