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GEORGE P. BUSH, COMMISSIONER

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Re: Texas Coastal Management Program Consistency Determination of Proposed Phase IV Early Restoration Actions for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. CMP#: 15-1433; -1434; and -1435

Dear Ms. Willis:

Pursuant to 31 Tex. Admin. Code Part 16 and the applicable federal regulations, the following proposed Phase IV early restoration actions for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill have been reviewed for consistency with the goals and policies of the Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP):

Sea Turtle Early Restoration Project;
Pelagic Longline Bycatch Reduction Project; and
Texas Rookery Islands Project.

Each project has been reviewed for impacts to coastal natural resource areas. It has been determined that the projects would be implemented in a manner that is consistent with the applicable, enforceable policies of the CMP. Therefore, the GLO concurs with the Federal Trustees' consistency determination for all of the proposed early restoration projects.

Please note that this letter does not authorize the use of Coastal Public Land. No work may be conducted or structures placed on State-owned land until you have obtained all necessary authorizations, including any required by the General Land Office and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Please forward this letter to applicable parties. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (512) 475-3624 or at federal.consistency@glo.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

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