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KRISTIN P. SANDERS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

June 26, 2020

Ms. Joy Merino
NOAA Fisheries Service
646 Cajundome Blvd, Room 160
Lafayette, LA 70506

Re: Breton Landbridge Marsh Creation (West) River aux Chenes to Grand Lake (BS-38); Breton Sound Basin

Dear Ms. Merino,

This is in response to your submittal received by our office on May 28, 2020 regarding the above-referenced project. We look forward to receiving the cultural resources survey reports upon completion. In order for us to formally accept the reports for review, we require one bound, double-sided hard copy of the report(s) and appendices, a pdf version of the report(s) and all appendices, and a shapefile of the project area(s).

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Watson at rwatson@crt.la.gov or Abigail Bleichner at ableichner@crt.la.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristin P. Sanders".

Kristin Sanders
State Historic Preservation Officer



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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August 11, 2020 F/SER46/JM
225-380-0089

Ms. Kristin Sanders
State Historic Preservation Office
Post Office Box 44247
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4247

Re: Breton Landbridge Marsh Creation (West) River aux Chenes to Grand Lake (BS-38);
Breton Sound Basin

Dear Ms. Sanders:

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) received your letter dated June 26, 2020 in response to our request for Solicitation of Views on the Breton Landbridge Marsh Creation (West) River aux Chenes to Grand Lake (BS-38) project in the Breton Sound Basin, Plaquemines Parish. As requested, the cultural resources final reports for the project including marsh creation areas and the sediment borrow area have been provided via hand delivery to your office. These reports include one bound, double-sided hard copy of the report(s) and appendices, a pdf version of the report(s) and all appendices, and a shapefile of the project area(s).

If you wish to discuss this project further or have questions, please contact me at (225) 380-0089, or by email at January.Murray@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

January Murray
Federal Project Manager
Habitat Conservation Division





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August 17, 2020 F/SER46/JM
225-380-0089

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Ms. Lindsey D. Bilyeu
Senior Compliance Review Officer
Historic Preservation Department
P.O. Box 1210
Durant, Oklahoma 74702

Re: Breton Landbridge Marsh Creation (West) River aux Chenes to Grand Lake (BS-38);
Breton Sound Basin

Dear Ms. Bilyeu:

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) received your electronic mail dated July 8, 2020 in response to our request for Solicitation of Views on the Breton Landbridge Marsh Creation (West) River aux Chenes to Grand Lake (BS-38) project in the Breton Sound Basin, Plaquemines Parish. As requested, the cultural resources final reports for the project including marsh creation areas and the sediment borrow area have been provided via electronic mail.

If you wish to discuss this project further or have questions, please contact me at (225) 380-0089, or by email at January.Murray@noaa.gov. In addition, please let me know if you have any issues receiving the reports via electronic mail due to the large file sizes.

Sincerely,

January Murray
Federal Project Manager
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28 August 2020

January Murray
Federal Project Manager
Habitat Conservation Division
National Marine Fisheries Service
263 13th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Re: Draft Report
La Division of Archaeology Report No. 22-6556
Phase I Cultural Resources Survey of the Breton Landbridge Marsh Creation (West) (BS-38), Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Dear January Murray:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 11 August 2020 and one copy of the above referenced report. We have reviewed the report and offer the following comments.

Based on the description of the Area of Potential Effect (APE), the proposed ground-disturbing activities, and the identification of historic properties within the APE, our office concurs with the assessment that no archaeological properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places were identified during the terrestrial survey. This survey examined to the extent possible the high probability areas within the overall project area. We note that the construction phase of the project will involve dredging of material to create the cell containment walls. As this effort may extend to a depth below that examined by the cultural resource survey and will include areas not examined by the survey, our office recommends development of an Unanticipated Discoveries Plan should areas of Rangia shell be encountered during dredging. These shell deposits could represent subsided pre-contact archaeological sites that would need to be addressed if encountered.

Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office does not constitute consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes, local governments, or the public. If archaeological materials are encountered during construction, the procedures codified at 36 CFR 800.13(b) will apply. Archaeological materials consist of any items, fifty years old or older, which were made or used by man. These items include but are not limited to, stone projectile points (arrowheads), ceramic sherds, bricks, worked wood, bone and stone, metal, and glass objects. The federal agency or the applicant receiving federal assistance should contact our office immediately. If human remains are encountered, the provisions of the Louisiana Unmarked Human Burial Sites Preservation Act (Revised Statute 8:671-681) should be followed.

We are accepting the report as final; no further submissions are necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Chip McGimsey at cmcgimsey@crt.la.gov or 225-219-4598.

Sincerely,

Kristin Sanders
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01 September 2020

January Murray
Federal Project Manager
Habitat Conservation Division
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263 13th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Re: Draft Report

La Division of Archaeology Report No. 22-6557
*Phase I Cultural Resources Survey of the Breton Landbridge Marsh Creation (West) (BS-38),
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana*

Dear Ms. Murray:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 11 August 2020 and one copy of the above referenced report. We reviewed the report and offer the following comments.

One overall comment, please refer to the recent 2018 report guidelines, specifically page 11 for submerged cultural resources reports. We no longer require a culture history/summary section for reports. We do, however, require a land use history chapter, generally supported by historic maps and charts. The report should be organized following these guidelines (i.e. survey methods should immediately precede the results chapter, and both should be presented after the introduction, land use, and previous investigation chapters). While we understand that the marine archaeology report is an appendix to the Fugro report for other purposes, in the future, please make the archaeology report a standalone document supported by tables and result figures.

Based on the description of the Area of Potential Effect (APE), the proposed ground-disturbing activities, and the identification of historic properties within the APE, our office concurs with the assessment that no archaeological properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places were identified during the marine survey. As with the terrestrial report, our office recommends the development of an Unanticipated Discoveries Plan should areas of Rangia shell be encountered during dredging. These shell deposits could represent pre-contact archaeological sites that would need to be addressed if encountered.

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