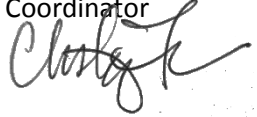




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FROM: Christy Fellas, DWH Environmental Compliance Coordinator  
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DATE: March 18, 2019

SUBJECT: 2019 Gulf of Mexico Stranding Analysis Tool, Part of the Sea Turtle Early Restoration Project, Regionwide TIG: ESA, EFH and MMPA No Effect Determination

Based on my review of project materials, the NOAA Restoration Center determined this stranding analysis tool project will have no effect to ESA-listed species or designated critical habitats or EFH under the jurisdiction of National Marine Fisheries Service. Additionally, there will be no effects to marine mammals protected under the MMPA. This is due to the nature of the activities proposed – desktop analysis activities only.

This project will not require further evaluation under ESA, EFH or MMPA for species or habitats under the jurisdiction of NOAA.