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**COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION
AND RESTORATION ACT**

TASK FORCE MEETING

September 21, 1995

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Proposed Mechanism for Reserving CWPRA Restoration Funds to Fund Large-Scale Restoration Measures

1. Deviate from current priority project list process as little as possible. Rank all projects and follow current selection process, as described below. The Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee would hold public meetings to select candidate projects for each basin as usual.

2. After all candidates are selected, the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee would place the candidate projects in either one of two categories: 1.) small-scale projects with localized benefits, identified as either short term or long term supporting projects, or 2.) large scale projects with systemic, process-level benefits, such as short-term and long-term critical projects. Allocate approximately 2/3 of the Priority Project List funding for category 2 and the remaining 1/3 for category 1. The Restoration Plan would be used as a reference. Category 1 projects would follow existing selection procedures.

3. The process for category 2 projects would proceed as described in the following paragraphs. The actions listed below for the local sponsor also apply to any Task Force agency, if appropriate. A local sponsor is defined as the State of Louisiana or any non-Federal entity acting through the State which has the capability and authority to execute the non-Federal responsibilities required under the act.

a. The Technical Committee would vote to consider the recommendation of the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee concerning the placement of projects in the categories. This placement would be tentative and would serve to guide the level of effort used to establish the project's costs and benefits during the priority list planning process.

b. Lead agencies would prepare cost estimates and coordinate with the WVA team to identify benefits as usual. The Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee should consider the advisability of adding time for more detailed or comprehensive studies to provide better cost and benefit estimates and to resolve project related issues.

c. Once the projects have been ranked in terms of cost effectiveness, the Technical Committee would meet to vote for projects (the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee could meet to do the first cut of this ranking). Prior to the transmission of a recommended list to the Task Force, local sponsors would indicate whether they support any of the projects. If not, or if their support is for less than the 2/3 funding available, then the Technical Committee would recommend that the non-earmarked funds be rolled over into a generic category. The Task Force must approve the decision to roll over all funds. Any local sponsor, if it wishes, could consider these funds potentially available for a specific project or set of projects. However, until a local sponsor or Task Force agency presents the project in candidate form to the Technical Committee, the Task Force would not act to approve it. A local sponsor or Task Force agency could propose inserting a mid-sized project from a feasibility study (up to a fully funded cost of \$25 million) into the Priority List process at any time, provided that the scope of the project is such that an environmental impact

statement would not be required, and provided that a WVA and the WVA team are used to estimate the project benefits and the local sponsor provides a letter indicating its intention to share in the cost of the project.

d. Very large-scale projects (generally projects with fully funded costs greater than \$25 million) must await the results of a feasibility study and EIS before the Task Force takes action to approve the project.

e. If the Task Force does not approve any projects that are supported by a local sponsor, then the funds would be rolled over once again to the generic account. A local sponsor would have the option at this point to indicate whether it would then support one of the other projects on the list.

f. Should a project from a feasibility study be considered for implementation sometime during the priority list process and there be no large-scale projects to compete with, then the Technical Committee, under the direction of the Task Force, may hold a special public meeting to decide a "go" or "no go." This recommendation would then be presented to the Task Force. If the Task Force does not authorize the project, the funds remain in the generic account.

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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 an 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

June 21, 1995

MINUTES

I INTRODUCTION

Colonel Kenneth Clow, representing the Secretary of the Army, convened the nineteenth meeting of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force at 9:45 a.m. on June 21, 1995, in the District Assembly Room of the Corps of Engineers headquarters in New Orleans. 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 Record for the Task Force meeting is attached as enclosure 2. Listed below are the six Task Force members. All members were in attendance with the exception of Mr. Bigford, who was represented by Mr. Tim Osborn.

Dr. Len Bahr, State of Louisiana
Mr. Russell Rhoades, Environmental Protection Agency
Mr. David Frugé, U.S. Department of the Interior
Mr. Donald Gohmert, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Mr. Thomas Bigford, U.S. Department of Commerce
Colonel Kenneth Clow, U.S. Department of the Army, Chairman

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Task Force meeting held on March 15, 1995 (enclosure 3) were approved unanimously with no discussion. Mr. Osborn made the motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Frugé seconded it. [1/62]¹

IV. TASK FORCE DECISIONS

A. Fiscal Year 1995 Public Outreach Budget.

Mr. Jim Addison, Public Affairs Officer for the New Orleans District, presented the public outreach committee's proposed budget for fiscal year 1995 (enclosure 4). [1/445-507]

¹ The Task Force meeting was recorded on audio tape. The bracketed figures represent the tape no./counter no. for the discussion of this item. Multiple tape/counter numbers are used when an item is discussed more than once during the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Frugé: That the Task Force approve the fiscal year 1995 public outreach budget as proposed by the public outreach committee. [1/178-252]

Second: Mr. Osborn.

Passed unanimously.

B. Duplication of the "Reversing the Tide" video.

Dr. van Heerden advised the Task Force that the State had produced over 500 copies of the "Reversing the Tide" video. Dr. Good requested that the State be reimbursed for the duplication cost. [1/316-380]

Motion by Mr. Osborn: That the Task Force reimburse the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$1,000 for the cost of duplicating the video "Reversing the Tide."

Second: Mr. Frugé.

Passed unanimously. [1/380]

C. Deauthorization of Approved Priority List Projects.

Mr. Schroeder summarized the project deauthorization procedure recommended by the Technical Committee. The procedure called for the lead agency, after coordinating with the local sponsor (i.e., the State), to bring a request for deauthorization to the Technical Committee. [2/74] Dr. van Heerden, foreseeing that many of the deauthorization requests would be initiated by the State, requested that expenditures be required to cease as soon as the State makes a request to the lead agency. [2/119] There was general agreement with Dr. van Heerden's proposal. [2/533] Dr. van Heerden also proposed that the procedure should deal with cost overruns during construction; Dr. Good suggested that contract termination is a separate issue, and would probably be dealt with differently by each lead agency. [2/442-480] There was considerable discussion over whether the State should be able to bring a deauthorization request to the Technical Committee. [2/321-442] The Task Force assigned a work group to revise the language and report back during the meeting. The revised procedure is at enclosure 5.

Motion by Dr. Bahr: That the Task Force accept the project deauthorization procedure recommended by the Technical Committee, as revised.

Second: Mr. Osborn.

Passed unanimously. [4/5-78]

D. Approval of Monitoring Plans.

Mr. Schroeder presented the Technical Committee's recommendation for approval of monitoring plans for the following projects:

Bayou LaBranche (PO-17)	W. Hackberry Veg. Plantings (CS-19)
Dewitt-Rollover Vegetative Plantings (ME-8)	Cameron Prairie Refuge (ME-9)
Isles Dernieres (Phases 0 and 1) (TE-20/XTE-41)	Boston Canal (TV-9)
Sabine NWR (CS-18)	Vermilion River Cutoff (TV-3)
Point au Fer (TE-22)	Freshwater Bayou (ME-4)
Southwest Shore of White Lake (ME-12)	B. Sauvage (phases 1 and 2) (PO-16, 18)
East Mud Lake (PCS-24)	Barataria Bay Waterway (BA-19)
Timbalier Vegetative Plantings (TE-18)	Clear Marais (CS-22)
Red Mud Demonstration Project (PO-20)	

Mr. Schroeder noted that the monitoring plan for the Red Mud Demonstration Project has been modified by the Technical Committee to include \$33,000 for porewater analysis, pushing the cost beyond the 125 percent limit. [4/483-497]

Motion by Mr. Gohmert: That the Task Force accept the recommendation of the Technical Committee for approval of the above listed monitoring plans.

Second: Mr. Osborn.

Passed unanimously. [4/498]

E. Approval of Projects.

Mr. Schroeder presented the Technical Committee's recommendation for final construction approval of the following projects: Southwest Shore of White Lake, Bayou Sauvage (Phase 2), and Red Mud. Mr. Thomas noted that the Red Mud project is over budget at 134 percent of the baseline cost. Mr. Frugé expressed his appreciation for the fact that the lead agency and local sponsor had agreed to fund additional testing for the project in the amount of \$33,000. [4/502-546]

Motion by Mr. Osborn: That the Task Force accept the recommendation of the Technical Committee for approval of the above listed projects.

Second: Mr. Rhoades.

Passed unanimously. [4/547]

F. Budget Amendment: Academic Assistance Group.

Mr. Schroeder presented the Technical Committee's recommendation for an increase in the approved budget for the Academic Assistance Group from \$110,000 to \$117,000. [4/554]

Motion by Mr. Gohmert: That the Task Force accept the recommendation of the Technical Committee for for an increase in the approved budget for the Academic Assistance Group from \$110,000 to \$117,000.

Second: Mr. Frugé.

Passed unanimously. [4/560]

G. Carryover of Fiscal Year 1994 Funds: Academic Assistance Group.

Ms. Sue Hawes reported that the Academic Assistance Subcommittee had recommended expanding the role of the Academic Assistance Group to include assistance from law schools on legal considerations of diversions--uncompensated damages to oyster leases, displacement of fisheries, and easements. She suggested that carryover funds from fiscal year 1994 could be used for this purpose. [4/563-590]

Motion by Mr. Osborn: That the Task Force approve the use of unexpended fiscal year 1994 funds budgeted for the Academic Assistance Group to fund a legal assistance effort to investigate legal considerations of diversions, such as uncompensated damages to oyster leases, displacement of fisheries, and easements.

Second: Mr. Frugé.

Passed unanimously. [4/592]

V. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

A. Mr. Schroeder briefed the Task Force on the actions of the Technical Committee with respect to project selection criteria. He told the Task Force that the committee is working to revise the cost-effectiveness index to provide an accurate reflection of the relative values of the projects (as measured by cost-effectiveness). He also said that the risk and uncertainty value was revised from 1 point per vote to 1.42 per vote, to give a potential maximum value of 10 points, equivalent to the potential maximum values of the other criteria. Dr. Bahr pointed out that there is considerable confusion as to what is meant by selection criteria. He described the three-step process as consisting of nomination (which he suggested needs to be examined carefully), screening (after which only good projects should remain), and evaluation, which is a process for ranking the projects which passed through the screening. It is in this third step, he said, that the selection criteria would be used. [1/8-170]

B. Ms. Beverly Ethridge gave a report on the status of the Conservation Plan. She told the Task Force that the Memorandum of Agreement has been finalized, with signatures by the USFWS and USACE. Once the agreement has been signed by EPA (which should be within a week), it will be sent to the Governor for his signature. The grant application for development of the plan has been prepared and coordinated among the agencies; it has now been formally submitted to the EPA. The document will be routed back to the USFWS and USACE for formal comments. Funding

(\$239,000, of which \$179,000 is Federal) will be requested after the governor has signed the application. [3/68-130]

C. Mr. Podany briefed the Task Force on the activities of the feasibility study Steering Committee. He noted that the two study managers are preparing schedules for project study plans, which they see as necessary for obtaining buy-in from the Washington level of the Corps of Engineers. Both studies are proceeding while the schedules are being prepared. LDNR has awarded a \$2.25 million contract to T. Baker Smith and Son for the Barrier Shoreline study; as the amount authorized in the fiscal year 1995 budget is \$750,000, the Task Force may need to consider amending the budget or shifting some line items. Mr. Podany informed the Task Force that a one-page fact sheet will be furnished in the future, with milestones, expenditures, activities completed and underway, and issues.

