

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Permit Application Number
MVN 2013-1375-CL

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: [X] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or [] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

BARGE FLEETING IN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN ASCENSION PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Vincent Sotile, Sr. c/o Environmental Services and Solutions, LLC.,
Attn: Captain Claude Klein, 114 Schlieff Dr, Belle Chase, Louisiana 70037

LOCATION OF WORK: In the Mississippi River, left descending bank, at a point 180 miles above Head of Passes, in Geismar, Louisiana, in Ascension Parish, as shown in the enclosed drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Install and maintain three barge fleeting areas that will require the placement of six (6) anchor piles with chains and wire ropes and six (6) mono pile dolphins. These pilings will moor a fleet of nine (9) tiers of nine (9) barges wide, each tier measuring approximately 315' wide x 1755' long, to extend approximately 380' channelward, as shown on the attached drawings.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit will close **30 days** from the date of this public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit must be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, ATTENTION: **REGULATORY BRANCH**. Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing or e-mailing the Corps of Engineers Project Manager listed above. Any request must be specific and substantively supportive of the requested extension, and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Section Chief will review the request and the requestor will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous to the initial comment period and, inclusive of the initial comment period, will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days.

Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

No properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places are near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would neither affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Interior or Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species.

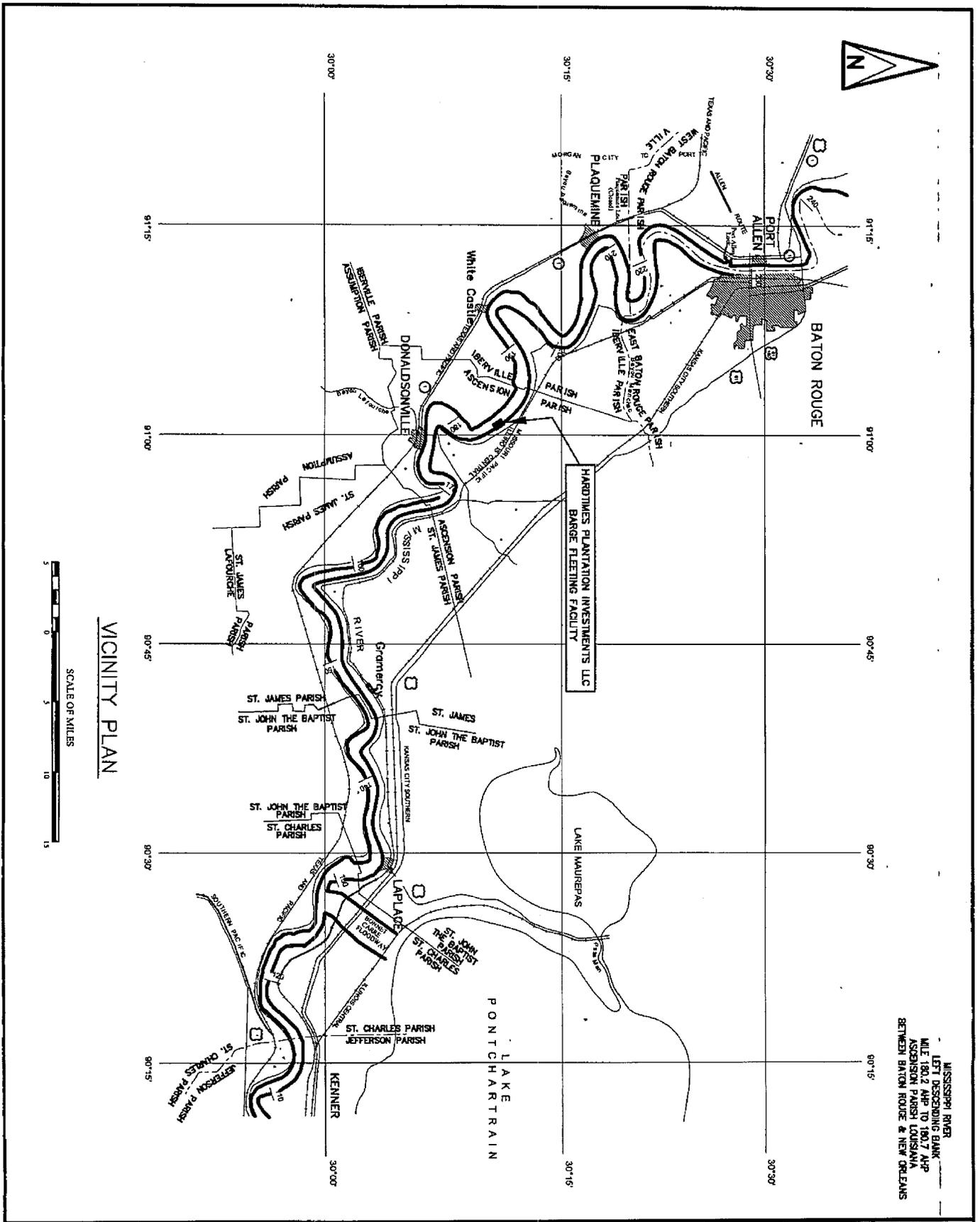
This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of 0 acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

