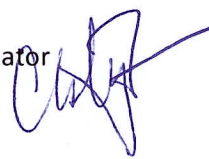




MEMORANDUM FOR: FILE

FROM: Christy Fellas, DWH Environmental Compliance Coordinator
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DATE: March 29, 2017

SUBJECT: Projects Proposed in Alabama Trustee Implementation Group
Restoration Plan #1 and Environmental Impact Statement: ESA No Effect
Determination

Under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7(a)(2), each Federal agency shall ensure that any action authorized, funded, or carried out by such agency is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species, or destroy/adversely modify designated critical habitat. If a Federal agency determines that a Federal action will have no effect on ESA-listed species or designated critical habitat, then the Federal agency is not required to consult with NMFS for purposes of ESA. This memo is not intended to include a summary of DOI protected species for the determinations provided below.

Based on the my review of project materials (Spring 2017) in coordination with representatives from NOAA's Protected Resource Division (PRD) in the South East Regional Office (SERO), the NOAA Restoration Center determined that all three projects proposed for implementation in the Alabama TIG Restoration Plan/Environmental Impact Statement will have no effect to listed species under the jurisdiction of National Marine Fisheries Service because the projects are upland or restricted to planning. These projects will not require further ESA evaluation. Should any project be modified in a way that could adversely impact ESA, this determination will be reevaluated as appropriate.

Proposed Projects

- Dauphin Island Mid-Island Parks and Public Beach Improvements
- Gulf State Park Lodge and Public Access Amenities
- Bayfront Park Restoration and Improvement (Engineering & Design)