Ms. Elizabeth Wiggins  
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Dear Ms. Wiggins:

This correspondence responds to the Department of the Army’s letter dated October 26, 2007, regarding the proposed Levee and Floodwall Replacement Projects, IERs 15, 16, and 17 in St. Charles and Jefferson Parishes, Louisiana.

As requested, enclosed is a list of federally-protected species under the jurisdiction of the National Marine Fisheries Service for the state of Louisiana.

We look forward to continued cooperation with the Army in conserving our endangered and threatened resources. If you have any questions regarding the ESA consultation process, please contact Mr. Robert Hoffman, fishery biologist, at (727) 824-5312, or by e-mail at Robert.Hoffman@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Protected Resources Division

Enclosure

File: 1514-22.F.1.LA
Endangered and Threatened Species and Critical Habitats
under the Jurisdiction of the NOAA Fisheries Service

Louisiana

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**Designated Critical Habitat**
Gulf Sturgeon: A final rule designating Gulf sturgeon critical habitat was published on March 19, 2003 (68 FR 13370) and 14 geographic areas (units) among the Gulf of Mexico rivers and tributaries were identified. Maps and details regarding the final rule can be found at alabama.fws.gov/igs

**Species Proposed for Listing**
None

**Proposed Critical Habitat**
None

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1 Green turtles are listed as threatened, except for breeding populations of green turtles in Florida and on the Pacific Coast of Mexico, which are listed as endangered.
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2 The Candidate Species List has been renamed the Species of Concern List. The term "candidate species" is limited to species that are the subject of a petition to list and for which NOAA Fisheries Service has determined that listing may be warranted (69 FR 19075).

3 Species of Concern are not protected under the Endangered Species Act, but concerns about their status indicate that they may warrant listing in the future. Federal agencies and the public are encouraged to consider these species during project planning so that future listings may be avoided.