

# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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WQC Application Number  
WQC 141008-01

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the US 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 [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS 30:2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

## **BARGE FLEETING ASCENSION PARISH, LOUISIANA**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Carline Management Company, Inc., c/o Gulf South Engineering & Testing, Attention: Chad Poche, 2201 Aberdeen Street, Suite B, Kenner, Louisiana 70062.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** In the Mississippi River, left descending bank, approximately 171 miles above Head of Passes, near Burnside, Louisiana, in Ascension Parish, as shown on the attached drawings.

**HUC:** 08070100 Lower Mississippi River – Baton Rouge  
Latitude: 30.13889 Longitude: -90.94292

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization for the installation and maintenance of barge fleeting and anchorage in the Mississippi River. The operation will consist of nine (9) mooring piles and twelve (12) anchor pile deadmen with chains. A preliminary analysis has determined that the proposed project would directly impact 0.002 of an acre of forested wetlands on the batture.

The applicant has designed the project to avoid and minimize direct and secondary adverse impacts to the maximum extent practicable. The applicant proposes to perform all

batture work from the waterway utilizing a barge. No permanent adverse impacts to special aquatic sites are proposed; no compensatory mitigation is anticipated at this time.

The comment period for the Department of Army will close in **30 days** from the date of this joint 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 and/or this WQC request and 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**. Similar letters concerning the Water Quality Certification must reference the applicant's name and the WQC application number and be mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at the address above.

The application for this proposed project is on file with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and may be examined during weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Copies may be obtained upon payment of costs of reproduction.

### **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 US 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 US 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.

Houmas House Plantation and Gardens is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and located approximately 1,200 feet from 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. The proposed work is located in waters known to be utilized by pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) and is not likely to adversely affect the Pallid Sturgeon based on the Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species of Louisiana (SLOPES) dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office.

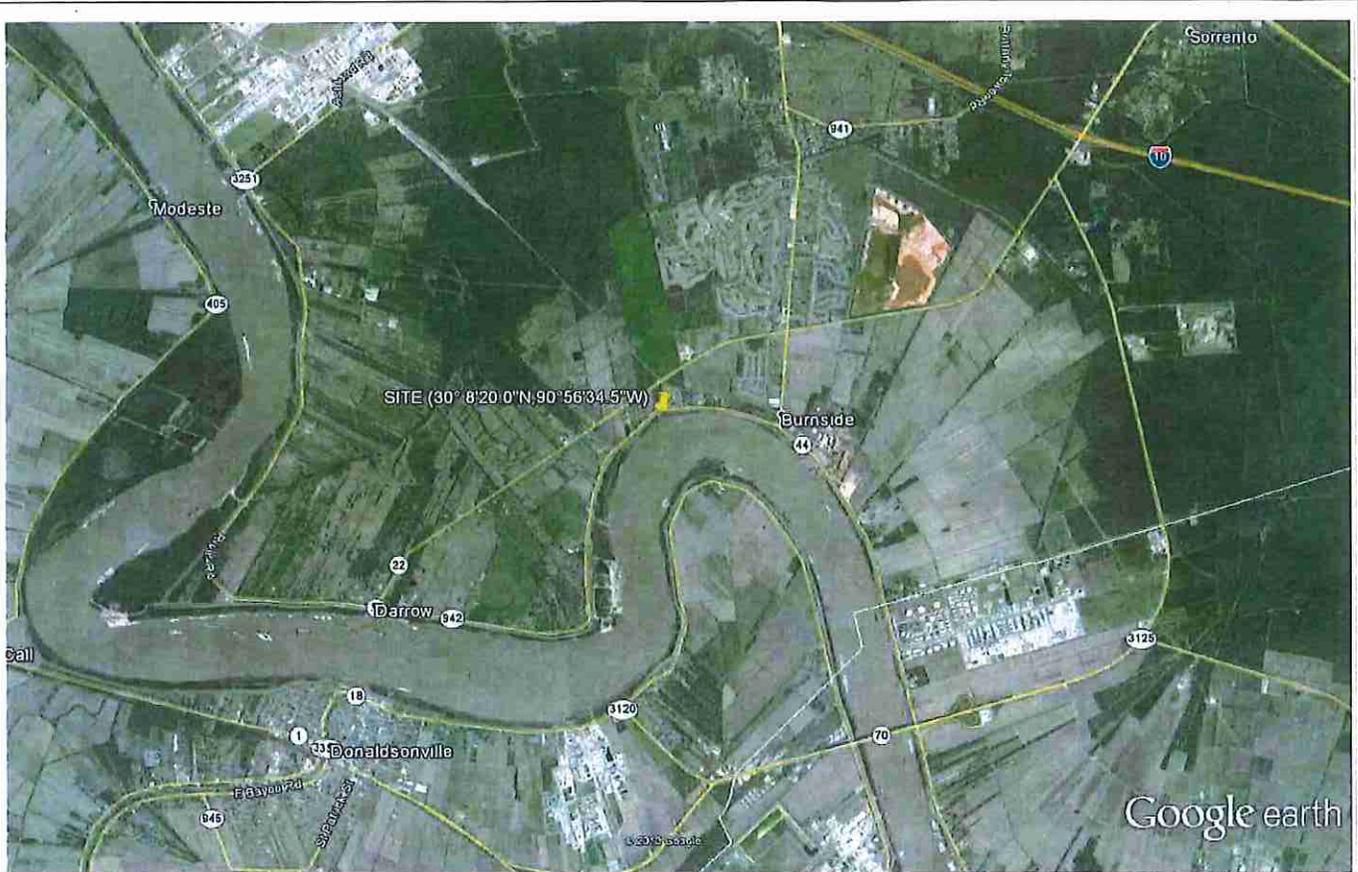
This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of up to 0 acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. 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.

