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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] NRDA Regionwide Bird Stewardship - Mississippi Component
Date: Friday, June 7, 2024 8:41:06 AM

I looked back at the BE form from RW RP1 and I agree that adding additional sites at two nearshore islands and four rooftop sites that are still within the action area described (The project would occur in Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson County and coastal and barrier islands in the Mississippi Sound) and fall under the analysis we did at the time of RW RP1. There are no additional effects on species or habitats under NMFS jurisdiction, so no need for any additional reviews or memos.

I'd suggest putting this email chain in the compliance folder on sharepoint, in case there are questions later about adding these project sites.
Christy

On Fri, May 24, 2024 at 3:45 PM Rachel Kistler <rkistler@cce.ms> wrote:

Thanks for the follow up, Christy! Have a great Memorial Day weekend and safe travels next week. Look forward to hearing back from you.

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Rachel - I wasn't able to get to this today and I'm on work travel next week. I will put this on my list for reviewing the week of June 3rd. I'm not anticipating any NOAA compliance issues, but I need to refresh my

memory on the original project and look back at that BE form.

Christy

On Mon, May 6, 2024 at 9:34 AM Rachel Kistler <rkistler@cce.ms> wrote:

Good morning, Michael,

Thank you again for the review, we appreciate the update!

Rachel

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Hi Rachel,

Upon reviewing the information you sent, we have concluded that the proposed addition is within the area previously analyzed and approved and no species not already accounted for would be impacted. Therefore, we have determined that no new consultation is required.

Thanks,

Michael

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Michael,

Thanks for the quick reply. The updated project area is attached as a zipped shapefile.

The RW Restoration Plan described the project area for implementation in Mississippi quite broadly: "*The project would occur in Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson County and coastal and barrier islands in the Mississippi Sound.*" The additional areas we would like to include do fall into that description. And to reiterate, the activities will be the same as those in the previous BE Form and the Restoration Plan. Additionally, there will be no changes in funding. I'm not sure if this warrants TIG involvement, but I'm glad to provide a memo as needed.

Let me know how the IPaC run goes and we can go from there.

Thanks and have a great weekend!
Rachel

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Hi Rachel,

It will all depend on the locations and whether or not species that were not considered before have to be evaluated.

My suggestion would be to send me a GIS shapefile (one file with all locations), that are all polygons, and is 2 megabytes or less in size. I can run that through IPaC and see if any new species are returned.

If they are all the same, we would just need a project change memo that is approved by the TIG that describes the action. We would send that along with a memo explaining to the Field Office that there are no new impacts and ask them to concur. If it is determined that the TIG does not need to get involved, then we would still need some sort of memo describing the change and why it is necessary (typical who/what/where/when/why).

If new species are returned, then we would need the same information but also a new BE that would detail what new species, whether the actions would be NE/NLAA/LAA, and conservation measures to account for any NLAA determinations.

Please give me a call if you would like to discuss.

Michael

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Hello Michael and Christy,

During NRDA annual reporting, our project partner for the RW Bird Nesting and Foraging Area Stewardship project brought it to our attention that there are a few additional areas where it would be beneficial to collect monitoring data for the project since our focal species uses nearshore areas and rooftops for nesting, in addition to the beach areas originally considered for the project area.

Therefore, there are two nearshore islands and four rooftop sites that we would like to add to our project area that were not included in the most recent BE Form you reviewed. Project activities for these sites will be the same as those previously evaluated. We would like to request your guidance in getting the compliance sorted out for these new areas - do we need to submit a new BE Form with updated project maps/shapefiles and reinitiate regulatory consultations?

Christy, there will still be no in-water work for this project - will the documentation issued for NOAA ESA and EFH still be sufficient to cover the project, or will we need updated memorandums for the new project areas?

Thank you!
Rachel

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