D. Dr. DeRouen reported on the status of the Barrier Shoreline study. He confirmed the contract award to T. Baker Smith and Son, and announced a kick-off meeting for June 22, 1995. He said the Governor has sent a letter to the Minerals Management Service expressing an interest in mining Ship Shoal sand for restoration of the Isles Dernieres and Timbalier Island. LDNR is pursuing CWPPRA funding for this project. He informed the Task Force that LDNR has been meeting with MMS and EPA at the Washington level to discuss Federal sponsorship of the environmental impact statement. He reported that MMS and LDNR will develop a game plan for phase 1 of the EIS; the plan will be presented to the Task Force in a few weeks. Mr. Rhoades advised the Task Force that EPA's Region VI will be involved in discussions of the EIS. Dr. van Heerden said that he understood that LDNR would be initiating the EIS, in response to which Mr. Rhoades stated that the parties involved would meet to work out the issues. [3/187-274]

E. Mr. Axtman gave a report on the Mississippi River Sediment, Nutrient, and Freshwater Redistribution study. He told the Task Force that a tentative study schedule has been sent to all study participants and that MIPR's providing study funds have been forwarded to the agencies. He reported that the public notice initiating the study was in review and should be mailed out soon. In response to a question from Mr. Frugé, he said that the May floods in New Orleans had caused some delays as personnel were diverted to damage survey work, but the study is close to being on schedule. [3/281-370]

F. Reports on the status of projects from priority project lists one through four were given by Messrs. Elguezabal, Thomas, Gohmert, Yakupzack, and Osborn. [4/106-450]

G. Dr. van Heerden, in reference to the land rights issues associated with the Isles Dernieres restoration projects, said that a document is currently on the table with language satisfactory to the state Attorney General's office. He reported that the legislature has passed a constitutional amendment which creates a mechanism for resolving land rights issues. There are provisions in the amendment for using

mineral royalties to benefit the state's restoration trust fund. The amendment will go before the voters in November. [4/237-298]

H. Mr. Elguezabal informed the Task Force that his office will be making an effort to notify the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, within four months of approval of a priority project list, of areas which should be declared off limits to oyster leases. Dr. Good reported the LDNR has made considerable progress in working with LDWF on the oyster lease issue. He said that LDNR now has on GIS a comprehensive map of oyster leases, which could be made available for planning activities. [4/466-482]

I. Mr. Green reported that the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee had completed the selection of candidate projects for the 5th Priority Project List. [5/13-84]

VI. TASKS REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

A. Public Outreach.

Mr. Addison reported on the findings of the Outreach Committee with regard to the proposal presented by Gus Weill, Inc., at the March 15, 1995, Task Force meeting. (Enclosure 6 is a copy of the committee's report.) He informed the Task Force that the committee found some items unsuitable for support by the Federal agencies; some of these, such as a toll-free number, bumper stickers, billboards, and radio announcements, will be funded by the State. He said the committee found that Federal support would be appropriate for producing handout materials and a slide program. The committee recommended funding a coastal liaison individual, probably someone with the LSU Cooperative Extension Service, at a cost of \$10,000 to \$15,000. [1/256-315] The committee also recommended that the Task Force fund a full-time public involvement officer at an estimated cost of \$109,000. In response to a question from Ms. Karen Gautreaux (Office of the Governor) concerning whether the program could be initiated in fiscal year 1995, Col. Clow directed the Outreach Committee to prepare a report identifying the items which could be begun this year. [1/417-455]

Mr. O'Neill Malbrough advised the Task Force that there is concern among local interests with respect to the process of nominating priority list projects. While acknowledging that he believes the agencies are open minded in their selections, he said members of the public are unable to prepare presentations as elaborate as those of the agencies, which they perceive as making it difficult for their projects to compete with the agencies'. [1/456-558]

Dr. van Heerden informed the Task Force that LDNR is involving parish governments in the process of reviewing approved priority list projects to determine which ones should be presented for deauthorization. He said the rankings provided by the parishes will be considered carefully by the State and will be made available to the agencies in due time. [1/559-588]

B. Revision of Cost Sharing Agreements.

Ms. Cathy Brignac Mitias informed the Task Force that the State is scheduling a meeting (probably for 28 June) to discuss the State's policy on cost overruns and the impact of that policy on cost sharing agreements. She said that it would probably be necessary to meet individually with the various agencies to work out language in accordance with each agency's procedures. Col. Clow requested a report on the meeting. [2/9-71]

C. State Policy on Coastal Restoration.

Dr. van Heerden made a presentation on the State's White Paper, which outlines its policy regarding coastal restoration. He said the paper was developed in recognition of the need to have a game plan when the State attempts to secure funding for major restoration projects. He presented the major elements of the White Paper as: development of a unified State plan; implementation of large-scale projects; securing of innovative funding; implementation of fiscal responsibility; and support for new legislation. He went on to describe the major elements of the unified State plan: barrier shoreline restoration; diversion of a significant portion of the annual spring flood on the Mississippi River through multiple diversions and reconnection of old distributaries; sediment conveyance on a major scale; separation of coastal communities from coastal wetlands in order to maximize diversions; and modification of navigation channels, with the potential for phasing out the MR-GO. Dr. Bahr remarked on the bold nature of the White Paper, calling it a watershed document. [5/85-268]

There was a great deal of discussion concerning the appropriate Task Force response to the White Paper. At issue was whether the Task Force should endorse the document or commend the State for its development. [5/269-end, 6/41-300]

Col. Clow suggested that the exact wording should be worked out at a later time. [6/302]

Motion by Mr. Gohmert: That the Task Force send the Governor and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources a resolution commending them for their efforts in the development of the White Paper, to be worded by Col. Clow and signed by members of the Task Force.

Second: Col. Clow.

Passed unanimously. [6/307]

D. Mississippi/Atchafalaya Flow Distribution.

Dr. Mike Walden, of the University of Southwestern Louisiana, made a presentation concerning the diversion of intermediate level flows from the Mississippi River into the Atchafalaya River via the Old River Control Structure. Dr. Walden informed the Task Force that an average annual increase of 48,000 cubic feet per second could be obtained by diverting more water into the Atchafalaya for flows above the twentieth percentile and below the eightieth. He said the increased water levels in the Atchafalaya Basin would improve access to the back swamp and increase fisheries production. Growth of the delta in Atchafalaya Bay would accelerate. A

detrimental impact would be increased river stages at Morgan City as a result of delta growth. However, Dr. Walden said that as carrying capacity was lost from the Atchafalaya River, it would be gained in the Mississippi. [6/322-524]

Dr. Good asked what has been done to address section 307(b) of the CWPPRA, which authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Army 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.

Col. Clow replied that the matter has not been addressed under CWPPRA or Corps authorities. He said he will discuss the matter with the Corps' Lower Mississippi Valley Division. Dr. van Heerden stated that LDNR supports the study called for by the act. [6/525-end of tape].

Mr. Doug Svendson, Executive Director of the Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association, pointed out the fact that a severe navigation problem already exists on the Wax Lake Outlet; additional flows would make the situation more dangerous. [7/7-47]

VII. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. van Heerden informed the Task Force that a letter written by Secretary McClanahan concerning the barrier island Ship Shoal project had been endorsed by the Louisiana congressional delegation. He requested some input from the Task Force with respect to the letter. Col. Clow replied that there have been some discussions among the Task Force members on this issue, and they are continuing to work on it.

VIII. DATE AND LOCATION OF THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING

In accordance with established policy, the next Task Force meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 20, 1995. Mr. Thomas asked that the possibility of a two-day meeting be considered. Col. Clow agreed to consider the request, recommending that Task Force members block out two days for the meeting (September 20 and 21), and also suggested that an interim meeting might be scheduled. Task Force members will be contacted to confirm the date.

IX. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No written questions or comments were received from the public.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gohmert moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Frugé seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

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BRIEFING ON
MISSISSIPPI/ATCHAFALAYA FLOW DISTRIBUTION
(SECTION 307(b) STUDY)

For information.

Mr. Jim Tuttle, chief of Engineering Division at the Corps' Lower Mississippi Valley Division office, will brief the Task Force on issues concerned with the redistribution of Mississippi/Atchafalaya flows. A study of such redistribution is authorized by section 307(b) of the CWPPRA.

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PROJECT FUNDING ALLOCATION

For Task Force discussion.

Mr. Schroeder will present a proposal developed by a working group in response to the Task Force's charge to the Technical Committee to develop a procedure for allocation of project funds between small- and large-scale projects. A copy of the guidance document provided to the Technical Committee is enclosed. Also enclosed is a draft proposal agreed upon by the working group.

DRAFT (7/19/95)

CWPPRA TASK FORCE CHARGE TO TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REGARDING
DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGY FOR ALLOCATING CWPPRA RESTORATION FUNDS
TO "BIG PICTURE" PROJECTS

Background

Recent discussions among Task Force members have led to consensus that we should move toward allocating the bulk of CWPPRA restoration funds to "big picture" projects that have systemic wetland benefits. This will likely mean that some of the annual Priority List funds be "rolled forward" (reserved) for such types of projects, and that only a fraction (e.g., one third) of those funds will be spent on small-scale, defensive projects with localized wetland benefits.

There is also consensus among Task Force members that we should not provide construction funds for specific large-scale projects being investigated via CWPPRA-funded feasibility studies (Miss. River diversion and barrier shoreline restoration) until those studies are completed. Those studies will provide the information needed to make the most prudent use of CWPPRA restoration funds for large-scale projects. If we move forward now with projects that are still being investigated in a feasibility study, we may be funding a project that ultimately represents a less-effective alternative, and/or which may even render better alternatives too expensive or infeasible.

Similarly, the Task Force is not in favor of pre-allocating set amounts of CWPPRA funds to any combination of project types (e.g., one-third each to small-scale projects, river diversions, and barrier island restoration). Such pre-allocation would reduce our flexibility to fund those projects that would have the greatest net wetland benefits.

While the Task Force has agreed to move toward the "big picture" approach in the use of CWPPRA restoration funds, the specific actions needed to implement that approach must be identified. The Task Force needs the assistance of the Technical Committee in the development of a specific implementation plan for that approach.

Charge to Technical Committee

Prior to the September 20, 1995, Task Force meeting, the Technical Committee is to provide a brief written proposal for ensuring that the bulk of the CWPPRA restoration (Priority Project List) funds are allocated to, or set aside for, systemic-effect projects that will implement the "big picture" restoration strategies espoused in the CWPPRA Restoration Plan.

The Technical Committee's recommendations should incorporate or address the following elements:

1. Allocate (via the Priority Project List approval process) or reserve (roll forward) no less than two-thirds of available CWPRA restoration funds for critical projects that have systemic, process-level wetland benefits, i.e., help to implement "big picture" restoration strategies.
2. Propose one or more mechanisms for reserving (rolling forward) CWPRA restoration funds to fund non-specific large-scale restoration measures, especially those expected to emerge from ongoing feasibility studies.
3. Avoid selection of, or dedication of funds to, specific projects that are being investigated via an ongoing CWPRA-funded feasibility study. This constraint may still allow some small to mid-sized projects being investigated in a feasibility study to go forward, provided that:
 - a) they have competed successfully in the PPL nomination, evaluation and selection process;
 - b) they would be part of, or complementary to, other feasibility study-recommended features, and
 - c) they would not render other alternatives too expensive or infeasible.

The Task Force believes that the Technical Committee's ongoing evaluation process for Priority Project List (PPL) 5 candidates should proceed through the development of a priority-ranked list (using the recently adopted methodology). Once that ranked list is compiled, and we have a better estimate of funding available for PPL 5, decisions can be made regarding which of the candidate projects should be funded, and how much funding should be reserved/rolled forward for future large-scale measures.

Proposed Mechanism for Reserving CWPPRA Restoration Funds to Fund
Large-Scale Restoration Measures

1. Deviate from current priority project list process as little as possible. Rank all projects and follow current selection process, as described below. The Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee would hold public meetings to select candidate projects for each basin as usual.
2. After all candidates are selected, the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee would place the candidate projects in either one of two categories: 1.) small-scale projects with localized benefits, identified as either short term or long term supporting projects, or 2.) large scale projects with systemic, process-level benefits, such as short-term and long-term critical projects. Allocate approximately 2/3 of the Priority Project List funding for category 2 and the remaining 1/3 for category 1. The Restoration Plan would be used as a reference. Category 1 projects would follow existing selection procedures.
3. The process for category 2 projects would proceed as follows. The Technical Committee would vote to consider the recommendation of the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee concerning the placement of projects in the categories. This placement would be tentative and would serve to guide the level of effort used to establish the project's costs and benefits during the priority list planning process.
4. Lead agencies would prepare cost estimates and coordinate with the WVA team to identify benefits as usual. The Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee should consider the advisability of adding time for more detailed or comprehensive studies to provide better cost and benefit estimates and to resolve project related issues.
5. Once the projects have been ranked in terms of cost effectiveness, the Technical Committee would meet to vote for projects (the Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee could meet to do the first cut of this ranking). Prior to the transmission of a recommended list to the Task Force, the State would indicate whether they support any of the projects. If not, or if their support is for less than the 2/3 funding available, then the Technical Committee would recommend that the non-earmarked funds be rolled over into a generic category. The Task Force must approve the decision to roll over all funds. The State, if it wishes, could consider these funds potentially available for a specific project or set of projects. However, until the State presents the project in candidate form to the Technical Committee, the Task Force would not act to approve it. The State could propose inserting a mid-sized project from a feasibility study (up to a fully funded cost of \$25 million) into the Priority List process at any time, provided that a WVA and the WVA team are used to estimate the project benefits. *include sustainability*
6. Very large-scale projects (generally projects with fully funded costs greater than \$25 million) must await the results of a feasibility study and EIS before the Task Force takes action to approve the project.
7. If the State's project does not receive Task Force approval, then the funds would be rolled over once again to the generic account. The State would have the option at this point to indicate whether it would then support one of the other projects on the list.

