memorandum

DATE:

January 17, 1995

REPLY TO ATTN OF: Chief, Division of Endangered Species, FWS, Atlanta, Georgia (AES/TE)

SUBJECT:

FY 1995 Sea Turtle Funding for St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge

TO:

Refuge Manager, St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge, Apalachicola, Florida

Funding assistance is being provided as follows for the St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge sea turtle program:

Wildlife Biologist salary and symposium travel*..... \$2,400

*Should the refuge's wildlife biologist not be approved for attendance at the annual Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation, the funds slated for symposium travel should be used to cover additional salary and/or predator control expenses.

As you know, Congress appropriated these funds for specific purposes, and Ecological Services is held accountable for ensuring that specific goals are met. We appreciate you offering your staff to assist in the accomplishment of these goals; however, we must be assured that the funding provided is spent as directed. Therefore, we request that you notify this office when changes to these allocations are proposed.

Also, please submit a report to this office by December 31, 1995, providing a summary of sea turtle activities. Specifically, we would like the report to include the following information as appropriate:

- description of the survey area

- description of the survey method (start and completion dates, frequency of monitoring [e.g., daily], method of monitoring [e.g., ATV, on foot])

- data collected

- nest screening and/or relocation activities

- predator control activities

- breakdown by species of nests laid and false crawls

- information on any other sampling being conducted for sea turtles

As always, thank you for all your efforts for sea turtle conservation. Please call Sandy MacPherson at 904/232-2580 if you have any questions.

David P. Fileming



