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**COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING PROTECTION
AND RESTORATION ACT**

TASK FORCE MEETING

MAY 28, 1992

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 - A. Task Force Members or Alternates.
 - B. Other Attendees.
 - C. Opening Remarks by Task Force Members.
- II. Adoption of Minutes from the February 20, 1992 Meeting**
- III. Status of Tasks from February 1992 Meeting Requiring Further Action**
 - A. Draft report on Monitoring Program--Dr. Stewart or Mr. Steyer
 - B. Formation of a CSA Work Group charged with development of standard language for a model Cost Sharing Agreement--Mr. Elguezabal
 - C. Revision of schedule for completion of 2nd Priority Project List and Restoration Plan, including NEPA requirements, to meet November 1993 deadline--Ms. Hawes
 - D. Delegation to Technical Committee of authority to review scope of work for support services to be provided by Lee Wilson, Inc., and Dr. James Gosselink--Mr. Thomas
 - E. Nomination and selection of Basin Captains--Mr. Rowe
- IV. Resolution of Real Estate Issues Related to Section 303 of the CWPPRA--Mr. Brown**
- V. Amendment of Budget for Fiscal Year 1992**
 - A. Funding for Basin Captains--Mr. Rowe
 - B. COE Engineering support for preparation of 2nd Priority Project List and Restoration Plan--Mr. Rowe
 - C. Funding for management by COE of disbursement of CWPPRA funds--Mr. Elguezabal
 - D. Discussion and action by Task Force
- VI. Preparation of Agency Budgets for Fiscal Year 1993--Mr. Rowe**
- VII. Authorization of Carryover of Fiscal Year 1992 Funds**
 - A. Rationale for carryover--Mr. Rowe
 - B. Discussion and Action by Task Force

VIII. Responsibility for Tracking State's Share of Project Costs

- A. Proposal by USFWS--Mr. Oberheu
- B. Discussion and Action by Task Force

IX. Overview of Coastwide Conceptual Plan from Basin Integration Meeting--Dr. Gagliano

X. Goals and Strategies for Restoration Plan; Outline for Report--Mr. Rowe

XI. Report on Basin Captains Meeting--Ms. Hawes

XII. Status Reports by Basin Captains:

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|----------------------------|----------------|
| A. Pontchartrain | Ms. Hawes |
| B. Breton Sound | Mr. Axtman |
| C. Mississippi River Delta | Mr. Axtman |
| D. Barataria | Mr. Holder |
| E. Terrebonne | Mr. Thomas |
| F. Atchafalaya | Ms. Powell |
| G. Teche/Vermilion | Mr. Demcheck |
| H. Mermentau | Mr. Landreneau |
| I. Calcasieu/Sabine | Mr. Hickey |

XIII. Task Force Vision Statement

- A. Recommendations of Citizen Participation Group--Mr. Mielke
- B. Discussion and Action by Task Force

XIV. Additional Agenda Items

XV. Date and Location of the Next Task Force Meeting

XVI. Request for Written Questions from the Public

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**COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION, AND
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IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

TASK FORCE PROCEDURES

I. Task Force Meetings and Attendance

A. Scheduling/Location

The Task Force will hold regular meetings quarterly, or more often if necessary to carry out its responsibilities. When possible, regular meetings will be scheduled as to time and location prior to the adjournment of any preceding regular meeting.

Special meetings may be called upon request and with the concurrence of a majority of the Task Force members, in which case, the Chairperson will schedule a meeting as soon as possible.

Emergency meetings may be called upon request and with the unanimous concurrence of all members of the Task Force at the call of the Chairperson. When deemed necessary by the Chairperson, such meetings can be held via telephone conference call provided that a record of the meeting is made and that any actions taken are affirmed at the next regular or special meeting.

B. Delegation of Attendance

The appointed members of the Task Force may delegate authority to participate and actively vote on the Task Force to a substitute of their choice. Notice of such delegation shall be provided in writing to the Task Force Chairperson prior to the opening of the meeting.

C. Staff Participation

Each member of the Task Force may bring colleagues, staff or other assistants/advisors to the meetings. These individuals may participate fully in the meeting discussions but will not be allowed to vote.

D. Public Participation (see Public Involvement Program)

All Task Force meetings will be open to the public. Interested parties may submit written questions or comments that will be addressed at the next regular meeting.

II. Administrative Procedures

A. Quorum

A quorum of the Task Force shall be a simple majority of the appointed members of the Task Force, or their designated representatives.

B. Voting

Whenever possible, the Task Force shall resolve issues by consensus. Otherwise, issues will be decided by a simple majority vote, with each member of the Task Force having one vote. The Task Force Chairperson may vote on any issue, but must vote to break a tie. All votes shall be via voice and individual votes shall be recorded in the minutes, which shall be public documents.

C. Agenda Development/Approval

The agenda will be developed by the Chairperson's staff. Task Force members or Technical Committee Chairpersons may submit agenda items to the Chairperson in advance. The agenda will be distributed to each Task Force member (and others on a distribution list maintained by the Chairperson's staff) within two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date. Additional agenda items may be added by any Task Force member at the beginning of a meeting.

D. Minutes

The Chairperson will arrange for minutes of all meetings to be taken and distributed within two weeks after a meeting is held to all Task Force members and others on the distribution list.

E. Distribution of Information/Products

All information and products developed by the Task Force members or their staffs will be distributed to all Task Force members normally within two weeks in advance of any proposed action in order to allow adequate time for review and comment, unless the information/product is developed at the meeting or an emergency situation occurs.

III. Miscellaneous

A. Liability Disclaimer

To the extent permitted by the law of the State of Louisiana and Federal regulations, neither the Task Force nor any of its members individually shall be liable for the negligent acts or omissions of an employee, agent or representative selected with reasonable care, nor for anything the Task Force may do or refrain from doing in good faith, including the following: errors in judgement, acts done or committed on advice of counsel, or mistakes of fact or law.

B. Conflict of Interest

No member of the Task Force (or designated representative) shall participate in any decision or vote which would constitute a conflict of interest under Federal or State law. Any potential conflicts of interest must clearly be stated by the member prior to any discussion on the agenda item.

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION, AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

February 20, 1992

MINUTES

I. INTRODUCTION

Colonel Michael Diffley, representing the Secretary of the Army, convened the fifth meeting of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force at 9:30 a.m., February 20, 1992, in the District Assembly Room of the New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Agenda is attached as Enclosure 1. The Task Force was created by the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) which was signed into law (PL 101-646, Title III) by President Bush on November 29, 1990.

II. ATTENDEES

The Attendance Records for the Task Force meeting are attached as Enclosure 2. Listed below are the six Task Force members, all of whom were in attendance, with the exception of Dr. Lewsey, who was represented by Mr. Rickey Ruebsamen.

Mr. David Chambers, State of Louisiana
Mr. Russell Rhoades, Environmental Protection Agency
Mr. S. Scott Sewell, U.S. Department of the Interior
Mr. Horace Austin, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Dr. Clement Lewsey, U.S. Department of Commerce
Col. Michael Diffley, U.S. Department of the Army, Chairman

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the fourth Task Force meeting, held on October 31, 1991, (Enclosure 3) were unanimously approved by the Task Force members. [1/160] *

IV. TASK FORCE DECISIONS

The Task Force voted and passed the following motions:

- A. Adopt the recommendations of the Technical Committee as to "Development of Local Cooperation Agreements" (enclosure 4), with the changes to bullet 4 as moved by Mr. Chambers. These changes consisted of the inclusion of Dr. William Good as a State Co-Chair of the LCA Work Group and the substitution of the words "used as a basis for developing" in place of "incorporate into." The Task Force unanimously approved this motion. [1/597]
- B. Adopt the recommendations of the Technical Committee on "Task Force Review and Approval Process for Priority List and Restoration Projects' Final Design" (enclosure 5) with the following changes under the subheading "Project Construction Approval Process":
- Bullet 5: Substitute the words "Economic Work Group" for "Corps of Engineers"
 - Bullet 6: Insert missing bullet to read: "Planning and Evaluation Sub-committee reviews project for NEPA compliance, Cultural resource clearances, Real Estate rights and assurances, Benefit and Cost verification and LCA documentation and makes a recommendation to the Technical Committee."
 - Bullet 9: Strike the words "75% of."

The Task Force members unanimously approved this motion. [1/706, 2/558-573]

- C. Authorization for the Technical Committee to negotiate and enter into a contract for the services of EPA's on-board consultant to continue to provide support data for the remaining basin planning meetings. The proposed services will also include retaining Dr. James Gosselink as an intermediary with the scientific community. Mr. Chambers and members of both the Technical and the Planning and Evaluation Committees expressed their appreciation for the quality of the presentation at the first basin planning meeting. Execution of the contract is contingent on Technical Committee approval of a scope of contract services not to exceed \$212,000, plus 25% contingency. The Task Force members unanimously approved this motion. [3/719]

V. TASKS REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

- A. Colonel Diffley asked Dr. Stewart to provide at least a draft of the Project Monitoring Program to the Task Force by the end of March. [1/316]
- B. The Task Force voted that the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee would form an LCA Work Group at their next meeting and task this group with developing "boiler plate" LCA language prior to State Legislative approval of funding for the first priority list projects. [1/644]
- C. Col. Diffley requested Mr. Schroeder to see to the revision of the critical path schedule as soon as possible, keeping in mind the possible need to approach Congress for relief from the November 1993 deadline. Mr. Chambers stated that he would be willing to discuss the issue of relief with the Louisiana congressional delegation should it be deemed necessary. He also stated, however, that he would only be available to undertake this task for a limited time. [3/90]
- D. The Task Force delegated the Technical Committee the responsibility of reviewing and approving EPA contractor Lee Wilson's and Dr. James Gosselink's scopes of work for their services in support of the remaining basin planning meetings. Subsequent to this approval the Technical Committee was authorized to expend funds not to exceed \$212,000 plus 25% contingencies for the contracting of these services. This task was to be completed prior to the next basin planning meeting on March 17. [3/723]
- E. Col. Diffley requested that all Task Force member agencies and the State of Louisiana submit nominations of individuals to be Basin Captains by March 2nd. The Technical Committee will then select Basin Captains from these nominations and submit a final list of names to the Task Force, which will confirm the list by a telephone vote. This task is to be completed prior to the next basin planning meeting on March 17. [4/468,518]
- F. Col. Diffley asked the Task Force members to explore their schedules for open dates between the 18th and the 29th of May for a time to hold the next Task Force meeting. [4/653]

VI. STATUS OF FISCAL MATTERS

A. Ms. Brenda Weber, Chief of the Finance and Accounting Branch at the New Orleans District, stated that the district had received the funding allocation on the 22nd of January and that five million of the 33 million dollars allocated had been designated for planning efforts. Prior to the Task Force meeting 11, inter-agency agreements (MIPR's) were issued, committing a total of 3.2 million dollars. Ms. Weber noted that at the time of the meeting only 5 signed acceptance copies had been returned and that return of the signed copies is required for obligation and expenditure of funds. Ms. Weber also stated that in addition to the signed MIPR's a completed signature card would be required from the State of Louisiana. She also confirmed that a separate set of MIPR's would be issued for disbursement of the Engineering design and Construction funds and that these documents would have to be responded to in the same manner by the recipient agencies. When asked by Mr. Thomas what the procedure for increasing or adding to agency funding was, Ms. Weber responded that the current MIPR's could be amended and resent for signature. [3/750-800]

VII. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additional business items placed on the agenda. [4/586]

VIII. DATE/LOCATION OF THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING

The tentative date for the next Task Force meeting is in the 3rd or 4th full week of May. (see action item F) [4/563]

IX. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No written questions or comments were received from the public. [4/656]

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Task Force meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. [4/658]

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ENCLOSURE 1

AGENDA

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION, AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

