



**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: FCC21-000008; Deepwater Horizon Regionwide Trustee Implementation Group; Marine Mammals - Reducing injury and mortality of bottlenose dolphins from hook and line fishing gear by utilizing fishery surveys, social science, and collaborative problem solving

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.

**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](mailto:chris.pickering@dmr.ms.gov).

Sincerely,

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MS Department of Marine Resources

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