



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT
POST OFFICE BOX 4970
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Regulatory Division
North Permits Branch
Mitigation Bank Team
SAJ-2011-00287

Northwest Florida Water Management District
Mr. Lyle Seigler
81 Water Management Drive
Havanna, Florida 32303

Dear Mr. Seigler:

Reference is made to your application, submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), proposing the establishment of the Northwest Florida Water Management District In-Lieu Fee Program Live Oak Point Peninsula Living Shoreline Project (LOPPLSP). The proposed LOPPLSP, encompassing 10.66 acres, is located is located along the Live Oak Point peninsula on the southern shoreline of the Choctawhatchee Bay, within Sections 8 and 9, of Township 2 South, and Range 20 West, Walton County, Florida

As presented in the final amendment document, submitted to this office on August 10, 2020, LOPPLSP has the potential to generate a maximum of 2.61 estuarine emergent federal mitigation credits for saltwater wetland impacts. These credits were determined through the application of the Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method. The Mitigation Service Area includes portions of the Pensacola Bay (HUC 03140105), Choctawhatchee Bay (HUC 03140102), and St. Andrew – St. Joseph Bays (HUC 03140101) basins. Specifically, the MSA includes the following subwatersheds: Burnt Mill Creek-Doyle Bayou Frontal (HUC 031401010602), Eastern Lake-Phillips Inlet Frontal (HUC 031401011004), Intercoastal Waterway-West Bay (HUC 031401011002), Alligator Bayou-Botheration Bay Frontal (HUC 031401011003), Fannin Bayou-Warren Bayou Frontal (HUC 031401010604), Crooked Creek-West Bay (HUC 031401010603), Williams Creek-Oriole Beach Frontal (HUC 031401050203), Santa Rosa Sound Frontal (HUC 031401050204), and Santa Rosa Island (HUC 031401050205) minus the western portion of the island contained within the Gulf Islands National Seashore.

Pursuant to 33 CFR 332.8(d)(8), by letter dated August 10, 2020, the Corps advised the other members of the Interagency Review Team (IRT) that we intended to approve the final amendment for the LOPPLSP. Copies of the final amendment were provided to each IRT member on August 10, 2020. The participating members of the IRT for this

review included the Corps and the Environmental Protection Agency. A revised final amendment was received March 11, 2021. Although, the acreage of proposed wetland re-establishment and enhancement areas has been reduced, the linear footage of breakwater and proposed construction techniques have not changed. The proposed changes are minimal; therefore, the Corps did not request IRT approval of the updated final amendment.

As no member of the IRT has provided an objection to authorization of the LOPPLSP, the Corps hereby approves the final amendment dated February 2021 and the release of 0.52 estuarine emergent federal mitigation credits. A copy of the approved amendment will be available at the Regulatory In-Lieu Fee and Bank Information Tracking System (RIBITS) website, <https://ribits.usace.army.mil>. Once on the RIBITS homepage, select "Jacksonville" from the "ALL DISTRICTS" drop down menu located in the lower left corner of the screen. Once the district filter has been selected, click on the "Banks & ILF Sites" link located in the Navigation box (upper left corner). This will generate a list of projects, scroll down the list and click on the "ILF-NWFWMD-Live Oak Peninsula/Living Shoreline" link. From this page, click on the "Cyber Repository" link located on the menu bar above the General Information box, then click on the ILF Project Instrument folder to access the final amendment document.

Should you have any questions or concerns with regards to this matter you may contact Mrs. Shannon White in writing at the letterhead address, by electronic mail at shannon.c.white@usace.army.mil or by telephone at 904-232-1681.

Sincerely,

Shannon White

for Shawn H. Zinszer
Chief, Regulatory Division