

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

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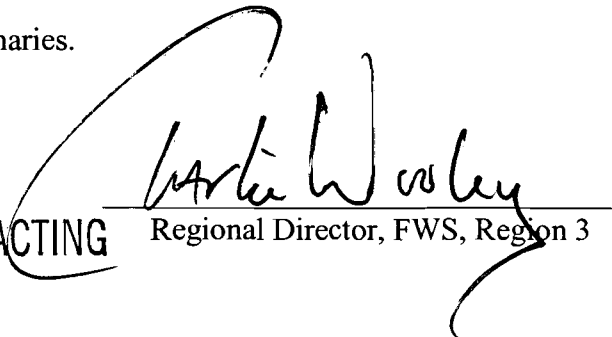
For the reasons briefly presented below and based on an evaluation of the information contained in the supporting references enumerated below, I have determined that constructing transient boat and boater facilities which will include the purchase and installation of transient boat docks with associated utilities, renovating the existing marina basin to improve environmental quality of the basin, provide modern marina facility for up to 360 seasonal and transient boat slips, fishing access and other improvements outlined in EA. Renovation work consists of six major tasks: construct new marina entrance, excavate existing marina basin, re-construct the marina basin, construct boating facilities and infrastructure, mitigation action, and the North Bass Island Fox's Marsh enhancement is not a major Federal action which would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. An Environmental Impact Statement will accordingly, not be prepared.

Reasons:

1. Project development will have no impact on cultural resources or historic properties (EA, Appendix I)
2. All public comments and concerns generated during the EA's public review period are adequately addressed. (EA Chapter 7).
3. All federally listed endangered, threatened, and candidate species listed for Middle Bass Island have been adequately covered in Section 7 and biological opinion. (Attached)
4. The project complies with the Federal Executive Order on Floodplain Management (E.O. 11988) because there is no practicable alternative to construction in the floodplain and the project would not encourage floodplain development (EA, page 56)
5. All facilities will be ADA accessible.

Supporting References:

1. Federal Aid Programmatic EIS, dated 04/17/1995
2. Environmental Assessment
3. Grant Proposal Program Narrative and Summaries.


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