8. Should a project from a feasibility study be considered for implementation sometime during the priority list process and there be no large-scale projects to compete with, then the Technical Committee, under the direction of the Task Force, may hold a special public meeting to decide a "go" or "no go." This recommendation would then be presented to the Task Force. If the Task Force does not authorize the project, the funds remain in the generic account.

*needs to
be accompanied
by an analysis
of costs &
benefits
(eg. per normal
procedure)*

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**APPROVAL OF
THE FISCAL YEAR 1996 BUDGET**

For Task Force decision.

Mr. Schroeder will present the Technical Committee's recommendation concerning the fiscal year 1996 budget. A summary of the agencies' proposed budgets is enclosed. Also enclosed is a table depicting proposed agency budgets and feasibility study budgets and projected budgets for the outreach program and academic assistance.

Task	Department of the Army			Department of the Interior			State of Louisiana			Department of Commerce			Total	
	Number	Amount (\$)	Task	USFWS	NBS	USGS Reim	USGS BR	DNR	LDWF	Office of Gov	EPA	Agriculture		Commerce
Present Candidate PPL5 Projects to Public	PL 5110	19,142		2,686				7,278			6,510	5,092	3,823	44,531
Engr and Env Work Groups Apply Slectn Crit	PL 5120	7,444		1,535				4,996			3,150	3,819	1,826	22,770
P&S Selects Draft PPL5 Projects	PL 5130	5,395		3,453				5,016			4,075	6,300	2,282	26,521
TC and CPG Review and Approve PPL5	PL 5140	3,734		1,535				5,087			3,125	4,521	3,875	21,877
Present PPL5 Projects to La. Nat. Res. Com.	PL 5150	1,316		192				4,136			4,850	1,068	6,712	6,712
Task Force Reviews and Approves PPL5	PL 5160			3,837				3,935			4,850	3,518	4,905	21,045
Agencies Prepare Input for PPL5 Report	PL 5170	10,590		384				5,996			4,290	4,783	4,565	30,608
Prepare PPL5 Report	PL 5180	26,462		1,151				0			0	977	913	29,503
Submit PPL5 Report to ASA(CW)	PL 5190	912						0			0	0	0	912
ASA(CW) Reviews PPL5 Report	PL 5200							0			0	0	0	912
ASA(CW) Submits PPL5 Report to Congress	PL 5210							0			0	0	0	912
P&S Prepares Revisions to Rest Plan	RP 2010	10,383		6,139				4,783			5,080	6,095	5,706	44,867
P&S Reviews Revisions to Rest Plan	RP 2020	11,088		7,099				8,209			4,800	8,690	6,173	39,886
TC, CPG Review Revisions to Rest Plan	RP 2030	3,959		1,919				3,888			3,875	5,229	4,665	29,350
TF Reviews Revisions to Rest Plan	RP 2040			1,919				0			3,690	5,513	3,195	14,469
Develop a Plan for PPL6	PL 6010	11,251		3,453				9,713			7,400	5,116	4,565	55,458
Agencies Select Nominees for PPL6	PL 6020	10,297		2,302				11,182			9,800	10,054	12,019	758,903
P&S Meetings to Select PPL6 Cand Projs	PL 6030	15,957		2,302				8,612			7,700	8,196	3,132	42,767
Perform Environ Analysis of PPL6 Cand Projs	PL 6040	45,573		59,092			10,560	70,671			34,225	60,196	54,605	745,128
Develop Dgns & Cst Est for PPL6 Cand Projs	PL 6050	77,259		3,070				13,561			38,525	80,127	33,311	355,156
Develop Dgns & Cst Est for PPL6 Cand Projs	PL 6050 a	55,081												55,081
Engr Wk Grp Reviews Des and Cost Est	PL 6060	8,196		1,151				9,355			5,150	5,321	3,523	96,713
Econ Wk Grp Evaluates Proj Effectiveness	PL 6070	5,976		576				6,775			3,550	4,083	1,141	20,384
Agencies Finalize Fact Sheets	PL 6080	7,316						6,011			5,500	6,040	12,994	415,719
Agencies Submit Fact Sheets for PPL6 Projs	PL 6090							0			111,850	2,974	1,141	537,708
Program Management--Coordination	PM 1010	140,270		14,581				59,867			69,325	66,085	23,099	731,117
Program Management--Correspondence	PM 1020	61,929		3,837				45,858			19,150	15,339	14,253	405,544
Program Management--Bdgt Dvlpmnt & Ovrsght	PM 1030	57,644		3,837				20,087			20,775	11,390	20,078	317,014
Plng and Eval Subcom Meetings	PE 1010	16,477		3,837				300			10,525	17,080	15,494	280,358
Steering Committee Meetings	SC 1010	10,689		9,209				0			9,400	10,953	7,403	40,251
Technical Committee Meetings	TC 1010	20,657		9,209				9,443			11,960	16,815	3,752	68,084
Task Force Meetings	TF 1010	35,213		7,674				9,443			14,340	13,996	16,489	80,566
Prepare Report to Congress	RC 6010	4,437		1,151				31,903				2,119		39,610
Helicopter: Videotape Proj Areas				18,773				12,000						18,773
State Consistency				112,400				0						112,400
Monitoring Plan Development														
Public Outreach														
Other: Travel														
Other: Contracts														
NEPA Compliance PPL5	NE 1010	176,760		7,674				5,010						7,674
NEPA Compliance, Approved Projects	NE 6010	861,400		183,600			10,600	495,500			84,900	595,900	304,800	413,989
Total by Agency														

326.1
 1.279
 41.34
 32.2
 1.1
 463
 400K
 400.4K
 270.5K
 600.4K
 400K
 180K
 70.9K
 10.2K

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FY96 Budget Summary

19 Sep 95

	Amount (\$)
State of Louisiana	
DNR	495,500
Gov's Ofc	84,900
LDWF	20,000
Total State	<u>600,400</u>
EPA	310,700
Dept of the Interior	
USFWS	183,600
NBS	67,800
USGS Reston	8,800
USGS Baton Rouge	10,600
Total Interior	<u>270,800</u>
Dept of Agriculture	595,900
Dept of Commerce	304,800
Dept of the Army	861,400
Agency Total	<u>2,944,000</u>
<u>Feasibility Studies</u>	
Barrier Shoreline Study	704,000
Miss R Diversion Study	1,056,000
Total Feasibility Studies	<u>1,760,000</u>
<u>Projected Budgets</u>	
Academic Advisory Group	75,000
Public Outreach	129,000
Total Projected	<u>204,000</u>
Total Allocated	4,908,000
Unallocated Balance	92,000

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FEASIBILITY STUDIES STEERING COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

For information.

Mr. Tom Podany will report to the Task Force on the activities of the feasibility studies Steering Committee.

*When will we
be asked to
vote on a specific
budget*

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LOUISIANA BARRIER SHORELINE STUDY

*6 month Eval
for Substudy*

*Hope -
Re-iterated that
this is critical that
F.S. give us numbers
on wetland benefits
costs/total sustainability.*

For information.

Dr. Karl DeRouen will report to the Task Force on the status of the Louisiana Barrier Shoreline feasibility study. A fact sheet is enclosed.

*Need detailed budget,
including agency
involvement, EIS prep, etc.*

September 12, 1995

PROJECT FACT SHEET
Louisiana Department of Natural Resources

*Imp't that study
assess wetland costs and
benefits as well as
alternatives. Info. will be
used to determine
priority.*

SUBJECT: Louisiana Barrier Shoreline Feasibility Study

1. PURPOSE: To assess and quantify wetland loss problems linked to protection provided by barrier formations along the Louisiana coast. The study will identify solutions to these problems, attach an estimated cost to these solutions, and determine the barrier configuration which will best protect Louisiana's significant coastal resources from saltwater intrusion, storm surges, wind/wave activity and oil spills. These resources include, but are not limited to, oil and gas production and exploration facilities, the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, pipelines, navigable waterways, and fragile estuarine and island habitats.

2. FACTS:

a. Study Authority. This study is authorized pursuant to the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA). The study is funded by 100% federal funds from the CWPPRA planning budget. The CWPPRA Task Force, which implements the Act, directed the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources to be the lead agency for the barrier shoreline feasibility study. A steering committee composed of federal agency representatives provides input to the study.

b. Location. The study area encompasses the barrier shoreline formations between the Mississippi and Atchafalaya Rivers, the chenier plain barrier formations in Vermilion and Cameron Parishes, and the Chandeleur Islands.

c. Problems and Solutions Being Investigated. The study will investigate coastal wetland loss linked to barrier shoreline deterioration.

d. Status. A contract for the feasibility study was let to T. Baker Smith and Sons of Houma, Louisiana. Funds for year one (\$1,007,000) were approved by the Task Force at the June, 1995 meeting.

The three year study is broken into three geographic phases. Phase 1 (year 1) focusses on the region between Raccoon Point and the Mississippi River. Phase 2 (year 2) focusses on the chenier plain. Phase 3 (year 3) focusses on the Chandeleur Islands.

Concurrently with the ongoing phase 1 portion of the feasibility study, an EIS will be completed by the MMS with the input of the other CWPPRA agencies.

The feasibility study will generate the following information for each phase: Review of prior studies, reports, and existing projects; conceptual and quantitative system framework; Assessment of resource status and trends; Inventory and assessment of physical conditions and parameters; Inventory and assessment of existing environmental resource conditions; Inventory

and assessment of existing economic resource conditions; Forecasted trends in physical and hydrological conditions with no action; Forecasted trends in environmental resource conditions with no action; Formulation of strategic options; Assessment of strategic options; Identification and assessment of management and engineering alternatives; Description and rationale for the selected plans; and Project implementation plans.

Total estimated cost (100% federal)	\$3,000,000
Allocated for year 1 (FY 95)	\$1,007,000
Request for year 2 - including EIS (FY 96)	\$704,000
complete phase 1 and EIS	\$500,000
begin phase 2	\$204,000
Request for year 3- including EIS (FY 97)	\$1,289,000

e. **Issues.** The potential use of Ship Shoal sand in rebuilding the barrier islands has meant that Minerals Management Service (MMS), the agency which manages minerals on federal property, must be consulted for EIS work.

The state is working with the Steering Committee, the contractor, and Minerals Management Service to expedite phase one of the study.

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will be the federal sponsor for the Ship Shoal CWPPRA project.

The DNR is currently investigating preliminary modelling studies of the Barataria-Terrebonne system.

STUDY MANAGER: Ivor van Heerden / Karl DeRouen (504)342-1375

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**MISSISSIPPI RIVER SEDIMENT, NUTRIENT, AND
FRESHWATER REDISTRIBUTION FEASIBILITY STUDY**

For information.

Mr. Tim Axtman will brief the Task Force on the status of the Mississippi River Sediment, Nutrient, and Freshwater Redistribution study. A fact sheet is enclosed.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER SEDIMENT, NUTRIENT AND FRESHWATER
REDISTRIBUTION STUDY

Status Report--21 Sep 95

1. Funding

- A formal letter of notification of the work assignments and MIPRs has been transmitted to each agency involved in the study.
- Refinement of FY 96 and FY 97 tasks is underway; upon completion inter-agency work break-downs and funding allocations will be made.
- The funds currently available during FY 96 for this study are \$1,056,000.

