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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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Mr. Ben Frater  
Assistant Gulf Restoration Manager  
Deepwater Horizon Gulf Restoration Office  
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Fairhope, AL 36532

Dear Mr. Frater:

The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the Restore Act funding proposal titled "Bayfront Park Restoration and Improvement Phase IIA-IIB", 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 improve park amenities and protect and enhance the surrounding coastal habitat. The project consists of shoreline stabilization, playground replacement, new restroom facilities, expansion of existing boardwalk, and ADA improvements for parking lots, walkways and a beach overlook.

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,

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Field Supervisor  
Alabama Ecological Services Field Office