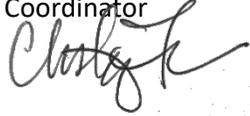




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FROM: Christy Fellas, DWH Environmental Compliance Coordinator
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DATE: July 13, 2021

SUBJECT: ESA No Effect Determinations for Restoration Projects in Regionwide
TIG Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment #1

Based on my review of project materials including the Biological Evaluation forms (Summer 2021), and in coordination with representatives from NOAA's Protected Resource Division (PRD) in the Southeast Regional Office, the NOAA Restoration Center (RC) determined that the projects listed below will have no effect on species or habitats listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) under the jurisdiction of National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

- Enhancements to the STSSN –Activity 2: Texas Rehabilitation Facility
- Pilot Implementation of Automatic Identification System (AIS) in the GOM Inshore Shrimp Fishery to Better Understand Fishing Effort to Inform Efforts to Reduce Sea Turtle Bycatch
- Reducing Injury and Mortality of Bottlenose Dolphins from Hook and Line Fishing Gear by Utilizing Fishery Surveys, Social Science, and Collaborative Problem Solving
- Voluntary Modifications to Commercial Shrimp Lazy Lines to Reduce Dolphin Entanglements
- Conservation and Enhancement of Nesting and Foraging Habitat for Birds: LA Chandeleur E&D
- Conservation and Enhancement of Nesting and Foraging Habitat for Birds: MS Round Island
- Conservation and Enhancement of Nesting and Foraging Habitat for Birds: AL Land Acquisition Pilot Town
- Bird Nesting and Foraging Area Stewardship

These projects only including planning, engineering and design activities at this time, are taking place in upland locations or include activities that will not produce any disturbances (e.g. installing equipment or surveying fishers). These types of activities are not expected to have any effects to protected species or habitats under NMFS' ESA jurisdiction.

Once engineering and design is complete, these projects may be considered for implementation in a future NRDA restoration plan. At that point, projects selected for implementation would be analyzed for potential effects from construction that may affect ESA-listed habitats or species and any necessary consultations would be completed.