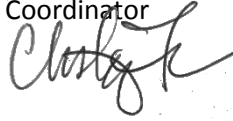




MEMORANDUM FOR: FILE

FROM: Christy Fellas, DWH Environmental Compliance Coordinator
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DATE: April 9, 2018

SUBJECT: Projects Proposed in Louisiana Trustee Implementation Group
Restoration Plan #2 and Environmental Assessment: 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 my review of project materials (Fall 2017- Spring 2018) and in coordination with representatives from NOAA's Protected Resource Division (PRD) in the South East Regional Office (SERO), the NOAA Restoration Center determined that the projects listed below proposed for implementation in the Louisiana Trustee Implementation Group Restoration Plan #2 and Environmental Assessment will have no effect to listed species under the jurisdiction of National Marine Fisheries Service. This is due to the location (upland or at a site inaccessible to ESA-listed aquatic species). 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

- Lake Charles Science Center
- Island Road Enhanced Fishing Access, Pointe-aux-Chenes Wildlife Management Area