

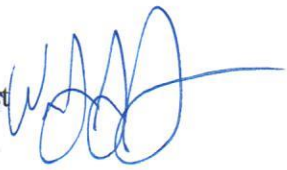


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September 12, 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR: David M. Bernhart, Assistant Regional Administrator for
Protected Resources
Protected Resources Division (PRD)

THROUGH: Denise A. Walker, Attorney-Advisor
General Counsel Natural Resources Section

FROM: Jamie Schubert, Marine Habitat Resource Specialist
Restoration Center 

SUBJECT: *Deepwater Horizon* Early Restoration Phase III: Louisiana
Outer Coast Restoration - Chenier Ronquille Barrier Island
Project – with pre-existing ESA consultation (June 06,
2012 Chenier Ronquille Barrier Island Restoration Project
determination): request for concurrence

The Louisiana Outer Coast Restoration - Chenier Ronquille Barrier Island project is part of a suite of projects proposed for implementation in Phase III of the *Deepwater Horizon* Early Restoration.

The NOAA Restoration Center is the action agency for implementation of the Louisiana Outer Coast Restoration - Chenier Ronquille Barrier Island project. In 2011, the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE) New Orleans District initiated a consultation with PRD SERO for this project. On June 06, 2012, PRD SERO issued a letter of concurrence, concluding that the project is Not Likely to Adversely Affect four species of sea turtles.

The NOAA Restoration Center with the support of Protected Resources staff evaluated the June 06, 2012, determinations and supporting documentation (attached), and determined that the current project has the same scope as the previously evaluated action. The NOAA Restoration Center is aware that loggerhead sea turtle critical habitat has been designated since the 2012 determinations. However, this project is not located within loggerhead sea turtle critical habitat and the project features and construction activities will have No Effect on loggerhead sea turtle critical habitat. The proposed project has not changed in scope, the site conditions are the same as those described in the previous consultation and the NOAA Restoration Center is unaware of any new information that would change the previous determinations. The NOAA Restoration Center and project proponent will implement the project as described in the 2012 letter of





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concurrence from NOAA PRD, including adherence to the precautionary measures, best management practices and requirements as described in the letter. Therefore the NOAA

The Restoration Center determines that the proposed activities May Affect but are Not Likely to Adversely Affect sea turtles.

SPECIES	STATUS	DETERMINATION
Leatherback sea turtle	Endangered	Not likely to adversely affect
Kemp's ridley sea turtle	Endangered	Not likely to adversely affect
Green sea turtle	Threatened/Endangered	Not likely to adversely affect
Loggerhead sea turtle	Threatened	Not likely to adversely affect

The Restoration Center seeks PRD SERO's concurrence with the Restoration Center's findings.

