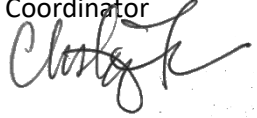




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DATE: January 5, 2023

SUBJECT: Louisiana TIG MAM: MMPA No Further Review Needed for Assessing  
Lower Trophic Levels of the Barataria Estuary Restoration Project

Based on my review of project materials including the Biological Evaluation forms (Winter 2022), and in coordination with representatives from NOAA's Protected Resource Division (PRD), the NOAA Restoration Center (RC) determined that the project will not require further evaluation for animals protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act under the jurisdiction of National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

Representatives from NMFS' Protected Resources Division in the Southeast Regional Office provided technical assistance on this project and reviewed the biological evaluation (BE) form. Appropriate measures and best management practices were included in or attached to the BE form where appropriate and will be implemented to avoid and minimize effects marine mammals, thus authorizations under the MMPA are not required.

If a project is modified in a way that could change these determinations it will be reevaluated as appropriate.