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Ms. Rose A. Ortiz, Planning Analyst
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P.O. Box 41119
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*Re: Coastal Zone Management Act Consistency Determination
Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve 2017-2022 Management Plan*

Dear Ms. Ortiz:

Pursuant to section 307(c)(1) of the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1457(c)(1), and 15 C.F.R. part 930, subpart C, the NOAA Office for Coastal Management (OCM) Stewardship Division is submitting this Consistency Determination to the Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Management Program (PRCZMP) for the Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (JBNERR or Reserve) revised management plan. The information in this Consistency Determination is provided pursuant to 15 C.F.R. § 930.39 and is being submitted in compliance with 15 C.F.R. § 921.13.

The Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (JBNERR or Reserve) revised management plan was developed by the reserve staff and has been presented to NOAA for approval. The JBNERR revised management plan contains goals, objectives and actions taken in support of meeting the Reserve's mission. The Reserve conducts land conservation and stewardship, research, monitoring, education and training. The Reserve manages construction and use of infrastructure in the form of, but not limited to, buildings, boardwalks and trails, piers and exhibits. Land management activities include restoration of wetlands, shorelines and submerged lands. The Reserve may reach out to willing landowners to acquire additional lands to support its research, education, preservation and conservation goals. The plan is available as a pdf document at the following link (<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B4I0A3OZ9FkeMDRUQIQya0hOSkk>).

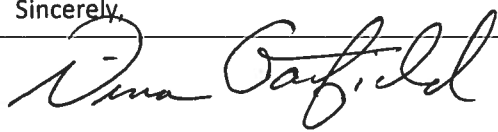
The Office for Coastal Management has reviewed the enforceable policies identified in the Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Management Program Document (as revised and amended). The conservation, research, education, and management activities associated with the Reserve are permissible uses under the PRCZMP. Reserve management and staff collaborate closely with the PRCMZP so that activities and actions taken in support of the JBNERR management plan are consistent with the PRCZMP.

Pursuant to 15 C.F.R. § 930.41, the PRCZMP has 60 days from the receipt of this statement in which to concur with or object to the Consistency Determination, or to extend its review under 15 C.F.R. § 930.41 (b). The Commonwealth's concurrence will be presumed if NOAA does not receive a response on the 60th day from receipt of the determination. The Commonwealth's response should be sent to:

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Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at (240) 485-8727 or at nina.garfield@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,



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cc: Ernesto Diaz, PRCZMP