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Responses to comments:

These special provisions are intended to reflect the existing NMFS Sea Turtle and Smalltooth Sawfish Construction Conditions.

1. Those conditions do not have a requirement for "qualified independent field observers". The conditions state "All construction personnel are responsible for observing water-related activities for the presence of these species".
2. Those conditions do not have a requirement for "stand off buffers". Should additional protection beyond the standard conditions be required by NMFS, the FDOT special provision may be modified for the project (with proper approval from the Specifications Office) to include the additional requirements the Contractor has to follow.

Thank you.

Katasha

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Respectfully,

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Rebecca,

Below are FHWA review comments on the proposed specification. Please coordinate with Mr. Joe Sullivan, if you need further clarifications on the comments.

Please revise the specification as appropriate and resubmit to our office for approval.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
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LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC – COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND OTHER WILDLIFE REGULATIONS.
(REV 5-25-17)

SUBARTICLE 7-1.4 is expanded by the following new Subarticle:

7-1.4.1 Additional Requirements for Sea Turtles *(Caretta caretta, Chelonia mydas, Dermochelys coriacea, Lepidochelys kempi, Eretmochelys imbricate)*:

The Department has determined that the project occurs within the known habitat of sea turtles.

The Department will provide instruction at a pre-construction meeting regarding:

1. The presence of species and limits of critical habitat.
2. The appearance, habits and biology of the species.
3. Their protected status.
4. The need to avoid collisions with these species.
5. The need to avoid any actions that would jeopardize the existence of these species.
6. The civil and criminal penalties for harming, harassing, or killing these species.

Advise all work crews of this information.

Provide sediment and turbidity barriers constructed of material in which a sea turtle cannot become entangled. Secure and monitor the sediment and turbidity barriers to avoid protected species entrapment. Sediment and turbidity barriers may not block sea turtle entry to or exit from designated critical habitat without prior approval of the Engineer and concurrence from the National Marine Fisheries Service's Protected Resources Division, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Operate all vessels at "Idle Speed/No Wake" at all times while in the construction area and while in water where the draft of the vessel provides less than a four-foot clearance from the bottom. Follow marked channels or routes of deep water whenever possible.

All on-site project personnel are responsible for observing water-related activities for the presence of sea turtles. When sea turtles are observed, follow the sea turtle species guidelines posted in the URL address in 7-1.4. [Independent observers to avoid potential conflicts of interests. "Stand off" measures between vessels to avoid crushing between vessels.]

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Please review the attached draft specification and return your approval/comments as soon as possible, we would like to implement this with the January 2018 Workbook and eBook.

Thank You,

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