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

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver of the Coastal Use Permit by the Department of Natural Resources.

You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

JOHN M. HERMAN
Chief, Central Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch



VICINITY PLAN



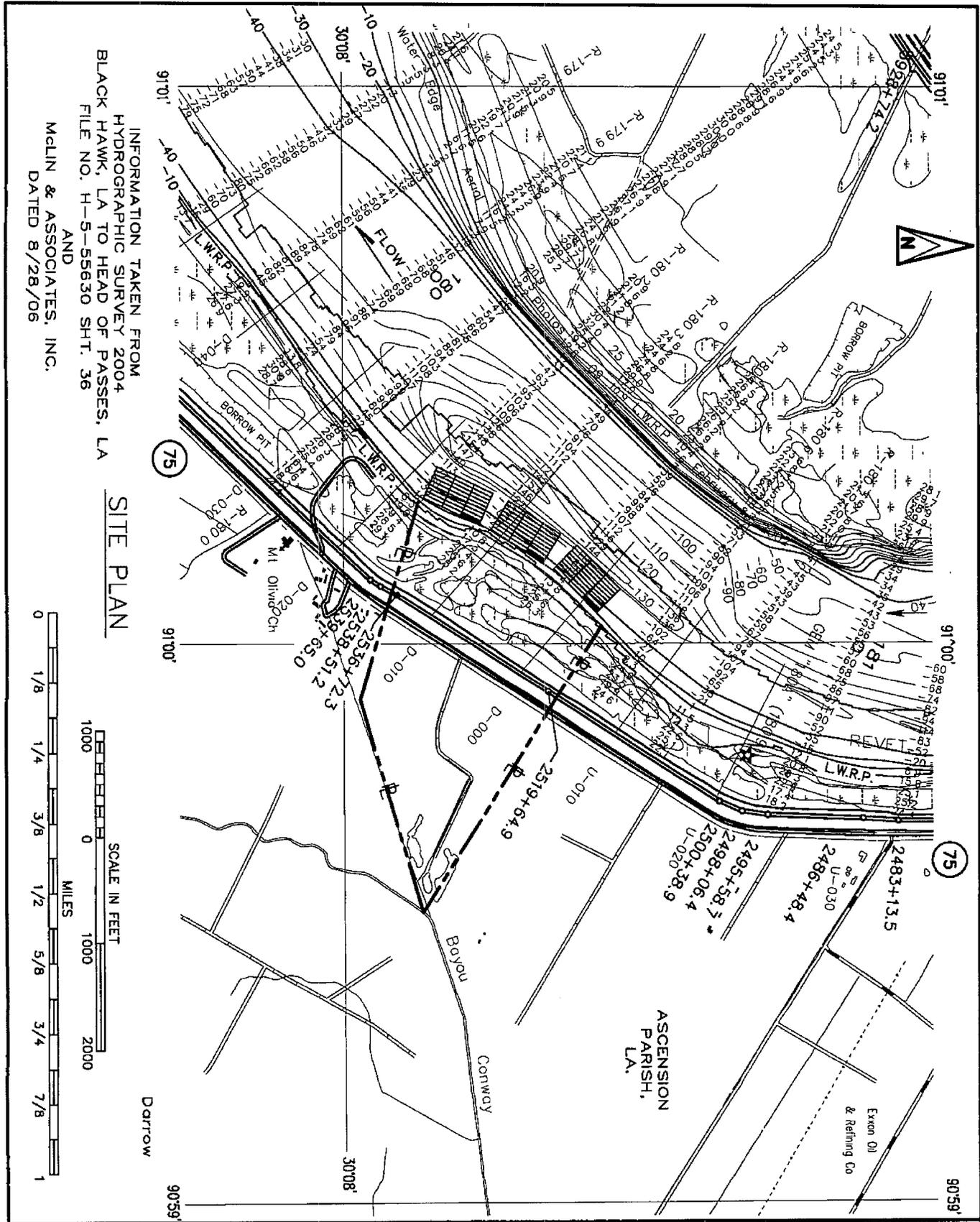
MISSISSIPPI RIVER
 LEFT DESCENDING BANK
 MILE 180.2 APP TO 180.7 APP
 ASCENSION PARISH LOUISIANA
 BETWEEN BATON ROUGE & NEW ORLEANS

