



# United States Department of the Interior

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Virginia Field Office  
6669 Short Lane  
Gloucester, VA 23061



Date:

### **Self-Certification Letter**

Project Name:

Dear Federal Action Agency:

Thank you for using the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) Virginia Ecological Services online project review process. By submitting this letter, in conjunction with your project review package to our office for review, you are certifying that you have completed the online project review process for the project named above in accordance with all instructions provided, using the best available information to reach your determinations. From the date of receipt, our office has 60 days (50 CFR § 402.13(c)(2)) to review your project package. If we do not concur with the Section 7 determination(s) provided or if we have any questions/concerns regarding the information provided, you will be contacted. If you are not contacted during the 60-day review period, this letter and your project review package complete the review of your project in accordance with the Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1536), as amended (ESA). This letter also provides information for your project review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190, 42 USC 4321-4347, 83 Stat. 852), as amended. A copy of this letter and the project review package must be submitted to this office by the Federal action agency or their officially designated non-federal representative (per 50 CFR 402.08) for this self-certification letter to be valid. This letter and the project review package will be maintained in our records.

The ESA Section 7 Determination Table in the enclosed project review package summarizes your ESA analyses and determinations. These analyses resulted in a “no effect” and/or a “may affect, not likely to adversely affect” determination for proposed/listed species and/or proposed/designated critical habitat.

The use of the online project review process in strict accordance with the instructions provided as documented in the enclosed project review package resulted in reaching the appropriate determinations. Therefore, we concur with the not likely to adversely affect determination(s) for proposed/listed species and proposed/designated critical habitat provided in the ESA Section 7 Determination Table.

Should project plans change, surveys expire, or information on the distribution or status of proposed/listed species and/or proposed/designated critical habitat become available/change, this letter is no longer valid and you must submit an updated project package.

Note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing Section 7 of the ESA, the accuracy of official species lists should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information.

Information about the online project review process including instructions and use, species information, and other information regarding project reviews within Virginia is available on our website (<https://www.fws.gov/office/virginia-ecological-services/virginia-field-office-online-review-process>). If you have any questions, please contact Troy Andersen of this office at (804) 728-0695.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Troy M. Andersen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Troy Andersen  
Acting Field Supervisor  
Virginia Ecological Services

Enclosures - project review package