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## Fwd: DWH Phase IV project scopes for PLL and Sea Turtle projects

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Laurel,

I have reviewed the six project scopes provided in the attachments for potential impacts to EFH. One project is designed to reduce bycatch, such as bluefin tuna, sharks and marlins, in the yellowfin tuna and swordfish pelagic long line fisheries by implementing a voluntary six month repose period during the bluefin tuna spawning period and supplying alternative gear types to the fishers participating in the program. The other five proposals are centered upon seaturtle conservation by enhancing TED enforcement, increasing TED education and gear monitoring, increasing observers in the shrimp fishery, enhancing the Gulf seaturtle salvage and stranding networks, and expanding protection of Kemp's ridley nesting sites in Texas and Tamaulipas, Mexico.

These proposals are not anticipated to adversely impact Essential Fish Habitats (EFH) identified in the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's 2005 Generic EFH Amendment or in NMFS Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan. There is no requirement to provide an EFH assessment or to consult under the EFH requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act for actions that will not adversely impact EFH. Therefore, no further EFH coordination with the NMFS Southeast Region's Habitat Conservation Division is required for these six project proposals.

If I may be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Rusty

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Hi Rusty,

Here are project scopes for the two projects that NOAA has a large role in; PLL and Sea Turtles. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very Sincerely,  
Laurel

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**6 attachments**

-  **NOAA\_PLL\_ProjectDescription\_2.20.15 (1).docx**  
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-  **ProjectScope\_GMT\_FINAL.docx**  
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-  **ProjectScope\_Observer Program\_FINAL.docx**  
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