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SUBJECT: MMPA No Effect Determinations for Engineering and Design
Restoration Projects in Louisiana TIG Restoration Plan and
Environmental Assessment #8

Based on my review of project materials including the Biological Evaluation forms (Spring 2022), and in coordination with representatives from NOAA's Protected Resource Division (PRD), the NOAA Restoration Center (RC) determined that the projects listed below 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 PRD in the Southeast Regional Office provided technical assistance on these projects and reviewed the biological evaluation (BE) forms. These projects due to the nature of the work (engineering and design) were determined to have no effects on marine mammals. Thus authorizations under the MMPA are not required.

MMPA review is complete for the following projects:

- East Orleans Landbridge Restoration E&D
- Raccoon Island Barrier Island Restoration E&D