PHASE IV DEBRIS REMOVAL SURVEY
Preliminary Environmental Unit Review

Waterway: East Cote Blanche Bay, 7017

NOAA reviewer: Jessica.White

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Checklist of Environmental Factors – Assess the potential for impacts to the following resources/areas and coordinate as necessary:

- ☑ Habitat/environmental sensitivity – freshwater marsh around bay
- ☑ Threatened/endangered species – LA black bear habitat near bay (coastal areas)
- ☐ Cultural/historical resources
- ☑ Oyster habitat – public oyster areas in bay
- ☐ State/federal/tribal lands
- ☐ Scenic waterway

Summary and Conclusions of Environmental Review:

Habitat/environmental sensitivity: Bay is surrounded by freshwater marsh. Limit travel to open water.

Threatened/endangered species: The federally listed threatened Louisiana black bear may be present in marsh, forested wetlands, spoil banks and uplands south of Hwy 90 in coastal St. Mary parish. Denning season is 12/1-4/30. Prevent impacts to black bear critical habitat by limiting activities to open water and avoiding work at shoreline.

Cultural/historical resources: No known resources at this time.

Oyster habitat: Public oyster areas are located in East Cote Blanche Bay. Look for oyster reefs and avoid activities near them.

State/federal/tribal lands: None appear in the survey area.

Scenic waterway: Not a scenic waterway.