

In Reply Refer To:

July 25, 2022

LA TIG Restoration Plan #LA MAM (Sea Turtle Habitat Use)

Memorandum

To: Chief, Planning and Consultation Branch, Gulf Restoration Office, Fairhope, AL

From: Acting Field Supervisor, Louisiana Ecological Services Office *Brigitte D. Firmin*

Subject: Informal Consultation for the Proposed Louisiana TIG Restoration LA MAM (Sea Turtle Habitat Use and Abundance in Eastern Louisiana Waters) in Lake Borgne and Chandeleur Sound, Louisiana

This memorandum acknowledges our receipt of your memorandum on May 25, 2022. This response is in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) (ESA). We have reviewed your proposed project(s) and concur with your May 25, 2022 determinations for endangered and threatened species, their critical habitat, and at-risk species (should they become listed). We based our concurrence on the justification below. Where more than one justification was applicable, multiple boxes are checked and additional comments are added.

Species-specific surveys were conducted and there are no endangered, threatened, or at-risk species or designated critical habitat on site. Comments:

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Endangered, threatened, and at-risk species are not known from and are not expected to occur within the vicinity of the proposed project. Comments:

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Appropriate avoidance and minimization measures have been included within the project description to ensure that any effects to listed species (or at-risk species should they become listed) are insignificant or discountable. Comments:

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Critical habitat is not present on site and does not occur within the vicinity of the proposed project. Comments:

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Appropriate avoidance and minimization measures have been included within the project description to ensure PCEs and/or critical habitat will not be adversely modified or destroyed. Comments:

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The proposed project is completely beneficial to the listed or at-risk species and/or critical habitat considered. Comments:

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Unless the project description changes, or new information reveals that the effects of the proposed action may affect listed species in a manner or to an extent not considered, or a new species or critical habitat is designated that may be affected by the proposed action, no further action pursuant to the ESA is necessary.

If you have questions, please contact Amy Trahan at 337-291-3126 or email [amy\\_trahan@fws.gov](mailto:amy_trahan@fws.gov).