If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services before a permit is issued.

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. 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.

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Chief, Central Evaluation Section  
Regulatory Branch

Enclosures



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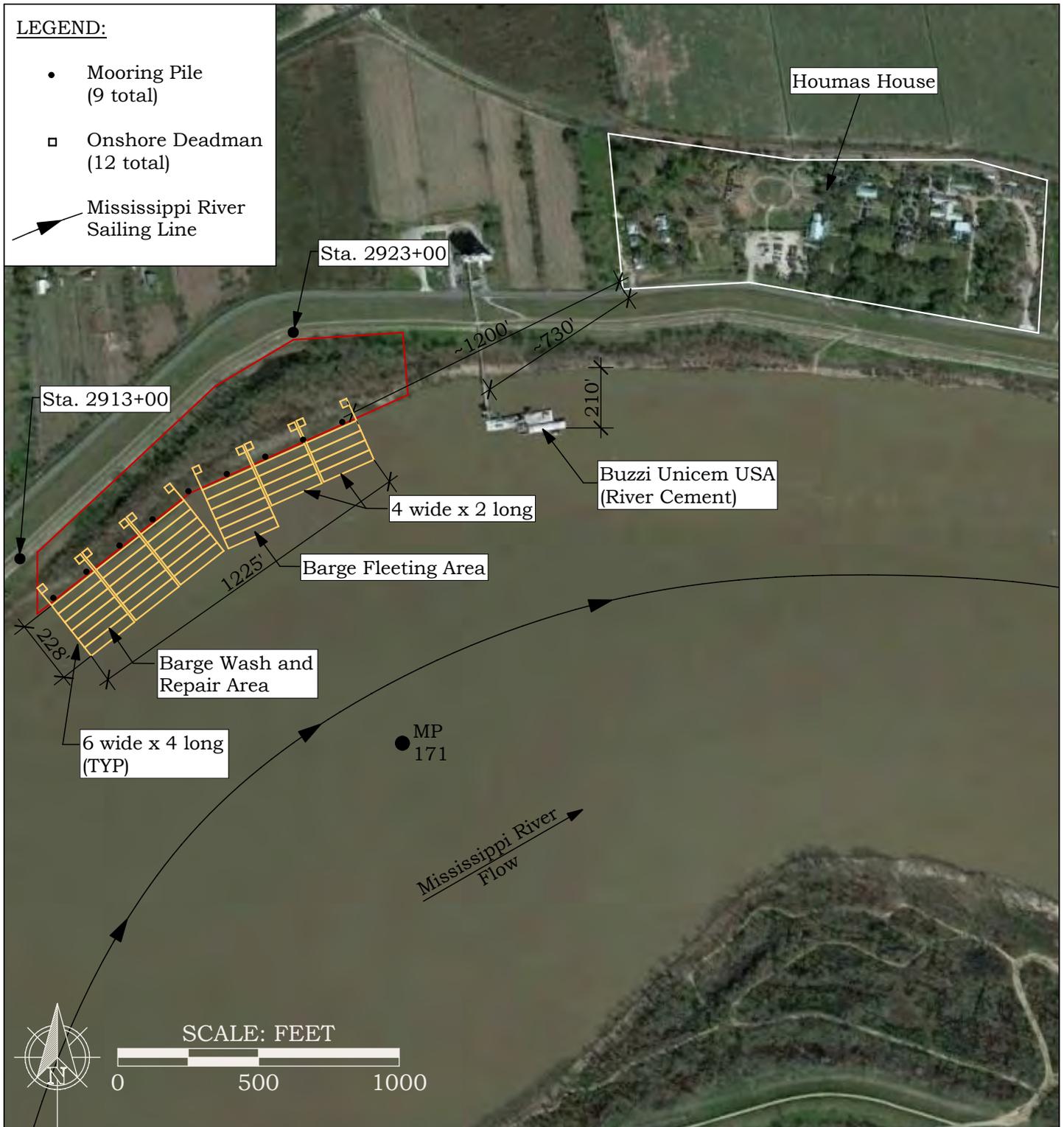
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VICINITY MAP

