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Mr. Chris Blankenship
Commissioner
Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
64 North Union Street, Suite 464
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Dear Mr. Blankenship

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) appreciates the opportunity to evaluate the final sea turtle friendly lighting regime at Gulf State Park Lodge. We appreciate the efforts your team has made in working with the Service to ensure that all lighting is sea turtle friendly. We are providing the following comments in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) (ESA).

The final plan for the Gulf State Park Lodge incorporates our issues and comments raised in previous meetings and site visits. Our final walkthrough confirmed that all issues and recommendations have been addressed and implemented. This letter serves as our approval and confirmation that Gulf State Park Lodge has a sea turtle friendly lighting regime.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project and look forward to working with you in the future. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Shannon Holbrook of my staff at (251) 441-5871. Please refer to the reference number located at the top of this letter in future phone calls or written correspondence.

Sincerely,

William J. Pearson
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Alabama Ecological Services Field Office

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