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From: Patrick Williams [Patrick.Williams@noaa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2009 10:17 AM
To: Nord, Beth P MVN
Subject: Re: IER 16 Essential Fish Habitat Coordination

Re: IER 16 - it is safe to assume that EFH has not been designated for any of the alignments under consideration even those south of HWY 90. You need not submit anything. We soon will be reviewing the IER and plan to coordinate with EPA and FWS at the mtg Monday regarding the positions they are considering. But again, no EFH.

thanks for catching and coordinating,
Pat

Nord, Beth P MVN wrote:

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> Patrick-
> I am going through Bonnie Obiol's records regarding IER 16 Western
> Tie-In and I find where she sent a request for a list of protected
> species and EFH to the St. Pete office instead of forwarding the EFH
> letter directly to the Baton Rouge Habitat Office. I have attached
> the correspondence to the other office, their response and the email
> you forwarded from Miles Croom discussing the Not likely to adversely
> affect verses no-effect determinations and work load issues.
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> Based on the list of species from St. Pete I have no problem coming to
> a no-effect determination for the T and E piece, but since it looks
> like the EFH letter never made it directly to the Habitat Office, I
> wanted to get some feedback from you on if you wanted me to submit
> something now.
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> Let me know how you want to handle this and thanks for your input in
> advance.
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> Beth <<ESACoordination.pdf>>
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