FIGURE NO. 1

**LEGEND:**

- Mooring Pile (9 total)
- Onshore Deadman (12 total)
- Mississippi River Sailing Line



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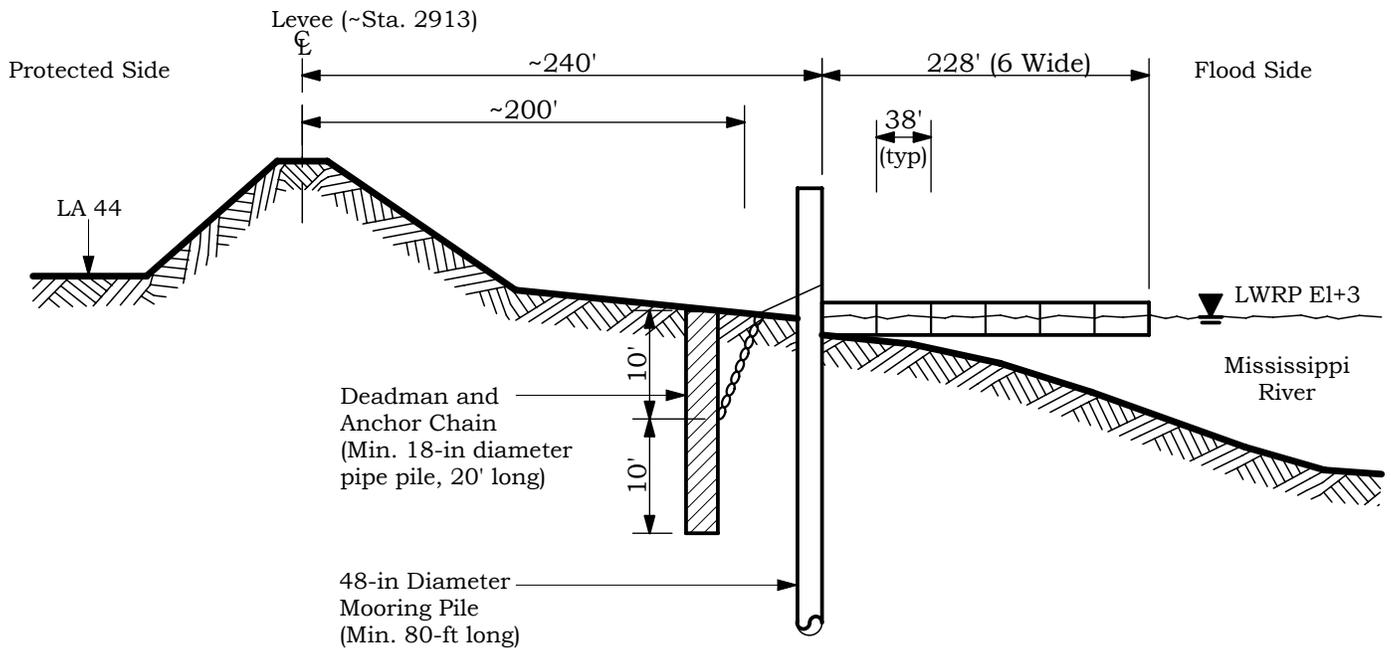
