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Memorandum

To: Department of the Interior Authorized Official, Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Assessment

From: Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region

Subject: Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Concurrence on Open Ocean Trustee Implementation Group Draft Restoration Plan 3 Environmental Assessment: Birds

In accordance with its role as an affected bureau in the Deepwater Horizon NRDAR case and settlement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife (FWS) has provided input into the development of and reviewed the Open Ocean Trustee Implementation Group's (TIG) *Draft Restoration Plan 3 and Environmental Assessment: Birds*.

As the designated lead federal agency for the plan, Department of the Interior has the responsibility of ensuring the adequacy of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis. Based on our review of this document, I find it adequately addresses the potential impacts to FWS resources.

In accordance with Departmental Manual (512 DM 3.2) regarding approval of NEPA documents by an Authorized Bureau Representative, I am hereby providing FWS concurrence with the release of the Open Ocean TIG's *Draft Restoration Plan 3 and Environmental Assessment: Birds*.

Attachment 1: Internal Preliminary *Draft Restoration Plan 3 and Environmental Assessment: Birds*

Cc:

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