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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Mr. Ben Frater
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Dear Mr. Frater:

The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the Restore Act funding proposal titled "Perdido Beach Public Access Coastal Protection", submitted by the Service. Our comments are provided in accordance with provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.) and the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

The proposed project will fund permitting, design and construction of shoreline protection breakwaters at two areas of public access to the water in Perdido Beach, Alabama. The project will consist of installation of two breakwaters for shoreline protection that will be stabilized and renourished with sand and native vegetation.

Based on the information provided in your biological evaluation, we concur with your determination that the proposed project "may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect" West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*). The project activities involve restoring and enhancing coastal habitats for rare species, therefore, the proposed action should result in beneficial effects to these species.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact Shannon Holbrook in this office at (251) 441-5871.

Sincerely,

William J. Pearson
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