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Dear Ms. Greene,

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District (District) received your comment letter dated October 1, 2020, regarding Essential Fish Habitat Conservation Recommendations (EFH CR) for the Hudson River Habitat Restoration Feasibility Study – Moodna Creek. The District has reviewed the CRs and is providing responses to the CR below.

NOAA –Fisheries HCD Conservation Recommendations:

1. Avoid sediment generating activities such as excavation and placement of shoreline stabilization materials between March 1 and June 30 to minimize adverse effects to anadromous fish migration.

The District agrees with the CR. The District will avoid sediment generating activities such as excavation and placement of shoreline stabilization materials between March 1 and June 30.

Thank you for your continued coordination with this project. Should you have any questions please contact the project biologist, Matthew Voisine, by phone (917) 790-8718, or by email at matthew.voisine@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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