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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Operations Division
Eastern Evaluation Section

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SUBJECT: MVN 2013-2613 EOO

PUBLIC NOTICE

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received by the District engineer for a Department of the Army permit to authorize the following 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).

False Mouth Bay Oyster Farm in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana

NAME OF APPLICANT: Robert Campo, % Southern Way Charters, Inc., Attn: Bart Haddad, 664 Tatum Camp Road, Purvis, Mississippi, 39475.

LOCATION OF WORK: A 4.8 acre site in open water and adjacent to the Biloxi Marsh within False Mouth Bay, in Saint Bernard Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the enclosed drawings.

Latitude: 30.02731/Longitude: -89.4266, Hydrologic Unit Code 08090203 – Eastern Louisiana Coastal

CHARACTER OF WORK: Install and maintain floating OysterGro cages for oyster production. The floating units will include 10 to 12 OysterGro cages on 160 foot lines anchored by galvanized augers. Each line will have 28 feet of spacing between them. The open water site will allow for the installation of approximately 100 OysterGro cages per acre. No dredging and/or fill activities are proposed. The applicant maintains that no jurisdictional wetlands would be directly affected by this action, thus no compensatory mitigation is anticipated.

The comment period will close **15 days** from the date of this public notice advertisement. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons therefore, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit request. Letters must reference the applicant's name and the subject number, be addressed and mailed to the above address, 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.

The New Orleans District is unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Issuance of this public notice solicits input from the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

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 up to N/A 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, Water Quality Certifications Section before a permit is issued.

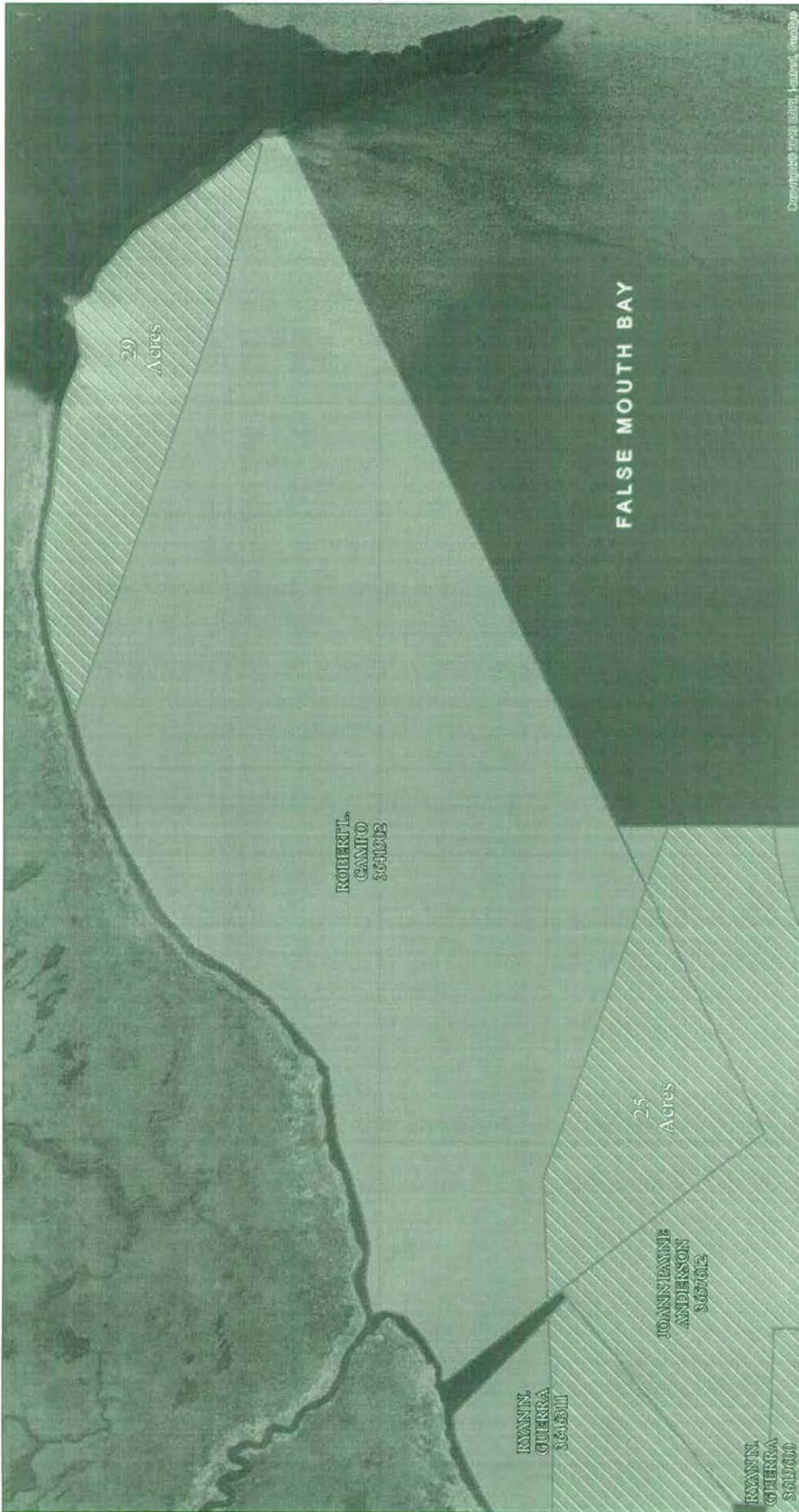
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

