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In Reply Refer To: FWS/IR2&4/ES

Memorandum

January 30, 2022

To: Compliance Supervisor, Deepwater Horizon Gulf Restoration Office

From: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional CBRA Coordinator for IR 2&4 (L4)

Subject: Coastal Barrier Resources Act Consistency Determination Request for Implementation Of Eight Restoration Projects proposed in the Region Wide Trustee Implementation Group's Restoration Plan #2.

We reviewed the information provided in the October 4, 2021 Memorandum (attached), and determined the referenced actions/projects as numbered and titled:

<u>Project 1</u>: [B] Egmont Key Vegetation Management and Dune Retention, Hillsborough County, FL. Project located within CBRS Unit: FL-81 and OPA Unit: FL-81P. FWS#04EF3000-2022-CPA-0025

- Located within OPA and not subject to a consistency determination.
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Additional Information/Comments:

Applicant assures that location of sand fencing is not in close proximity to nesting shorebirds so threats from creation of an avian predator perch are of little concern. Sand-fencing is recommended to be use judiciously and to follow FWC's guidelines for protection of nesting sea turtles. Vegetation plantings for sand entrapment is preferred over sand-fencing. Removal of sand fencing is strongly encourage if area appears to be too erosive; thereby reducing the likelihood of the fencing collapsing into the Gulf of Mexico waters.

INTERIOR REGION 2 SOUTH ATLANTIC-GULF INTERIOR REGION 4 MISSISSIPPI BASIN

ALABAMA, FLORIDA, GEORGIA, NORTH CAROLINA, PUERTO RICO, SOUTH CAROLINA, TENNESSEE, US VIRGIN ISLANDS

ARKANSAS, IOWA, MISSOURI, MISSISSIPPI, LOUISIANA Project 2: [B] Northeast Florida Coastal Predation Management. Nassau, Duval, St. Johns Counties, FL. Project potentially located within CBRS Units: Duval-P-02, St. Johns- P05, P05, and OPS Units: Nassau- FL-01P, Duval-P02P, St. Johns- P05P, P05AP. FWS#04EF3000-2022-CPA-0026

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Additional Information/Comments: No additional comments.

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<u>Project 3</u>: [B] Florida Shorebird and Seabird Stewardship and Habitat Management- 5 Years. Project located in Multiple CBRS Units and OPAs in Florida. FWS#04EF3000-2022-CPA-0027

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Additional Information/Comments:

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<u>Project 4:</u> [REC] St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge Access and Recreational Improvement through Acquistion at Indian Pass. Franklin and Gulf Counties, FL. Project located within CBRS FL-92.

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Additional Information/Comments:

Good recreational project with committed Conservation Measures required as stated in the consultation to remove/reduce the potential increase in disturbance to important roost, feeding, nesting points located on SVNWR lands opposite the propose boat launch/kayak launch areas.

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<u>Project 5</u>: [MM] Florida Gulf Coast Enhanced Marine Mammal Stranding Network. Project within Gulf Coast Counties from Escambia east to Monroe. Project located within multiple CBRS and OPA Units.

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<u>Project 6</u>: [REC] Florida Artificial Reef Creation and Restoration--Phase 2. Project within Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Gulf, Franklin, and Wakulla Counties, FL. Project located within multiple CBRS and OPA Units. FWS#04EF3000-2022-CPA-0030

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Additional Information/Comments:

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<u>Project 7</u>: [ST] Reducing Threats to Sea Turtles through Removal of In-water Marine Debris Along Florida's Gulf Coast. Project located in multiple Florida Counties. Project located within multiple CBRS Units and OPA Units. EWS#04EE3000 2022 CPA 0031

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<u>Project 8</u>: [ST Assessing Risk and Conducting Public Outreach to Reduce Vessel Strikes on Sea Turtles Along Florida's Gulf Coast. Projects located within Okaloosa, Pinellas, Lee Counties, FL. Project located within CBRS Units: Lee- FL 67, P17A, and OPA Units: Okaloosa-- FL 103P, FL 98P.

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