February 20, 1992

AGENDA

- I. Introductions**
 - A. Task Force Members or Alternates
 - B. Other Attendees
 - C. Opening Remarks by Task Force Members
- II. Adoption of Minutes from the October 31, 1991 Meeting**
- III. Status of Tasks from October 1991 Meeting Requiring Further Action**
 - A. Liaison by Corps Real Estate Division with Other Agencies Regarding Real Estate Policies and Procedures (Minutes reference paras. V.A. and V.B., page 2) - Mr. Brown
 - B. Report on Project Monitoring Protocol (Minutes reference para. V.C., page 2)- Dr. Stewart
 - C. Agency Coordination, Review and Development of Local Cooperation Agreements (Minutes reference para. V.D., page 2) - Mr. Schroeder
- IV. Task Force Review and Approval Process for Priority List and Restoration Projects' Final Designs**
 - A. Technical Committee Recommendations - Mr. Schroeder
 - B. Discussion/Action by Task Force
- V. National Environmental Policy Act Documentation Requirements for:**
 - A. 2nd Priority Project List - Mr. Schroeder
 - B. Restoration Plan - Mr. Schroeder
 - C. Discussion/Action by Task Force
- VI. Report on Status of Priority List Projects by Each Lead Agency - Mr. Rowe**
 - A. COE
 - B. USFWS
 - C. EPA
 - D. SCS
 - E. NMFS
 - F. LA

VII. Report on Planning & Construction Budgets and Execution Procedures

- A. Finance and Accounting Activities for Planning Funds - Ms. Weber
- B. Finance and Accounting Activities for Construction Funds - Ms. Weber
- C. Discussion/Action by Task Force

VIII. Scientific Community Involvement in Planning Process - Mr. Rowe

- A. Discussion/Action by Task Force

IX. Plan Formulation Planning Process for Developing "Restoration Plan"

- A. Pontchartrain Basin and Schedule for Other Basins - Mr. Rowe
- B. Planning & Evaluation Subcommittee's Request to EPA to Contract for Technical Resource Assistance for Plan Formulation Meetings - - Additional Funding Required for Fiscal Year 1992 - Mr. Thomas
- C. Discussion/Action by Task Force

X. Proposal by SCS for Concurrent Basin Plan Development by Separate Study Managers Assigned from the Five Federal Agencies

- A. Letter Proposal of 13 Feb 92 to Chairman, Task Force, from SCS Task Force Member - Mr. Austin
- B. Discussion/Action by Task Force

XI. Additional Agenda Items

XII. Date/Location of Next Task Force Meeting

XIII. Request for Written Questions from the Public

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February 20, 1992**

**ENCLOSURE 2
ATTENDANCE RECORDS**



ATTENDANCE RECORD



DATE(S) 20 FEB 1992	SPONSORING ORGANIZATION PLANNING DIVISION	LOCATION DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
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PURPOSE COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION & RESTORATION ACT
TASK FORCE MEETING

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ENCLOSURE 3

MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 31, 1991 TASK FORCE MEETING

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION, AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

October 31, 1991

MINUTES

I. INTRODUCTION

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Mr. Russell Rhoades, Environmental Protection Agency
Mr. S. Scott Sewell, U.S. Department of the Interior
Mr. Horace Austin, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Dr. Clement Lewsey, U.S. Department of Commerce
Col. Michael Diffley, U.S. Department of the Army, Chairman

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the fourth Task Force meeting, held on September 24, 1991, (Enclosure 3) were unanimously approved by the Task Force members. [1/155] *

IV. TASK FORCE DECISIONS

The Task Force voted and passed the following motions:

- A. Remand the draft "Task Force Vision Statement" (Enclosure 4) to the Citizen Participation Group for further review and revision. This revised draft will be considered at the next Task Force meeting. The Task Force members unanimously approved this motion. [1/615]
- B. Adopt the Citizen Participation Group "Policy Statement" (Enclosure 5), with the understanding that future revision by the Citizen Participation Group is anticipated. The Task Force members unanimously approved this motion. [1/700]
- C. Approve the Priority Project List (Enclosure 6) for transmittal to Congress. The Task Force members unanimously approved this motion. [1/780]

V. TASKS REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

- A. Colonel Diffley asked Mr. Brown, Chief of the Real Estate Division at the New Orleans District, to establish a liaison with the Soil Conservation Service and the other Task Force members in order to become familiar with their real estate policies and procedures, in preparation for future Section 303(e) decisions. [2/280]
- B. Mr. Chambers stated that Louisiana law stipulates that expenditures from the Louisiana Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Fund for projects located on private lands in no way opens those private lands to public access. Mr. Chambers agreed to provide a copy of this law to Mr. Brown. [2/525]
- C. The Technical Committee will coordinate the development of a project monitoring protocol for the approval of the Task Force. [3/290]
- D. The State of Louisiana, in cooperation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Soil Conservation Service, and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, will review existing Local Cooperation Agreements as a starting point for the development of Local Cooperation Agreements for projects to be designed and constructed under the CWPPRA. [3/500 and 3/850]

- E. The Technical Committee will coordinate the preparation of responses to each of the comments made by the Citizen Participation Group on the Priority Project List (Enclosure 7). The Technical Committee will provide these responses to the Citizen Participation Group, as soon as possible. Comment 12 was remanded to the Citizen Participation Group for their consideration during their review of the "Task Force Vision Statement." [3/650]
- F. The Technical Committee will complete the final draft of the Priority Project List Report and the letter transmitting the report to the Assistant Secretary of the Army, by the November 14, 1991 Technical Committee meeting. [3/760]
- G. Each Task Force member will provide Mr. Schroeder with comments on, or additional input to, the "Environmental Report" in advance of the November 14, 1991 Technical Committee meeting. [4/50]

VI. STATUS OF FISCAL MATTERS

- A. Mr. Rodney Pittman, Chief of the Program Management Office at the New Orleans District, stated that we are waiting for the Department of the Treasury to issue a warrant for the Fiscal Year 1992 CWPPRA funds. He noted that the delay is occurring probably because this is the first year of funding and specific procedures are being developed. Mr. Pittman stated that each Task Force member will be reimbursed for Fiscal Year 1992 costs incurred prior to receipt of the Fiscal Year 1992 funds. [4/60]
- B. Ms. Brenda Weber, Chief of the Finance and Accounting Branch at the New Orleans District, stated that preparations are completed to execute the transfer of Fiscal Year 1992 budgeted funds to the other Task Force members, as soon as these funds are received. [4/100]

VII. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Mr. Rhoades emphasized the importance of the continued evaluation and enhancement of the procedures used to rank the projects. [4/115]
- B. Mr. Rhoades stated that the National Environmental Policy Act document prepared for the next Priority Project List should contain a comparison of the relative environmental benefits of the projects included on that list. He noted that the "Environmental Report" prepared for the current Priority Project List does not contain such an evaluation. [4/145]
- C. Colonel Diffley requested that the agenda for the next Task Force meeting include a discussion of Task Force review and approval of the final designs for coastal wetlands restoration projects, prior to allocation of funds for construction. He asked that the Technical Committee address this proposal. [4/160]

VIII. DATE/LOCATION OF THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING

The next Task Force meeting was scheduled for December 11, 1991, in the Assembly Room of the New Orleans District, beginning at 9:00 a.m. [4/230]

Comment: This meeting was subsequently postponed and will be rescheduled.

IX. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No written questions or comments were received from the public. [4/435]

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Task Force meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. [4/240]

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**TASK FORCE MEETING
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ENCLOSURE 4

DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

Recommendations of Technical Committee

In its meeting on February 19, 1992, the Technical Committee agreed to the following:

- **Approval by State Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force of Priority List Projects Considered Equivalent to Letter of Intent to Cost Share a Project; Therefore, Engineering and Design of a Project May Begin with Federal Funds Prior to Completion of an LCA.**
- **The Lead Task Force agency for each project will negotiate an LCA and real estate easements with the State.**
- **In accordance with the CWPPRA, the Corps of Engineers must approve all easement agreements.**
- **The Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee will form an LCA Work Group, to be Co-chaired by Mr. Dom Elguezabal of the New Orleans District's Project Management office and Dr. William Good of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, charged with developing the general "boilerplate" language to be used as a basis for developing all LCA's.**
- **The LCA Work Group will investigate methods of standardizing the valuation of in-kind services. The Lead Task Force agency for each project will negotiate with the State the appropriateness of such services.**
- **The Corps of Engineers will accept the State's share of the cost of each project and disburse these funds, along with the Federal share, to the appropriate Lead Task Force members.**
- **The Lead Task Force members will disburse all project funds for completion of construction.**

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**TASK FORCE MEETING
February 20, 1992**

ENCLOSURE 5

**TASK FORCE REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS FOR
PRIORITY LIST AND RESTORATION PROJECTS
FINAL DESIGN**

Task Force Review and Approval Process for Priority List and Restoration Projects' Final Designs

Priority Project List Approval Process

- **Corps of Engineers Disburses Annual Planning Funds**
- **Lead Agency Prepares Project Proposal and Preliminary Cost Estimate and Submits This Information to Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee**
- **P&E Subcommittee Refers Proposals to Environmental and Engineering Work Groups for Evaluation**
- **Environmental Work Group Estimates Project Benefits**
- **Engineering Work Group Reviews Cost Estimates for Adequacy and Accuracy**
- **Economics Work Group Performs Economic Analysis to Ensure Consistency**
- **P&E Subcommittee Ranks Projects by Cost-Effectiveness and Recommends Draft Priority List to Technical Committee**
- **Technical Committee Reviews Draft Priority List and Modifies as Appropriate**
- **Technical Committee Transmits Draft List to Citizen Participation Group for Review and Comment**
- **Citizen Participation Group Recommends Modifications as Appropriate; Public Meetings Held to Obtain Comments on Draft List**
- **Technical Committee Considers Recommendations of Citizen Participation Group and Public Comments, Modifies List as Appropriate, and Transmits Draft List to Task Force**
- **Task Force Approves Draft List or Modifies as Appropriate, then Transmits Priority Project List to the Congress**

Project Construction Approval Process

- Corps of Engineers Disburses 75% of E&D Funds At Lead Agency Request and Upon Receipt of Project Implementation Schedule and Budget
- Lead Agency Prepares Project Plans and Specifications and Final Cost Estimate, Advises P&E Subcommittee of any Cost Increase Beyond 25 Percent Limit or any Changes in Scope of Project
- Environmental Work Group Estimates Project Benefits in Case of Change in Scope
- Engineering Work Group Reviews Cost Estimates for Adequacy and Accuracy
- Economic Work Group Performs Economic Analysis to Ensure Consistency
- P&E Subcommittee Reviews Projects for NEPA Compliance, Cultural Resource Clearances, Real Estate Rights and Assurances, Benefit and Cost Verification and LCA Documentation and Makes a Recommendation to the Technical Committee
- If Project Remains Viable, Technical Committee Makes Construction Recommendation to Task Force
- Task Force Approves Project for Construction
- Corps of Engineers Disburses Construction Funds to Lead Agency

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REPORT ON MONITORING PROGRAM

Dr. Stewart or Mr. Steyer, Co-Chairmen of the Monitoring Work Group, will discuss the status of the development of the program for monitoring of CWPPRA projects.

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DEVELOPMENT OF COST SHARING AGREEMENTS

Mr. Elguezabal, Co-Chairman of the CSA Work Group, will report on the status of the development of a model Cost Sharing Agreement and the status of CSA's pertaining to First Priority List Projects.