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BARGE FLEETING FACILITY
 FOR
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 ASCENSION PARISH LOUISIANA
 VICINITY MAP

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INFORMATION TAKEN FROM
 HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY 2004
 BLACK HAWK, LA TO HEAD OF PASSES, LA
 FILE NO. H-5-55630 SHT. 36
 AND
 MCLIN & ASSOCIATES, INC.
 DATED 8/28/06

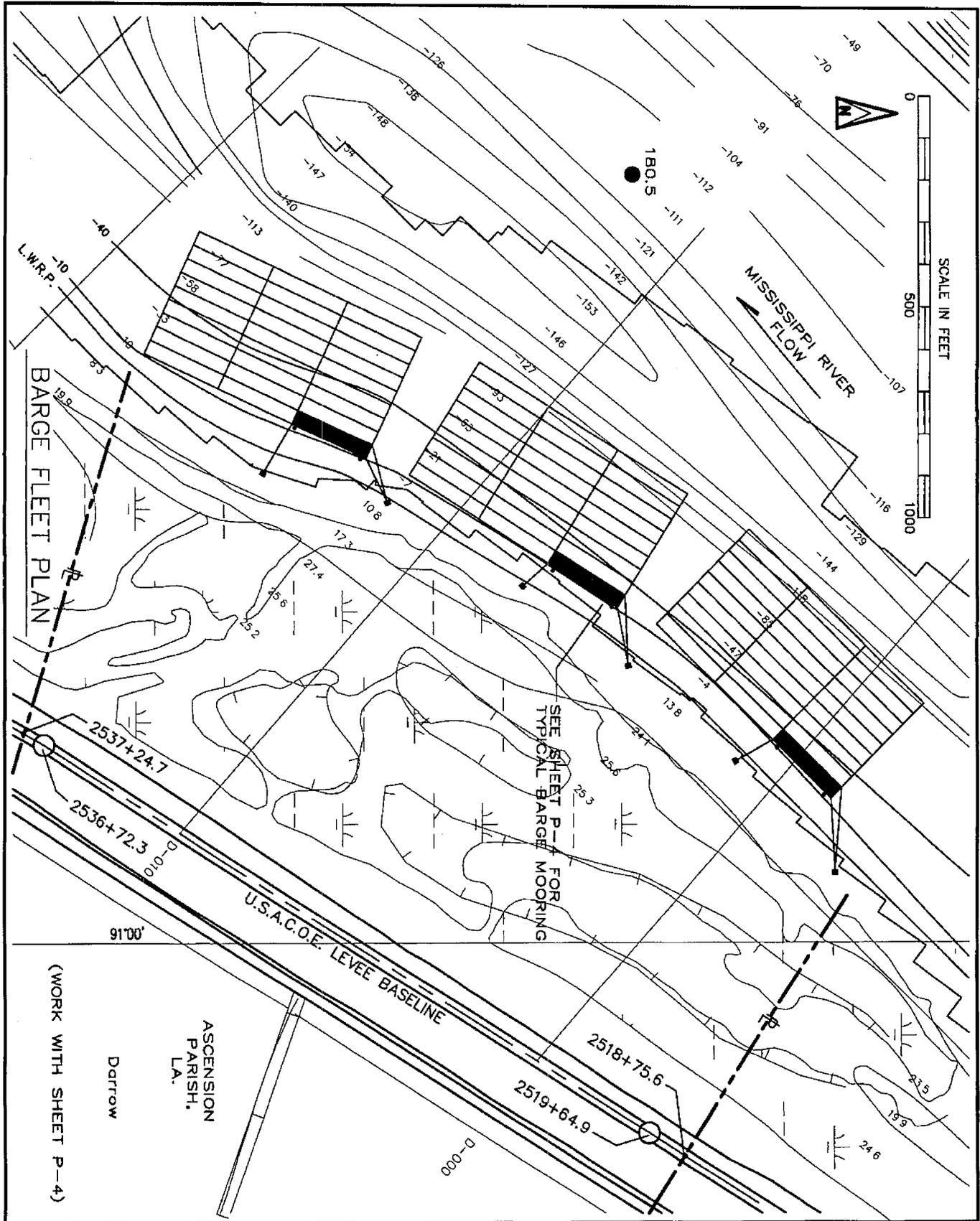
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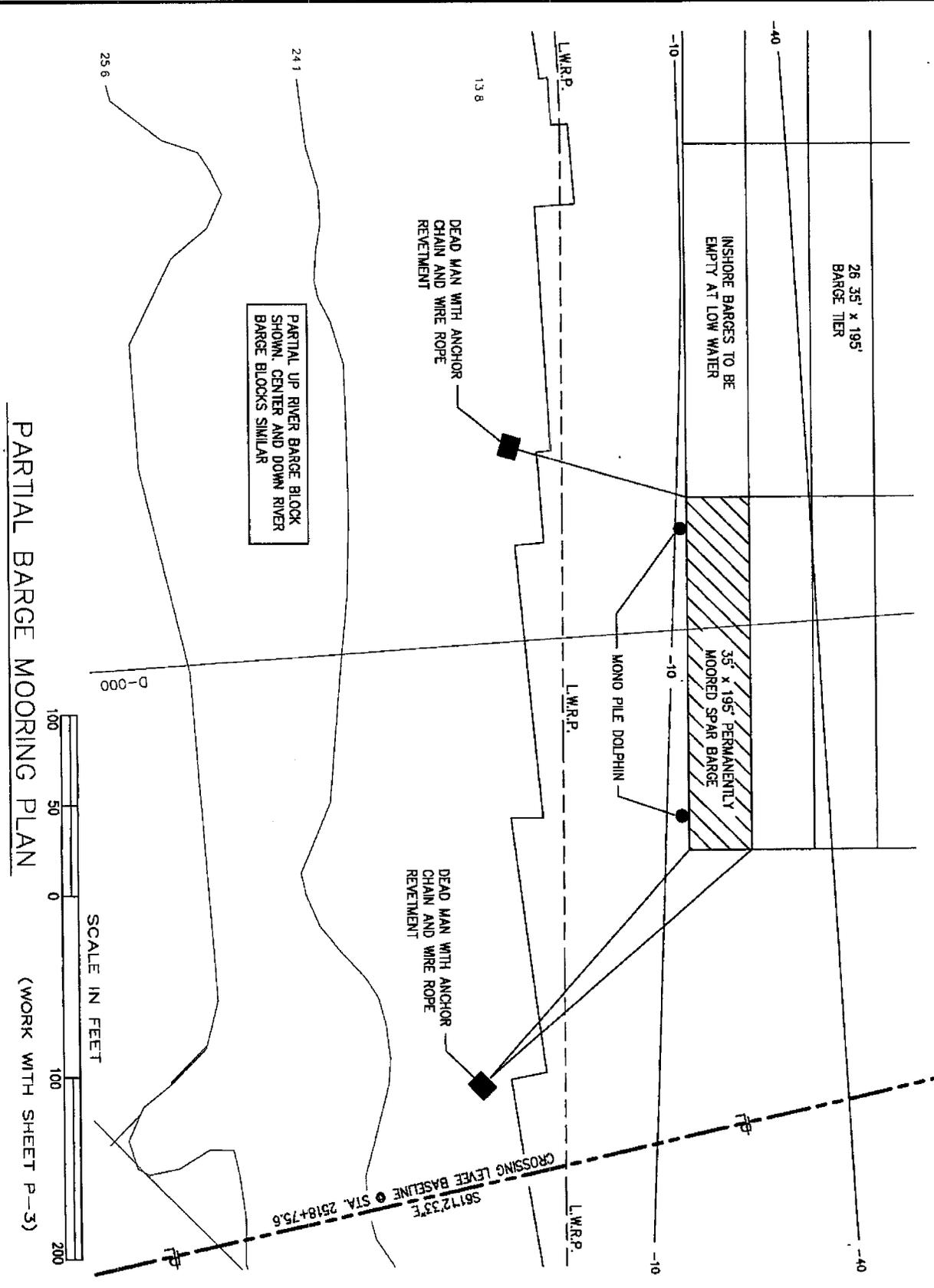
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BARGE FLEET PLAN

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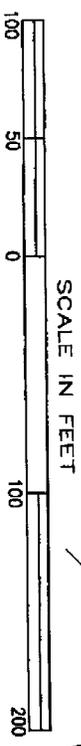


