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Subject: Fire Island to Montauk Point (FIMP) Nonstructural Pilot ESA and FWCA Request for Concurrence

Dear Mr. Papa:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), New York District (District) is writing to request concurrence on the approach for supplemental Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA) and Section 7 coordination for the above referenced project.

A Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) is being prepared as a supplement to the 2020 Final EIS to evaluate the significance of potential environmental impacts of the nonstructural pilot program. The pilot program is intended to fine tune the home elevation process for future FIMP nonstructural contracts. The proposed action includes the elevation of up to 70 homes within the communities of Mastic Beach and Frederick Shores. As part of the SEA, the previously completed ESA and FWCA coordination were reviewed.

The larger FIMP Project received a FWCAR in July 2019 (available online). The report included a description of fish and wildlife resources along the mainland of Long Island where nonstructural contracts, including the pilot areas, would occur. The District determined that the previous FWCAR was sufficient for the nonstructural pilot and that no additional coordination is needed.

The Biological Assessment and Biological Opinion for the larger FIMP Project were completed on March 29, 2019. The species list has since changed and additional assessment for the nonstructural work was needed. The District has assessed the proposed action and determined that there would be no effect to piping plover, roseate tern, monarch butterfly, or sandplain gerardia, and that the action may affect but is not likely to adversely affect the northern long-eared bat, tricolored bat, and red knot (see Enclosure 1 for detailed assessment).

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sophie Killy at 917-790-8726 or via email at Sophie.R.Killy@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Supplemental Section 7 Assessment