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.

Michael V. Farabee
Chief, Eastern Evaluation Section

Enclosures



Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries
 Oyster Lease Survey Section

2021 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 220 - New Orleans, LA 70122



Suitable Area for AOC
 Oyster Leases

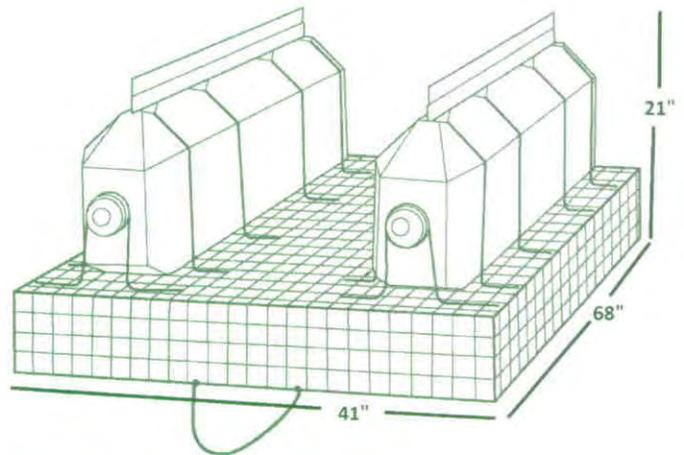
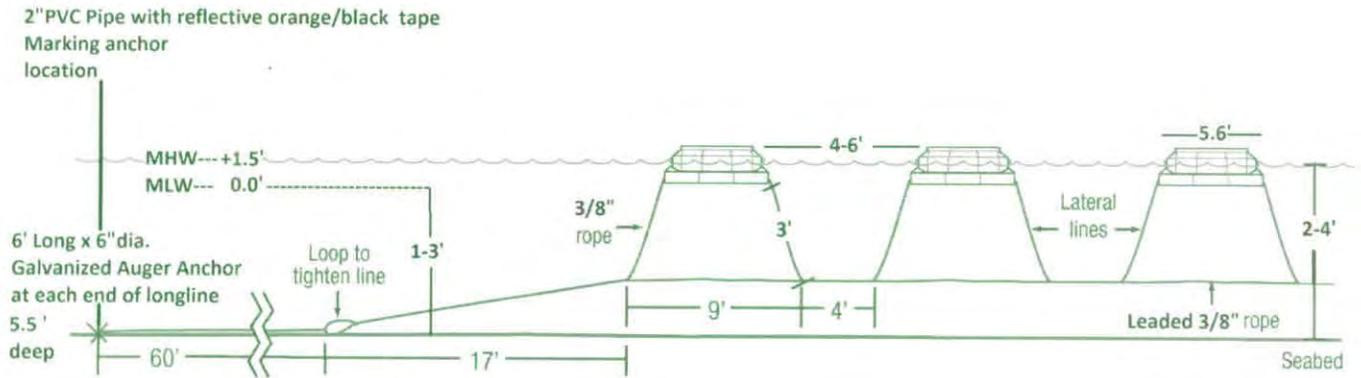
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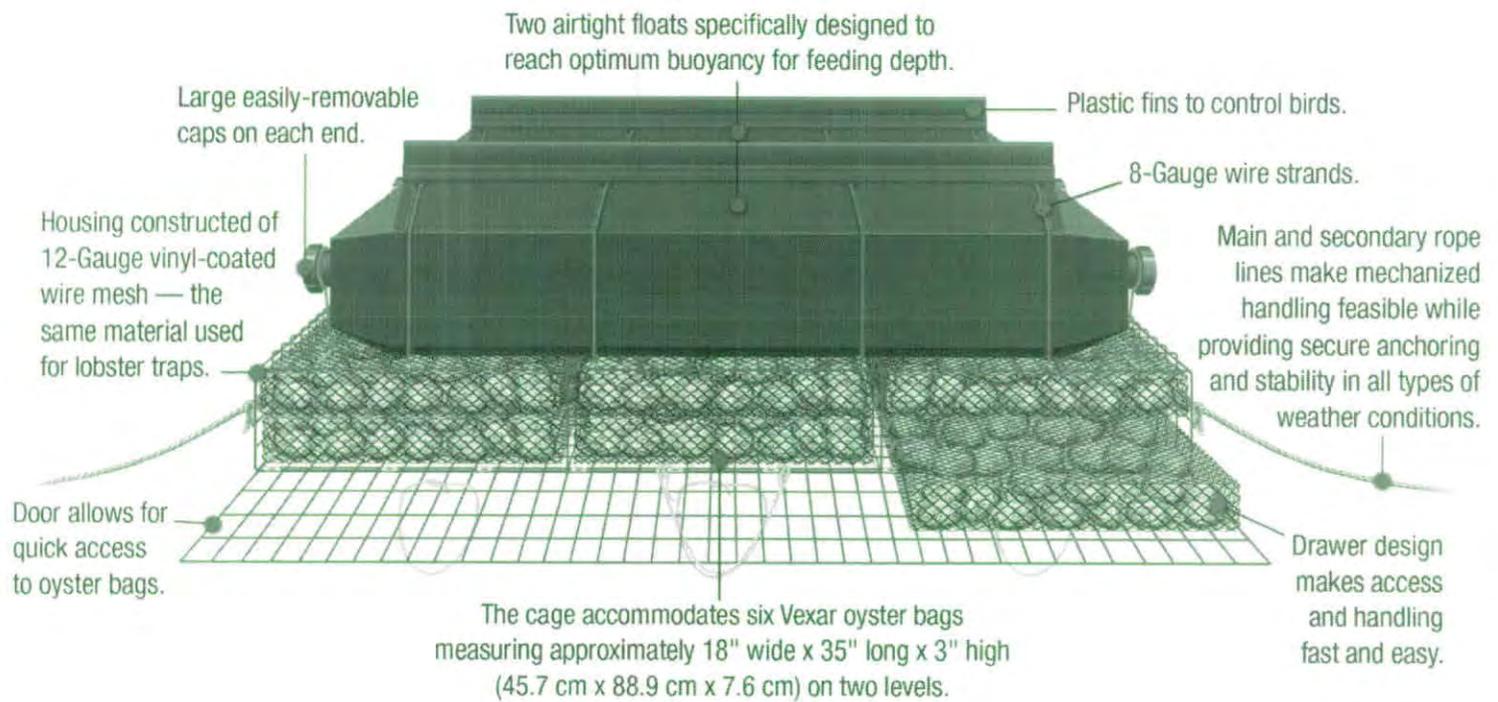
These diagrams show the rope system.



3/8" dia. Rope bridge on each ends.

