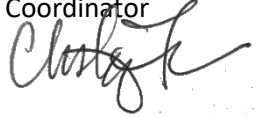




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FROM: Christy Fellas, DWH Environmental Compliance Coordinator  
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DATE: May 12, 2023

SUBJECT: MMPA Determination for Louisiana TIG Monitoring and Adaptive  
Monitoring Projects: Louisiana Coastwide Fish and Shellfish Monitoring  
Program (FIMP)

Based on my review of project materials including the Biological Evaluation forms (Spring 2022), and in coordination with representatives from NOAA's Protected Resource Division (PRD), the NOAA Restoration Center (RC) determined that the FIMP project will not require further evaluation for animals protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act under the jurisdiction of National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

Representatives from PRD in the Southeast Regional Office provided technical assistance on these projects and reviewed the biological evaluation (BE) forms. Appropriate best management practices to reduce the potential take of marine mammals were incorporated into the BE form. The project was determined to have no adverse effects on marine mammals, thus authorization under the MMPA is not required.