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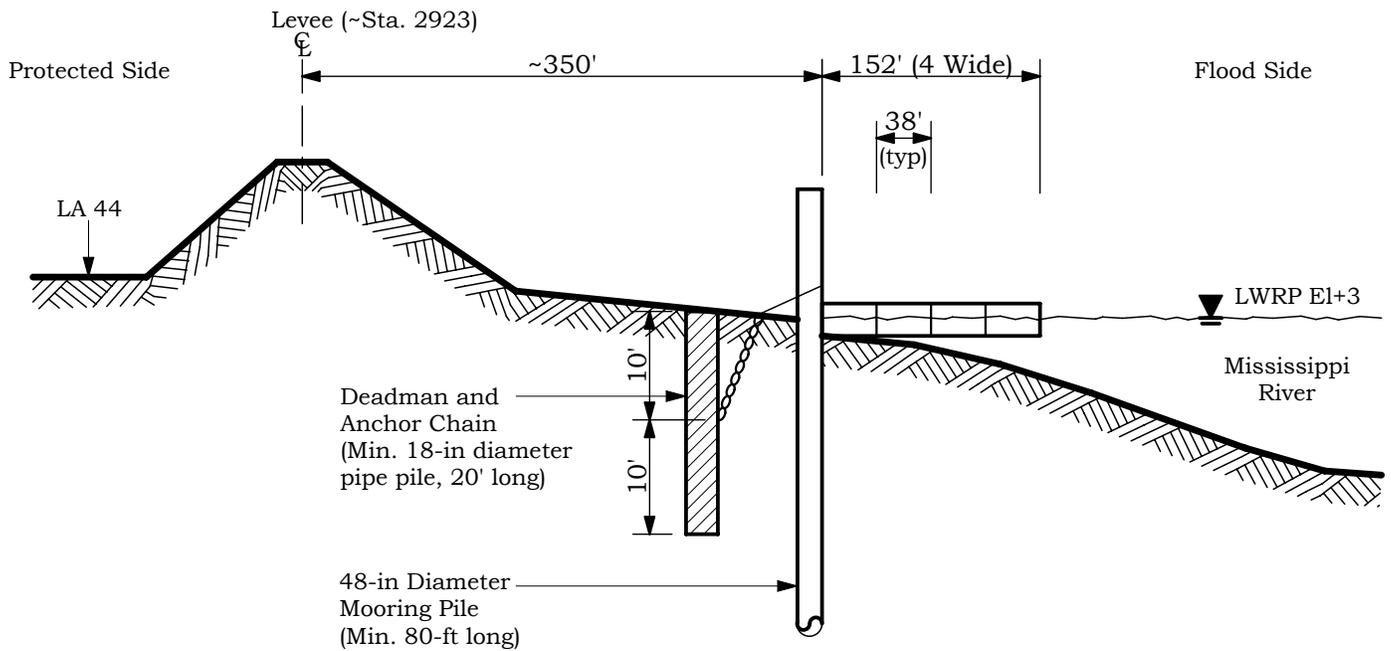
SITE DETAIL

FIGURE NO. 2

**UPSTREAM SECTION:**



**DOWNSTREAM SECTION:**



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SECTIONS

FIGURE NO. 3