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October 18, 2019

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RE: U.S. Department of the Interior and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - Natural Resource Damage Assessment - Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, Open Ocean Trustee Implementation Group, Draft Restoration Plan 2/ Environmental Assessment: Fish, Sea Turtles, Marine Mammals, and Mesophotic and Deep Benthic Communities, Gulf of Mexico, Florida.

SAI # FL201909128745C

Dear Laurie:

Florida State Clearinghouse staff has reviewed the proposal under the following authorities: Presidential Executive Order 12372; § 403.061(42), Florida Statutes; the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1451-1464, as amended; and the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321-4347, as amended.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has reviewed the proposed action and submitted comments. As a courtesy, these have been attached to this letter and are incorporated hereto.

Based on the information submitted, the state has no objections to the subject project and, therefore, it is consistent with the Florida Coastal Management Program (FCMP). Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed plan. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me at (850) 717-9076.

Sincerely,

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RE: SAI #FL201909128745C, NOAA, *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill – Draft Restoration Plan 2/EA, Florida

Dear Mr. Stahl:

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) staff has reviewed the *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill – Draft Restoration Plan 2/EA, which was submitted by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), on behalf of the *Deepwater Horizon* Open Ocean Trustee Implementation Group (TIG), and provides the following comments and recommendations for your consideration in accordance with Chapter 379, Florida Statutes, and pursuant to the federal National Environmental Policy Act, the federal Coastal Zone Management Act, and the State of Florida Coastal Management Program.

Project Description

The Open Ocean TIG, which is comprised of the four federal *Deepwater Horizon* Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustees, is proposing to implement a suite of projects throughout the Gulf of Mexico, including some within the coastal zone of the State of Florida, that partially address the injuries to fish, sea turtles, marine mammals, and mesophotic and deep benthic communities from the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill.

Comments and Recommendations

We are supportive of the proposed projects. We do recommend that the Open Ocean TIG coordinates with FWC on the implementation of the proposed projects that occur within the boundaries of the State of Florida. If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our staff at FWCConservationPlanningServices@MyFWC.com.

Sincerely,

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