3/8" dia. Lateral lines are attached to rope bridge

OysterGro cage description

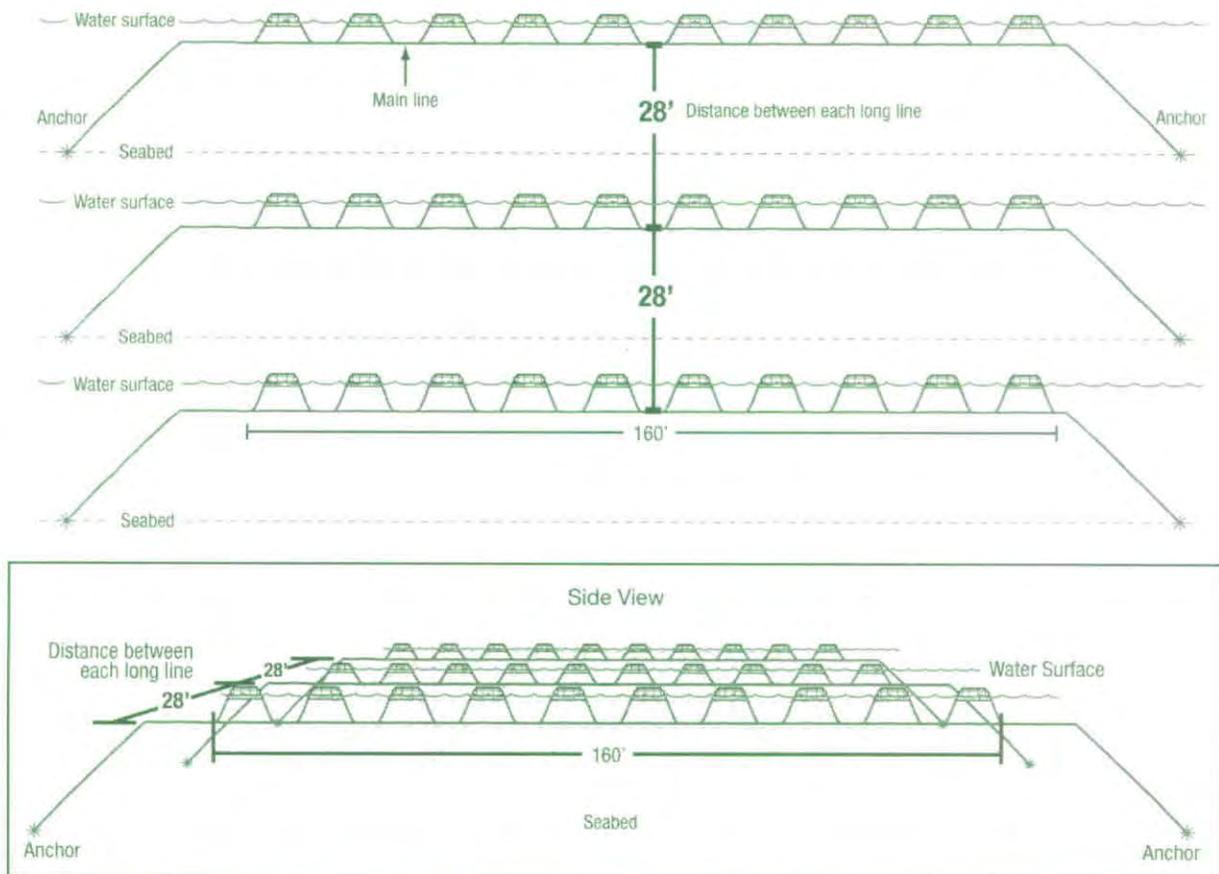


Layout of Long Lines

A typical long line consists of one individual row of 10 to 12 OysterGro Units (view figure II). The units are linked together with 3/8" ropes (view figure III). Proper anchorage is necessary to hold the units to the seabed. A long line is about 160 ft long and rule of thumb, 100 OysterGro cages can be set on a one-acre lot.

Figure II – Long lines

Orientation of longlines to one another.
Ten longlines of 10 floating cages each per oyster farm.



Le Petit Pass Island

Proposed Project

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Wild Goose Island

Mud Grass Is

Little

Lake Borgne

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Imagery Date: 3/5/2013 29°58'42.66" N 89°31'26.58" W elev 1 ft eye alt 20

Bay St Louis
Pass Christian

Cat Island

Lake Borgne

Project site

Bernard

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Imagery Date: 4/9/2013 30°02'22.64" N 89°26'36.54" W elev -1 ft eye alt 49



30° 1'40.32"N 89°25'40.19"W

30° 1'37.60"N 89°25'41.65"W

30° 1'37.12"N 89°25'32.82"W

30° 1'34.67"N 89°25'34.33"W

Dimensions
measured in feet

