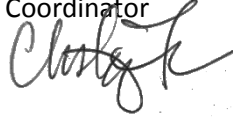




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FROM: Christy Fellas, DWH Environmental Compliance Coordinator
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DATE: June 26, 2018

SUBJECT: Projects Proposed in Louisiana Trustee Implementation Group
Restoration Plan #4 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 does not include any information or effects determinations for protected species under the jurisdiction of US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Based on my review of project materials (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) or the nature of the activities being proposed (no effect in the action area). 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	
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
The Wetlands Center in Jean Lafitte	