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Dear Mr. Myers:

This letter responds to your July 5 2022, letter requesting renewal of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 6 Cooperative Agreement (Agreement) between the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the Louisiana Department Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF). Thank you for providing the annual information update called for in the Agreement.

This letter serves to inform you that NMFS completed its review of the LDWF's current program and finds it to be adequate and active in accordance with the relevant provisions of Section 6(c) of the ESA. Therefore, we are renewing the Agreement through September 30, 2023.

The LDWF has been a long-standing conservation partner with NMFS, and we look forward to your continued participation in Species Recovery Grants to States Program. If you have any questions concerning this renewal, please contact Calusa Horn, Section 6 Coordinator, at (727) 824-5312, or by email at Calusa.Horn@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Strelcheck
Regional Administrator

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