2. Schedule and Budget

- The FY 96 budget request for this study is \$1,056,000. This is \$144,000 less than the amount required to maintain the original completion date of Sep 98. The new completion date is projected to be Nov 98. The FY 97 funding requirement, based on an FY 96 budget of \$1,056,000, would be \$2.12 million.
- Manpower constraints have resulted in an adjustment to the schedule for the modeling effort. The final results of the prototype modeling will now be compiled by Jan 96, which is 2 to 3 months behind the schedule. This delay will likely be made up later and is not projected to impact the overall schedule.

3. Modeling

- Coding is complete on the riverine sediment model.
- Verification runs are under way and discharge assumptions for existing condition diversions have been developed.
- The receiving area prototype TABS-2 model grid has been completed.

4. Public Involvement

- A public notice announcing the initiation of the study was issued in Jul 95.
- A public involvement program is under development; elements being considered include information exchange meetings and a survey of public attitudes toward diversion types.
- The desired time frame for initial public meetings is in mid-October, pending the finalizing of the public involvement strategy and barring scheduling conflicts.

5. Existing Conditions

- Draft input has been received for the land use analysis and endangered species portions of the existing conditions.
- Water use data and the format for the vegetative distribution input are being developed.
- Descriptions of biologic functions and ecosystem interactions as well as the economic analysis of census tract data are underway and being coordinated among multiple agencies.

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REQUESTS FOR PROJECT DEAUTHORIZATION

*State Prog. hist
is denied a
formal request*

For Task Force decision.

Mr. Schroeder will present the Technical Committee's recommendation concerning the deauthorization of the Dewitt/Rollover Vegetative Plantings demonstration project (ME-8), the Lower Bayou LaCache Hydrologic Restoration project (TE-19), and the West Bay Sediment Diversion (MR-3) project. Enclosed are copies of the requests for project deauthorization from the respective lead agencies and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources.

Should the Task Force approve initiation of the deauthorization process, those interests named in the Standard Operating Procedure will be notified of the Task Force's intention and given an opportunity to comment. A final decision will be made at the next scheduled Task Force meeting.

Recommendation of the Technical Committee:

That the deauthorization process be initiated for the Dewitt/Rollover Vegetative Plantings (ME-8), Lower Bayou LaCache (TE-19), and West Bay Sediment Diversion (ME-3) projects.

United States
Department of
Agriculture

Natural Resources
Conservation Service

3737 Government Street
Alexandria, Louisiana
71302

July 28, 1995

Mr. Jack McClanahan
Secretary
Louisiana Department of
Natural Resources
Post Office Box 94396
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9396

Dear Jack:

RE: Deauthorization of CWPPRA Project ME-8 Dewitt-Rollover
Plantings, (Demo) Federal Sponsor, NRCS
Cost Share Agreement No. 25085-93-05

I received your letter of July 17, 1995 asking for my concurrence to your recommendation to deauthorize CWPPRA Project ME-8, DeWitt-Rollover Plantings, (Demo). You stated that the project had not met its objective. As I discussed with Dr. Bill Good, this was a demonstration project to exhibit the technology of adapted plants and planting techniques to control shoreline erosion.

The original planting site was abandoned for the current site when it was discovered that it was stabilizing naturally. The current site offered us an opportunity to test the limits of our planting standards and specifications because it is subject to more powerful wave energies. We learned a lot from this planting, and this knowledge will be useful as we write revegetation specifications for similar sites in the future. Therefore, it is not a correct observation to say this demonstration project did not achieve its objective.

However, as I previously discussed with Dr. Good, I fully agree that the project should be deauthorized and any further expenditures to this project should cease immediately.

If additional information is needed, Please advise.

Sincerely



Donald W. Gohmert
State Conservationist

cc: Colonel Kenneth Clow, Chairman, CWPPRA Task Force
CWPPRA Task Force Members

State of Louisiana



EDWIN W. EDWARDS
GOVERNOR

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

July 17, 1995

Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist
Natural Resource Conservation Service
3737 Government Street
Alexandria, Louisiana 71302

RE: Deauthorization of CWPRA Project ME-8 Dewitt-Rollover
Plantings, (Demo) Federal Sponsor, NRCS
Cost Share Agreement No. 25085-93-05

Dear Mr. Gohmert:

The above mentioned CWPRA project has not met its objective of providing erosion control on developing substrates along the Gulf of Mexico, near Dewitt Canal. Results recorded, through project monitoring, show only 38 plants survived from the original 5,760 plantings of smooth cordgrass planted last summer. LDNR/CRD feels that this demonstration project indicates that it is not feasible to plant and maintain vegetative planting in the designated project area because of the high wave energy. Therefore LDNR/CRD, as sponsoring state agency, recommends that this project be deauthorized. This action will save any additional monitoring and/or maintenance expenditures.

Should you concur with our recommendation, as sponsoring federal agency, we are requesting your assistance in securing deauthorization of this project through proper channels.

If additional information is needed or you have any questions, please contact my office at (504) 342-9430, or Ivor van Heerden, Assistant Secretary, Office of Coastal Restoration and Management at (504) 342-1375.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jack McClanahan in black ink.
Jack McClanahan
Secretary

JM:RL:ddj



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

AUG 3 1995

Mr. Robert H. Schroeder, Jr.
Chair, Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Task Force Technical
Committee
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District
P.O. Box 60267
New Orleans, LA 70160-0267

Dear Mr. Schroeder:

Concurrently with the State of Louisiana, the National Marine Fisheries Service would like to request that the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Task Force initiate deauthorization of the Lower Bayou LaCache Hydrologic Restoration project (TE-19). Enclosed please find a copy of a letter from Dr. van Heerden of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources outlining the reasons for this request.

All expenditures for this project on both the state and federal sides have ceased. We now seek formal approval from the Task Force to deauthorize the project. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 713-0174. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tim Osborn
Program Officer

Enclosure

cc: Ric Ruebsamen, NMFS Baton Rouge
Terry McTigue, NMFS Lafayette
Garry F. Mayer, NMFS
Miles Croom, NMFS
Erik Zobrist, NMFS
Domingo Elguezabal, COE
Gay Browning, COE
Ivor van Heerden, DNR



State of Louisiana



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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

February 6, 1995

Mr. Tim Osborn
National Marine Fisheries Service
Restoration Center, Room 7120
1335 East West Highway
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

RE: CWPPRA Project TE-19, Lower Bayou La Cache, De-authorization

Dear Mr. Osborn:

Pursuant to the interagency meeting of December 15, 1994, this is to confirm DNR support of the decision to request the CWPPRA Task Force to de-authorize the referenced project for the following reasons:

1. Projected cost overrun of \$435,000 for required structures;
2. Access denial and flowage changes to existing oyster leases for which precedent-setting compensation litigation is highly likely and very costly;
3. Reduced benefits of conducting the project due to accommodation of active users of the project area by feature changes and further design compromise to maintain historical access;
4. Project implementation is not likely to be achievable by November 1, 1997, the 5-year limit for CWPPRA I projects; and
5. The cost/benefit ratio for this project is marginal and prospects are for it to increase to an unreasonable level.

Since your agency has the lead for this project, please initiate a request to the CWPPRA Task Force to de-authorize the project for the above reasons.

We look forward to working with you on other more favorable projects in the future and to bringing this project to closure under the terms of the cooperative agreement.

Sincerely,



Ivor L. van Heerden, Ph.D.
Assistant Secretary

ILvH: JRB

cc: John Radford, Engineer Supervisor
Rick Raynie, NR Geoscience Specialist
Rickey Ruebsamen, NMFS, Baton Rouge, La.
Project File TE-19



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. BOX 60267
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70160-0267
August 25, 1995

Programs and
Project Management Division

Mr. Robert H. Schroeder, Jr.
Chair, Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and
Restoration (CWPPRA) Task Force Technical Committee
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District
P.O. Box 60267
New Orleans, LA 70160-0267

Dear Mr. Schroeder:

The current estimated cost for the West Bay Sediment Diversion project (MR-3) significantly exceeds 125% of the originally authorized cost. The cost increase is mainly associated with dredging induced shoaling in the Mississippi River anchorage just below the diversion point.

While the project, even at the increased cost, may still be viable in terms of a Wetlands Value Analysis, implementation would require a major additional commitment of CWPPRA funds. We agree with our Local Sponsor, the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, that such a commitment at this time is ill-advised.

Accordingly, the Corps of Engineers and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LA DNR) request that the Task Force approve deauthorization of the project. Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Dr. van Heerden of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, supporting deauthorization. All design, permitting and real estate efforts on the project were terminated over a year ago, and only those activities required to close out the project will proceed if deauthorization is approved.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Senior Project Manager, Mr. Dom Elguezabal, at (504) 862-2599. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cletis R. Wagahoff
Deputy District Engineer
for Project Management

Dom Elguezabal, USACOE
Ivor LL van Heerden, LA DNR
Bill Good, LA DNR
John Radford, LA DNR



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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

March 1, 1995

Colonel Kenneth Clow, District Engineer
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District
P.O. Box 60267
New Orleans, LA 70160-2492

RE: West Bay Sediment Diversion, CWPPRA Project MR-3

Dear ^{Ken}Colonel Clow:

Because of the large projected cost overruns associated with the West Bay Sediment Diversion Project, the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources hereby requests that this project be deauthorized by the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Task Force. In addition, as is reflected in the Executive Summary of the CWPPRA Restoration Plan, there is a called for, phased abandonment of the existing "bird's foot" delta, the area in which this project falls.

Given that the Corps of Engineers is the federal sponsoring agency for this project, such a request for de-authorization would appropriately be presented to the Task Force by your agency. If I may be of any assistance in this matter, or you would care to discuss it further, please do not hesitate to call me at (504) 342-1375.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ivor L. van Heerden".

Ivor L. van Heerden, Ph.D.
Assistant Secretary

ILlvH:JDR

cc: Bill Good, Coastal Restoration Division
Beth Cottone, USCOE
Project File MR-03

cc: *Bob Schroeder*

OFFICE OF COASTAL RESTORATION AND MANAGEMENT
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r. Project Deauthorization.

(1) When the Lead Agency and the Local Sponsor agree that it is necessary to deauthorize a project prior to construction, they shall submit a letter to the Technical Committee explaining the reasons for requesting the deauthorization and requesting preliminary approval by the Task Force.

(2) If agreement between the Lead Agency and the Local Sponsor is not reached, either party may then appeal directly to the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee will forward to the Task Force a recommendation concerning deauthorization of the project. Nothing herein shall preclude the Lead Agency or the Local Sponsor from bringing a request for deauthorization to the Task Force irrespective of the recommendation of the Technical Committee.

(3) Upon submittal of a request for deauthorization to the Technical Committee, all parties shall suspend all obligations and expenditures as soon as practicable, until the issue is resolved.

(4) Upon receiving preliminary approval to deauthorize a project from the Task Force, the Chairman of the Technical Committee shall send notice to the Louisiana Congressional delegation, the State House and Senate Natural Resource Committee chairs, the State Senator(s) and Representative(s) in whose district the project falls, senior elected parish officials, any landowners whose property would be directly affected by the project, and any interested parties, requesting their comments and advising them that, at the next Task Force meeting, a final decision on deauthorization will be made.

(5) When the Task Force determines that a project should be abandoned or no longer pursued because of economic or other reasons, all expenditures shall cease immediately or as soon as practicable. Congress and the State House and Senate Natural Resource Committee Chairs will be informed of the decision.

(6) Once a project is deauthorized by the Task Force, it shall be categorized as "completed" and closed out as required by paragraph 5.s.

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COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING
21 September 1995

APPROVAL OF MONITORING PLANS

For Task Force decision.

Mr. Schroeder will present the recommendation of the Technical Committee concerning approval of monitoring plans for the West Hackberry Vegetative Plantings, Jonathan Davis Wetland Restoration, and Cote Blanche Hydrologic Restoration projects.

