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From: Commanding Officer, Naval Base San Diego
To: Mr. Dan Lawson

Subj: RE-INITIATION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SECTION 7 INFORMAL CONSULTATION IN SUPPORT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE FLOATING DRY DOCK PROJECT AT NAVAL BASE SAN DIEGO

Encl: (1) Assessment of Project Design Changes Relative to the Green Sea Turtle Assessment for Floating Dry Dock Project at Naval Base San Diego
(2) Endangered Species Act Section 7(a)(2) Concurrence Letter for the Floating Dry Dock project at Naval Base San Diego of March 2020

1. The Department of the Navy is preparing a Supplemental Environmental Assessment to evaluate the design changes relative to the potential environmental effects of the emplacement and operation of floating dry dock facilities on Naval Base San Diego (NBSD), including all required dredging and sediment disposal, as well as all required demolition and construction activities necessary to provide the required dry dock space for maintenance of the Pacific Fleet at NBSD. A Request for Concurrence was submitted on 11 February 2020, and the National Marine Fisheries Service issued a letter of concurrence on 25 March 2020.

2. Project design changes have necessitated a re-evaluation of the potential impacts to green sea turtles and marine mammals. This letter serves as our request to re-initiate informal consultation in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act for our proposed action at NBSD. Enclosure (1) provides the assessment of the design changes relative to the initial request for concurrence. Enclosure (2) is the 2020 letter of concurrence for your review. We request written acknowledgement of our consultation request, including a point of contact from your office to facilitate and expedite the consultation process.

3. We appreciate your support of our continued effort to support our fleet while minimizing impacts to endangered species at NBSD. The point of contact in this matter is Mr. Todd McConchie, Project Biologist who may be reached at (619) 705-5549, or via email at todd.c.mcconchie.civ@us.navy.mil.

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