

APPENDIX A:

Section 7 Coordination



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May 2, 2012

Mr. Bruce M. Grey
Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration
707 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: Environmental Review for MD 4: from I-95/I-495 to MD 223, Improvements Including Interchange at Westphalia Road, Suitland Parkway and Dower House Road, Prince George's County, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Grey:

The Wildlife and Heritage Service has determined that there are no State or Federal records for rare, threatened or endangered species within the boundaries of the project site as delineated. As a result, we have no specific comments or requirements pertaining to protection measures at this time. This statement should not be interpreted however as meaning that rare, threatened or endangered species are not in fact present. If appropriate habitat is available, certain species could be present without documentation because adequate surveys have not been conducted or results not reported to us.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to review this project. If you should have any further questions regarding this information, please contact me at (410) 260-8573.

Sincerely,

Lori A. Byrne
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MD Dept. of Natural Resources

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Cc: T. Redman, DNR



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Online Certification Letter

Today's date:

Project:

Dear Applicant for online certification:

Thank you for choosing to use the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Chesapeake Bay Field Office online list request certification resource. This letter confirms that you have reviewed the conditions in which this online service can be used. On our website (www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay) are the USGS topographic map areas where **no** federally proposed or listed endangered or threatened species are known to occur in Maryland, Washington D.C. and Delaware.

You have indicated that your project is located on the following USGS topographic map

Based on this information and in accordance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we certify that except for occasional transient individuals, no federally proposed or listed endangered or threatened species are known to exist within the project area. Therefore, no Biological Assessment or further section 7 consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is required. Should project plans change, or if additional information on the distribution of listed or proposed species becomes available, this determination may be reconsidered.

This response relates only to federally protected threatened or endangered species under our jurisdiction. For additional information on threatened or endangered species in Maryland, you should contact the Maryland Wildlife and Heritage Division at (410) 260-8540. For information in Delaware you should contact the Delaware Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, at (302) 653-2880. For information in the District of Columbia, you should contact the National Park Service at (202) 535-1739.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also works with other Federal agencies and states to minimize loss of wetlands, reduce impacts to fish and migratory birds, including bald eagles, and restore habitat for wildlife. Information on these conservation issues and how development projects can avoid affecting these resources can be found on our website (www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay).

We appreciate the opportunity to provide information relative to fish and wildlife issues, and thank you for your interest in these resources. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact Chesapeake Bay Field Office Threatened and Endangered Species

program at (410) 573-4531.

Sincerely,

Genevieve LaRouche
Field Supervisor



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Coordination Sheet for Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Review Unit information on fisheries resources, including anadromous fish, related to project locations and study areas

DATE OF REQUEST April 2, 2012: NAME OF REQUESTOR: Chrissy Brandt

PROJECT NAME AND LOCATION: MD 4: from I-95/I-495 to MD 223

The Maryland State Highway Administration is proposing improvements to MD 4 from east of the I-95/I-495 Interchange to west of MD 223 in Prince George's County, including interchange construction at Westphalia Road, Suitland Parkway, and Dower House Road. SHA initially coordinated with your agency during preparation of an Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact, approved in 1998 and 2000, respectively. Due to the length of time that has elapsed since the previous coordination, we are reinitiating this request. A map of the project locations has been included for your reference.

NAME OF STREAM(S) (and MDE Use Classification) WITHIN THE STUDY AREA:
Unnamed Tributary to Cabin Branch, Use I

SUB-BASIN (6 digit watershed): 02-13-11

DNR RESPONSE:

 X Generally, no instream work is permitted in Use I streams during the period of March 1 through June 15, inclusive, during any year.

ADDITIONAL FISHERIES RESOURCES NOTES

Fish species identified by Maryland Biological Stream Survey (MBSS) in nearby locations include American eel, blacknose dace, creek chub, pumpkinseed, redbreast sunfish, swallowtail shiner, tessellated darter, and white sucker.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON BMPS:

Existing riparian vegetation in the area of the stream channel should be preserved as much as possible to maintain aquatic habitat and provide shading to the stream. Areas designated for the access of equipment and for the removal or disposal of material should avoid impacts to the stream and associated riparian vegetation. Any temporarily disturbed areas should be restored and re-vegetated. The use of concrete or grouting required to conduct repairs should be managed to assure curing processes do not impact the stream or modify stream PH.

Any expected potential fish species should be adequately protected by the Use I instream work prohibition time of year restriction referenced above, through sediment and erosion control measures, and other Best Management Practices.

MD DNR, Environmental Review Unit signature



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