BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C.

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In re:)	
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Snapperfarm, Inc.)	NPDES Appeal No. 09-19
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NPDES Permit No. PR0026361)	
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MOTION FOR STAY OF PERMIT APPEAL PENDING SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

Region 2 of the Environmental Protection Agency ("Region"), Respondent, with the consent of the Petitioner, Vincenty, Heres & Asociados, consultants for the permittee, requests that the Board extend the date for the Region to file a response in this case from April 30, 2010 to May 11, 2010.

The parties have reached a settlement in principle and request the instant stay in order to finalize the documents which we believe will resolve the issues raised by Petitioner in the above-captioned matter.

The parties are currently under an Order of the EAB which requires the Region to file no later than April 30, 2010 the relevant portions of the administrative record and a response to Petitioner's contentions.

The Respondent's request for a stay would defer until June 11, 2010 the Region's filing of its response, referenced in the paragraph above, in order to avoid unnecessary work and allow the Region to focus its attention on settlement negotiations with Petitioner. The parties believe that a stay will allow them to explore settlement consistent with the provisions and objectives of

the Act and applicable regulations, and at the same time preserve the rights of the parties pursuant to the pending appeal proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 29, 2010

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hearby certify that this Motion for Extension of Time and proposed order were served on April 29, 2010 as follows:

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Upon consideration of the MNPDES Appeal is stayed until June	APPEAL PENDING SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS Motion, it is hereby ORDERED that the above referenced 11, 2010, at which time Respondent shall submit its response relevant portions of the administrative record, and certified
Date:	ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD
	By: