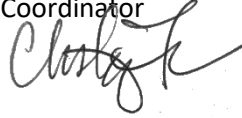




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MEMORANDUM FOR: FILE

FROM: Christy Fellas, DWH Environmental Compliance Coordinator
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DATE: June 5, 2023

SUBJECT: MMPA Determinations for Mississippi TIG WCNH3 Hancock County
Marsh Living Shoreline Phase 6 Breakwater

Based on my review of project materials including the Biological Evaluation (BE) form (Spring 2023), and in coordination with representatives from NOAA's Protected Resource Division (PRD), the NOAA Restoration Center (RC) determined that the subject project will not require further evaluation for animals protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act under the jurisdiction of National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

Representatives from PRD in the Southeast Regional Office provided technical assistance on this project and reviewed the BE form. Appropriate best management practices to reduce the potential take of marine mammals were incorporated into the BE form and will be implemented to avoid and minimize effects to marine mammals, thus authorizations under the MMPA are not required.