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RE: **C20150115**, Coastal Zone Consistency  
**Natural Resource Trustees for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill**  
Direct Federal Action  
Draft Phase IV Early Restoration Plan for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill  
**Offshore and Coastwide, Louisiana**

Dear Ms. Willis:

The Office of Coastal Management (OCM) has received the "Draft Phase IV Early Restoration Plan for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill," dated May 21, 2015 and submitted on behalf of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Two of the proposed projects included in the plan, as currently proposed, have potential impact to Louisiana's coastal zone:

**Sea Turtle Early Restoration Project**, Coastwide and Offshore, Louisiana  
**Pelagic Longline Bycatch Reduction Project**, Coastwide and Offshore, Louisiana

After a review of the "Draft Phase IV Early Restoration Plan for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill," it has been determined that the proposed early restoration plan is broadly consistent with the approved Louisiana Coastal Resources Program (LCRP). The OCM acknowledges that the above listed agencies may not be the applicants for these projects nor will the projects necessarily be federal agency activities.

Please be advised that the OCM will provide final determination of consistency with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program (LCRP) after receipt and review of the final consistency determinations and/or Coastal Use Permit applications from the applicant(s). The State of

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Louisiana enjoys its positive working relationship with the Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Trustees, and looks forward to the implementation of the early restoration projects.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Crapanzano of the Consistency Section at (225) 342-9425 or 1-800-267-4019.

Sincerely yours,

**/S/ Don Haydel**

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