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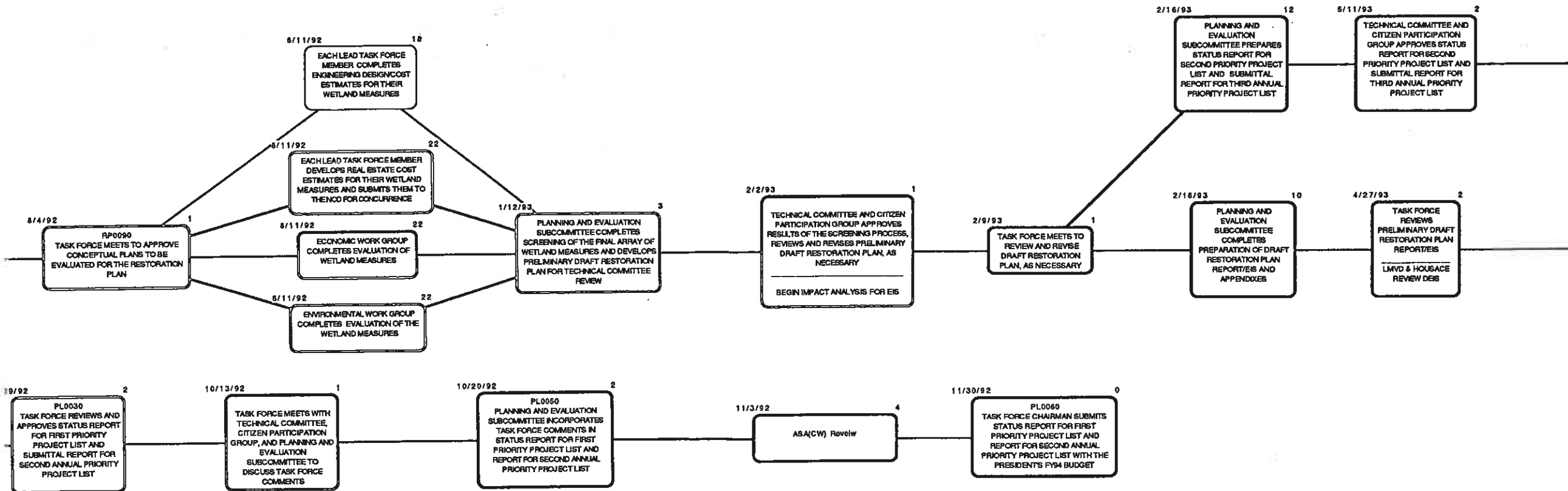
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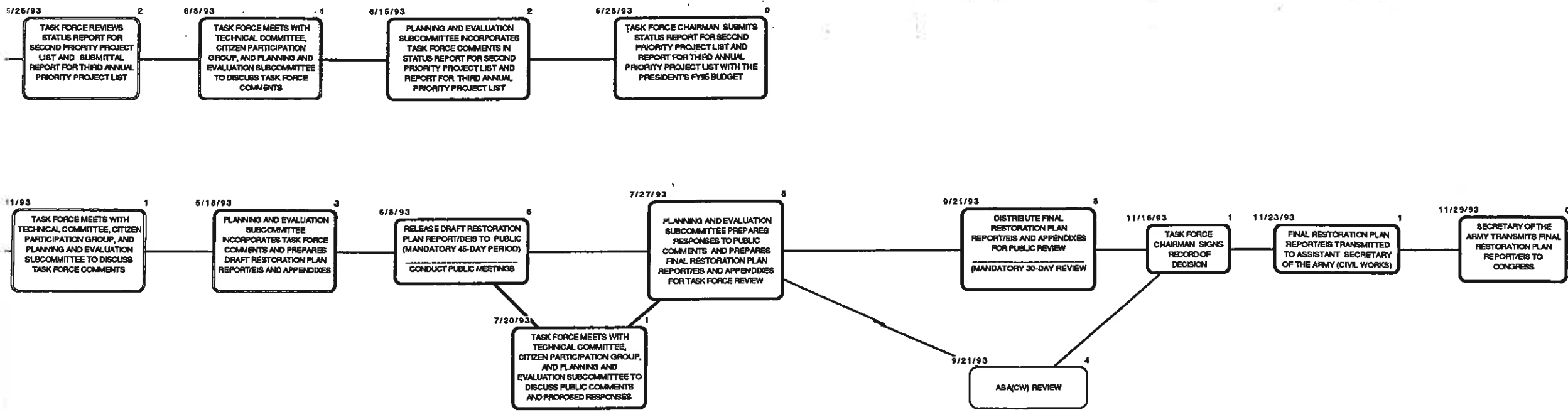
REVISION OF CRITICAL TASK SCHEDULE

Ms. Hawes will review the revised schedule for completion of the 2nd Priority Project List and Restoration Plan, with NEPA compliance, to meet the prescribed November 1993 deadline.

LOUISIANA COASTAL WETLANDS RESTORATION PLAN

Revised: April 6, 1992





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**REVIEW OF SCOPE OF WORK FOR CONTRACTOR
SUPPORT OF CWPPRA PLANNING**

Mr. Thomas will report on the Technical Committee's review of the EPA contractor's scope of work for assistance in the CWPPRA basin planning effort.

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**NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF
BASIN CAPTAINS**

Mr. Rowe will report on the selection of Basin Captains and the inter-agency teams supporting them in the CWPPRA planning effort.

CWPPRA Basin Captains by Basin

PONTCHARTRAIN	BRETON SOUND	MISSISSIPPI DELTA	BARATARIA	TERREBONNE
<p>Ms. Sue Hawes USACE, New Orleans, LA PO Box 60267 70160 ph. (504) 862-2518 fax (504) 862-2572</p>	<p>Ms. Donna Keller USACE, New Orleans, LA PO Box 60267 70160 ph. (504) 862-2405 fax (504) 862-2572</p>	<p>Mr. Timothy Axtman USACE, New Orleans, LA PO Box 60267 70160 ph. (504) 862-1921 fax (504) 862-2572</p>	<p>Mr. Samuel Holder Jr. MMS, New Orleans, LA 70123 1201 Elmwood Pk. Blvd. ph. (504) 736-2776 fax (504) 736-2610</p>	<p>Mr. Norm Thomas EPA, Region VI, Dallas, TX 1445 Ross Ave. 75202 ph. (214) 655-2260 fax (214) 655-7446</p>

ATCHAFALAYA	TECHE-VERMILION	MERMENTAU	CALCASIEU-SABINE
<p>Ms. Nancy Powell USACE, New Orleans, LA PO Box 60267 70160 ph. (504) 862-2449 fax (504) 862-2471</p>	<p>Mr. Dennis Demcheck USGS-WRD, Baton Rouge, LA PO Box 66492 70896 ph. (504) 389-0391 fax (504) 389-0706</p>	<p>Mr. Bennett Landreneau SCS, Alexandria, LA 71302 3737 Government St. ph. (318) 473-7756 fax (318) 473-7771</p>	<p>Mr. Edward Hickey SCS, Alexandria, LA 71302 3737 Government St. ph. (318) 473-7816 fax (318) 473-7771</p>

CWPPRA BASIN CAPTAINS AND TEAM MEMBERS

Basin	Basin Captain	Basin Team Members					COE
		FWS	SCS	DNR	NMFS	EPA	
1. Pontchartrain	Sue Hawes	Jane Ledwin	George Townsley	Bill Savant	Peggy Jones	Jeanene Peckham	Richard Boe/ Glenn Montz
2. Breton Sound	Donna Keller	Gerry Bodin	George Townsley	Carroll Clark	Peggy Jones	Jeanene Peckham	Richard Boe
3. Mississippi River	Tim Axtman	Kim Mitchell	George Townsley	John Radford	Peggy Jones	Jeanene Peckham	Richard Boe
4. Barataria	Sam Holder	Loyd Mitchell	Mike Nichols	Bill Savant	Peggy Jones	Jeanene Peckham	Richard Boe
5. Terrebonne	Norm Thomas	G. Bodin/ Ronny Paille	Britt Paul	Darryl Clark	Peggy Jones	Mike Jansky	R. Boe/ Chris Brantley
6. Atchafalaya River	Nancy Powell	Gerry Bodin	Mike Nichols	John Radford	Peggy Jones	Jeanene Peckham	R. Boe/ Chris Brantley
7. Teche / Vermilion	Dennis Demcheck	Gerry Bodin	Britt Paul	John Radford	Rick Hartman	Jeanene Peckham	Bob Bosenberg
8. Mermentau	Benny Landreneau	R. Paille/ L. Mitchell	Joe Conti	Carroll Clark	Rick Hartman	Wes McQuiddy	Bob Bosenberg
9. Calcasieu / Sabine	Ed Hickey	R. Paille/ L. Mitchell	Ed Hickey	Darryl Clark	Rick Hartman	Wes McQuiddy	Bob Bosenberg

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**RESOLUTION OF ISSUE CONCERNING SECTION 303 REAL ESTATE
REQUIREMENTS FOR CWPPRA PROJECTS**

Mr. Brown will discuss the real estate requirements for compliance with Section 303 of the CWPPRA.

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FUNDING FOR BASIN CAPTAINS

Mr. Rowe will discuss a proposal to allocate funds to support the effort of those individuals acting as Basin Captains.

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AMENDMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 1992 BUDGET

Mr. Rowe will discuss a proposal to reallocate remaining FY 1992 funds to support the intensive engineering effort required for the completion of the 2nd Priority Project List.

CWPPRA FY 92 E BUDGET ALLOCATION

AGENCY	MIPR DATE	MIPR AMOUNT (\$)	BILLING DATE	BILLING AMOUNT (\$)	EXPENDITURES THRU APR 92 (\$)	PROJECTED MAY-SEP 92 (\$)	EXCESS FUNDS (\$)	ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQ. (\$)	REVISED FY 92 BUDGET (\$)
Department of the Army U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	2/24/92	932,000			491,829	911,147		470,976	1,402,976
Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service	1/28/92 2/24/92	556,000 243,000	4/21/92	402,704	402,704	396,296			799,000
Department of Commerce National Marine Fisheries National Oceanic Service	1/28/92 1/28/92	484,000 72,000	4/13/92	61,609	127,973 29,492	336,000 42,000	20,027 508		463,973 71,492
Department of Interior Minerals Management Services National Park Service U.S. Fish and Wildlife U.S. Geologic Survey (Baton Rouge) U.S. Geologic Survey (Reston)	1/30/92 1/28/92 1/28/92 1/28/92 1/28/92	2,900 12,100 619,100 131,400 47,500	3/23/92	2,900	4,986 1,606 177,049 36,440 27,500	20,500 3,950 398,281 121,840 20,000	6,544 43,770	22,586	25,486 5,556 575,930 158,280 47,500
Environmental Protection Agency Lee Wilson Contract Scientific Review	1/28/92 2/27/92 2/27/92	509,000 175,000 37,000			257,496	501,500		37,996	758,996
State of Louisiana Department of Natural Resources	1/28/92	767,400	2/25/92 4/14/92 5/20/92	49,639 27,529 13,505	188,925	287,250	291,225		476,175
Office of the Governor	1/28/92	155,600			17,743	96,110	41,747		113,853
TOTALS		4,744,000		557,886	1,763,743	3,134,874	403,821	558,438	4,898,617
CONTINGENCIES		256,000							
UNALLOCATED FUNDS							101,383		

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**FUNDING FOR MANAGEMENT OF INTER-AGENCY
DISBURSEMENT OF CWPPRA FUNDS**

Mr. Elguezabal will discuss a proposal to allocate funds to support the efforts of the Corps of Engineers in the disbursing and accounting of CWPPRA funds .

