



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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SECRETARY

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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ATTN: Mr. Mike Bryant
Refuge Manager

SUBJECT: **Request to Modify Existing Special Use Permit for Project B-5014B and Move Restoration Commitment to Project B-2500**, the Replacement of Bridge 11 over Oregon Inlet on NC 12 in Dare County, North Carolina; TIP Project B-2500; Federal Aid Project No. BRS-2358(15); WBS Element: 32635.1.4

REFERENCE: US Army Corps of Engineers GP 31 # 2011-00492
NC Division of Water Quality Certification No. 20100256
CAMA Major Permit # 128-04
USFWS Special Use Permit # 2011-003

Dear Sir,

Per our meeting with you and Dennis Stewart on October 6, 2011, it was discussed that the existing USFWS Special Use Permit, issued to the NCDOT for project B-5014B (the stabilization maintenance activity for the existing Bonner Bridge), may conflict with future intended use by the Department. The current permit, referenced above, indicates that the Department may use the existing emergency ferry access road located near the southeast end of the Bonner Bridge. However, once project B-5014B is complete, the Department must restore the emergency ferry access road to natural elevation.

The contractor for B-2500 would like to use this access in a similar function as it is used for the current maintenance project. Rather than remove this road, and then build it again, the Department requests that the commitment to return the area to natural elevation be removed from the permit(s) referenced above, and added to the future B-2500 project.

Since no such permit has been requested for B-2500 at this time for this commitment to be attached to, the Department will add this commitment to the Project Commitment List to ensure an early obligation that the contractor and Department will adhere to this requirement.

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If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Michael Turchy at maturchy@ncdot.gov or (919) 707-6157. A copy of this modification request will also be posted at <http://www.doh.dot.state.nc.us/preconstruct/pe/>.

Sincerely,



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