Recommendation of the Technical Committee:

That the monitoring plans for the West Hackberry Vegetative Plantings (CS-19), Jonathan Davis Wetland Restoration (BA-20), and Cote Blanche Hydrologic Restoration (TV-04) projects be approved.

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

TASK FORCE MEETING
21 September 1995

REPORT ON THE STATUS OF APPROVED PRIORITY LIST PROJECTS

For information.

Representatives of the Lead Agencies will brief the Task Force on the design and construction status of projects on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Priority Project Lists. The current status report on the projects is enclosed.

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT

PROJECT STATUS SUMMARY REPORT

08 September 1995

Summary report on the status of all CWPPRA projects prepared for the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force.

Reports enclosed:

- Project Details sorted by Lead Agency, Priority List and Project Name.
- Project Summary by Basin
- Project Summary by Priority List

Information based on data furnished by the Lead Agencies.

Prepared by:
Programs & Project Management Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
P.O. Box 60267
New Orleans, LA 70160-0267



PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES *****	Cont Award	End Const	***** ESTIMATES *****	Baseline	Current	Pent	Actual Expenditures
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Lead Agency: DEPT. OF THE ARMY, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Priority List 1

Barataria Bay Marsh Creation	BARA	JEFF	445	04/24/1995A	03/15/1996	07/31/1996		\$1,759,258	\$1,639,537		93.1	\$60,473
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Remarks/Status: LA DNR and the Corps executed the Cost Sharing Agreement and it was approved by the State Contract Review Office. The escrow agreement modification is with LA DNR and awaiting execution. However, an oyster lease located in the middle of one of the deposition sites was issued by LA WL&F in February 1995, and not discovered by COE and LA DNR until mid-May, postponing advertisement of the contract. It appears that all remaining CWPPRA deposition sites involve impacts to oysters and deposition in upland sites is considered by LA DNR to be inconsistent with the State's Coastal Zone Management Plan. Jefferson Parish, the local sponsor for O&M dredging of the waterway, will be informed that maintenance dredging will not occur until there is resolution to the aforementioned problems.

Bayou Labranche Wetlands Restoration	PONT	STCHA	203	04/17/1993A	01/06/1994A	04/07/1994A		\$4,461,300	\$3,714,100		83.2	\$3,327,592
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Remarks/Status: Contract awarded to T. L. James Co. (Dredge "Tom James") for dredging approximately 2,500,000 cy of Lake Pontchartrain sediments and placing in marsh creation area. Contract final inspection was performed on 04/07/94. Site visit by Task Force took place on 04/13/94. The area was seeded by L A DNR on 06/25/94, and monitoring over the first year after construction indicates that the wetlands are developing as planned.

Lake Salvador Shoreline Protection at Jean Lafitte NHP&P	BARA	JEFF	77	10/31/1995	03/18/1996	08/26/1996		\$60,000	\$60,000		100.0	\$865
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Remarks/Status: This project was added to the Priority Lists at the March 1995 Task Force meeting. The Task Force approved the expenditures of up to \$45,000 in Federal funds for design of the project.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES ***** Cont Award	End Const	***** Baseline	ESTIMATES ***** Current	Pent	Actual Expenditures
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Vermilion River Cutoff Bank Protection	TECHE	VERMI	65	04/17/1993A	11/13/1995	02/28/1996	\$1,525,783	\$1,874,084	122.8	\$416,445
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Remarks/Status:

The project was modified by moving the dike from the west to the east bank of the Cutoff to better protect the wetlands. The need for the sediment retention fence on the west bank is still undetermined.

The Task Force approved a revised project estimate of \$2,500,000; however current estimate is less.

Condemnation of real estate easements was required because of unclear ownership titles. Condemnation was completed and a right-of-entry issued in August. The contract was advertised on August 28, 1995.

West Bay Sediment Diversion (Project deferred)

DELTA	PLAQ	9,831	/ *	/ *	/ *	\$8,517,066	\$422,474	4.9!	\$422,474
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Remarks/Status:

The major portion of the cost increase is for dredging the anchorage as a result of induced shoaling caused by the diversion of flow from the river. A model study of the river and diversion point was completed, providing a basis for estimating the amount of material to be dredged. The State of Louisiana is currently looking into the issue of State-owned waterbottom vs. private ownership, both before and after project construction. The State has requested that we do not proceed with easement acquisition through condemnation until this issue is resolved.

The current estimate includes \$25,000 for environmental clearance, \$65,000 for WES model study, \$2,500,000 for pipeline relocations, \$9,000,000 for dredging of induced shoaling in the anchorage area, and costs for Project Management and Local Sponsor activities, all of which were not included in the original estimate.

In a letter dated March 1, 1995, the Local Sponsor, LA DNR, requested de-authorization of the project citing cost overruns and its location on the "bird's foot" delta, which the CWPPRA Restoration Plan calls for a phased-abandonment.

A letter requesting de-authorization of the project was issued to the Chairman of the Technical Committee on August 25, 1995.

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT
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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES ***** Cont Award	End Const	***** Baseline	ESTIMATES ***** Current	Pent Expenditures	Actual Expenditures
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Total Priority List 1 10,621 \$16,323,407 \$7,710,195 168.7 \$4,227,819

- 5 Project(s)
- 3 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 1 Construction Started
- 1 Construction Completed
- 1 Project(s) Deferred
- 0 Project(s) Inactive
- 0 Project(s) Deauthorized

Priority List 2

Clear Marais Bank Protection	CALC	CALCA	1,067	10/13/1995	03/04/1996	06/28/1996	\$1,741,311	\$2,000,000	114.8	\$388,962
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Remarks/Status:

The original construction estimate was low, based on the proposed plan in that the rock quantity estimate was less than half of the quantity needed (based on the original design), and the estimate did not include a floatation channel needed for construction. This accounts for most of the cost increase shown. The current estimate is based on the original rock dike design and costs about \$110/foot.

By letter dated June 15, 1995, LA DNR agreed to increase the total project cost to \$2,000,000, and requested that we seek to protect the most critical areas along the project length. We are currently developing a plan to suit the new budget and expect to present it to LA DNR by the end of September.

West Belle Pass Headland Restoration	TERRE	LAFOU	472	09/30/1995	06/10/1996	11/30/1996	\$4,854,102	\$5,027,848	103.5	\$152,297
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Remarks/Status:

Full implementation of the project depends upon the State of Louisiana not renewing, or otherwise clearing oyster leases in the project area. The Corps met with LA DNR on May 18, 1995 to discuss the oyster situation. The Government is working with the State to develop a strategy for dealing with the leases, but it made it clear that the Corps cannot proceed with acquisition of oyster leases that contain the hold-harmless clause, if the clause is untested. LA DNR indicated strong support for the project and that they are determined to resolve the issue over the clause.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES ***** Cont Award	End Const	***** Baseline	ESTIMATES ***** Current	Pent	Actual Expenditures
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Total Priority List 2 1,539 \$6,595,413 \$7,027,848 106.5 \$741,359

- 2 Project(s)
- 0 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred
- 0 Project(s) Inactive
- 0 Project(s) Deauthorized

Priority List 3

Channel Armor Gap Crevasse	DELTA	PLAQ	936	11/30/1995	06/30/1996	08/31/1996	\$808,397	\$864,246	106.9	\$51,765
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Remarks/Status: Cost increase is due to additional project management costs, by both Federal and Local Sponsor. Efforts are being investigated to slightly modify the project to exclude a small private ownership due to unclear title. This would avoid condemnation and leave a 100% Federal ownership (Wildlife Management Area).

Surveys identified a pipeline in the crevasse area which would be negatively impacted by the project. The Corps met with LA DNR on May 8, 1995 and they indicated that they (LA DNR) still strongly support the project. LA DNR asked that the Corps investigate alternatives to avoid or minimize impacts to the pipeline. The Corps is looking for an alternative location for the crevasse that would still provide sediment to the intended area, but possibly avoid the pipeline. A new schedule will be developed when an alternative is selected.

MRGO Back Dike Marsh Protection	PONT	STBER	755	10/31/1995	11/15/1996	02/28/1997	\$512,199	\$589,871	115.1	\$51,213
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Remarks/Status: Cost increase is due to additional project management costs, by both Federal and Local Sponsor. Delays in obtaining Right-of-Entry for surveys have impacted the project schedule. Further, the original schedule was based on the assumption that the Corps had a perpetual easement in the project area and easement acquisition would not be required. Title research indicates that this is not the case and that private ownership titles are unclear, requiring condemnation. This seriously impacts the schedule.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES *****	Cont Award	End Const	*****	ESTIMATES *****	Baseline	Current	Pent	Actual
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Pass-a-Loutre Crevasse		DELTA	PLAQ	1,043	11/30/1995	01/31/1997	04/30/1997		\$2,857,790	\$2,870,937	100.4		\$39,309
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Remarks/Status: It has been determined that two pipelines are in the area of the crevasse and will negatively impact the project. The Corps met with LA DNR on May 8, 1995 and LA DNR indicated that they still strongly support the project. They asked that the Corps investigate alternatives to avoid or minimize impacts to the pipelines. The Corps is looking for an alternative location for the crevasse that would still provide sediment to the intended area, but possibly avoid the pipelines. A new schedule will be developed when an alternative is selected.

Total Priority List 3 2,734 \$4,178,386 \$4,325,054 103.5 \$144,377

- 3 Project(s)
- 0 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred
- 0 Project(s) Inactive
- 0 Project(s) Deauthorized

Priority List 4

Black Bayou Culverts (Project inactive)		CALC	CALCA	837	/ *	/ *	/ *		\$8,295,976	\$0	100.0		\$0
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Remarks/Status: Project inactive at the request of the State of Louisiana due to lack of funds to cost share on the project.

Grand Bay Crevasse		DELTA	PLAQ	634	01/31/1996	02/01/1997	05/31/1997		\$2,468,908	\$2,468,908	100.0		\$24,830
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Remarks/Status:

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Lead Agency: DEPT. OF THE ARMY, CORPS OF ENGINEERS (CONTINUED)

Priority List 4

Hopper Dredge Material Demo	DELTA	PLAQ	0	01/31/1996	07/01/1996	07/31/1996	\$300,000	\$300,000	100.0	\$2,381
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Remarks/Status:

Marsh Island Marsh Creation & Hydrologic Restoration (Project inactive)	TECHE	IBERI	408	/ *	/ *	/ *	\$3,906,853	\$0	100.0	\$0
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Remarks/Status: Project inactive at the request of the State of Louisiana due to lack of funds to cost share on the project.

Pass-a-Loutre Sediment Mining (Project inactive)	DELTA	PLAQ	120	/ *	/ *	/ *	\$1,632,691	\$0	100.0	\$0
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Remarks/Status: Project inactive at the request of the State of Louisiana due to lack of funds to cost share on the project.

Total Priority List 4 1,999 \$16,604,428 \$2,768,908 100.0 \$27,111

- 5 Project(s)
- 0 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred
- 3 Project(s) Inactive
- 0 Project(s) Deauthorized

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES *****	Cont Award	End Const	Baseline	ESTIMATES *****	Current	Pct	Actual Expenditures
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Total Dept. Of The Army, Corps Of Engineers 16,893 \$43,701,634 \$21,832,005 127.0 \$5,140,696

- 15 Project(s)
- 3 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 1 Construction Started
- 1 Construction Completed
- 3 Project(s) Deferred
- 0 Project(s) Inactive
- 0 Project(s) Deauthorized

Notes:

1. Expenditures based on Corps of Engineers financial data.
2. Date codes: A = Actual date * = Behind scheduled
3. Percent codes: ! = 125% of baseline estimate exceeded

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES Cont Award	End Const	***** Baseline	ESTIMATES Current	Pent Expenditures	Actual Expenditures
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Lead Agency: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION VI

Priority List 1

Isles Dernieres (Phase 0)	TERRE	TERRE	105	04/17/1993A	/ *	/ *	\$6,345,468	\$6,350,163	100.0	\$344,446
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Remarks/Status: This phase of the Isles Dernieres restoration project is being combined with Isles Dernieres, Phase 1 (Trinity Island), a priority list 2 project.