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May 28, 1992

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Corps Duties in Funds Control

1. The Corps will disburse both Federal and State funds to the lead agency when and in the amounts requested by the lead agency. The Corps will inform both the State and the lead agency of any funds transferred in or out of the escrow account and the status of the account. Disbursement of Federal and State funds will be at a rate to assure that a minimum 25% of the project cost, of which at least 5% must be cash, is State contribution.
2. The lead agency will value work-in-kind performed by the State and inform the Corps of the amount.
3. The Corps will keep track of the how much Federal and State funds have been spent and keep both the State and the lead agency informed of the status of cost-sharing. At least once each quarter, the Corps will furnish the lead agency and the State a report on the status of all project accounts as well as the current cost-sharing percentage.
4. If the Corps discovers a shortfall in the State's cost-sharing percentage (i.e., the total of all work-in-kind approved by the lead agency to date plus State funds disbursements plus funds remaining in the escrow account is less than 25% of the current project estimate), the Corps will inform the lead agency, with copy to the State, of the shortfall.
5. It is the lead agency's responsibility, in accordance with the Cost Sharing Agreement with the State, to request that the State either place additional funds in the escrow account or submit invoices for creditable work-in-kind in an amount equal to or exceeding the shortfall.
6. The lead agency will be responsible for performing any and all audits required on the State's contributions.
7. The State will maintain one escrow account for all CWPPRA projects. The Corps will attempt to maintain separate sub-accounts for each project within the one escrow account to insure the proper funding percentage for each project. Transfer of funds within the escrow account from one project to another will not be allowed without the written concurrence of the Corps, the State, and the lead agencies for the projects involved in the funds transfer.

May 27, 1992

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EXPENSE OF FUNDS DISBURSEMENT

The Corps of Engineers has been directed by the Task Force to act as the bank for all funds, Federal or State. This includes the Corps managing the disbursement of funds to the lead agencies from the State's escrow account, *and the accounting for in-kind services provided by the State and verified by the lead agency.*

As a result, the Corps will incur some administrative expenses estimated to be \$2,000 per project per year. It is requested that this cost be added to the cost of the non-Corps project.

POC: Dom Elguezabal, CELMN-LC, ext. 2599.

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PREPARATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 1993 BUDGET

Mr. Rowe will discuss preparation of the fiscal year 1993 budget.

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AUTHORIZATION FOR CARRYOVER OF FISCAL YEAR 1992 FUNDS

Mr. Rowe will discuss the rationale concerning the carryover of planning funds from one fiscal year to the next.

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**DESIGNATION OF RESPONSIBLE AGENCY FOR
TRACKING STATE SHARE OF PROJECT COSTS**

Technical Committee Recommendation:

Lead Agencies will be responsible for the evaluation of in kind services provided by the State on individual projects. The Federal/State project cost ratio (75/25) may be tracked by the Corps of Engineers provided the value of the in kind services is supplied by the Lead Agency.

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**OVERVIEW OF THE COASTWIDE CONCEPTUAL PLAN FROM THE BASIN
INTEGRATION MEETING**

Dr. Gagliano will present an overview of the conceptual plan developed for coastal Louisiana in the basin integration meeting.

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GOALS AND STRATEGIES FOR THE RESTORATION PLAN

Technical Committee Recommendation:

Approve the goals and strategies for the Comprehensive Coastal Restoration Plan, as presented on the following page.

Goals and Strategies for
Comprehensive Restoration Plan
Louisiana Coast

Goals

- 1) to sustain the *ecological value* and *economic productivity* of Louisiana's coastal wetlands;
- 2) and to accomplish this by *maintaining and improving* four critical *wetland functions*--food chain, habitat value, hydrological control, and environmental enhancement.

Strategies

- 1) The primary strategy to meet these goals is to *maintain and restore natural processes where feasible*. The objective is to work with natural processes, not against them, in order to promote sustainable conditions. Implementation of the strategy will involve large-scale projects to divert fresh water and sediment, and smaller projects aimed at hydrologic and vegetative restoration.
- 2) A second strategy must also be used, especially in the short term. This strategy is to *abate losses in situations of critical need or significant opportunity*, i.e., "keep what we have"; and to *offset or exceed the remaining losses by wetland creation or shoreline protection*.

Comments

- 1) Comprehensive restoration will require a combination of policy and programs which are publicly supported, integrated toward the above strategies, and implemented at all levels of government and in the private sector.
- 2) The need for structural projects will likely far exceed the funding now available under CWPPRA, especially if the effort is to be sufficient to sustain wetlands functions at existing levels. The Comprehensive Plan must stress that a substantial additional investment in wetlands productivity is required.
- 3) The above goals and strategies are established on the premise that it is not feasible to restore the Louisiana Coast to the natural condition which existed many decades ago.

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OUTLINE FOR RESTORATION PLAN REPORT

Mr. Rowe will present a tentative outline of the Restoration Plan Report.

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Restoration Plan Report Outline

- I. Introduction
 - A. Study Authority
 - B. Study Purpose and Scope
 - C. Study Participants and Coordination
 - 1. Mechanics of interagency effort
 - 2. Public involvement
 - a. Scoping meetings
 - b. Citizen Participation Group
 - c. Scientific review
 - d. Public meetings
 - D. Overview of Problem Identification (Coastwide)
 - E. Prior Coastwide Studies
- II. Task Force Recommendation for Comprehensive Plan
- III.-XI. Basin Reports
 - A. Introduction
 - 1. Study area
 - 2. Pertinent prior studies
 - 3. Existing projects
 - B. Problem Identification
 - 1. Existing conditions
 - 2. Future without-project conditions
 - 3. Problems, needs, and opportunities
 - C. Plan Formulation
 - 1. Planning constraints
 - 2. Planning objectives for the basin
 - 3. Conceptual plan
 - a. Preliminary array of alternatives
 - b. Screening process
 - c. Final array of alternatives
 - d. Evaluation of final array
 - i. Costs
 - ii. Beneficial impacts
 - iii. Adverse impacts
 - iv. Issues
 - e. Rationale for the Selected Plan
 - f. Components of the Selected Plan
 - i. Physical features
 - ii. Operation
 - iii. Monitoring

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Restoration Plan Report Outline

XII. Interbasin Projects

XIII. Coastwide Recommendations

- A. Projects
- B. Regulatory Measures
- C. Legislative Measures

XIV. Programmatic EIS

XV. Vision for the Future

- A. Recommendations for Additional Projects
 - 1. Large-Scale Projects
 - 2. Additional Demonstration Projects
- B. Recommendations for Additional Studies
 - 1. Specific Projects
 - 2. New Technologies
- C. Suggested Implementation Process

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REPORT ON THE BASIN CAPTAINS MEETING

Ms. Hawes will report on the guidance provided to the Basin Captains for the completion of the 2nd Priority Project List and the CWPPRA Comprehensive Coastal Restoration Plan.

Public Meetings - BY JUNE 30

Prepare maps and presentation well in advance.

Agenda

Welcome - Coalition

CWPPRA process to date - Project Manager (Green)

Overview of Basin Meetings - BC

Existing conditions and problems, needs, and opportunities.

Rough conceptual Basin alternatives - BC

Features on map.

Rough description of location, objectives and features for lynch pin solutions and smaller projects.

PL#2 candidates - BC

Description of location, objectives, & features.

Comments from Public - Facilitated by BC or Proj. Manager (Green).

3-5 minutes per person (use timer with alarm)

Comments on Basin alternatives

Comments on PL#2 candidates

Other problems and/or solutions

Closing - Proj. Manager (Green)

Where we are going from here - schedule for PL#2 and Conceptual Plan.

Environmental Work Group completes WVA for PL#2 Candidates. BY OCT 9

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STATUS REPORTS BY BASIN CAPTAINS

The Basin Captains will report on the conceptual plans and strategies for each basin derived from the basin planning meetings.

PONTCHARTRAIN BASIN PROJECTS

PROJECT TYPE		PLANNING & EVALUATION PROPOSALS	COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS	UNDER CONSIDERATION	PROPOSED
DIVERSION	SEDIMENT PUMPED SEDIMENT	ROMEVILLE DIV. HOT SPOTS ONLY LARGE AREAS			
	HYDROLOGIC RESTORATION	AMITE R. DIVERSION BANK MOD GRAMERCY SWAMP HOPE, H0 & COLONIAL CANALS RESERVE SWAMP		PO5	MAUREPAS WETLAND PPO16 PPO17 PPO19 AMITE R. WEIR FLOW RESTORATION HWY 51 CULVERTS
SUCCESSION	SALINITY	FRESHWATER INFLOW IN OF PASS MANCHAC			
	EROSION	NE PASS MANCHAC BLAYHUT CANAL SHORELINE EROSION		PO13	SHORE PROTECTION
	HYDRAULICS	MANCHAC WMA MGT. I-55 CANAL PARTIAL CLOSURE MOUTH OF BLIND RIVER			
DIVERSION	WATER		PO4		
LAND BRIDGES		BAYOU SALVAGE WMA LONG TERM MGT.	PO2a PO2b FPO10 FPO16	PO11 PO15	GIMW BANK STAB. ST. CATHERINE MGT. MANCHAC WMA MGT. PPO36 PPO3 PPO40
			FPO17 PO3	PO8 PO7 PO12 PO14	FRITCHE MARSH REST. PORT LOUIS CANALS BAYOU LACOMBE, GOSSE PT. REST. LABRANCHE MARSH CREATION PPO9,10 PPO21 & 11 PPO21 & 22 PPO12 &15 PPO13 &28 PPO31 PPO4,16, 28 & 32 RESTORATION
FRINGING MARSH					

UPPER BASIN

CENTRAL BASIN

PONTCHARTRAIN BASIN PROJECTS

PROJECT TYPE		PLANNING & EVALUATION PROPOSALS	COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS	UNDER CONSIDERATION	PROPOSED
DIVERSION		VIOLET SHIPON REHAB VIOLET FRESHWATER DIV., MRGO CLOSURE, VIOLET SHIPLOCK	PO1 PO8	VIOLET SIPHON PUMP OUTFALL MGT.	PP01 CENTRAL WETLAND RESTORATION
INFCO		SEABROOK BARRIER			PP08 PP05 PP06,20 839 BANK STABILIZATION CLOSURE GATE ORLOCK
HYDROLOGIC RESTORATION		CENTRAL WETLANDS RESTORATION BILOXI WMA			
DREDGED MATERIAL					PP03B MARSH CREATION

LOWER BASIN

BRETON SOUND BASIN PROJECTS

PROJECT TYPE	PLANNING & EVALUATION PROPOSALS	COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS	UNDER CONSIDERATION	PROPOSED
DIVERSION	PBS-6 CREVASSE REST. BELOW BOHEMIA	COMPLETE	BS-1 b. BS-4	OAK RIVER FLOW REST. MYRTLE GROVE & BOHEMIA DIV. WHYDROPOWER
	PBS-7 BOHEMIA SEDIMENT DIV.	COMPLETE	a.	
	PBS-10 CAENARVON SEDIMENT DIV.	COMPLETE	b.	
	PBS-11 CAENARVON OPERATIONAL CRITERIA MODIFICATION	COMPLETE BS-1 a.	BOHEMIA OUTFALL MGT. WHITES DITCH OUTFALL MGT. ENLARGEMENT	
CONTROL & MANAGEMENT	PBS-8 INTERIOR BARRIER ISL.	COMPLETE	BS-3	LOW LEVEL BARRIER PT. A LA HACHE TO MFRGO MARSH RESTORATION N. OF LAKE LERY
	PBS-9 INTERIOR RIDGE RESTORATION/ENHANCEMENT	COMPLETE	BS-5	
	PBS-12 CAENARVON WATER DIV. TO N. OF LAKE LERY	COMPLETE	CAENARVON DIV. MGT. N. OF LAKE LERY S. OF BIG MAR BAYOU LAMOQUE MGT.	
CREATION				PBS-5 FIDDLER PT. BARRIER CREATION