MISSISSIPPI RIVER
FLOW



PARTIAL UP RIVER BARGE BLOCK
SHOWN, CENTER AND DOWN RIVER
BARGE BLOCKS SIMILAR

PARTIAL BARGE MOORING PLAN



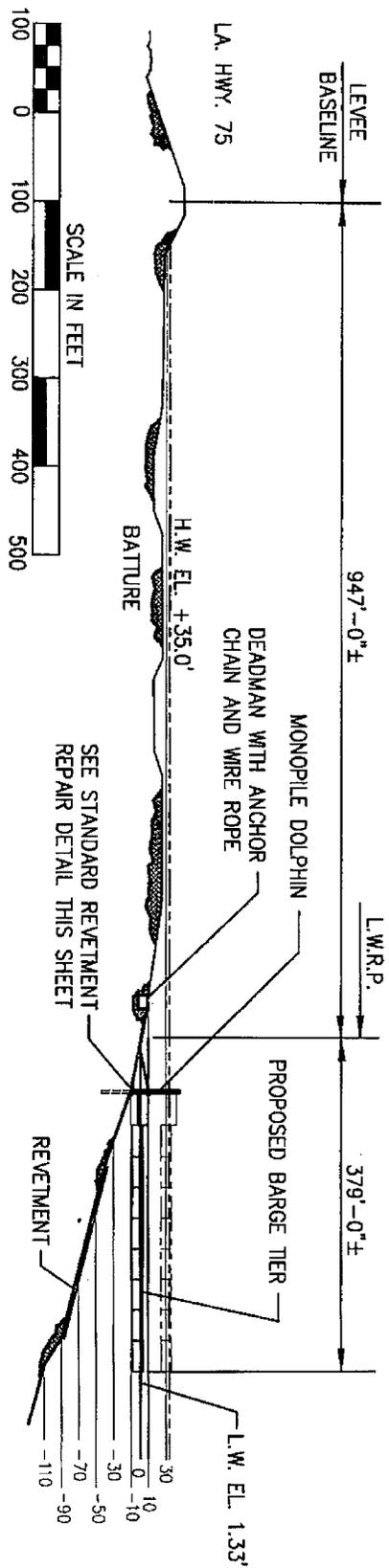
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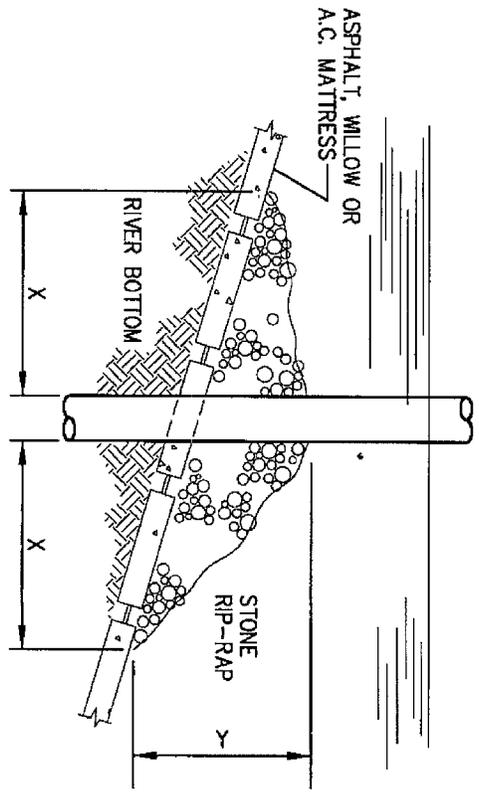
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 ASCENSION PARISH LOUISIANA
 PARTIAL BARGE MOORING PLAN

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SECTION THRU FLEETING FACILITY AT CENTER BARGE TIER

STANDARD RETEWMENT REPAIR DETAIL N.T.S.
(FOR PILING DRIVEN THROUGH RETEWMENT)



NOTES

1. SIZE OF RIP-RAP TO VARY BETWEEN 6 POUNDS AND 125 POUNDS WITH 40% TO 60% OF THE STONE WITHIN THE RANGE OF 25 POUNDS TO 75 POUNDS.
2. WHEN USING ANCHOR CHAIN AND BUOY SYSTEM, ANCHOR CHAIN MUST BE AT TOP OF PILE TO MINIMIZE RETEWMENT DAMAGE.

DEPTH OF WATER IN FEET AT POINT OF PILE PENETRATION	DISTANCE IN FEET		APPROXIMATE TONS OF STONE REQUIRED
	X	Y	
1 TO 10	3	1.5	1.5
11 TO 40	5	2	6.5
41 TO 60	8	3	22
61 TO 100	12	4	57

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