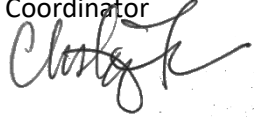




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MEMORANDUM FOR: FILE

FROM: Christy Fellas, DWH Environmental Compliance Coordinator  
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DATE: March 4, 2021

SUBJECT: Florida TIG Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment #2 Restoration  
Project: Perdido Key Sediment Placement Project Covered by Existing  
ESA Consultation with NMFS

Based on my review of project materials including the Biological Evaluation forms (Fall 2020), 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 Perdido Key Sediment Placement project has existing coverage from a previous consultation between the US Army Corps of Engineers and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

The dredging and sediment placement activities described in the Biological Evaluation form and Florida TIG Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment #2 for the Perdido Key Sediment Placement project fall within the ESA analysis that was done in the Gulf of Mexico Regional Biological Opinion issued by NMFS in November 2003 and August 2003.

Since this work falls within this existing consultation, no additional ESA consultation is needed with NMFS for this FL TIG project to proceed. If the project is modified in a way that may not be covered by existing analyses, it will be reevaluated as appropriate.