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From: Hernandez, Florencio Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 3:27 PM To: Bird, Chris; Williams, Kyra Cc: Lin, Yajuan; Labrador, Kevin Subject: **RE: TCRF Approval Categories:** Blue Category Dear Chris, I approve the submission of this proposal. Cheers, Eloy From: Bird, Chris < Chris.Bird@tamucc.edu> Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 2:10 PM To: Hernandez, Florencio <florencio.hernandez@tamucc.edu>; Williams, Kyra <Kyra.Williams@tamucc.edu> Cc: Lin, Yajuan <yajuan.lin@tamucc.edu>; Labrador, Kevin <klabrador@islander.tamucc.edu> Subject: TCRF Approval Dear Dean Hernandez, As part of the submission process to the R&I TCRF competition, we are requesting your approval of our application for the funds. If you approve, you can respond in the affirmative to this email and we will include that in the submission. Per our conversation last week, we are planning to submit a proposal to the R&I TCRF competition entitled "Investigating marine biodiversity patterns and drivers at the global epicenter using environmental DNA (eDNA) metabarcoding "to collect preliminary data testing for drivers of marine eDNA biodiversity, best eDNA sample preservative, as well as establish collaborations with Philippines institutions, and secure sampling permits that can be leveraged in an NSF BioOce proposal. Attached is a draft of the proposal for your review. Please let us know if you have any questions or feedback. Cheers, Chris Christopher E. Bird