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SUBJECT: Regionwide TIG Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment #1
Restoration Projects: Project Covered by Existing ESA Consultation with
NMFS

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), the NOAA Restoration Center (RC) determined that the following projects have existing coverage from previous consultations with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

Restoration Type	Project	Existing ESA Consultation
Oysters	Improving Resilience for Oysters by Linking Brood Reefs and Sink Reefs, Component 3: Mississippi	Activities covered under an existing biological opinion issued in 2020 by NMFS for oyster restoration activities in Mississippi (SERO-2020-00674)

For more detail on the existing compliance documents refer to the Biological Evaluation form and the NMFS ESA consultation. This projects will not require further evaluation under ESA for species or habitats under the jurisdiction of NMFS. If the project is modified in a way that may not be covered by existing analyses, it will be reevaluated as appropriate.