MISSISSIPPI DELTA PROJECTS

PROJECT TYPE	PLANNING & EVALUATION PROPOSALS	COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS		UNDER CONSIDERATION	PROPOSED
		COMPLETE	IN PROGRESS		
DIVERSION	PMR-6 NEW MISS. RIVER NAVIGATION CHANNEL REVISE FLOW DIST. BELOW VENICE	MR-1 b. FMR-3	SM SEDIMENT DIV.'s DELTA REFUGE SMALL DIV.'s WEST BAY DIV.	MR-2	PMR-2 PMR-3 PMR-5
			TIGER PASS WETLAND		MAIN PASS CREVASSES & GRAND PASS, TIGER & BAPTISTE COLLETTE DIVERSIONS BENNY'S BAY SEDIMENT DIV. (EAST BAY)
MARSH CREATION		FMR-4			PMR-1 RIVERSIDE BAY ISLAND WETLAND
DREDGED MATERIAL	PMR-8 SEDIMENT MINING FROM DISPOSAL SITES ON ACTIVE PASSES				

BARATARIA BASIN PROJECTS

PROJECT TYPE	PLANNING & EVALUATION PROPOSALS		COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS		UNDER CONSIDERATION		PROPOSED	
	PBA-38 PBA-37 PBA-42 PBA-44 PBA-48	LAGAN FRESHWATER DIV. DES ALLEMANDS FRESH- WATER DIV. DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS THRU HIGHWAY 90 BURAS SEDIMENT DIV., LRG. MYRTLE GROVE SEDIMENT DIV., NEW DELTA LOBE	BA-1 BA-3 BA-4	DAVIS POND DIV. NAOMI SIPHON W. POINT A LA HACHE SIPHON	BA-3 BA-4 BA-10 BA-12 BA-13 BA-17	NAOMI SIPHON ENLARGEMENT OUTFALL MGT. W. POINT A LA HACHE ENLARGEMENT OUTFALL MGT. DAVIS POND OUTFALL MGT. GRAND/SPANISH PASS DIV. HERO CANAL DIV. CITY PRICE/HOME PLACE DIV.	PBA-18 PBA-20 PBA-21 PBA-30	HERO CANAL SED. DIV. BAYOU LAFOURCHE DIV. LAREUSSITE/HERO CANAL OUTFALL MGT. OUTFALL MGT. N. OF BAYOU DUPONT
MARSH CREATION	PBA-38 PBA-39 PBA-40 PBA-41	SHELL ISL RESTORATION SANDY PT. RESTORATION FORT LIVINGSTON BEACH NOURISHMENT RIDGE RESTORATION AT BAYOU'S RIGOLETTE & DUPONT	FBA-19	BARATARIA BAY WATER- WAY WETLAND REST.		PBA-2 PBA-3 PBA-4 PBA-5	GRAND ISLE/ GRAND TERRE REBUILDING W/DREDGED MATERIAL DEDICATED DREDGING AT GRAND ISLE BOAT HARBOR BAYOU DUPONT FORT LIVINGSTON	
	PBA-33 PBA-34	RIDGE RESTORATION NEAR BAY L'OURS BAYOU L'OURS BARRIER MAINTAINENCE	BA-5 b. c. BA-7 FBA-18	QUEEN BESS ISL / BAIE DE CHACTAS QUEEN BESS REST. BAIE DE CHACTAS PROT. CLOBA ISLAND SEGNETTE WETLAND PROT.	BA-8 BA-9 BA-15	PBA-1 PBA-14 *** PBA-6 PBA-7 PBA-10 *** PBA-13 PBA-15 *** PBA-8 PBA-9 PBA-12 PBA-17 PBA-16 PBA -31	BARRIER ISL/ SHORELINE RESTORATION BELLE PASS TO SANDY PT. GRAND ISLE SHORELINE PROT SHORE PROTECTION LAKE SALVADOR BAIE DU CABANAGE TO BAYOU DES ALLEMANDS NEAR BAYOU SEGNETTE BAIE CHACTAS TO BAYOU DES ALLEMANDS GIWW BANK STABILIZATION NEAR CROWN POINT NEAR BAYOU FLEMING BAYOU LAFOURCHE BANK STABILIZATION NEAR GIWW LAROSE TO LEEVILLE BARATARIA BAY WW BANK STAB. NEAR LAFITTE WAVE BARRIER @ THE PEN SAME AS PBA-4	

BARATARIA BASIN PROJECTS

PROJECT TYPE	PLANNING & EVALUATION PROPOSALS	COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS	UNDER CONSIDERATION	PROPOSED
CONTROL & MANAGEMENT	PBA-43 BAYOU RIGOLLETTE/DUPONT MANAGEMENT PBA-45 BAYOU DUPONT/ GRAND BAYOU PBA-46 INTERNAL BARRIER REST. PBA-47 DEDICATED DREDGING FOR CENTRAL MARSH REST. PBA-49 MAINTAINANCE OF FRINGING MARSH ON EAST BANK NEAR VENICE	FBA-2 GIWW TO CLOVELLY FBA-6 GIWW TO HIGHWAY 80 FBA-18 FOURCHON WETLAND REST.	BA-14 LITTLE LAKE MARSH MGT. BA-11 TIGER/ RED PASS DIVERSION & MANAGEMENT	PBA-11 TIRE REVETMENT GRAND BAYOU, PT. A LA HACHE & PORT SULFUR PBA-19 L. CATAQUATCHE STORM-WATER TREATMENT PBA-22 BARATARIA BASIN CLOSURES PBA-23 B. LAFOURCHE LOCK PBA-24 DAVIS POND OUTFALL MGT. PBA-25 L. SALVADOR WATER MGT. PBA-28 BARATARIA WW LOCK & CAMINADA PASS FLDGATE PBA-27 SCOFFIELD BAYOU PLUG REST. PBA-26 BASIN CANAL LEVEES PBA-29 HERO CANAL/ PEN DIV. OUTFALL MGT. PBA-32 LEEVILLE SE MARSH PROT. PBA-35 JOHN DAVIS WETLAND REST.

TERREBONNE-PENCHANT BASIN PROJECTS

PROJECT TYPE	PLANNING & EVALUATION PROPOSALS		COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS	UNDER CONSIDERATION	PROPOSED	
DIVERSION					PTE-5	ATCHAFALAYA RIVER DIV. W/ TERREBONNE PARISH FLOOD PROTECTION
MARSH CREATION					PTE-8 PTE-22	WEST OF HOLMA, NORTH OF GIWW PLUG & FILL CANAL SYSTEM ON PT. AU FER ISLE
PROTECTION/ STABILIZATION					PTE-9	REROUTE GIWW SOUTH OF HOLMA OR COCODRIE & BUILD PROTECTION LEVEE WITH SPOIL
CONTROL & MANAGEMENT	XTE-33	PT. AU FER HYDROLOGIC RESTORATION			PTE-10 PTE-12	PT. AU FER ISL. REST. CLOSE OFF NORTHERN BAYOU CHENE
					PTE-13	BAYOU CHENE, BOUEF & BLACK WETLAND REST. & PROT.
					PTE-23	PT. AU FER CHANNEL CLOSURE NR. LOCUST BAYOU & LAKE CHAPEAU
					PTE-24	PT. AU FER CHANNEL BETWEEN MOSQUITO BAY & CLOSURE BAY CASTAGNIER
					PTE-26	UPPER BAYOU PENCHANT WATERSHED MGT.

TERREBONNE-TIMBALIER BASIN PROJECTS

PROJECT TYPE	PLANNING & EVALUATION PROPOSALS	COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS	UNDER CONSIDERATION	PROPOSED
DIVERSION			TE-10 GRAND BAYOU / GIWW DIV.	PTE-5 PTE-18 ATCHAFALAYA RIVER DIV. W/ TERREBONNE PARISH FLOOD PROTECTION BAYOU LAFOURCHE DIV.
MARSH CREATION		FTE-20 EASTERN ISLES DERNIERS RESTORATION	TE-12 TE-14 FTE-21 BIRD ISLAND RESTORATION PT. FARM REFUGE PLANTING FALGOUT CANAL WETLAND	PTE-1 PTE-14 PTE-15 PTE-17 PTE-27 BAYOU TERREBONNE DREDGING W. OF BAYOU LAFOURCHE E. OF TIMBALIER BAY RESTORE BARRIER ISLANDS BAYOU LAFOURCHE DREDGING W. BELLE PASS HEADLAND RESTORATION
PROTECTION/ STABILIZATION	XTE-28 XTE-30 BARRIERS ALONG EXISTING SHORELINE MONTEGUT CANAL VEGETATIVE PLANTINGS	FTE-17 FTE-18c FALGOUT CANAL PLANTING TIMBALIER ISL. PLANTINGS	TE-4 b. SEDIMENT TRAPPING / VEGETATIVE PLANTING BARRIER ISLAND SEDIMENT PROTECTION	PTE-2 PTE-3 PTE-9 PTE-16 BANK STAB. W. SIDE BAYOU LAFOURCHE & BELLE PASS H N C BANK STAB REROUTE GIWW SOUTH OF HOUMA OR COODRIE & BUILD PROTECTION LEVEE WITH SPOIL ARTIFICIAL REEF CONSTRUCTION TO PROTECT BARRIER ISLANDS
CONTROL & MANAGEMENT	XTE-29 WONDER LAKE HYDRO REST.	TE-1 TE-2 TE-3 TE-5 TE-7 TE-8 FTE-19 MONTEGUT WETLAND PROT. / ENHANCEMENT FALGOUT CANAL WETLAND PROT. / ENHANCEMENT BAYOU LACACHE WETLAND PROT. / ENHANCEMENT GRAND BAYOU WETLAND LAKE BOUDREAUX UPPER PETIT CAILLOU MGT. BAYOU GRAND CAILLOU MANAGEMENT BAYOU PELTON WETLAND PROTECTION LOWER BAYOU LACACHE WETLAND RESTORATION	TE-6 TE-7 b. d. TE-9 TE-11 POINTE AU CHIEN WETLAND PROT. / ENHANCEMENT LAKE BOUDREAUX WETLAND LOWER PETIT CAILLOU MGT. LAKE BOUDREAUX SUB-BASIN WATER MGT. BULLY CAMP MARSH MGT. ISLE DERNIER CUT CLOSURE	PTE-7 PTE-19 PTE-20 PTE-25 HNC SALINITY CELLS @ DULAC & N. OF COODRIE STORMWATER RUNOFF MGT. BAYOU LAFOURCHE SALINITY BARRIER / SILLS BAYOU BLUE WATER MGT.

