

Holly Herod

From: Weller, Jeff
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2014 11:26 AM
To: Holly Herod
Cc: Colette Charbonneau; Debora McClain; Brigitte Firmin; Deborah_Fuller; Holly Deal
Subject: Re: Reinitiation Request - Louisiana Marine Fisheries Enhancement, Research, and Science Center

The LA EcolSvcs concurs with your determination regarding the West Indian Manatee.

Have a great day.

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On Tue, May 13, 2014 at 7:31 AM, Holly Herod <holly_herod@fws.gov> wrote:

Hello Jeff,

Previously (Jan 31 2014), we submitted a request for consultation for the Proposed Louisiana Marine Fisheries Enhancement, Research and Science Center. A concurrence from your office was received on February 19, 2014 (labeled 20140219 LA enhance research sci Concur.pdf). In this consultation, we made a no effect determination for West Indian manatee.

However, through public comment, we learned that while extremely rare, manatee have been observed in the Calcasieu Basin. Therefore, on April 7, 2014, we requested reinitiation of the consultation, via email, to address manatee. You and members of your staff subsequently requested additional information to further clarify the project and its potential impacts to manatees, if present. We provided this information via emails dated April 9 and 16. To make your final review of the project a little easier, I have combined all this additional information in the attached document (labeled summary of email exchange for reinitiation.pdf). Information, conclusions, and determinations relevant to other species considered in the original consultation have not changed.

Via this email, and based upon the additional information, I would like to request your concurrence with our determination that the proposed Louisiana Marine Fisheries Enhancement, Research and Science Center may

affect, but is not likely to adversely affect, the West Indian manatee. If you have any additional questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Holly Herod

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