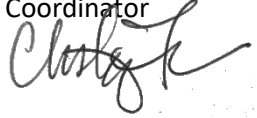




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FROM: Christy Fellas, DWH Environmental Compliance Coordinator
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DATE: September 17, 2020

SUBJECT: LA TIG RP/EA #2: No Further MMPA Evaluation Needed for Recreational
Use Restoration Projects

Based on my review of project materials (January 2018) including the Biological Evaluation forms the NOAA Restoration Center (RC) determined that four projects selected in LA TIG RP/EA #2 will not require further evaluation under the Marine Mammal Project Act (MMPA). These projects are:

1. Point Aux Chenes/Island Road
2. Lake Charles Science Center
3. Elmers Island
4. Artificial Reef Enhancement

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 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 the project is modified in a way that could change these determinations it will be reevaluated as appropriate.