REDELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FROM
THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR, SOUTHWEST REGION
DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

TYPE OF ACTION: Add X Change _______ Abolish _______

AUTHORITY DELEGATED TO: Assistant Regional Administrator for Habitat Conservation, Southwest Region

TYPE OF DELEGATION: Administrative

SOURCE OF AUTHORITY: Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

AUTHORITY TO DO WHAT: Conduct consultations with, and make recommendations to, federal and state agencies (excluding the National Marine Fisheries Service) regarding activities affecting essential fish habitat (EFH), in accordance with section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, 16 U.S.C. 1855(b), except in those instances where the Director, Office of Habitat Conservation, in consultation with the Southwest Region, determines that the activities have national significance. The Assistant Regional Administrator for Habitat Conservation may, after clearance by NOAA General Counsel and approval by the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, redelegate this authority to area or field office supervisors, but cannot redelegate authority for
programmatic consultations or general concurrences.

EFFECT ON OTHER DELEGATIONS: None

RESERVED AUTHORITY: The Regional Administrator will retain signature authority for all EFH consultations for which the National Marine Fisheries Service is the action agency; joint consultations conducted pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq., and Section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act; and consultations deemed to be controversial.

CLEARANCE BY:

\[/Signed/\] 4/18/07

NOAA General Counsel  Date

APPROVING OFFICIAL: \[/Signed/\] 4/18/07

Assistant Administrator for  Date
Fisheries