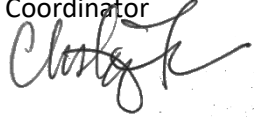




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MEMORANDUM FOR: FILE

FROM: Christy Fellas, DWH Environmental Compliance Coordinator
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DATE: May 5, 2022

SUBJECT: EFH 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 Habitat Conservation Division in the Southeast Regional Office, the NOAA Restoration Center (RC) determined that the projects listed below will have no effect on essential fish habitat designated under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-267).

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

This is due to the nature activities included in the proposed projects (engineering and design). These types of activities are not expected to have any effects to essential fish habitat under NMFS' jurisdiction.