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Ms. Amanda Wilkerson
Executive Director
Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge, Inc.
105 Santa Rosa Blvd.
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Dear Ms. Wilkerson:

Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge, Inc. (ECWR) is presently authorized under a Stranding Agreement (SA) with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Southeast Regional Office (SERO) for dead stranded marine mammal response (Article III) and live stranded marine mammal first response (Article IV). ECWR's current SA is set to expire on **June 30, 2012**; however, due to staffing limitations in the NMFS SERO through the summer of 2012, I am extending the term of your existing SA for up to one year, **through June 30, 2013**. If we are going to require you to renew your SA before this deadline, we will give you 90 days advance notice (per SA Article VIII.B.2). The terms and conditions of this extension remain the same as those in your most recent SA.

Thank you for your interest and participation in the Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program. Your many contributions have been invaluable to the success of the Stranding Network.

Sincerely,

for Roy E. Crabtree, Ph.D.
Regional Administrator

cc: F/SEC3 – B. Mase-Guthrie
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