Total Priority List 1 105 \$6,345,468 \$6,350,163 100.0 \$344,446

- 1 Project(s)
- 1 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred
- 0 Project(s) Inactive
- 0 Project(s) Deauthorized

Priority List 2

Isles Dernieres (Phase 1)	TERRE	TERRE	109	04/17/1993A	/ *	/ *	\$6,907,897	\$6,917,897	100.1	\$229,640
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Remarks/Status: Includes actual expenditures for the Isles Dernieres (Phase 1) project. Project on hold pending resolution of servitude impasse between LL&E and DNR; project start estimated.

COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT
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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES Cont Award	End Const	ESTIMATES Baseline	Current	Pent	Actual Expenditures
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Priority List 3

Red Mud Demo	TERRE	STJON	3	11/03/1994A	08/01/1995*	12/15/1995	\$350,000	\$484,671	138.4*	\$5,631
Remarks/Status: Kaiser Aluminum will contribute \$253,435 to the project cost. Project execution delayed due to disagreement over monitoring plan.										
A modification to the Cost Sharing Agreement is in preparation.										
The Cost Sharing Agreement (CSA) Amendment estimate reflects total Federal and State costs of \$350,000 plus Kaiser contribution of \$253,435 toward monitoring costs.										
The Task Force, at the 21 June 1995 meeting, approved a project estimate of \$470,500 with Kaiser funding an additional \$253,435 for a total project estimate of \$723,935.										
Whiskey Island Restoration	TERRE	TERRE	1,239	04/06/1995A	/ *	/ *	\$4,844,274	\$4,857,766	100.2	\$22,116
Remarks/Status: Cost sharing and cooperative agreements moving forward. Anticipated completion 15 April 95. Construction pending on LL&E and LA DNR resolution regarding servitude and ownership.										

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Project Status Summary Report - Lead Agency

PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES ***** Cont Award	***** End Const	***** ESTIMATES Current	***** Baseline	***** Pct	***** Actual Expenditures
Total Priority List 3 1,242 \$5,194,274 \$5,342,437 102.8 \$27,747										
2 Project(s)										
2 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed										
0 Construction Started										
0 Construction Completed										
0 Project(s) Deferred										
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0 Project(s) Deauthorized										

Priority List 4

Compost Demo	CALC	CAMER	7	11/01/1996	/	/*	\$370,594	\$370,594	100.0	\$0
Remarks/Status: Draft CSA under review by LA DNR and third party sponsor, Entergy Incorporated.										
Total Priority List 4 7 \$370,594 \$370,594 100.0 \$0										

1 Project(s)

- 0 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred
- 0 Project(s) Inactive
- 0 Project(s) Deauthorized

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Total Environmental Protection Agency, Region VI 1,463

\$18,518,233 \$18,981,091 100.8 \$601,823

5 Project(s)
4 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
0 Construction Started
0 Construction Completed
0 Project(s) Deferred
0 Project(s) Inactive
0 Project(s) Deauthorized

Notes:

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES	Cont Award	End Const	***** ESTIMATES	Baseline	Current	Pent	Actual Expenditures
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Lead Agency: DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR, FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE

Priority List 1

Bayou Sauvage #1	PONT	ORL	1,550	04/17/1993A	06/01/1995A	05/30/1996		\$1,657,708	\$1,499,548	90.4		\$86,383
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Remarks/Status: Project has 404 approval, and construction approval was granted on 5 July 1994 by the Task Force. A request for the establishment of an escrow account was made on 29 August 1994. The Corps contract for a hurricane protection levee is complete. Design is complete. Bids were opened in January 1995. Bids exceeded construction estimate. An amendment to the Cost Sharing Agreement (CSA) was prepared by the State and approved. Contract was awarded in mid-May 1995. Construction is on-going. Completion date is estimated to be May 1996.

Cameron Prairie Refuge Shoreline Protection	MERM	CAMER	247	04/17/1993A	05/19/1994A	08/09/1994A		\$1,177,668	\$1,465,666	124.4		\$893,640
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Remarks/Status: Project complete 9 August 1994.

An initial monitoring plan has been approved.

Cameron-Creole Watershed Hydrologic Restoration	CALC	CAMER	600	04/17/1993A	11/01/1995	05/01/1996		\$660,460	\$754,646	114.2		\$60,253
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Remarks/Status: Progress toward an acceptable land right agreement has been made. Several minor design suggestions regarding these proposed structures were made by knowledgeable interested parties. The feasibility of these suggestions is being determined by the FWS with assistance from NRCS, and should be available by mid-September 1995. As soon as these facts are available and the land rights are secured and design decisions are made, the project will be advertised for bids.

Sabine Wildlife Refuge Erosion Protection	CALC	CAMER	5,542	04/17/1993A	10/24/1994A	03/01/1995A		\$4,895,780	\$1,847,666	37.7		\$1,176,189
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Remarks/Status: Project complete as of March 1, 1995. Progress has been made on developing a monitoring plan as of June 1, 1995.

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Total Priority List				1	7,939		\$8,391,616	\$5,567,526	66.3	\$2,216,465
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- 4 Project(s)
- 4 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 3 Construction Started
- 2 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred
- 0 Project(s) Inactive
- 0 Project(s) Deauthorized

Priority List 2

Bayou Sauvage #2		PONT	ORL	1,280	06/30/1994A	04/01/1996	11/01/1996	\$1,452,035	\$1,462,000	100.6	\$72,754
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Remarks/Status: Design is complete. A Cost Sharing Agreement was executed June 30, 1994.

Revisions to the Government estimate indicated that the construction cost would exceed the funds available. A re-evaluation of the project and discussions with LA DNR led to a transfer of funds from the monitoring account to the construction account. An Amendment to the Cost Sharing Agreement was prepared by LA DNR. This amendment is currently being reviewed by the State Division of Administration and is expected to be approved in September 1995. The FWS will proceed with advertisement as soon as possible. A 404 permit was delayed by an objection from the LA Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD). A meeting was held on August 24, 1995 to resolve the concerns of LA DOTD regarding the required 404 permit.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES ***** Cont Award	***** End Const	***** Baseline	***** ESTIMATES Current	***** Pcnt Expenditures
Total Priority List									
	2		1,280				\$1,452,035	\$1,462,000	100.6

- 1 Project(s)
- 1 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred
- 0 Project(s) Inactive
- 0 Project(s) Deauthorized

Priority List 3

Sabine Refuge Structures (Hog Island)	CALC	CAMER	953	/ *	06/30/1996	12/31/1996	\$4,581,454	\$4,605,297	100.5	\$2,379
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Remarks/Status:

Preliminary design meetings have been held. A preliminary set of drawings for permitting purposes has been developed. No additional planning has been completed.

A draft Cost Sharing Agreement (CSA) was sent to the State in January 1995. No progress has been made on this Cost Sharing Agreement.

A letter dated August 3, 1995 to the LA DNR requested that they advise the FWS of their intentions regarding this project. No official reply has been received to date.

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					*****			*****				Expenditures

Total Dept. Of The Interior, Fish & Wildlife Service 11,781 \$19,605,728 \$11,634,823 85.7 \$2,291,598

- 7 Project(s)
- 5 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 3 Construction Started
- 2 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred
- 1 Project(s) Inactive
- 0 Project(s) Deauthorized

Notes:

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES Cont Award	End Const	***** Baseline	ESTIMATES Current	Pent Expenditures	Actual Expenditures
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Lead Agency: DEPT. OF COMMERCE, NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

Priority List 1

Fourchon Hydrologic Restoration (Project deferred)	TERRE	LAFOU	160	/ *	/ *		\$252,036	\$6,999	2.7	\$6,999
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Remarks/Status:

In a meeting on October 7, 1993, Port Fourchon conveyed to NMFS personnel that any additional work in the project area could be conducted by the Port and they did not wish to see the project pursued because they question its benefits and are concerned that undesired Government / general public involvement would result after implementation.

NMFS has recommended to the Task Force that the project be deauthorized and the Task Force concurred at the July 14, 1994 meeting.

Lower Bayou LaCache Hydrologic Restoration (Project deferred)

TERRE	TERRE	86	04/17/1993*	11/30/1995	09/30/1996		\$1,694,801	\$782,262	46.1	\$782,262
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Remarks/Status:

In a public hearing on September 22, 1993, with landowners in the project area, users strenuously objected to the proposed closure of the two east-west connections between Bayou Petit Caillou and Bayou Terrebonne. The integrity of the project with these openings must be determined before proceeding with project implementation. As a design response, a boat bay has been proposed for one of the two east-west connections.

NMFS has received a letter from LA DNR, dated February 6, 1995, recommending de-authorization of the project. NMFS has forwarded letter to COE for Task Force approval.

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES Cont Award	End Const	ESTIMATES Baseline	Current	Pent	Actual Expenditures
Total Priority List 2 4,167										
3 Project(s)										
3 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed										
0 Construction Started										
0 Construction Completed										
0 Project(s) Deferred										
0 Project(s) Inactive										
0 Project(s) Deauthorized										

Priority List 3

Bayou Perot / Bayou Rigolettes Marsh	BARA	JEFF	1,065	03/01/1995A	10/01/1995	03/01/1996	\$1,835,047	\$1,848,037	100.7	\$1,287,160
Remarks/Status:										
East Timbalier Island Restoration #1	TERRE	LAFOU	1,013	02/01/1995A	10/01/1995	04/01/1996	\$2,046,971	\$2,060,766	100.6	\$1,435,707
Remarks/Status:										
Lake Chapeau Sediment Input & Hydrologic Restoration	TERRE	TERRE	509	03/01/1995A	10/01/1995	04/01/1996	\$4,149,182	\$4,166,527	100.4	\$818,790
Remarks/Status:										

PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES ***** Cont Award	***** ESTIMATES ***** Baseline	***** ESTIMATES ***** Current	***** ESTIMATES ***** Pct	***** ESTIMATES ***** Actual Expenditures
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Lead Agency: DEPT. OF COMMERCE, NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
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Priority List 3

Lake Salvador Shore Protection Demo	BARA	STCHA	176	03/01/1995A	10/01/1995	01/01/1996	\$1,444,628	\$1,457,637	100.9	\$1,014,033
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Remarks/Status:

Total Priority List 3 2,763

- 4 Project(s)
- 4 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred
- 0 Project(s) Inactive
- 0 Project(s) Deauthorized

Priority List 4

East Timbalier Barrier Island Restoration #2	TERRE	LAFOU	215	05/15/1995A	/ *	/ *	\$5,752,404	\$5,752,404	100.0	\$290
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Remarks/Status:

Eden Isles East Marsh Restoration	PONT	SITTAM	1,454	/ *	/ *	/ *	\$5,018,968	\$5,018,968	100.0	\$0
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Remarks/Status:

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES Cont Award	End Const	ESTIMATES Baseline	Current	Pct	Actual Expenditures
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Little Vermilion Bay Sediment Trapping (Project inactive)		TECHE	VERMI	441	/ *	/ *	\$1,133,254	\$0	100.0	\$0
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Remarks/Status: Project inactive at the request of the State of Louisiana due to lack of funds to cost share on the project.

Total Priority List 4 2,110 \$11,904,626 \$10,771,372 100.0 \$290

- 3 Project(s)
- 1 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred
- 1 Project(s) Inactive
- 0 Project(s) Deauthorized

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES Cont Award	End Const	ESTIMATES Current	Baseline	Pent Expenditures	Actual Expenditures
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Total Dept. Of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service 9,286 \$29,440,747 \$27,263,540 97.6 \$6,317,436

- 12 Project(s)
- 9 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 2 Project(s) Deferred
- 1 Project(s) Inactive
- 0 Project(s) Deauthorized

Notes:

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3. Percent codes: ! = 125% of baseline estimate exceeded

PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES ***** Cont Award	End Const	***** ESTIMATES ***** Baseline	Current	Pcnt Expenditures	Actual
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Lead Agency: DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION
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Priority List 1

BA-2 GIWW to Clovelly Wetland Restoration	BARA	LAFOU	8,629	04/17/1993A	10/15/1995	10/01/1996	\$8,141,512	\$8,174,525	100.4	\$544,845
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Remarks/Status: The project has been divided into a number of smaller contracts in order to expedite implementation.

