



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Tate Reeves
Governor

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director

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Rachel Sweeney
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: FCC21-000018; Deepwater Horizon Regionwide Trustee Implementation Group; Oysters - Improving Resilience for Oysters by linking Brood Reefs and Sink Reefs

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources in cooperation with other state agencies is responsible under the Mississippi Coastal Program (MCP) for managing the coastal resources of Mississippi. Proposed activities in the coastal area are reviewed to ensure that the activities are in compliance with the MCP.

The Department has completed review of the above-referenced project under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 and the Coastal Zone Reauthorization Amendments of 1990 and as the lead Coastal Program Agency for the State of Mississippi pursuant to 16 U.S.C. Section 1456(c) and Mississippi Code § 57-15-5, concurs with the submitted consistency determination for this project.

Please note that constructing oyster reefs in Mississippi waters is an activity that is regulated by this office as well as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Therefore, an application form should be submitted to this office for review of the proposed project once plans are finalized.

The above granted consistency certification was based upon the plan presented.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Chris S. Pickering with the Bureau of Wetlands Permitting at 228-523-4117 or chris.pickering@dmr.ms.gov.

Sincerely,

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Director, Bureau of Wetlands Permitting
MS Department of Marine Resources

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CC: Jamie Schubert, NOAA