



State of Louisiana

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December 13, 2013

Ms. Cynthia K. Dohner
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
1875 Century Boulevard
Atlanta, Georgia 30345

Dear Ms. Dohner:

Thank you for inviting the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (the "Louisiana Natural Resources Trustees") to serve as cooperating agencies in the development of the Programmatic and Phase III Early Restoration Plan and Early Restoration Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Phase III ERP/PEIS) related to the *Deepwater Horizon* (DWH) oil spill.

The Louisiana Natural Resource Trustees accept this invitation. We also confirm that our role and assistance in this regard began when the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) initiated the effort to develop the Draft Phase III ERP/PEIS on behalf of the natural resource trustees for the DWH oil spill. The Louisiana Natural Resource Trustees have and will continue to participate in the development of the Phase III ERP/PEIS; provide information and prepare analyses as necessary; make staff available to support development of the Phase III ERP/PEIS; and participate in public review processes.

Accordingly, we hereby designate Kelli Braud as the primary point of contact on the development of the Phase III ERP/PEIS. Ms. Braud will coordinate with representatives from each Louisiana Natural Resource Trustee and can be reached at (225) 922-2325 and by email at kelli.braud@losco.state.la.us.

We look forward to continuing work with the Department of the Interior on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Garret Graves", is written over a horizontal line.

Garret Graves
Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority
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Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office
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