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Rachel Sweeney Program Manager Deepwater Horizon Restoration Program National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service Silver Spring, MO 20910

RE:

State of Alabama Coastal Consistency Concurrence

FWS/R4/DH NRDAR

Draft Restoration Plan "Alabama Trustee Implementation Group Weeks Bay Land Acquisition (Lloyd Tract) Project: Draft Supplemental Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment (RP/EA) to Final Restoration Plan II /EA: Restoration of Wetlands, Coastal, and Nearshore Habitats; Habitat Projects on Federally Managed Lands; Nutrient Reduction (Nonpoint Source); Sea Turtles; Marine Mammals; Birds and Oysters"

Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) Tracking Code: ACAMP-2018-154.2

Dear Ms. Sweeney,

On December 13, 2021, the ADEM received the Alabama TIG's Consistency Determination (CD) that the proposed federal action, referenced above, is consistent with the Alabama Coastal Area Management Program (ACAMP). This restoration plan identifies and analyzes one preferred restoration alternative within Alabama's coastal zone. The proposed project is to acquire and restore the approximately 60-acre Lloyd Tract, transferring it into state ownership, and protecting its existing and restored ecological value through a conservation easement or deed restriction. The Alabama TIG has determined that the project is located within Alabama's coastal zone and is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the ACAMP.

Public noticing requirements of Title 15 C.F.R. §930.42 have been completed. Pursuant to Title 15 C.F.R. §930.41, by this letter the ADEM hereby notifies the Alabama TIG of its **concurrence** with the Alabama TIG's CD.

Contact the Mobile-Coastal office anytime with questions. Always include the ADEM tracking code above when corresponding on this matter. Sarila Mickle is the Mobile-Coastal office contact for this project; she may be reached by phone at 251.304.1176 or by e-mail at Sarila.Mickle@adem.alabama.gov.

Sincerely,

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