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MEMORANDUM FOR: FILE

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SUBJECT: Open Ocean and Louisiana Join TIG Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for Chandeleur Islands - Chandeleur Islands Fisheries Engagement and Restoration Project: ESA, EFH and MMPA No Effect Determination

Based on my review of project materials including the Biological Evaluation forms (March 2025), the NOAA Restoration Center (RC) determined that Chandeleur Islands Fisheries Engagement and Restoration project will have no effect on species or habitats listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) under the jurisdiction of National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

These projects include developing and implementing a communications and engagement plan, collaborating with recreational and commercial fishers, data analysis and reporting from fishers. Monitoring activities will not include on the ground work or sampling. If that is an identified method that comes out of the planning process, it will be evaluated at the time the details are available.