From:	Cornwell, Katasha
To:	Frimmel, Rebecca
Cc:	Hurtado, Dan
Subject:	RE: Approval for Proposed Spec SP0070104-8
Date:	Wednesday, June 14, 2017 9:00:19 AM
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Rebecca,

My comments are below. Please do not send these back until after our meeting this afternoon.

1. Department is defined in the Specifications.
2. These special provisions were reviewed with USFWS and NMFS. Should a particular project require a spotter other than as defined here, this special provision could be modified.

Thank you.

Katasha

From: Darji, Rafiq (FHWA) [mailto:rafiq.darji@dot.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 9:57 AM
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Subject: FW: Approval for Proposed Spec SP0070104-8

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,
Rafiq

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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 Requirements for Atlantic Sturgeon, Gulf subspecies (*Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi*): The Department has determined that the project occurs within the habitat of gulf sturgeon.

The Department {This may be too broad and need to be more specific as to who is responsible.} will provide instruction at a Pre-Construction meeting regarding:

1. The presence of the species.
2. The appearance, habits, biology, migratory patterns and preservation 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.
7. The times of year when the spotter will be required.

Provide a spotter at appropriate times of the year during in-water construction activities to maintain constant surveillance for the species; assure adherence to the requirements posted in the URL address in Spec 7-1.4; and assure that uninhibited passage for these fish is provided. {These fish are hard to view so an independent observer may be required by FWS}

Post signs on site warning of the presence of sturgeon and their federal protection.

Use floating turbidity barriers of appropriate dimension to restrict sturgeon access to or entrapment in the work area. Properly secure, regularly monitor and maintain all deployed sediment and turbidity barriers to prevent entanglement and entrapment. Immediately free sturgeon trapped in sediment or turbidity barriers.

Do not dredge the river bottom for barge access.

Lower all equipment or material to the mudline in a controlled descent. Do not allow freefall of any equipment or material below the water surface.

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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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