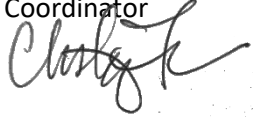




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MEMORANDUM FOR: FILE

FROM: Christy Fellas, DWH Environmental Compliance Coordinator  
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DATE: September 25, 2020

SUBJECT: Louisiana TIG RP/EA #7: MMPA No Further Evaluation Needed for Grand  
Cheniere and Terrebonne Marsh Creation Restoration Projects

Based on my review of project materials including the Biological Evaluation forms (July 2020), and in coordination with representatives from NOAA's Protected Resource Division (PRD), the NOAA Restoration Center (RC) determined that the projects listed below will not require further evaluation for animals protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act under the jurisdiction of National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

- Grande Cheniere Ridge Marsh Creation
- Terrebonne Basin Ridge and Marsh Creation – Bayou Terrebonne Increment

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.