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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
West Coast Region
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WCRO-2021-01990

Lisa Gilbane
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Re: Endangered Species Act Section 7(a)(2) Concurrence Letter for the Santa Ynez Unit Impressed Current Cathodic Protection Anode Replacement Project

Dear Mrs. Gilbane:

This letter responds to your July 20, 2021, request for concurrence from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for the subject action. Your request qualified for our expedited review and concurrence because it contained all required information on your proposed action and its potential effects to listed species and designated critical habitat.

We reviewed the Navy's consultation request document and related materials. Based on our knowledge, expertise, and your action agency's materials, we concur with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM) conclusions that the proposed action is not likely to adversely affect the NMFS ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat.

This letter underwent pre-dissemination review using standards for utility, integrity, and objectivity in compliance with applicable guidelines issued under the Data Quality Act (section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001, Public Law 106-554). The concurrence letter will be available through NMFS' Environmental Consultation Organizer (https://eco.fisheries.noaa.gov/suite/sites/eco). A complete record of this consultation is on file at the NMFS West Coast Region Long Beach Office.

Reinitiation of consultation is required and shall be requested by BOEM or by NMFS, where discretionary Federal involvement or control over the action has been retained or is authorized by law and (1) the proposed action causes take; (2) new information reveals effects of the action that may affect listed species or critical habitat in a manner or to an extent not previously considered; (3) the identified action is subsequently modified in a manner that causes an effect to the listed species or critical habitat that was not considered in the written concurrence; or (4) a new species is listed or critical habitat designated that may be affected by the identified action (50 CFR 402.16). This concludes the ESA consultation.

Please direct questions regarding this letter to Thomas Coleman Thomas.coleman@noaa.gov (980) 562-3209.

Sincerely,

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