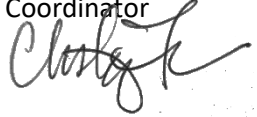




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MEMORANDUM FOR: FILE

FROM: Christy Fellas, DWH Environmental Compliance Coordinator
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DATE: October 16, 2023

SUBJECT: Regionwide TIG Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment #1 -
ESA No Effect Determination for Bird Nesting and Foraging Area
Stewardship: Mississippi Component

Based on my review of project materials including the original Biological Evaluation form (Summer 2021) and updated project materials (Fall 2023), the NOAA Restoration Center (RC) determined that Mississippi Component of the Bird Nesting and Foraging Area Stewardship will have no effect on species or habitats listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) under the jurisdiction of National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

The project was originally reviewed during development of Regionwide TIG Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment #1. The current project location and methodologies as described in the 2023 BE form fit within the previous parameters and do not require any additional ESA review by NMFS.