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Memorandum

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To: Memorandum to File

From: Michael Barron, Deepwater Horizon Gulf Restoration Office

Subject: Marine Mammal Protection Act Not Required for nine (9) Projects in Florida Trustee Implementation Group's (FL TIG) Restoration Plan #2: Habitat Projects on Federal Managed Lands; Sea Turtles; Birds; and Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities

The Florida Trustee Implementation Group (FL TIG) evaluated nine projects to restore natural resources injured as a result of the *Deepwater Horizon (DWH)* oil spill. These nine projects will not involve in-water work or will not require any work in areas where West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) (manatee) could be present and, as such, consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), is not required. The Department of the Interior (DOI) determined that these projects will have no effect the manatee. This memo serves as notification of compliance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1461 *et seq.*).

- B2: Egmont Key Vegetation Management and Dune Retention
- B3: Northeast Florida Coastal Predation Management
- B4: Florida Shorebird and Seabird Stewardship and Habitat Management – Five Years
- FM1: Johnson Beach Access Management and Habitat Protection
- FM4: Pensacola Beach Fort Pickens Road Wildlife Lighting Retrofits
- MM1: Florida Gulf Coast Enhanced Marine Mammal Stranding Network

- REC3: Engineering and Design for Pensacola Beach Park West Fishing Pier and Access Improvements
- REC9: Restoring Recreational Fishing Opportunities Through Hatchery Releases
- ST1: Increased Observers and Outreach to Reduce Incidental Hooking of Sea Turtles in Recreational Fisheries

If modifications are made to any of these projects in a manner that may affect the manatee or its habitat; if additional information involving potential effects to the manatee or other listed species not previously considered becomes available; or if in the unlikely event that the take of a manatee occurs during the project, consultation will be reinitiated.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this response, please contact Michael Barron, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at 251-421-7030, or [michael\\_barron@fws.gov](mailto:michael_barron@fws.gov).