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Re: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Designation of Representatives to the
Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Executive Committee and Trustee Council

Dear Designated Natural Resource Trustee Officials:

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), as a Designated Natural Resource Trustee for the State of Texas, and in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among State and Federal Natural Resource Trustees for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration executed by TPWD on December 5, 2010, designates the following persons to represent TPWD on the Executive Committee and Trustee Council.

TPWD respectively designates the following person as its primary representative on the Executive Committee for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Natural Resource Damage Assessment:

Mr. Carter Smith
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TPWD respectively designates the following person as its primary representative on the Trustee Council for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Natural Resource Damage Assessment:

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TPWD respectively designates the following person as its alternate representative on the Trustee Council for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Natural Resource Damage Assessment:

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TPWD respectively designates the following person as its legal representative on the Trustee Council for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Natural Resource Damage Assessment:

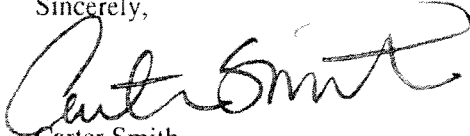
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TPWD is committed to working cooperatively with its Co-Trustees throughout the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration process for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. We look forward to the rapid and successful restoration of the Gulf of Mexico's valuable natural resources.

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If you have any questions regarding these designations or the role of the TPWD in the Natural Resource Damage Assessment for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, please contact Mr. Don Pitts at (512) 389-8754. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Carter Smith
Executive Director

CS:DP:dh

cc: *(via electronic media)*

Mr. Mark Vickery, Executive Director, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Mr. Larry Laine, Deputy Land Commissioner and Chief Clerk, General Land Office

Mrs. Cynthia K. Dohner, Southeast Regional Director, USFWS

Mr. David G. Westerholm, Director Office of Response and Restoration, NOAA

Dr. Berry H. Tew, State Geologist, Geological Survey of Alabama

Mr. M. Barnett Lawley, Commissioner, Alabama Department of Conservation

Mrs. Mimi Drew, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Mr. Garret Graves, Chair, Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority

Mr. Roland Guidry, Oil Spill Coordinator, Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office

Mrs. Peggy Hatch, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

Mr. Robert Barham, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Mr. Bob Harper, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources

Mrs. Trudy D. Fisher, Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality