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Dear Dr. Kim,

Please excuse my tardiness in responding to the SRT final report. I thought I had done this months ago but it must've been a dream. We appreciate the time and effort afforded Louisiana Sea Grant by you and our site review team. All of our staff members, guests, and senior leadership thoroughly enjoyed the visit and conversation.

Regarding the report we have the following comments:

Recommendations: We enthusiastically embrace and have actually already implemented both recommendations. We had a very productive Advisory Council meeting in December and at that meeting we included LSU's Vice Chancellor of research; he had the opportunity to discuss mechanisms for engaging our advisory Council in coastal activities at Louisiana State University. It is our intent to continue to meet in person on an annual basis in December and conduct a formal group conference call in the late spring so we in fact will meet twice per year. Regarding the second recommendation, Louisiana Sea Grant has already increased its programming to assist local communities in understanding the risks and implications of changes to their environment. Our Community of Practice for Coastal Resiliency and Sustainability spans the Gulf region with the other Sea Grant programs and has now engaged five Louisiana communities. We have plans to engage five new communities over the next year. We have actively engaged the social science departments of LSU to participate in this effort and that is working well.

Findings: We appreciate and agree with the findings offered by the site review team. The only finding which merits a response is the comment about the SRT's desire that we

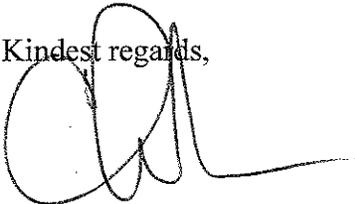
filled the director of our Marine Extension program which we have done. Dr. Rex Caffey now occupies that position full-time.

Suggestions: We found all of the suggestions to be meritorious. Several have already been implemented including the incorporation of Sea Grant Scholars as a separate project in our newest omnibus program, we have reached out to the LSU honors college to establish a connection between our UROP research program and the Honors College, our Sea Grant Legal Program is actively engaged with the LSU law school and Tulane on coastal law courses just to name a few. The remainders are either under development or further consideration.

BMPs - We appreciate recognition of our programs best management practices. It is always nice to hear when one's organization is doing something well enough that a national review team wants to hold up for consideration by other programs, so thank you.

Thank you again for your time and please let me know if you have questions.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Wilson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles A. Wilson, Executive Director