



MEMORANDUM FOR: FILE

FROM: Christy Fellas, DWH Environmental Compliance Coordinator
NOAA Restoration Center, Southeast Region *Christy*

DATE: June 26, 2018

SUBJECT: Projects Proposed in Louisiana Trustee Implementation Group
Restoration Plan #4 and Environmental Impact Statement: EFH No
Effect Determination

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-267), established procedures designed to identify, conserve, and enhance Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for those species regulated under a Federal fisheries management plan (FMP). A Federal agency must prepare an EFH Assessment for any Federal action that may adversely affect EFH (50 CFR 600.920(e)(1)). A Federal agency must first determine whether their action may adversely impact EFH. If a Federal agency determines that a Federal action may adversely impact EFH, then the Federal agency must prepare an EFH assessment. If a Federal agency determines that a Federal action will not adversely affect EFH, then the Federal agency is not required to prepare an EFH Assessment.

Based on my review of project materials (Fall 2017- Spring 2018) in coordination with representatives from NOAA's Habitat Conservation Division (HCD) in the South East Regional Office (SERO), the NOAA Restoration Center determined that all projects proposed for implementation in the in the Louisiana Trustee Implementation Group Restoration Plan #4 and Environmental Assessment will not affect EFH because the projects are upland, restricted to planning or have been designed to avoid adverse affects on EFH. As a result, none of the projects below require further EFH evaluation. Should any project be modified in a way that could adversely impact EFH, this determination will be reevaluated as appropriate.

Proposed Projects	
Bayou Segnette State Park	Middle Pearl Boat Launch in Pearl River Wildlife Management Area
St. Bernard State Park	Montegut Unit Access PAC Fishing Piers / Boat Launch
Sam Houston Jones State Park	Pass-A-Loutre Wildlife Management Area - Access Improvements
Belle Chasse Boat Launch	Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge – Fishing Piers / Signage
Chitimacha Boat Launch	Nutrient Reduction - Dairy Farms in St. Helena/Tangipahoa Parishes
Des Allemands Boat Launch	Nutrient Reduction - Cropland and Grazing Lands in Bayou Folse
Grand Avoille Boat Launch	Nutrient Reduction – Winter water holding
WHARF Phase 1	Barataria Reserve at Jean Lafitte National Historic Park and Preserve
Nutrient Reduction - Washington	Atchafalaya Delta WMA – Campground Improvements
Cypremort State Park	Atchafalaya Delta WMA – Access Improvements
Grand Isle State Park	The Wetlands Center in Jean Lafitte