MEMORANDUM FOR:

FILE

FROM:

Christy Fellas, DWH Environmental Compliance Coordinator

NOAA Restoration Center, Southeast Region

DATE:

November 12, 2019

SUBJECT:

Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge Recreation Enhancements - Mobile

Street Trail from the AL TIG RP/EA #3: ESA, EFH and MMPA No Effect

Determinations

Based on my review of project materials (Fall 2019) and in coordination with representatives from NOAA's Protected Resource Division (PRD) and Habitat Conservation Division in the Southeast Regional Office, the NOAA Restoration Center (RC) determined that Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge Recreation Enhancements - Mobile Street Trail Project will have no effect to species or habitats listed under the Endangered Species Act or designated Essential Fish Habitat or protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act under the jurisdiction of National Marine Fisheries Service.

This is due to the nature of project work occurring in upland locations on Alabama beaches where a boardwalk will be replaced and gravel will be added to an existing parking lot. There will be no in-water work associated with this project. This project will not require further evaluation under ESA, EFH or MMPA for species or habitats under the jurisdiction of NOAA. If the project is modified in a way that could change these determinations, it will be reevaluated as appropriate.