TERREBONNE-FIELDS BASIN PROJECTS

PROJECT TYPE	PLANNING & EVALUATION PROPOSALS		COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS		UNDER CONSIDERATION		PROPOSED	
MARSH CREATION					TE-15 TE-16	GIMM LEVEE PLANTING ST. LOUIS WETLAND PLANTING	PTE-6	LAKE HOUMA REST. TO CYPRESS SWAMP
PROTECTION/ STABILIZATION							PTE-4	GIMM 3MI. W. OF BAYOU LAFOURCHE BANK STAB
CONTROL & MANAGEMENT							PTE-21	BAYOU TERREBONNE /BAYOU LAFOURCHE CONNECTING CHANNEL

TERREBONNE-VERRIET BASIN PROJECTS

PROJECT TYPE	PLANNING & EVALUATION PROPOSALS		COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS		UNDER CONSIDERATION		PROPOSED	
CONTROL & MANAGEMENT	XTE-32	BAYOU BOEUF PUMPING STATION						
DIVERSION	XTE-31	SEDIMENT DIVERSION INTO UPPER LAKE VERRIET BASIN						

ATCHAFALAYA DELTA PROJECTS

PROJECT TYPE	PLANNING & EVALUATION PROPOSALS	COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS	UNDER CONSIDERATION	PROPOSED
MARSH CREATION	XAT-3 PT. CHEVERIL SHORELINE EROSION	AT-1b ATCH. DELTA SEDIMENT FENCING		PAT-1 PAT-2 ATCH. DELTA FLOW REDISTRIBUTION EASTERN ATCH. DELTA CREVASSE OPENINGS
	XAT-4 VERIFY APPARENT MARSH LOSS ON BATEMAN ISLAND & RESTORE IF NECESSARY			
	XAT-5 SAME AS XAT-4 LOCATED ON LAR RDB OPPOSITE BATEMAN			
	XAT-6 ADDITION OF BOOSTER PUMPS TO ENHANCE BENEFICIAL PLACEMENT OF DREDGE MAT			
	XAT-7 SEDIMENT MINING ON "BIG ISLAND" IN DELTA FOR WESTWARD DELTA DEVELOPMENT			
DIVERSION	XAT-8 REVERSAL OF 70/30 FLOW DISTRIBUTION BETWEEN LAR & WLO			

TECHE/VERMILION BASIN PROJECTS

PROJECT TYPE	PLANNING & EVALUATION PROPOSALS	COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS	UNDER CONSIDERATION	PROPOSED
STABILIZATION/ PROTECTION		T/V-2 b.	T/V-1 T/V-7 T/V-8 T/V-9 T/V-11	PT/V-1 PT/V-2 PT/V-3 PT/V-4 PT/V-5 PT/V-6 *** PT/V-7 PT/V-9 PT/V-10 PT/V-8 PT/V-11 PT/V-12 PT/V-18 PT/V-21 PT/V-22 PT/V-23
CONTROL & MANAGEMENT	XT/V-21 FORESTED AREA EAST OF WEEKS ISLAND RESTORATION		T/V-4 T/V-6	*** PT/V-13 PT/V-14 PT/V-18 PT/V-17
CREATION	XT/V-22 SEDIMENT FENCING AND VEGETATIVE PLANTING NEAR BUCK PT.	T/V-2 a. FT/V-3 T/V-11	T/V-5 T/V-10	PT/V-19 PT/V-20

FRESHWATER BAYOU/ VERMILION BAY CLOSURE
EASTERN MARSH ISL DEDICATED DREDGING
MUD PT. /PT. CHAMPLAIN SHORE PROTECTION
VERM. RIVER NR LIVE OAK PLANTATION SHORE PROT.
ARTIFICIAL REEFS/BREAKWATERS
BAYOU CARLIN BANK PROT.
EROSION
N OF LITTLE VERM. LAKE
GIWW VERM. & IBERIA PAR. ALONG AVERY CANAL
MUD PT TO CYPRE MONT PT VEGETATIVE PLANTINGS
VERMILION BAY CANAL CLOSURES
E & W COTE BLANCHE BAY VEGETATIVE PLANTINGS
VERMILION BAY SHORELINE STABILIZATION
FRESHWATER BAYOU SHORE PROTECTION PHASES 3-7
VERMILION BAY SHORELINE PROTECTION
CHEMERE AU TIGRE SHORE PROTECT PILOT PROJECT
MARSH LOSS
VERM RIVER EAST TO IBERIA PARISH
E OF VERM PARISH LINE
W OF COMMERCIAL CANAL
N OF GIWW
S OF TRUNKLINE PIPELINE
N OF GIWW NR LELAND.
BOWMAN LOCK (SALINITY INTRUSION)
OUTFALL MGT. E & W COTE BLANCHE BAYS
SHORELINE SEDIMENT TRAPPING/ LOW COST SEDIMENTATION ENHANCEMENT AT THE JAWS

SEDIMENT TRAPPING, VEGETATIVE PLANTING, SHORE PROTECTION
MARSH ISL SEDIMENT FENCING
REDRSH PT. SHORE PROT.
BOSTON CANAL BANK PROT.
FRESHWATER BAYOU BANK PROTECTION
COTE BLANCHE MARSH MGT @MARONE
MARSH ISL CONTROL STRUC
MARSH ISL CANAL BACKFILLING
WEEKS BAY SHORE PROT.

COTE BLANCHE WETLANDS
YELLOW BAYOU WETLAND
COTE BLANCHE WETLANDS
HAMMOCK LAKE PROT/REST
VERMILION R. CUTOFF REST
FRESHWATER BAYOU BANK STAB. PHASES 1&2

MERMENTAU BASIN PROJECTS

PROJECT TYPE	PLANNING & EVALUATION PROPOSALS	COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS	UNDER CONSIDERATION	PROPOSED
STABILIZATION/ PROTECTION	XME-17	FME-8 DEWITT ROLLOVER PLANTINGS	ME-5 ME-7	PME-1
	XME-18			PME-2
	XME-20			PME-3
	XME-21			PME-5
	XME-25			PME-6 PME-10 PME-13
CONTROL & MANAGEMENT	XME-22	ME-2 ME-4 FME-8	ME-4 ME-6	PME-4
	XME-23			PME-8
	XME-24			PME-9
	XME-26			PME-11
	XME-27			PME-12
				PME-14
DIVERSION	ME-1 a. b.			PME-15
				PME-16
				PME-7

CALCASIEU/SABINE BASIN PROJECTS

PROJECT TYPE	PLANNING & EVALUATION PROPOSALS		COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS		UNDER CONSIDERATION		PROPOSED	
	DIVERSION			C/S-4	C/S-5 C/S-13	PC/S-9		
PROTECTION/ STABILIZATION	XC/S-33 XC/S-37	LAKE PLANTING DIKED DISPOSAL MILE 5-8.5 EAST SIDE CALCASIEU SHIP CHANNEL	C/S-1 a. b.	C/S-6 C/S-7 C/S-11 C/S-15	PC/S-1 PC/S-2 PC/S-3			EROSION PROTECTION ON GIMW FROM CALC. R. TO SABINE R. BREAKWATER OR ARTIFICIAL REEF AT LOUISIANA PT. EROSION PREVENTION @ MOSS LAKE BY REHABING EXISTING SPOIL BANK
	XC/S-38	DIKED REVETMENT WEST SIDE OF CALCASIEU SHIP CHANNEL NR HACKBERRY	a. b. c.					LONG PT. LAKE SHORELINE PROT. WEST OF CALC. SHIP CHANNEL
	XC/S-39	DIKE W/REVTMENT EAST SIDE OF CALCASIEU SHIP AT TURNERS BAY						CALC. SHIP CHANNEL BANK EROSION, GIMW TO CALC. LAKE
	XC/S-40	MARSH CREATION W/DREDGE MATERIAL FROM CALC. SHIP CHANNEL						SHORELINE EROSION IN SHADOW WEST OF CALC. JETTIES
	XC/S-41	GIMW BANK RESTORATION AT WILLOW LAKE						RIP-RAP EXISTING CAMERON-CREOLE PROJECT STRUCTURES TO PREVENT UNDERMINING
	XC/S-42	GIMW BANK RESTORATION AT NORTHERN CAMERON CREOLE BOUNDARY						PERRY RIDGE SHORE PROT. CLEAR MARAIS SHORE PROT. INTRACOASTAL SHORE PROT. RIP-RAP STRUCTS ON HEBERT-PRECHT CANAL AT WELFARE BRIDGE
								GIMW BANK STAB. NEAR BAYOU CHOUPIQUE

CALCASIEU/SABINE BASIN PROJECTS

PROJECT TYPE	PLANNING & EVALUATION PROPOSALS		COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS		UNDER CONSIDERATION	PROPOSED			
	XC/S-43	C/S-2 FC/S-17 FC/S-18	C/S-8 C/S-9 C/S-10 C/S-12 C/S-14 C/S-16	C/S-8 C/S-9 C/S-10 C/S-12 C/S-14 C/S-16					
CONTROL & MANAGEMENT		CALCASIEU SALT WATER BARRIER MANAGEMENT		RYCADE CANAL CLOSURE AT BLACK LAKE	C/S-8 BLACK LAKE N. MARSH MGT. BROWN LAKE MARSH MGT.	PC/S-8 ROUTE STROM WATER RUNOFF INTO CAMERON-CREOLE PROT. ROCK WEIRS ON BAYOU BLACK BETWEEN GWW & SABINE R.			
				CAMERON CREOLE WATERSHED PROTECTION	C/S-9	GRAND LAKE RIDGE MARSH MANAGEMENT	PC/S-10	PC/S-10	
				SABINE REFUGES PROTECTION	FC/S-17	C/S-12	BLACK BAYOU MARSH MGT.	PC/S-11	PC/S-11
						C/S-14	TRIPPOD BAYOU CONTROL STRUCTURE	PC/S-12	PC/S-12
						C/S-16	BLACK BAYOU CULVERTS	PC/S-13	PC/S-13
								PC/S-14	PC/S-14
								PC/S-15	PC/S-15
								PC/S-17	PC/S-17
								PC/S-18	PC/S-18
								PTE-25	PTE-25
								PC/S-20	PC/S-20
								PC/S-21	PC/S-21
								PC/S-22	PC/S-22
								PC/S-23	PC/S-23
								PC/S-24	PC/S-24
								PC/S-25	PC/S-25
								PC/S-30	PC/S-30
				PC/S-31	PC/S-31				

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

MAY 28, 1992

TASK FORCE VISION STATEMENT

Mr. Mielke, Chairman of the Citizens Participation Group, will present two versions of the Task Force Vision Statement for the Task Force's consideration and approval.

COASTAL WETLANDS ACT VISION STATEMENT

Version 1

Draft of April 9, 1992

(Approved at CPG Meeting)

Our coastal wetlands are a unique and precious natural resource of international significance. Enormously productive, they provide life and livelihood for countless life forms, beauty, recreation, safety and fruitful bounty for humans to enjoy and consume. So prolific are these coastal wetlands that their yield in recreational opportunities and dockside values for several species is measured in tens of hundreds of millions of dollars each year. We want to continue to enjoy the beauty, safety, and production of these wetlands for ourselves and generations to come.

We understand that this system is dynamic and complex. It is essential that we "turn the tide" on loss of the Louisiana coastal wetlands and their associated functions and values. We must, as soon as is feasible, bring our wetlands gains to the level to meet or exceed our wetlands losses. Our vision is to prevent the loss of and restore the coastal wetlands in Louisiana through the planning and projects of the Coastal Wetlands Act. Our goal is to prevent the loss of and improve the functions and values of these wetlands.

Version 2

Proposed Modification

May 11, 1992

Our coastal wetlands are a unique and precious natural resource of international significance. Enormously productive, they provide habitat for countless life forms, beauty, recreation, safety and natural resources for humans to enjoy and consume. So prolific are these coastal wetlands that their yield in recreational opportunities and natural resources is measured in billions of dollars each year. We want to continue to enjoy the beauty, safety, and productivity of these wetlands for ourselves and generations to come.

We understand that this system is dynamic and complex. It is essential that we "turn the tide" on loss of the Louisiana coastal wetlands and their associated functions and values. We must, as soon as is feasible, bring our wetlands gains to the level to meet or exceed our wetlands losses. Our vision is to reverse the loss of and improve the functions and values of the coastal wetlands in Louisiana through the planning and projects of the Coastal Wetlands Act.

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

MAY 28, 1992

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Each Task Force member has the opportunity at this point to propose additional items or issues for the consideration of the Task Force.

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING
MAY 28, 1992

DATE AND LOCATION OF THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING

Recommendation for Task Force Approval:

DATE: during weeks of August 18-29

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: District Assembly Room
New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Foot of Prytania Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING

MAY 28, 1992

REQUEST FOR WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

All Task Force meetings are open to the public. Interested parties may submit a completed "Question Submittal Card" to the Task Force Chairman at this time. Questions and comments will be addressed at the next regularly scheduled Task Force meeting.

activities, where appropriate, that would contribute to the restoration or improvement of one or more fish stocks of the Great Lakes Basin; and

“(2) activities undertaken to accomplish the goals stated in section 2006.

