

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director

September 13, 2023

U.S. Department of Agriculture Attn: Jon Morton 7578 Old Canton Rd Madison, MS 39110

Re: FCC23-000014; WCNH1 Coastwide Habitat Acquisition FCC23-000015; WCNH2 Living Shoreline Bulkhead Alternative - Land Trust Parcel, Pass Christian, Harrison, County, MS (Figure 3 #1) FCC23-000016; WCNH2 Living Shoreline Bulkhead Alternative - James Hill Park, Gulfport, Harrison County, MS (Figure 3 #2) FCC23-000017; WCNH2 Living Shoreline Bulkhead Alternative - River Park Site, Pascagoula, Jackson County, MS (Figure 3 #3) FCC23-000018; WCNH3 Hancock County Marsh Living Shoreline Phase 6 Breakwater - breakwater in the Mississippi Sound between Bayou Bolan and Bayou Caddy FCC23-000019; NR1 Back Bay – Davis Bayou Nutrient Reduction FCC23-000020; NR2 Big Cedar Creek – Rocky Creek Nutrient Reduction FCC23-000021; REC1 Jourdan River Boardwalk FCC23-000022; REC2 Shepard State Part Recreational Enhancements – 1

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.

Any of the above projects which will have impacts located within Coastal Wetlands (as defined by Mississippi Code § 49-27-5, attached) or within wetlands or other waters adjacent to Coastal Wetlands may require additional review and authorization. Please contact this office prior to commencement of such projects.

The above granted consistency certification was based upon the plan presented.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Katie Nelson with the Bureau of Wetlands Permitting at 228-523-4117 or katie.nelson@dmr.ms.gov.

Sincerely,

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