



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

Southeast Regional Office
263 13th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

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EI-2695

Mr. David Navecky
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Navecky:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has reviewed a September 30, 2005, Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a draft scoping document for a railroad line proposed by Holrail LLC (Docket No. 34421), located in Orangeburg and Dorchester Counties, South Carolina.

The draft scoping document adequately identifies the scope of environmental issues and concerns to be addressed in the project EIS. Upon receipt of the Draft EIS, NMFS will provide additional comments and recommendations as appropriate.

Please direct related questions or comments to the attention of Mr. Prescott Brownell at our South Atlantic Branch Office. He may be reached at P.O. Box 12559, Charleston, South Carolina 29422, or at (843) 953-7204.

Sincerely,

For Miles M. Croom
Assistant Regional Administrator
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