16 USC 941g.

“SEC. 2009. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“(a) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Director—

“(1) for conducting a study under section 2005 not more than \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1991 through 1994;

“(2) to establish and operate the Great Lakes Coordination Office under section 2008(a) and Upper Great Lakes Fishery Resources Offices under section 2008(c), not more than \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1991 through 1995; and

“(3) to establish and operate the Lower Great Lakes Fishery Resources Offices under section 2008(b), not more than \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1991 through 1995.

“(b) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this Act, not more than \$1,500,000 for each of fiscal years 1991 through 1995.”.

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Protection and
Restoration Act.
16 USC 3951
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TITLE III—WETLANDS**SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.**

This title may be cited as the “Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act”.

16 USC 3951.

SEC. 302. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this title, the term—

(1) “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Army;

(2) “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency;

(3) “development activities” means any activity, including the discharge of dredged or fill material, which results directly in a more than de minimus change in the hydrologic regime, bottom contour, or the type, distribution or diversity of hydrophytic vegetation, or which impairs the flow, reach, or circulation of surface water within wetlands or other waters;

(4) “State” means the State of Louisiana;

(5) “coastal State” means a State of the United States in, or bordering on, the Atlantic, Pacific, or Arctic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico, Long Island Sound, or one or more of the Great Lakes; for the purposes of this title, the term also includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands, and American Samoa;

(6) “coastal wetlands restoration project” means any technically feasible activity to create, restore, protect, or enhance coastal wetlands through sediment and freshwater diversion, water management, or other measures that the Task Force finds will significantly contribute to the long-term restoration or protection of the physical, chemical and biological integrity of coastal wetlands in the State of Louisiana, and includes any such activity authorized under this title or under any other provision of law, including, but not limited to, new projects, completion or expansion of existing or on-going projects, individ-

ual phases, portions, or components of projects and operation, maintenance and rehabilitation of completed projects; the primary purpose of a "coastal wetlands restoration project" shall not be to provide navigation, irrigation or flood control benefits;

(7) "coastal wetlands conservation project" means—

(A) the obtaining of a real property interest in coastal lands or waters, if the obtaining of such interest is subject to terms and conditions that will ensure that the real property will be administered for the long-term conservation of such lands and waters and the hydrology, water quality and fish and wildlife dependent thereon; and

(B) the restoration, management, or enhancement of coastal wetlands ecosystems if such restoration, management, or enhancement is conducted on coastal lands and waters that are administered for the long-term conservation of such lands and waters and the hydrology, water quality and fish and wildlife dependent thereon;

(8) "Governor" means the Governor of Louisiana;

(9) "Task Force" means the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force which shall consist of the Secretary, who shall serve as chairman, the Administrator, the Governor, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Commerce; and

(10) "Director" means the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

SEC. 303. PRIORITY LOUISIANA COASTAL WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECTS. 16 USC 3952.

(a) PRIORITY PROJECT LIST.—

(1) **PREPARATION OF LIST.—**Within forty-five days after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall convene the Task Force to initiate a process to identify and prepare a list of coastal wetlands restoration projects in Louisiana to provide for the long-term conservation of such wetlands and dependent fish and wildlife populations in order of priority, based on the cost-effectiveness of such projects in creating, restoring, protecting, or enhancing coastal wetlands, taking into account the quality of such coastal wetlands, with due allowance for small-scale projects necessary to demonstrate the use of new techniques or materials for coastal wetlands restoration.

(2) **TASK FORCE PROCEDURES.—**The Secretary shall convene meetings of the Task Force as appropriate to ensure that the list is produced and transmitted annually to the Congress as required by this subsection. If necessary to ensure transmittal of the list on a timely basis, the Task Force shall produce the list by a majority vote of those Task Force members who are present and voting; except that no coastal wetlands restoration project shall be placed on the list without the concurrence of the lead Task Force member that the project is cost effective and sound from an engineering perspective. Those projects which potentially impact navigation or flood control on the lower Mississippi River System shall be constructed consistent with section 304 of this Act.

(3) **TRANSMITTAL OF LIST.—**No later than one year after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall transmit to the Congress the list of priority coastal wetlands restoration projects required by paragraph (1) of this subsection. Thereafter,

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the list shall be updated annually by the Task Force members and transmitted by the Secretary to the Congress as part of the President's annual budget submission. Annual transmittals of the list to the Congress shall include a status report on each project and a statement from the Secretary of the Treasury indicating the amounts available for expenditure to carry out this title.

(4) LIST OF CONTENTS.—

(A) AREA IDENTIFICATION; PROJECT DESCRIPTION.—The list of priority coastal wetlands restoration projects shall include, but not be limited to—

(i) identification, by map or other means, of the coastal area to be covered by the coastal wetlands restoration project; and

(ii) a detailed description of each proposed coastal wetlands restoration project including a justification for including such project on the list, the proposed activities to be carried out pursuant to each coastal wetlands restoration project, the benefits to be realized by such project, the identification of the lead Task Force member to undertake each proposed coastal wetlands restoration project and the responsibilities of each other participating Task Force member, an estimated timetable for the completion of each coastal wetlands restoration project, and the estimated cost of each project.

(B) PRE-PLAN.—Prior to the date on which the plan required by subsection (b) of this section becomes effective, such list shall include only those coastal wetlands restoration projects that can be substantially completed during a five-year period commencing on the date the project is placed on the list.

(C) Subsequent to the date on which the plan required by subsection (b) of this section becomes effective, such list shall include only those coastal wetlands restoration projects that have been identified in such plan.

(5) FUNDING.—The Secretary shall, with the funds made available in accordance with section 306 of this title, allocate funds among the members of the Task Force based on the need for such funds and such other factors as the Task Force deems appropriate to carry out the purposes of this subsection.

(b) FEDERAL AND STATE PROJECT PLANNING.—

(1) PLAN PREPARATION.—The Task Force shall prepare a plan to identify coastal wetlands restoration projects, in order of priority, based on the cost-effectiveness of such projects in creating, restoring, protecting, or enhancing the long-term conservation of coastal wetlands, taking into account the quality of such coastal wetlands, with due allowance for small-scale projects necessary to demonstrate the use of new techniques or materials for coastal wetlands restoration. Such restoration plan shall be completed within three years from the date of enactment of this title.

(2) PURPOSE OF THE PLAN.—The purpose of the restoration plan is to develop a comprehensive approach to restore and prevent the loss of, coastal wetlands in Louisiana. Such plan shall coordinate and integrate coastal wetlands restoration

projects in a manner that will ensure the long-term conservation of the coastal wetlands of Louisiana.

(3) **INTEGRATION OF EXISTING PLANS.**—In developing the restoration plan, the Task Force shall seek to integrate the “Louisiana Comprehensive Coastal Wetlands Feasibility Study” conducted by the Secretary of the Army and the “Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Plan” prepared by the State of Louisiana’s Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force.

(4) **ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN.**—The restoration plan developed pursuant to this subsection shall include—

(A) identification of the entire area in the State that contains coastal wetlands;

(B) identification, by map or other means, of coastal areas in Louisiana in need of coastal wetlands restoration projects;

(C) identification of high priority coastal wetlands restoration projects in Louisiana needed to address the areas identified in subparagraph (B) and that would provide for the long-term conservation of restored wetlands and dependent fish and wildlife populations;

(D) a listing of such coastal wetlands restoration projects, in order of priority, to be submitted annually, incorporating any project identified previously in lists produced and submitted under subsection (a) of this section;

(E) a detailed description of each proposed coastal wetlands restoration project, including a justification for including such project on the list;

(F) the proposed activities to be carried out pursuant to each coastal wetlands restoration project;

(G) the benefits to be realized by each such project;

(H) an estimated timetable for completion of each coastal wetlands restoration project;

(I) an estimate of the cost of each coastal wetlands restoration project;

(J) identification of a lead Task Force member to undertake each proposed coastal wetlands restoration project listed in the plan;

(K) consultation with the public and provision for public review during development of the plan; and

(L) evaluation of the effectiveness of each coastal wetlands restoration project in achieving long-term solutions to arresting coastal wetlands loss in Louisiana.

(5) **PLAN MODIFICATION.**—The Task Force may modify the restoration plan from time to time as necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

(6) **PLAN SUBMISSION.**—Upon completion of the restoration plan, the Secretary shall submit the plan to the Congress. The restoration plan shall become effective ninety days after the date of its submission to the Congress.

(7) **PLAN EVALUATION.**—Not less than three years after the completion and submission of the restoration plan required by this subsection and at least every three years thereafter, the Task Force shall provide a report to the Congress containing a scientific evaluation of the effectiveness of the coastal wetlands restoration projects carried out under the plan in crea-

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ting, restoring, protecting and enhancing coastal wetlands in Louisiana.

(c) **COASTAL WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECT BENEFITS.**—Where such a determination is required under applicable law, the net ecological, aesthetic, and cultural benefits, together with the economic benefits, shall be deemed to exceed the costs of any coastal wetlands restoration project within the State which the Task Force finds to contribute significantly to wetlands restoration.

(d) **CONSISTENCY.**—(1) In implementing, maintaining, modifying, or rehabilitating navigation, flood control or irrigation projects, other than emergency actions, under other authorities, the Secretary, in consultation with the Director and the Administrator, shall ensure that such actions are consistent with the purposes of the restoration plan submitted pursuant to this section.

(2) At the request of the Governor of the State of Louisiana, the Secretary of Commerce shall approve the plan as an amendment to the State's coastal zone management program approved under section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1455).

(e) **FUNDING OF WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECTS.**—The Secretary shall, with the funds made available in accordance with this title, allocate such funds among the members of the Task Force to carry out coastal wetlands restoration projects in accordance with the priorities set forth in the list transmitted in accordance with this section. The Secretary shall not fund a coastal wetlands restoration project unless that project is subject to such terms and conditions as necessary to ensure that wetlands restored, enhanced or managed through that project will be administered for the long-term conservation of such lands and waters and dependent fish and wildlife populations.

(f) **COST-SHARING.**—

(1) **FEDERAL SHARE.**—Amounts made available in accordance with section 306 of this title to carry out coastal wetlands restoration projects under this title shall provide 75 percent of the cost of such projects.

(2) **FEDERAL SHARE UPON CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVAL.**—Notwithstanding the previous paragraph, if the State develops a Coastal Wetlands Conservation Plan pursuant to this title, and such conservation plan is approved pursuant to section 304 of this title, amounts made available in accordance with section 306 of this title for any coastal wetlands restoration project under this section shall be 85 percent of the cost of the project. In the event that the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator jointly determine that the State is not taking reasonable steps to implement and administer a conservation plan developed and approved pursuant to this title, amounts made available in accordance with section 306 of this title for any coastal wetlands restoration project shall revert to 75 percent of the cost of the project: *Provided, however,* that such reversion to the lower cost share level shall not occur until the Governor has been provided notice of, and opportunity for hearing on, any such determination by the Secretary, the Director, and Administrator, and the State has been given ninety days from such notice or hearing to take corrective action.

(3) **FORM OF STATE SHARE.**—The share of the cost required of the State shall be from a non-Federal source. Such State share shall consist of a cash contribution of not less than 5 percent of

the cost of the project. The balance of such State share may take the form of lands, easements, or right-of-way, or any other form of in-kind contribution determined to be appropriate by the lead Task Force member.

(4) Paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection shall not affect the existing cost-sharing agreements for the following projects: Caernarvon Freshwater Diversion, Davis Pond Freshwater Diversion, and Bonnet Carre Freshwater Diversion.

SEC. 304. LOUISIANA COASTAL WETLANDS CONSERVATION PLANNING.

16 USC 3953.

(a) DEVELOPMENT OF CONSERVATION PLAN.—

(1) **AGREEMENT.**—The Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator are directed to enter into an agreement with the Governor, as set forth in paragraph (2) of this subsection, upon notification of the Governor's willingness to enter into such agreement.

