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SUBJECT: Regionwide TIG Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment #2  
Restoration Projects: Project Covered by Existing ESA Consultation with  
NMFS

Based on my review of project materials including the Biological Evaluation forms (Summer 2021), and in coordination with representatives from NOAA's Protected Resource Division (PRD), the NOAA Restoration Center (RC) determined that the following projects have existing coverage from previous consultations with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

Restoration Type	Project	Existing ESA Consultation
Sea Turtles	Enhancements to the Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network – Activity 1: Enhancing Response, Coordination, and Preparedness in the Gulf of Mexico	Activities covered under existing biological opinions issued by NMFS for operation of the Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network

For more detail on the existing compliance documents refer to the Biological Evaluation form for each project listed above. These projects will not require further evaluation under ESA for species or habitats under the jurisdiction of NMFS. If the project is modified in a way that may not be covered by existing analyses, it will be reevaluated as appropriate.