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DATE:

January 26, 2005

TO:

Coastal Commissioners and Interested Parties

FROM:

Peter M. Douglas, Executive Director

Elizabeth A. Fuchs, Manager, Statewide Planning and Federal Consistency Division

Mark Delaplaine, Federal Consistency Supervisor

RE:

Negative Determinations Issued by the Executive Director

[Executive Director decision letters are attached]

PROJECT #:

ND-087-04

APPLICANT:

Department of the Navy

LOCATION:

Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, Orange Co.

PROJECT:

Wharf 311 Pile Replacement

ACTION:

Concur

ACTION DATE:

12/16/2004

PROJECT #:

ND-093-04

APPLICANT:

National Park Service

LOCATION:

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Los

Angeles Co.

PROJECT:

Removal of check dams and Arizona crossings from

Solstice Creek

ACTION:

Concur

ACTION DATE:

1/4/2005

PROJECT #:

ND-001-05

APPLICANT:

U.S. Coast Guard

LOCATION:

Coast Guard Station Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo Co.

PROJECT:

Replace wooden docks with concrete docks

ACTION:

Concur

ACTION DATE:

1/4/2005

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December 16, 2004

David Baillie Environmental Director Department of the Navy Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach 800 Seal Beach Boulevard Seal Beach, CA 90740-5000

Attn: Hiphil Clemente

RE: ND-087-04 Negative Determination, Navy Pile Replacement, Naval Weapons Station,

Seal Beach, Orange Co.

Dear Mr. Baillie:

The Coastal Commission staff has received the above-referenced negative determination for the replacement of 18 wooden piles located at Wharf 311 at the Naval Weapons Station in Seal Beach. The replacement piles would be fiberglass covered concrete filled piles. The existing piles are severely deteriorated and pose a threat to the integrity of the wharf.

The Navy asserts that it owns the submerged tidelands that will be affected. The Navy has conducted eelgrass and "Caulerpa" surveys; neither is present and no eelgrass or other environmentally sensitive habitat will be affected. Construction will not occur during the least tern nesting season. The Navy has agreed to monitor the integrity of the fiberglass coatings to assure they do not result in marine debris. The project will not affect public access and recreation, scenic coastal public views, or any other coastal resources.

In conclusion, we **agree** with your that the activity would not adversely affect any coastal zone resources, and we hereby **concur** with your negative determination for this project made pursuant to Section 15 CFR 930.35 of the NOAA implementing regulations. Please contact Mark Delaplaine at (415) 904-5289 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

PETER M. DOUGLA

Executive Director

cc: Long Beach District Office

Corps of Engineers, L.A. District (Stephanie Hall – 200400151-SJH)

Hiphil Clemente

U.S. Navy, Southwest Division Naval Facilities Engineering Command 1220 Pacific Highway

San Diego, CA 92132-5190

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January 4, 2005

Noel Davis Chambers Group 17671 Cowan Ave., Ste. 100 Irvine, CA 92614

Re: ND-093-04, Negative Determination, National Park Service, Solstice Creek Steelhead Restoration, Santa Monica Mountains, Malibu, Los Angeles Co.

Dear Ms. Davis:

The Coastal Commission staff has reviewed the above-referenced negative determination for the removal of seven artificial barriers (small dams and Arizona crossings) that block steelhead passage in Solstice Creek, on federal land in the Santa Monica Mountains. The project would affect approximately 1 mile of the creek, removing barriers above Pacific Coast Highway and below a natural waterfall, and would restore stream gradients to allow steelhead passage. The project duration would be approximately two weeks. The Park Service is coordinating with the National Marine Fisheries Service/NOAA Fisheries, which supports the project, as well as the State Historic Preservation Officer. Impacts to trail users will be temporary, and any detours will include signs (in English and Spanish) to redirect hikers to alternative trails.

We agree with the Park Service that the project will not adversely affect, and will in fact benefit, coastal zone resources, and we therefore concur with your negative determination made pursuant to Section 15 CFR 930.35 of the NOAA implementing regulations. Please contact Mark Delaplaine at (415) 904-5289 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

PETER M. DOUGLAS

Executive Director

South Central Coast District Office cc: California Department of Water Resources Governor's Washington, D.C., Office Army Corps, Los Angeles District (Regulatory)

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January 4, 2005

Dave Stalters Chief, Environmental Division U.S. Coast Guard 2000 Embarcadero, Suite 200 Oakland, CA 94606-5337

Attn: Roy Clark

Re: ND-001-05 Negative Determination, Coast Guard, Boat Dock Extension

Modifications, Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo County

Dear Mr. Stalters:

The Coast Guard has submitted a negative determination for minor modifications to a previously-concurred-with project in Morro Bay. In ND-089-89 and ND-123-00, the Commission staff concurred with Coast Guard negative determinations for improvements to an existing floating dock at the U.S. Coast Guard Station Morro Bay. The proposed additional modifications would consist of changing the dock material from wood to concrete, and slightly widening one corner of the dock.

Under the federal consistency regulations a negative determination can be submitted for an activity "which is the same or similar to activities for which consistency determinations have been prepared in the past." The Commission staff previously concurred with negative determinations for expansions to the floating dock (ND-089-89 and ND-123-00). Previously agreed-to measures to protect sea otters and brown pelicans, and to avoid eelgrass impacts, would remain in place. We agree with your conclusion that these minor modifications to the dock extension project would not adversely affect coastal zone resources and would be similar to activities with which we previously concurred. We therefore **concur** with your negative determination for the project modifications made pursuant to Section 15 CFR 930.35 of the NOAA implementing regulations. Please contact Mark Delaplaine at (415) 904-5289 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

PETER M. DOUGLA

Executive Director

cc: Central Coast District Office

California Department of Water Resources

Governor's Washington D.C. Office