

UNITED STATES FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE  
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION STATEMENT

Within the spirit and intent of the Council of Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other statutes, orders, and policies that protect fish and wildlife resources, I have established the following administrative record and have determined that the action of (describe action):

*Designating a manatee refuge in Kings Bay, Citrus County, Florida to prevent the take of one or more Florida manatees (Trichechus manatus latirostris), under Alternative F in the accompanying Environmental Assessment*

\_\_\_\_\_ is a categorical exclusion as provided by 516 DM 6, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 2, Appendix 1. No further documentation will therefore be made.

X \_\_\_\_\_ is found not to have significant environmental effects as determined by the attached Environmental Assessment, Finding of No Significant Impact and Intra Service Section 7.

\_\_\_\_\_ is found to have significant effects, and therefore further consideration of this action will require a notice of intent to be published in the Federal Register announcing the decision to prepare an EIS.

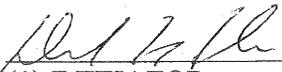
\_\_\_\_\_ is not approved because of unacceptable environmental damage, or violation of Fish and Wildlife Service mandates, policy, regulations, or procedures.

\_\_\_\_\_ is an emergency action within the context of 40 CFR 1506.11. Only those actions necessary to control the immediate impacts of the emergency will be taken. Other related actions remain subject to NEPA review.

Other supporting documents (list):

- X Environmental Assessment and FONSI
- X Biological Opinion (Intra Service Section 7)

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