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Dear Mr. Conner:

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries offers the following comments on the Draft Regional Restoration Plan for Region 2 (Region 2 RRP).

The list of biological resources and habitat types, associated with Region 2, was described. This list should remain open to additions or refinement of description to account for natural or man-made changes in the region, or improvements in our understandings of the system.

The determination of the unit costs of restoration types may be based on too broad a time scale to prove accurate. These should be continually re-evaluated to reflect the costs associated with the first real projects implemented.

A list of additional specific comments is attached to this letter. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the program.

Sincerely,

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
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Region 2 RRP
Additional Specific Comments from LDWF

In Appendix A, Table A-10, please change the common name of *Callinectes sapidus* to "greater" blue crab. Also, add to the list: *Callinectes similus* = lesser blue crab, *Menippe adina* = stone crab, and *Panopeus spp.* = mud crab. Also, please change *Mercenaria spp.* = clam to *Mercenaria campechiensis* = southern quahog clam.

In Appendix C, Table C-9, please add to list for Sponsor Organizations (*), LDWF = Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

In Appendix E, Figure E-8, can you change the lines (trees per acre and productivity) to be distinguishable in the black and white copy?

In Appendix F, second paragraph on page F-1, third line in paragraph, please delete "a" before "healthy". On page F-2, in the first paragraph under **Created Reefs in Louisiana: two- versus three-dimensional**, please change "more than" to "approximately" before "two million acres". And in the same paragraph, please add "or oyster shell" between "limestone" and "suitable". On the next line, please replace "growing and retrieving" with "recruiting and retaining". In the same sentence, please replace ""seed"" with "spat". Also in the same sentence, please replace "a" before "source" with "an eventual", and "spat" with "seed".

Also in Appendix F, References, on page F-9, please add "Banks, P, 2003. LDWF. Personnel communication. April, 2003."