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Mr. J. Scott Brown  
Alabama Department of Environmental Management  
4171 Commanders Drive  
Mobile, AL 36615

RE: Local Program Re-Delegation for the City of Gulf Shores

Dear Mr. Brown:

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources-State Lands Division-Coastal Section (SLD-Coastal Section) is aware that the City of Gulf Shores is currently seeking re-delegation of its local beach and dune permitting program, as provided for by the ADEM Division 8 Coastal Program Rules.

The SLD-Coastal Section fully supports the re-delegation of the City's local beach and dune permitting program. Based on information provide by your staff, the current City administration and staff has diligently worked with the ADEM staff to insure that the City program is properly implemented. Additionally, the City is working to insure that it has the staff and resources to take the additional duties incurred by the expansion of its permitting authority on the Fort Morgan Peninsula. Given these efforts, the SLD-Coastal Section has full faith in the City's abilities to implement its local permitting program.

As stated above, the SLD-Coastal Section fully supports the City's delegated local permitting program. Additionally, the SLD-Coastal Section staff is prepared to offer technical assistance to the City or ADEM to assistance in implementing local program delegation. If such assistance is needed, please do not hesitate to contact Carl Ferraro with the SLD-Coastal Section at 251-929-0900.

Sincerely,

Phillip Hinesley, Chief  
Coastal Section

cc: Mayor Billy Duke, City of Gulf Shores