Vegetative Plantings - West Hackberry	CALC	CAMER	96	04/17/1993A	04/15/1993A	03/30/1994A	\$213,947	\$222,008	103.7	\$147,291
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Remarks/Status: Sub-project of the Vegetative Plantings project.

Vegetative Plantings - Dewitt-Rollover	CALC	VERMI	310	04/17/1993A	07/11/1994A	08/26/1994A	\$191,003	\$149,508	78.2	\$75,726
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Remarks/Status: Sub-project of the Vegetative Plantings project.

Vegetative Plantings - Timbalier Island	TERRE	TERRE	167	04/17/1993A	03/15/1995A	07/30/1996	\$372,589	\$416,365	111.7	\$90,966
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Remarks/Status: Sub-project of the Vegetative Plantings project.

Vegetative Plantings - Falgout Canal	TERRE	TERRE	50	04/17/1993A	05/30/1996	11/30/1996	\$144,561	\$149,715	103.5	\$23,766
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Remarks/Status: Sub-project of the Vegetative Plantings project.

Total Vegetative Plantings							\$922,100	\$937,596		\$337,749
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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES ***** Cont Award	***** End Const	***** ESTIMATES ***** Current	***** Pent Expenditures	Actual
Total Priority List		1	9,252				\$9,112,121	100.5	\$882,594
5	Project(s)								
5	Cost Sharing Agreements Executed								
3	Construction Started								
2	Construction Completed								
0	Project(s) Deferred								
0	Project(s) Inactive								
0	Project(s) Deauthorized								

Priority List 2

Boston Canal / Vermilion Bay	TERRE	VERMI	378	03/24/1994A	09/13/1994A	11/30/1995	\$1,008,634	\$1,032,383	102.3	\$481,846
Remarks/Status: The structural portion of the project - shoreline protection - is complete. The vegetative portion of the project is approximately 98% complete - grass seedlings are being grown.										
Brown Lake	CALC	CAMER	282	03/28/1994A	10/01/1996	11/01/1997	\$3,222,800	\$3,236,971	100.4	\$123,220
Remarks/Status:										
Caernarvon Outfall Management	BRET	PLAQ	812	10/13/1994A	08/01/1996	07/30/1997	\$2,522,199	\$2,637,390	104.5	\$145,721
Remarks/Status:										

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Priority List 2

Freshwater Bayou	MERM	VERMI	1,593	08/17/1994A	08/29/1994A	09/01/1997	\$2,770,093	\$2,774,182	100.1	\$972,355
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Remarks/Status: The project has been expedited in order to allow the use of stone removed from the Wax Lake Outlet Weir at a substantial cost savings. Construction is included as an option in the Corps of Engineers contract for the Wax Lake Outlet Weir removal. Option was exercised on September 2, 1994.
Contract scheduled for completion on December 16, 1994.
Dedication tentatively scheduled for December 14, 1994 at Freshwater Lock.

The rock bank protection was Phase I of this project and was completed on January 26, 1995. Phase II will consist of installing water control structures to benefit the interior marsh area.

Fritchie Marsh	PONT	STTAM	1,040	02/21/1995A	09/01/1996	12/01/1997	\$3,048,389	\$3,062,571	100.4	\$79,720
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Remarks/Status:

Hwy 384	CALC	CAMER	150	10/13/1994A	09/01/1996	11/30/1997	\$700,715	\$714,891	102.0	\$25,935
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Remarks/Status:

Jonathan Davis Wetland	BARA	JEFF	510	01/05/1995A	07/01/1996	03/30/1998	\$3,398,867	\$3,418,802	100.5	\$216,380
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Remarks/Status:

PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	Cont Award	End Const	***** ESTIMATES *****	Baseline	Current	Pcnt Expenditures	Actual
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Priority List 2

Mud Lake	CALC	CAMER	1,520	03/24/1994A	10/01/1995	04/30/1996		\$2,903,635	\$2,925,580	100.7	\$171,306
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Remarks/Status: Bid opening was August 8, 1995 and contract awarded to Crain Bros. Construction should start in early October 1995.

Total Priority List 2 6,285 \$19,575,332 \$19,802,770 101.1 \$2,216,483

- 8 Project(s)
- 8 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 2 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred
- 0 Project(s) Inactive
- 0 Project(s) Deauthorized

Priority List 3

Brady Canal	TERRE	TERRE	297	10/13/1994A	02/28/1997	08/30/1998		\$4,717,928	\$4,731,929	100.3	\$2,397
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Remarks/Status:

Cameron-Creole Maintenance	CALC	CAMER	2,602	01/02/1996	/ *	03/31/2015		\$3,719,926	\$3,729,926	100.2	\$2,642
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Remarks/Status: This project provides for maintenance on an as-needed basis, therefore, a definite design completion start date cannot be set.

PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES *****	Cont Award	End Const	***** ESTIMATES *****	Baseline	Current	Pct	Actual Expenditures
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SERVICE (CONTINUED)

Priority List 3

Cote Blanche Hydrologic Restoration	TECHE	STMRY	2,223	01/02/1996	08/30/1996	08/30/1997	08/30/1997	\$5,173,062	\$5,186,099	100.2		\$42,651
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Remarks/Status:

SW Shore White Lake Demo	MERM	VERMI	16	01/11/1995A	04/30/1996	09/01/1996	09/01/1996	\$126,062	\$145,142	115.1		\$5,071
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Remarks/Status:

Violet Freshwater Distribution	PONT	STBER	247	10/13/1994A	01/30/1998	03/01/1999	03/01/1999	\$1,821,438	\$1,834,477	100.7		\$2,379
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Remarks/Status:

West Pointe-a-la-Hache Outfall Management	BARA	PLAQ	1,087	01/05/1995A	05/31/1997	11/30/1997	11/30/1997	\$881,148	\$894,137	101.4		\$2,271
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Remarks/Status:

White's Ditch Outfall Management	BRET	PLAQ	37	10/13/1994A	05/31/1998	11/30/1998	11/30/1998	\$756,134	\$770,331	101.8		\$2,271
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Remarks/Status:

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Total Priority List				3	6,509		\$17,195,698	\$17,292,041	100.5	\$59,682
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- 7 Project(s)
- 5 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 0 Construction Started
- 0 Construction Completed
- 0 Project(s) Deferred
- 0 Project(s) Inactive
- 0 Project(s) Deauthorized

Priority List 4

Barataria Bay Waterway Bank Protection (West)	BARA	JEFF	232	02/01/1996	03/01/1998	11/01/1998	\$2,192,418	\$2,192,418	100.0	\$0
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Remarks/Status:

Barataria Bay Waterway Bank Protection (East) (Project inactive)	BARA	JEFF	217	/ *	/ *	/ *	\$2,360,589	\$0	100.0	\$0
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Remarks/Status: Project inactive at the request of the State of Louisiana due to lack of funds to cost share on the project.

Bayou L'Ours Ridge Hydrologic Restoration	BARA	LAFOU	737	02/01/1996	04/30/1998	06/01/1999	\$2,418,676	\$2,418,676	100.0	\$0
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Remarks/Status:

PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	***** SCHEDULES *****	***** ESTIMATES *****	Actual
					Cont Award	Baseline	Expenditures

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Priority List 4

Flotant Marsh Fencing Demo	TERRE	TERRE	0	02/01/1996	03/01/1997	12/31/1997	\$367,066	\$367,066	100.0	\$0
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Remarks/Status:

Naomi Outfall Management (Project inactive)	BARA	PLAQ	633	/ #	/ #	/ #	\$1,856,630	\$0	100.0	\$0
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Remarks/Status: Project inactive at the request of the State of Louisiana due to lack of funds to cost share on the project.

Perry Ridge Bank Protection	CALC	CALCA	1,203	02/01/1996	11/01/1997	09/30/1998	\$2,223,518	\$2,223,518	100.0	\$0
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Remarks/Status:

Plowed Terraces Demo	CALC	CAMER	90	02/01/1996	01/31/1997	06/01/1997	\$299,690	\$299,690	100.0	\$0
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Remarks/Status:

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PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES Cont Award	***** End Const	***** ESTIMATES Current	***** Pent	Actual Expenditures
Total Priority List									
	4		3,112				\$11,718,587	\$7,501,368	100.0 \$0
7									
0									
0									
0									
0									
2									
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Total Dept. Of Agriculture, Natural Resources									
Conservation Service									
27							\$57,553,229	\$53,708,300	100.6 \$3,158,759
18			25,158						
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2									
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Notes:

- Expenditures based on Corps of Engineers financial data.
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Project Status Summary Report - Total All Priority Lists

PROJECT	BASIN	PARISH	ACRES	CSA	SCHEDULES Cont Award	***** End Const	***** Baseline	ESTIMATES Current	***** Pent	Actual Expenditures
SUMMARY	Total All Projects		64,581				\$169,119,571	133,419,759	105.2	\$17,510,312

- 66 Project(s)
- 39 Cost Sharing Agreements Executed
- 9 Construction Started
- 5 Construction Completed
- 3 Project(s) Deferred
- 7 Project(s) Inactive
- 0 Project(s) Deauthorized

Total Available Funds

Federal Funds \$116,154,643.00
N/F Funds \$ 33,732,370.00
Total Funds \$149,887,013.00

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 Project Status Summary Report by Basin

	No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Construction	Completed	Projects Deferred	Projects Inactive	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
Basin: Atchafalaya										
Priority List: 2	2	3,792	2	0	0	0	0	\$4,179,051	\$5,078,216	\$7,446
Basin Total	2	3,792	2	0	0	0	0	\$4,179,051	\$5,078,216	\$7,446
Basin: Barataria										
Priority List: 1	3	9,151	2	0	0	0	0	\$9,237,670	\$9,874,062	\$530,391
Priority List: 2	1	510	1	0	0	0	0	\$3,047,929	\$3,418,802	\$7,304
Priority List: 3	3	2,328	3	0	0	0	0	\$3,626,703	\$4,199,811	\$216
Priority List: 4	4	1,819	0	0	0	0	2	\$7,782,447	\$8,828,313	\$0
Basin Total	11	13,808	6	0	0	0	2	\$23,694,749	\$26,320,988	\$537,911
Basin: Breton Sound										
Priority List: 2	1	812	1	0	0	0	0	\$2,269,309	\$2,637,390	\$3,094
Priority List: 3	1	37	1	0	0	0	0	\$702,934	\$770,331	\$0
Basin Total	2	849	2	0	0	0	0	\$2,972,243	\$3,407,721	\$3,094
Basin: Calcasieu / Sabine										
Priority List: 1	4	6,548	4	3	3	0	0	\$5,915,914	\$2,973,828	\$301,199
Priority List: 2	4	3,019	3	0	0	0	0	\$7,699,309	\$8,877,442	\$311,697

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Project Status Summary Report by Basin

	No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Construction	Completed	Projects Deferred	Projects Inactive	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
Priority List: 3	2	3,555	0	0	0	0	0	\$7,782,683	\$8,335,223	\$108
Priority List: 4	4	2,137	0	0	0	0	1	\$9,600,211	\$11,189,778	\$0
Basin Total	14	15,259	7	3	3	0	1	\$30,998,117	\$31,376,271	\$613,004

Basin: Miss. River Delta

Priority List: 1	1	9,831	0	0	0	1	0	\$7,872,299	\$20,253,942	\$413,820
Priority List: 3	2	1,979	0	0	0	0	0	\$3,391,430	\$3,735,183	\$9,972
Priority List: 4	3	754	0	0	0	0	1	\$3,944,821	\$4,401,599	\$0
Basin Total	6	12,564	0	0	0	1	1	\$15,208,550	\$28,390,724	\$423,792

Basin: Mermentau

Priority List: 1	1	247	1	1	1	0	0	\$1,177,668	\$1,465,666	\$42,154
Priority List: 2	1	1,593	1	1	0	0	0	\$2,548,010	\$2,774,182	\$3,255
Priority List: 3	1	16	1	0	0	0	0	\$120,361	\$145,142	\$0
Basin Total	3	1,856	3	2	1	0	0	\$3,846,039	\$4,384,990	\$45,409

