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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 Compliance Determinations for Restoration Projects Proposed in the Mississippi Trustee Implementation Group's Restoration Plan #3: Habitat on Federally Managed Lands; Sea Turtles; Marine Mammals; Birds; and Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities

Based on our review of the Biological Evaluations provided, the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1461 et seq.) compliance determinations of 7 projects proposed for implementation in the *Region Wide Trustee Implementation Group Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment #1: Birds, Marine Mammals, Oysters, and Sea Turtles* are indicated below:

Project Title	MMPA Determination
Reduction of Marine Mammal Fishery Interactions through Trawl Technique and Component Improvements	NE
Bird Stewardship and Enhanced Monitoring in Mississippi	NE
Clower Thornton Nature Park Trail Improvement	NA
Improve Native Habitats by Removing Marine Debris from Mississippi Barrier Islands	NE
Maintaining Enhanced Marine Mammal Stranding Network Capacity and Diagnostic Capabilities	C
Maintaining Enhanced Sea Turtle Stranding Network Capacity and Diagnostic Capabilities	C
Environmental Education and Stewardship at Walter Anderson Museum of Art	NA

NA – Not Applicable; NE – No Effect; C- Covered by Existing Consultation

Should any project be modified in a way that could adversely impact species or habitats, this determination will be reevaluated as appropriate.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this action, please contact Michael Barron, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at 251-421-7030 or michael_barron@fws.gov.