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Dear Colonel Zetterstrom:

The NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service Habitat Conservation Division (NMFS HCD) has reviewed the April 11, 2017 Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) coordination letter for the Freeport Harbor Channel Improvement Project. We concur that any adverse impacts that might occur to EFH would be minimal. Therefore, no further EFH consultation is required on this project. 1

If we may be of further assistance, please contact Mr. Aaron Chastain of our Galveston Facility at (409) 766-3699.

Sincerely,

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