

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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December 7, 2022

Regulatory Division North Permits Branch Panama City Permits Section SAJ-2006-01340(MOD-KAB) Modification #3

Mr. Douglas Baber City of Mexico Beach 201 Paradise Path Mexico Beach, Florida 32456

Dear Mr. Baber:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has completed the review and evaluation of your modification request, received on October 17, 2022, in which you asked to extend the expiration date of an authorized Department of the Army permit number SAJ-2006-01340, issued to the City of Mexico Beach, dated November 21, 2001. The project site is located within the Gulf of Mexico between the cities of Mexico Beach and Port St. Joe, Bay and Gulf Counties, Florida.

The proposed modification is to extend the expiration date to complete your proposed project. This authorization is hereby extended for 5 years from the date of this letter.

The following special conditions will be added to the existing terms and conditions of this authorization:

- 1. Cultural Resources/Historic Properties:
 - a. No structure or work shall adversely affect, impact, or disturb properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), or those eligible for inclusion in the NRHP.
 - b. If, during permitted activities, items that may have historic or archaeological origin are observed the Permittee shall immediately cease all activities adjacent to the discovery that may result in the destruction of these resources and shall prevent his/her employees from further removing, or otherwise damaging, such resources. The applicant shall notify both the choose an item and the Corps, of the observations within the same business day (8 hours). Examples of submerged historical, archaeological or cultural resources include shipwrecks, shipwreck debris fields (such as steam engine parts, or wood

planks and beams), anchors, ballast rock, concreted iron objects, concentrations of coal, prehistoric watercraft (such as log "dugouts"), and other evidence of human activity. The materials may be deeply buried in sediment, resting in shallow sediments or above them, or protruding into water. The Corps shall coordinate with the choose an item State Historic Preservation Officer Choose an item to assess the significance of the discovery and devise appropriate actions. Project activities shall not resume without verbal and/or written authorization from the Corps.

- c. Additional cultural resources assessments may be required of the permit area in the case of unanticipated discoveries as referenced in accordance with the above Special Condition and, if deemed necessary by the SHPO or Corps, in accordance with 36 CFR 800 or 33 CFR 325, Appendix C (5). Based on the circumstances of the discovery, equity to all parties, and considerations of the public interest, the Corps may modify, suspend, or revoke the permit in accordance with 33 CFR Part 325.7. Such activity shall not resume on nonfederal lands without written authorization from the SHPO for finds under his or her jurisdiction, and from the Corps.
- d. In the unlikely event that unmarked human remains are identified on non-federal lands; they will be treated in accordance with Section 872.05 Florida Statutes. All work and ground disturbing activities within a 100-meter diameter of the unmarked human remains shall immediately cease and the Permittee shall immediately notify the medical examiner, Corps, and State Archaeologist within the same business day (8-hours). The Corps shall then notify the appropriate SHPO. Based on the circumstances of the discovery, equity to all parties, and considerations of the public interest, the Corps may modify, suspend, or revoke the permit in accordance with 33 CFR Part 325.7. Such activity shall not resume without written authorization from the SHPO and from the Corps.
- 2. Vessel Strike Avoidance Measures: The Permittee shall comply with the "Vessel Strike Avoidance Measures and Reporting for Mariners", revised May 2021 (Attachment A), for marine turtles and marine mammals.

The impact of your proposal on navigation and the environment has been reviewed and found to be insignificant. The permit is hereby modified in accordance with your request. You should attach this letter to the permit. All other conditions of the permit remain in full force and effect.

If you have any questions concerning this permit modification, please contact the project manager Ms. Kelly Bunting at the letterhead address, by telephone at 850-763-0717 or by electronic mail at Kelly.A.Bunting@usace.army.mil.

Thank you for your cooperation with our permit program. The Corps' Jacksonville District Regulatory Division is committed to improving service to our customers. We strive to perform our duty in a friendly and timely manner while working to preserve our environment. We invite you to complete our automated Customer Service Survey at https://regulatory.ops.usace.army.mil/customer-service-survey/. Please be aware this Internet address is case sensitive; and, you will need to enter it exactly as it appears above. Your input is appreciated – favorable or otherwise.

Sincerely,

Kelly Bunting Project Manager

Kelly Bunting

Enclosures

cc: Robert Cox, Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association, Agent