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Mr. Paul Doremus, Ph.D.
Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
1315 East-West Highway
Silver Springs, Maryland 20910

Dear Mr. Doremus;

Thank you for your letter of March 16, 2021, where you have requested U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) concurrence for the designation of an Unusual Mortality Events (UME) for the Florida manatee (*Trichechus manatus latirostris*). The Service concurs with this determination. We have designated Ms. Teresa Calleson as the onsite coordinator for the Service. Ms. Calleson can be contacted at (904) 731-3286 or teresa_calleson@fws.gov.

Thank you for your partnership and support for manatee conservation in Florida. Please contact Mr. Leopoldo Miranda-Castro, Regional Director, South Atlantic-Gulf/Mississippi Basin Regions, at 404-679-4000, to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Martha Williams
Principal Deputy Director
Exercising the Delegated Authority of the Director
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service