

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:

<i>/Signed/</i>	4/18/07
NOAA General Counsel	Date

APPROVING OFFICIAL:

<i>/Signed/</i>	4/18/07
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries	Date