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August 8, 2006

Colonel Paul L. Grosskruger  
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 (Attn: Eric Gasch)

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Dear Colonel Grosskruger:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the modified plans submitted for the renourishment of additional areas in Pinellas County. The project has the potential to affect two species of sea turtles, the loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) and the green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*).

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This letter is a modification of the biological opinion written on February 28, 2005 and the letter written in April 18, 2006. The beach renourishment project will include R-Monument 126 to R-Monument 128B, R-Monument 136 to R-Monument 141, R-Monument 144 to R-Monument 148 and R-Monument 160 to R-Monument 165. Information for these additional areas is similar to the description of the project as described in the Environmental Assessment written in May 16, 2002. A complete administrative record of this consultation is on file at the Service's Jacksonville Field office.

The Service has described the action areas to include an additional 1000 feet of Pinellas County Beach.

The 'Reasonable and Prudent Measures' and the 'Terms and Conditions' listed in the Biological Opinion dated February 28, 2005, and the letter written on April 18, 2006, are applicable and apply to the additional nourishment areas. This letter is provided in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

This concludes consultation with the Service for the Pinellas County Beach Renourishment Project. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Marie Lauritsen at (904) 232-2580 ext. 111.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David L. Hankla". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and 'H'.

David L. Hankla  
Field Supervisor

CC: Robbin Trindell- FWC