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Memorandum

To:

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

From:

Associate Director, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science

Subject:

Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill NRDAR Activities: Concurrence to Release the Draft

Early Restoration Plan/Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

In accordance with its role as an affected bureau in the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR), National Park Service (NPS) regional and park staff have reviewed the Draft Early Restoration Plan/Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DERP/PEIS) and provided input into its development. Based on their review of the document, I find that it adequately addresses potential impacts to NPS resources.

In accordance with the Departmental Manual (521 DM 3.2) regarding approval of NEPA documents by an Authorized Official, I am providing National Park Service concurrence on the proposed release of the subject DERP/PEIS.

cc:

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