



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director

August 28, 2019

Benjamin Frater
Gulf Restoration Assistant Manager
DOI Deepwater Horizon Gulf Restoration Office
341 N. Greeno Road, Suite A
Fairhope, AL 36532

Re: DMR-190115: NRDA Monitoring Activity in the Open Ocean Restoration Area:
Juvenile Gulf sturgeon - Gulf-wide Population Dynamics and Habitat Use

Dear Mr. Frater:

The 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 its review of the above-referenced project 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 Open Ocean Trustee Implementation Group's consistency determination for this action.

The above granted consistency certification was based upon the plan presented. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Greg Christodoulou with the Bureau of Wetlands Permitting at 228-523-4109 or greg.christodoulou@dmr.ms.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Willa J. Brantley".

Willa J. Brantley
Director, Bureau of Wetlands Permitting

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