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WQC NUMBER:

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CUP NUMBER:

P20111003

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Office of Coastal Management of the Department of Natural Resources has received the following application for a Coastal Use Permit (CUP) in accordance with the State and Local Coastal Resources Management Act of 1978, as amended, (Louisiana R.S. 49, Sections 214.21-214.41), and the rules and regulations of the Coastal Resources Program. Via this notice, the public is invited to provide comment on the following application.

Additionally, interested parties are hereby notified that applications have been received by the District Engineer for a Department of the Army permit to authorize the following pursuant to: [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344) and/or [X] Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act of 1899 (33 USC 403).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services for a Water Quality Certification in accordance with statutory authority contained in the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Title 30, Chapter 11, Part IV, Section 2074 A93) and Provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.O. 95-217).

The official date of the beginning of the public comment period for Coastal Use Permit and Water Quality Certification applications begins on the date of publication of the notice in the official state journal (The Advocate), in accordance with the Rules and Procedures for Coastal Use Permits, §723.C.5.c. The Office of Coastal Management will inform interested parties of the exact date of publication on request.

*Habitat impacts are based on available in-house data and may not represent actual conditions. Field reconnaissance may be required verify extent of impacts.

Approximately NO acres of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) utilized by various life stages of red drum and panaeid shrimp would be altered or destroyed by this project. This information is provided to initiate federal consultation requirements pertaining to EFH under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

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LOCATION:

Cameron Parish, LA; Begin Maintenance Dredging in the Creole Canal @ Lat 29° 47' 01.35"N / Long 93° 06' 50.81"W; Begin Spoil Placement along the Creole Canal @ Lat 29° 47' 01.65"N / Long 93° 06' 49.36"W; End Spoil Placement along the Creole Canal @ Lat 29° 45' 34.31"N / Long 93° 05' 51.23"W; Begin Spoil Placement in Mermentau River @ Lat 29° 45' 52.78"N / Long 93° 05' 53.85"W; End Maintenance Dredging in the Mermentau River @ Lat 29° 45' 51.60"N / Long 93° 02' 41.56"W; End Spoil Placement in the Mermentau River @ Lat 29° 45' 50.26"N / Long 93° 02' 42.86"W; Sections 2,3,4,5,8,9, and 10 T15S R7W; Section 32 T14S R7W; Creole Canal and Mermentau River; Oak Grove, La.

DESCRIPTION:

Proposed maintenance dredging of the Creole Canal (approximately 95' wide in the canal) and portions of the Mermentau River (approximately 100' wide in the river), for a length of 30,135', and depth of -7.0 NAVD 88 to improve gravity drainage for the Creole and Oak Grove areas. Spoil will be permanently placed on an existing embankment along the Creole Canal (50' maximum width x approximately 10,285' long to a height of +10.00 NAVD 88) and in the Mermentau River (130' wide x approximately 19,740' long to a height of +2.00 NAVD 88). The permanently placed spoil in the Mermentau River will have contain 50' gaps along the length of the spoil disposal area. Approximately 486,861 cubic yards of native material will be excavated and used as fill. No other dredge or fill required. *Approximately 3.4 acres of non-wetland areas, 120.71 acres of non-vegetated waterbottoms and 8.1 acres of vegetated wetlands may be impacted as a result of this proposed activity.

THE APPLICANT MUST SECURE A STATE COASTAL USE PERMIT PLUS A DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT OR A GENERAL PERMIT AUTHORIZATION FROM THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS. INDEPENDENT EVALUATIONS AND DECISIONS WILL BE MADE BY THE OFFICE OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT AND THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

State of Louisiana Coastal Use Permit Criteria

Plans for the proposed work are now on file and may be inspected at the Office of the Coastal Management, Department of Natural Resources, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Room 1048, Baton Rouge, LA . Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work and stating the reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having an interest in the matter. Comments to the State of Louisiana, Office of Coastal Management must be received within 25 days of the date of official journal publication of this notice. Comments may be mailed, faxed or emailed to the contact information listed above or uploaded to the record using our online database found at:

http://sonris-www.dnr.state.la.us/www_root/sonris_portal_1.htm

All comments must contain the applicant's name and appropriate application number and the commenter's full name and contact information.

The decision on whether or not to issue a Coastal Use Permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts of the proposed activity in accordance with the state policies outlined in R.S. 49:214.22. The decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The decision must be consistent with the state program and approved local programs for affected parishes and must represent an appropriate balancing of social, environmental and economic factors. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among these are flood and storm hazards, water quality, water supply, feasible alternative sites, drainage patterns, historical sites, economics, public and private benefits, coastal water dependency, impacts on natural features, compatibility with the natural and culture setting and the extent of long term benefits or adverse impacts.

Certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water and air quality laws, standards and regulations will be required before a permit is issued.

State of Louisiana Water Quality Certification Criteria

In accordance with the Joint Public Notice Agreement between the Office of Coastal Management and the Office of Water Resources, notice is hereby given that the applicant has applied to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services for a Water Quality Certification in accordance with statutory authority contained in the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Title 30, Chapter 11, Part IV, Section 2074 A(3) and provision of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-217).

Comments concerning this application can be filed with the Office of Environmental Services within twenty days of this notice to the following address: Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313.

Additional information is on file with the above office, and may be inspected at any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Copies may be obtained upon payment of cost of printing.

Corps of Engineers Federal Permit Criteria

The notice and notice policies of the Corps of Engineers - New Orleans District can be found on their web page at <http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/ops/regulatory/publicnotices.asp>.

Public Hearings

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a State or Federal public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Attached Plats: 1) P20111003 Notice Plats 08/24/2011