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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 27, 2019 9:41 AM  
**To:** Wahlstrom-Ramler, Meghan  
**Subject:** Kampachi Fish Farm

Hello Meghan:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s draft Biological Evaluation (BE) and letter dated August 5 and 13, 2019, respectively; concerning the proposed Kampachi Farms, LLC (Applicant) marine aquaculture facility (Project) located approximately 45 miles southwest of Sarasota, Florida. The proposed Project will consist of a single CopperNet PolarCirkel-style fully enclosed submersible fish pen which will be moored at an approximate depth of 130 feet (ft) over an area containing unconsolidated sediments 3-10 ft deep. The Applicant proposes to operate the pilot-scale marine aquaculture facility with up to 20,000 almaco jacks (*Seriola rivoliana*) in Federal waters for a period of approximately 12 months (total deployment time of the cage system is 18 months).

This email is to notify you that the Service received your no effect determination as outlined in the BE species (piping plover [*Charadrius melodus*], red knot [*Calidris canutus rufa*], and piping plover critical habitat) under our jurisdiction, and that the Service does not object to issuance of the permit for the proposed Project.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comments. The Service does not have any additional comments at this time.

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