



State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OFFICE OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT

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Rachel Sweeney
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RE: **C20210041**, Coastal Zone Consistency
National Marine Fisheries Services/Louisiana Trustees Implementation Group
Direct Federal Action
Selection of a preferred design alternative for the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion restoration project, as described in Draft Phase II Restoration Plan #3.2 and Draft EIS
Plaquemines and Jefferson Parishes, Louisiana

Dear Ms. Sweeney:

The Office of Coastal Management has received the above referenced federal application for consistency review with the approved Louisiana Coastal Resources Program (LCRP) in accordance with Section 307(c) of the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended. The proposed activity is currently in the development phase, and includes features or alternatives which will be finalized only after additional planning and design. Therefore, review of this determination has proceeded per NOAA regulations on federal consistency at 15 CFR §930.36(d) for "phased consistency determinations."

After careful review, this office finds that **this phase** of the project is consistent with the LCRP. The project's construction phase will require separate review and approval by the Office of Coastal Management. This obligation will be met by the Coastal Use Permit application submitted by State Trustee, the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Jeff Harris of the Consistency Section at (225) 342-7949 or jeff.harris@la.gov.

Sincerely yours,

/S/ Charles Reulet
Administrator
Interagency Affairs/Field Services Division

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