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RE: Wildlife Lighting Certification

Thank you for the opportunity to review your product through the Wildlife Lighting Certification Program. We received and tested the Turtle Insert for the wall mounted fixtures manufactured by The CopperSmith. We are pleased to report that your product met or exceeded all three criteria for Wildlife Lighting when equipped with a certified lamp. The luminaires are recommended for use in areas where artificial lighting is needed adjacent to ecologically sensitive areas, sea turtle nesting beaches, migratory corridors, and Dark Sky Friendly communities.

Per the FWC sea turtle lighting guidelines, will will state that the fixtures must be equipped with a certified lamp, installed at a maximum mounting height of 8 feet from the floor and is not recommended for use above the first habitable floor when located on the shore perpendicular or beach side of a structure.

The Turtle Insert (Certification #2014-015) for The CopperSmith wall mounted fixtures are Wildlife Lighting approved when installed correctly and used to meet minimal lighting standards. This certification authorizes the use of the Official Wildlife Lighting logo device only with the specified fixtures. In order to keep pace with current research and to constantly improve our wildlife lighting website, we have added an expiration date for wildlife lighting certified products. This is to ensure that if FWC changes the wildlife lighting certification requirements because of new information, then certified products will need to meet or exceed these changes once the certification expires. Wildlife lighting certified products will be valid for 2 years from the date of issuance.

The Wildlife Lighting Program was developed by the Department of the Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to address light pollution issues in ecologically sensitive areas while ensuring human safety and security.

If I can be of further assistance in any way, please contact me at (850) 922-4330 or email me directly at <u>Luke.Davis@MyFWC.com</u>. I look forward to working together.

Sincerely

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