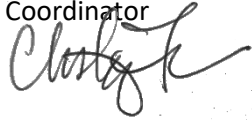




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FROM: Christy Fellas, DWH Environmental Compliance Coordinator
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DATE: March 11, 2021

SUBJECT: Alabama TIG Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment #1
Restoration Projects: MMPA No Further Evaluation Needed

Based on my review of project materials including the Biological Evaluation (BE) forms during Fall of 2016, and in coordination with representatives from NOAA's Protected Resource Division (PRD), the NOAA Restoration Center (RC) determined that the projects listed below will not require further evaluation for animals protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act under the jurisdiction of National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). These BE forms were finalized in March 2017 and this letter catalogs the outcome of those reviews.

Representatives from NMFS' Protected Resources Division in the Southeast Regional Office provided technical assistance on these projects and reviewed the biological evaluation (BE) forms. Appropriate measures and best management practices were included in or attached to the BE forms where appropriate and will be implemented to avoid and minimize effects marine mammals, thus authorizations under the MMPA are not required. If any project is modified in a way that could change these determinations it will be reevaluated as appropriate.

Projects that avoid and minimize effects to marine mammals:

- Laguna Cove Little Lagoon Natural Resource Protection
- Dauphin Island Eco-Tourism and Environmental Education Area
- Fort Morgan Pier Rehabilitation Restoration