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MEMORANDUM FOR: FILE

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SUBJECT: Regionwide TIG Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment #1,
Reducing Marine Debris Impacts on Birds and Sea Turtles Project (TX
Component): Covered by Existing ESA, EFH and MMPA Compliance

Based on my review of project materials including an updated Biological Evaluation forms (Summer 2024), and in coordination with representatives from NOAA's Protected Resources and Habitat Conservation Divisions in the Southeast Regional Office, the NOAA Restoration Center (RC) determined that the project is covered by existing compliance for species or habitats under the jurisdiction of National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

The Reducing Marine Debris Impacts on Birds and Sea Turtles Project (TX Component) was selected as part the RW TIG's first restoration plan (RP1) and compliance reviews were completed at that time. The design elements of the project remain unchanged. The existing compliance completed as part of RW TIG RP1 remains in effect. If the project is modified in a way that could change these determinations it will be reevaluated as appropriate.