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Memorandum

To: Department of the Interior Authorized Official, Deepwater Horizon Natural Resources Damage Assessment

From: Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, South Atlantic-Gulf & Mississippi-Basin Regions

Subject: Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill NRDAR Activities: Concurrence on the Region-wide Trustee Implementation Group's "Final Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment 1: Birds, Marine Mammals, Oysters, and Sea Turtles"

In accordance with its role as an affected bureau in the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) case and settlement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has provided input into the development of and reviewed the Region-wide Trustee Implementation Group's (TIG) "Final Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment 1: Birds, Marine Mammals, Oysters, and Sea Turtles".

As a co-trustee, the Department of the Interior collaborated with the lead federal agency for the plan (the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) throughout the planning process. Based on our review of this document, I find it adequately addresses the potential impacts to FWS resources.

In accordance with Departmental Manual (521 DM 3.2) regarding approval of NEPA documents by an Authorized Official (AO), I am hereby providing FWS concurrence with the release of the Region-wide TIG's Final Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment 1.

Cc:

- 1.) Michelle Eversen, Gulf Restoration Office
- 2.) Benjamin Frater, Gulf Restoration Office
- 3.) Clare Cragan, DOI Solicitor's Office