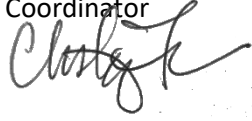




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DATE: September 17, 2020

SUBJECT: LA TIG RP/EA #4: No Further MMPA Evaluation Needed for Recreational Use and Nutrient Reduction Restoration Projects

Based on my review of project materials (May 2018) including the Biological Evaluation forms the NOAA Restoration Center (RC) determined that all projects selected in LA TIG RP/EA #4 will not require further evaluation under the Marine Mammal Project Act (MMPA). These projects are:

1. Bayou Segnette State Park
2. Cypremort Point State Park
3. Grand Isle State Park
4. St. Bernard State Park
5. Sam Houston Jones State Park
6. Barataria Reserve at Jean Lafitte National Historic Park and Preserve
7. Belle Chasse Boat Launch
8. Chitimacha Boat Launch
9. Des Allemands Boat Launch
10. Grand Avoille Boat Launch
11. WHARF Phase 1
12. Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Area – Access Improvements
13. Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Area – Campground Improvements
14. Middle Pearl Boat Launch in Pearl River Wildlife Management Area
15. Montegut Unit Access PAC Fishing Piers / Boat Launch
16. Pass-A-Loutre Wildlife Management Area - Access Improvements
17. Pass-A-Loutre Wildlife Management Area - Campground Improvements
18. Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge – Fishing Piers / Signage
19. The Wetlands Center in the Town of Jean Lafitte
20. Nutrient Reduction - Theme1 –Washington
21. Nutrient Reduction – Theme 1 - Dairy Farms in St. Helena and Tangipahoa Parishes
22. Nutrient Reduction – Theme 2 - Cropland and Grazing Lands in Bayou Folse
23. Nutrient Reduction - Theme3 – Winter Water Holding

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