(2) **TERMS OF AGREEMENT.—**

(A) Upon receiving notification pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator shall promptly enter into an agreement (hereafter in this section referred to as the "agreement") with the State under the terms set forth in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

(B) The agreement shall—

(i) set forth a process by which the State agrees to develop, in accordance with this section, a coastal wetlands conservation plan (hereafter in this section referred to as the "conservation plan");

(ii) designate a single agency of the State to develop the conservation plan;

(iii) assure an opportunity for participation in the development of the conservation plan, during the planning period, by the public and by Federal and State agencies;

(iv) obligate the State, not later than three years after the date of signing the agreement, unless extended by the parties thereto, to submit the conservation plan to the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator for their approval; and

(v) upon approval of the conservation plan, obligate the State to implement the conservation plan.

(3) **GRANTS AND ASSISTANCE.**—Upon the date of signing the agreement—

(A) the Administrator shall, in consultation with the Director, with the funds made available in accordance with section 306 of this title, make grants during the development of the conservation plan to assist the designated State agency in developing such plan. Such grants shall not exceed 75 percent of the cost of developing the plan; and

(B) the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator shall provide technical assistance to the State to assist it in the development of the plan.

(b) **CONSERVATION PLAN GOAL.**—If a conservation plan is developed pursuant to this section, it shall have a goal of achieving no net loss of wetlands in the coastal areas of Louisiana as a result of development activities initiated subsequent to approval of the plan.

exclusive of any wetlands gains achieved through implementation of the preceding section of this title.

(c) **ELEMENTS OF CONSERVATION PLAN.**—The conservation plan authorized by this section shall include—

- (1) identification of the entire coastal area in the State that contains coastal wetlands;
- (2) designation of a single State agency with the responsibility for implementing and enforcing the plan;
- (3) identification of measures that the State shall take in addition to existing Federal authority to achieve a goal of no net loss of wetlands as a result of development activities, exclusive of any wetlands gains achieved through implementation of the preceding section of this title;
- (4) a system that the State shall implement to account for gains and losses of coastal wetlands within coastal areas for purposes of evaluating the degree to which the goal of no net loss of wetlands as a result of development activities in such wetlands or other waters has been attained;
- (5) satisfactory assurances that the State will have adequate personnel, funding, and authority to implement the plan;
- (6) a program to be carried out by the State for the purpose of educating the public concerning the necessity to conserve wetlands;
- (7) a program to encourage the use of technology by persons engaged in development activities that will result in negligible impact on wetlands; and
- (8) a program for the review, evaluation, and identification of regulatory and nonregulatory options that will be adopted by the State to encourage and assist private owners of wetlands to continue to maintain those lands as wetlands.

(d) **APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLAN.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—If the Governor submits a conservation plan to the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator for their approval, the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator shall, within one hundred and eighty days following receipt of such plan, approve or disapprove it.

(2) **APPROVAL CRITERIA.**—The Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator shall approve a conservation plan submitted by the Governor, if they determine that—

- (A) the State has adequate authority to fully implement all provisions of such a plan;
- (B) such a plan is adequate to attain the goal of no net loss of coastal wetlands as a result of development activities and complies with the other requirements of this section; and
- (C) the plan was developed in accordance with terms of the agreement set forth in subsection (a) of this section.

(e) **MODIFICATION OF CONSERVATION PLAN.**—

(1) **NONCOMPLIANCE.**—If the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator determine that a conservation plan submitted by the Governor does not comply with the requirements of subsection (d) of this section, they shall submit to the Governor a statement explaining why the plan is not in compliance and how the plan should be changed to be in compliance.

(2) **RECONSIDERATION.**—If the Governor submits a modified conservation plan to the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator for their reconsideration, the Secretary, the

Director, and Administrator shall have ninety days to determine whether the modifications are sufficient to bring the plan into compliance with requirements of subsection (d) of this section.

(3) **APPROVAL OF MODIFIED PLAN.**—If the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator fail to approve or disapprove the conservation plan, as modified, within the ninety-day period following the date on which it was submitted to them by the Governor, such plan, as modified, shall be deemed to be approved effective upon the expiration of such ninety-day period.

(f) **AMENDMENTS TO CONSERVATION PLAN.**—If the Governor amends the conservation plan approved under this section, any such amended plan shall be considered a new plan and shall be subject to the requirements of this section; except that minor changes to such plan shall not be subject to the requirements of this section.

(g) **IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION PLAN.**—A conservation plan approved under this section shall be implemented as provided therein.

(h) **FEDERAL OVERSIGHT.**—

(1) **INITIAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Within one hundred and eighty days after entering into the agreement required under subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator shall report to the Congress as to the status of a conservation plan approved under this section and the progress of the State in carrying out such a plan, including and accounting, as required under subsection (c) of this section, of the gains and losses of coastal wetlands as a result of development activities.

(2) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Twenty-four months after the initial one hundred and eighty day period set forth in paragraph (1), and at the end of each twenty-four-month period thereafter, the Secretary, the Director, and the Administrator shall, report to the Congress on the status of the conservation plan and provide an evaluation of the effectiveness of the plan in meeting the goal of this section.

SEC. 305 NATIONAL COASTAL WETLANDS CONSERVATION GRANTS.

16 USC 3954.

(a) **MATCHING GRANTS.**—The Director shall, with the funds made available in accordance with the next following section of this title, make matching grants to any coastal State to carry out coastal wetlands conservation projects from funds made available for that purpose.

(b) **PRIORITY.**—Subject to the cost-sharing requirements of this section, the Director may grant or otherwise provide any matching moneys to any coastal State which submits a proposal substantial in character and design to carry out a coastal wetlands conservation project. In awarding such matching grants, the Director shall give priority to coastal wetlands conservation projects that are—

(1) consistent with the National Wetlands Priority Conservation Plan developed under section 301 of the Emergency Wetlands Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3921); and

(2) in coastal States that have established dedicated funding for programs to acquire coastal wetlands, natural areas and open spaces. In addition, priority consideration shall be given to coastal wetlands conservation projects in maritime forests on coastal barrier islands.

(c) **CONDITIONS.**—The Director may only grant or otherwise provide matching moneys to a coastal State for purposes of carrying out a coastal wetlands conservation project if the grant or provision is subject to terms and conditions that will ensure that any real property interest acquired in whole or in part, or enhanced, managed, or restored with such moneys will be administered for the long-term conservation of such lands and waters and the fish and wildlife dependent thereon.

(d) **COST-SHARING.**—

(1) **FEDERAL SHARE.**—Grants to coastal States of matching moneys by the Director for any fiscal year to carry out coastal wetlands conservation projects shall be used for the payment of not to exceed 50 percent of the total costs of such projects: except that such matching moneys may be used for payment of not to exceed 75 percent of the costs of such projects if a coastal State has established a trust fund, from which the principal is not spent, for the purpose of acquiring coastal wetlands, other natural area or open spaces.

(2) **FORM OF STATE SHARE.**—The matching moneys required of a coastal State to carry out a coastal wetlands conservation project shall be derived from a non-Federal source.

(3) **IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.**—In addition to cash outlays and payments, in-kind contributions of property or personnel services by non-Federal interests for activities under this section may be used for the non-Federal share of the cost of those activities.

(e) **PARTIAL PAYMENTS.**—

(1) The Director may from time to time make matching payments to carry out coastal wetlands conservation projects as such projects progress, but such payments, including previous payments, if any, shall not be more than the Federal pro rata share of any such project in conformity with subsection (d) of this section.

(2) The Director may enter into agreements to make matching payments on an initial portion of a coastal wetlands conservation project and to agree to make payments on the remaining Federal share of the costs of such project from subsequent moneys if and when they become available. The liability of the United States under such an agreement is contingent upon the continued availability of funds for the purpose of this section.

Texas.

(f) **WETLANDS ASSESSMENT.**—The Director shall, with the funds made available in accordance with the next following section of this title, direct the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wetland Inventory to update and digitize wetlands maps in the State of Texas and to conduct an assessment of the status, condition, and trends of wetlands in that State.

16 USC 3955.

SEC. 396. DISTRIBUTION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) **PRIORITY PROJECT AND CONSERVATION PLANNING EXPENDITURES.**—Of the total amount appropriated during a given fiscal year to carry out this title, 70 percent, not to exceed \$70,000,000, shall be available, and shall remain available until expended, for the purposes of making expenditures—

(1) not to exceed the aggregate amount of \$5,000,000 annually to assist the Task Force in the preparation of the list required under this title and the plan required under this title, including preparation of—

(A) preliminary assessments;
 (B) general or site-specific inventories;
 (C) reconnaissance, engineering or other studies;
 (D) preliminary design work; and
 (E) such other studies as may be necessary to identify and evaluate the feasibility of coastal wetland restoration projects;

(2) to carry out coastal wetlands restoration projects in accordance with the priorities set forth on the list prepared under this title;

(3) to carry out wetlands restoration projects in accordance with the priorities set forth in the restoration plan prepared under this title;

(4) to make grants not to exceed \$2,500,000 annually or \$10,000,000 in total, to assist the agency designated by the State in development of the Coastal Wetlands Conservation Plan pursuant to this title.

(b) **COASTAL WETLANDS CONSERVATION GRANTS.**—Of the total amount appropriated during a given fiscal year to carry out this title, 15 percent, not to exceed \$15,000,000 shall be available, and shall remain available to the Director, for purposes of making grants—

(1) to any coastal State, except States eligible to receive funding under section 306(a), to carry out coastal wetlands conservation projects in accordance with section 305 of this title; and

(2) in the amount of \$2,500,000 in total for an assessment of the status, condition, and trends of wetlands in the State of Texas.

(c) **NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION.**—Of the total amount appropriated during a given fiscal year to carry out this title, 15 percent, not to exceed \$15,000,000, shall be available to, and shall remain available until expended by, the Secretary of the Interior for allocation to carry out wetlands conservation projects in any coastal State under section 8 of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (Public Law 101-233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989).

SEC. 307. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

16 USC 3955.

(a) **ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY FOR THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS.**—The Secretary is authorized to carry out projects for the protection, restoration, or enhancement of aquatic and associated ecosystems, including projects for the protection, restoration, or creation of wetlands and coastal ecosystems. In carrying out such projects, the Secretary shall give such projects equal consideration with projects relating to irrigation, navigation, or flood control.

Irrigation.
 Navigation.
 Flood control.

(b) **STUDY.**—The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to study the feasibility of modifying the operation of existing navigation and flood control projects to allow for an increase in the share of the Mississippi River flows and sediment sent down the Atchafalaya River for purposes of land building and wetlands nourishment.

SEC. 308. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.

16 U.S.C. 777c is amended by adding the following after the first sentence: "The Secretary shall distribute 18 per centum of each annual appropriation made in accordance with the provisions of

section 777b of this title as provided in the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of section 777b, such sums shall remain available to carry out such Act through fiscal year 1999."

Great Lakes
Oil Pollution
Research and
Development
Act.

33 USC 2701
note.

Ante, p. 559.

"TITLE IV—GREAT LAKES OIL POLLUTION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

"SEC. 4001. SHORT TITLE.

"This title may be cited as the "Great Lakes Oil Pollution Research and Development Act".

"SEC. 4002. GREAT LAKES OIL POLLUTION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

"Section 7001 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-380) is amended as follows:

"(1) GREAT LAKES DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.—In subsection (c)(6), strike "3" and insert "4", strike "and" after "California," and insert "and (D) ports on the Great Lakes," after "Louisiana,".

"(2) FUNDING.—In subsection (f) strike "21,250,000" and insert "22,000,000" and in subsection (f)(2) strike "2,250,000" and insert "3,000,000".

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