



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Gulf Restoration Office
DWH Gulf Restoration Ofc - MS Trustee Implementation Group
Attn: Michael Barron
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Fairhope, AL 36532

Re: FCC21-000036; USFWS - Trustee Implementation Group (TIG); Improve Native Habitats by Removing Marine Debris from Mississippi Barrier Islands
Re: FCC21-000037; USFWS - Trustee Implementation Group (TIG); Maintaining Enhanced Sea Turtle Stranding Network Capacity and Diagnostic Capabilities
Re: FCC21-000038; USFWS - Trustee Implementation Group (TIG); Maintaining Enhanced Marine Mammal Stranding Network Capacity and Diagnostic Capabilities
Re: FCC21-000039; USFWS - Trustee Implementation Group (TIG); Reduction of Marine Mammal Fishery Interactions through Trawl Technique and Component Material Improvements
Re: FCC21-000040; USFWS - Trustee Implementation Group (TIG); Bird Stewardship and Enhanced Monitoring in Mississippi
Re: FCC21-000041; USFWS - Trustee Implementation Group (TIG); Clower Thornton Nature Trail Improvement
Re: FCC21-000042; USFWS - Trustee Implementation Group (TIG); Environmental Education and Stewardship at Walter Anderson Museum

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 projects 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 these projects, provided that no direct impacts to tidal or tidally-influenced vegetation will occur. If such impacts are anticipated, the project it is associated with will require a modified review.

The above granted consistency certifications were based upon the plans presented.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Matt Murphy with the Bureau of Wetlands Permitting at 228-523-4159 or matthew.murphy@dmr.ms.gov.

Sincerely,

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