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## **Marine Mammal Protection Act Waiver**

### **Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion, Mid-Breton Sound Sediment Diversion, and Calcasieu Ship Channel Salinity Control Measures Projects**

With Congress' recognition of the consistency of the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion, Mid-Breton Sound Sediment Diversion, and Calcasieu Ship Channel Salinity Control Measures projects with the findings and policy declarations in section 2(6) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA, 16 U.S.C. section 1361 et seq.) and as directed by section 20201 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-123), the National Marine Fisheries Service hereby issues this waiver pursuant to title II, section 20201 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 and section 101(a)(3)(A) of the MMPA for the three named projects, as selected by the 2017 Louisiana Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast. The requirements of sections 101(a) and 102(a) of the MMPA do not apply to any take of marine mammals caused by and for the duration of the construction, operation, or maintenance of the three named projects.

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