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RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

Comment No	Response
1	The Final General Reevaluation Feasibility Report/Environmental Assessment has been revised to include the following conservation measures for the West Indian manatee: • Contractors and staff would be advised that manatees may be found in the Freeport Harbor Ship Channel and that boat operators should be cautious to avoid collisions with manatees. • If a manatee is sighted, the Contractor would be instructed to contact the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network at 361-947-4313 or the group's hotline at (800) 962-6625. • Training would be provided on avoiding potential impacts to the manatee for all personnel involved in construction and maintenance of in-water dredging activities. • The training materials would include a poster to assist in identifying the mammal. • The training materials would instruct personnel not to feed or water the animal. • The training materials would include instructions to call the Clear Lake Office of the Texas Coastal Ecological Services Field Office in the event a manatee is sighted in or near the project area.