Basin: Pontchartrain

Priority List: 1	2	1,753	2	2	1	0	0	\$5,228,682	\$5,213,648	\$3,342,096
Priority List: 2	2	2,320	2	0	0	0	0	\$4,109,709	\$4,524,571	\$6,029

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 Project Status Summary Report by Basin

	No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Construction	Completed	Projects Deferred	Projects Inactive	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
Priority List: 3	2	1,002	1	0	0	0	0	\$2,154,597	\$2,424,348	\$3,494
Priority List: 4	1	1,454	0	0	0	0	0	\$4,998,901	\$5,018,968	\$0
Basin Total	7	6,529	5	2	1	0	0	\$16,491,889	\$17,181,535	\$3,351,619

Basin: Teche / Vermilion

Priority List: 1	1	65	1	0	0	0	0	\$1,360,105	\$1,874,084	\$300,184
Priority List: 3	1	2,223	0	0	0	0	0	\$4,535,174	\$5,186,099	\$0
Priority List: 4	2	849	0	0	0	0	2	\$4,384,962	\$5,040,097	\$0
Basin Total	4	3,137	1	0	0	0	2	\$10,280,241	\$12,100,280	\$300,184

Basin: Terrebonne

Priority List: 1	5	568	4	1	0	2	0	\$7,852,225	\$8,042,439	\$823,451
Priority List: 2	4	1,334	3	1	0	0	0	\$12,520,396	\$14,069,852	\$1,586,605
Priority List: 3	5	3,061	5	0	0	0	0	\$13,921,763	\$16,301,659	\$320
Priority List: 4	3	1,824	1	0	0	0	1	\$9,757,764	\$11,300,093	\$0
Basin Total	17	6,787	13	2	0	2	1	\$44,052,148	\$49,714,043	\$2,410,376

Total All Basins	66	64,581	39	9	5	3	1	\$151,723,027	\$177,954,768	\$7,692,835
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Notes:

1. Expenditures based on Corps of Engineers financial data.
2. Date codes: A = Actual date * = Behind schedule

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Project Summary Report by Priority List

P/L	No. of Projects	Acres	CSA Executed	Under Const.	Completed	Projects Deferred	Projects Inactive	Federal Const. Funds Available	Non/Fed Const. Funds Available	Baseline Estimate	Current Estimate	Expenditures To Date
1	17	28,163	14	2	5	3	0	\$28,084,900	\$9,361,633	\$42,070,940	\$29,529,266	\$8,460,615
2	15	13,380	13	2	0	0	0	\$28,173,110	\$9,391,036	\$40,644,133	\$41,380,455	\$4,232,321
3	17	14,201	11	0	0	0	0	\$29,939,100	\$9,979,700	\$40,625,640	\$41,097,796	\$4,789,875
4	17	8,837	1	0	0	0	7	\$29,957,533	\$5,000,000	\$45,778,858	\$21,412,242	\$27,501
Total	66	64,581	39	4	5	3	7	\$116,154,643	\$33,732,370	\$169,119,571	\$133,419,759	\$17,510,312

NOTES:

1. Current Estimate for deferred projects is equal to expenditures to date.
2. Current Estimate for Inactive Project is \$0

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STATUS REPORT ON THE
5TH PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

For information.

Mr. Green will report on the status of development of the 5th Priority Project List.

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TASK FORCE MEETING
21 September 1995

APPROVAL OF A NO-COST EXTENSION
OF THE LUMCON MOA

For Task Force decision.

Mr. Schroeder will present the recommendation of the Technical Committee concerning approval of a no-cost extension of the memorandum of agreement between LUMCON and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A copy of the agreement is enclosed.

Recommendation of the Technical Committee:

That a no-cost extension of the memorandum of agreement between LUMCON and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers be approved.

NO-COST EXTENSION TO
MAY 1995 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

AND THE

LOUISIANA UNIVERSITIES MARINE CONSORTIUM

Most of the services connected with Priority List # 5 Development called for in the May 1995 MOA were completed in a highly satisfactory manner during the summer of 1995. However, participation of academic scientists in the Mississippi River Sediment, Nutrient, Freshwater Redistribution (MRSNFR) Feasibility Study is ongoing, as are academic assistance in development of CWPPRA monitoring plans, and the Wetland Value Assessment Review. The CWPPRA Information Transfer Workshop is scheduled to be held in the fall.

Since the original MOA expires on 30 September 1995, a no-cost extension until 30 April 1996 is proposed. No additional monies will be added to the MOA, but monies not expended in the original MOA may be expended on the following tasks:

- * Completion of Priority List # 5 Development
- * Academic participation in the MRSNFR Feasibility Study.
- * Academic assistance in development of CWPPRA Monitoring Plans.
- * Coordination of the CWPPRA Information Transfer Workshop

All other terms of the original MOA will continue in force.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

LOUISIANA UNIVERSITIES
MARINE CONSORTIUM

BY: _____
Kenneth H. Clow

BY: _____
Paul Sammarco, Ph.D.

TITLE: Colonel, District Engineer

TITLE: Executive Director

DATE: _____

DATE: _____

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STATUS OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE CONSERVATION PLAN

For information. *Ben* *E. Miller*

~~Mr. Norm Thomas~~ will brief the Task Force on the status of the Conservation Plan authorized by section 304 of the CWPPRA.

\$179K Grant → State
end of next week
Ca 1/4

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EXPEDITING PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

For discussion.

The Task Force will consider means to expedite the construction of approved priority list projects.

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REPORT ON PROPOSAL FOR PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

For information.

Mr. Jim Addison (Public Affairs Officer, USACE) will report on the Outreach Committee's review of a proposal by Gus Weill, Inc. The committee was directed by the Task Force to determine which items in the Weill proposal would be appropriate for Task Force involvement. A proposed budget is enclosed.

16 Aug 95

MEMORANDUM FOR Stan Green, PD

SUBJECT: Proposed Budget for CWPPRA Public Outreach Committee

The following are activities, products and other expenditures proposed for the FY96 Public Outreach program. Below each item is the recommended lead agency and the manner of expenditure. These budget proposals were outlined and discussed at the June Task Force meeting.

1. FULL-TIME, TEMPORARY POSITION,
GRADE GS-11 OR EQUIVALENT: \$35,000
Lead agency: LA
Service by state position
2. NEWSLETTER (2) \$22,000
Lead agencies: ACOE & NRCS
Service by NRCS contract
3. NEWSLETTER PRINT & MAIL \$ 6,000
Lead agency: NRCS
Service by contract
4. COASTAL LIAISON ACTIVITIES \$15,000
Lead agency: LA
Service by contract
5. GENERAL OVERVIEW BROCHURE \$15,000
Lead agencies: EPA/LA
Service by EPA contract
6. EDUCATIONAL BROCHURE \$20,000
Lead agencies: NMFS/USF&WS
Service by NMFS contract
7. SLIDE PRESENTATION \$ 5,000
Lead agency: ACOE
Service by ACOE staff
8. PHOTOGRAPHY \$ 5,000
Lead agency: ACOE
Service by ACOE staff

CELMN-PA PROPOSED BUDGET FOR CWPPRA PUBLIC OUTREACH

9. EXHIBIT TRAVEL	\$ 2,000
Lead agency: ACOE	
Service by contract	
10. MISC TRAVEL & PER DIEM	\$ 3,000
For use by all agencies	
11. PROJECT PAMPHLETS	\$ 1,500
Lead agency: ACOE	
Service by contract	
TOTAL BUDGET	\$129,000

JIM ADDISON
CH, Public Affairs

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REPORT ON REVISION OF COST SHARING AGREEMENTS

For information.

Ms. Cathy Mitias will report on the June meeting held to discuss the State's policy on cost overruns and the impact of that policy on cost sharing agreements.

Dr. Bill Good will present LDNR's concept of a programmatic budget. The programmatic budget could include State restoration projects as well as CWPPRA projects, making the State projects eligible as an in-kind match for cost-sharing purposes.

*O&M costs
should be
brought in to
CSA*

*Druid should
convene again*

*Bill's
requested to go w/ Programmatic
Cost Share*

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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.

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DATE AND LOCATION OF THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING

Recommendation for Task Force Approval:

DATE: 20 December 1995

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

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

Task Force meetings will ordinarily be scheduled for the third Wednesday of the last month in each quarter of the year.

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TASK FORCE MEETING
21 September 1995

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.

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COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION, & RESTORATION ACT
(Public Law 101-646, Title III)

SECTION 303. Priority Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Restoration Projects.

- **Section 303a. Priority Project List.**
 - NLT 13 Jan 91, Sec. of the Army (Secretary) will convene a Task Force.
 - Secretary, Interior
 - Secretary, Agriculture
 - Secretary, Commerce
 - Administrator, EPA
 - Governor, Louisiana
 - NLT 28 Nov 91, Task Force will prepare and transmit to Congress a Priority List of wetland restoration projects based on cost effectiveness and wetland quality.
 - Priority List is revised and submitted annually as part of President's budget.
- **Section 303b. Federal and State Project Planning.**
 - NLT 28 Nov 93, Task Force will prepare a comprehensive coastal wetlands Restoration Plan for Louisiana.
 - Restoration Plan will consist of a list of wetland projects, ranked by cost effectiveness and wetland quality.
 - Completed Restoration Plan will become Priority List.
 - Secretary will ensure that navigation and flood control projects are consistent with the purpose of the Restoration Plan.
 - Upon submission of the Restoration Plan to Congress, the Task Force will conduct a scientific evaluation of the completed wetland restoration projects every 3 years and report the findings to Congress.

SECTION 304. Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation Planning.

- Secretary, Administrator, EPA; and Director, USFWS will:
 - Sign an agreement with the Governor specifying how Louisiana will develop and implement the Conservation Plan.
 - Approve the Conservation Plan.
 - Provide Congress with periodic status reports on Plan implementation.
- NLT 3 years after agreement is signed, Louisiana will develop a Wetland Conservation Plan to achieve no net loss of wetlands resulting from development.

SECTION 305. National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants.

- Director, USFWS, will make matching grants to any coastal state to implement Wetland Conservation Projects (projects to acquire, restore, manage, and enhance real property interest in coastal lands and waters).
- Cost sharing is 50% Federal / 50% State *

SECTION 306. Distribution of Appropriations.

- 70% of annual appropriations not to exceed (NTE) \$70 million used as follows:
 - NTE \$15 million to fund Task Force completion of Priority List and Restoration Plan -- Secretary disburses funds.
 - NTE \$10 million to fund 75% of Louisiana's cost to complete Conservation Plan -- Administrator disburses funds.
 - Balance to fund wetland restoration projects at 75% Federal/ 25% Louisiana ** -- Secretary disburses funds.
- 15% of annual appropriations, NTE \$15 million for Wetland Conservation Grants - Director, USFWS disburses funds.
- 15% of annual appropriations, NTE \$15 million for projects authorized by the North American Wetlands Conservation Act - Secretary, Interior disburses funds.

SECTION 307. Additional Authority for the Corps of Engineers.

- **Section 307a. Secretary authorized to:**
 - Carry out projects to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands and aquatic/coastal ecosystems.
- **Section 307b. Secretary authorized and directed to study feasibility of modifying the MR&T to increase flows and sediment to the Atchafalaya River for land building and wetland nourishment.**
 - * 25% if the state has dedicated trust fund from which principal is not spent.
 - ** 15% when Louisiana's Conservation Plan is approved.

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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Planning,
Protection and
Restoration Act.
16 USC 3961
note.

TITLE III—WETLANDS**SEC. 391. SHORT TITLE.**

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

16 USC 3961.

SEC. 392. 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. 302. PRIORITY LOUISIANA COASTAL WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECTS. 16 USC 3962

(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 PROCEDURE.—**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) FUNDS.—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.

(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.

Texas.

16 USC 3668.

SEC. 366. 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 306 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. 1988, December 13, 1989).

SEC. 397. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

16 USC 3954.

(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. 398. 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.

"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 101-390) is amended as follows:

Ann. p. 589.

"(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".

Approved November 29, 1990.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 5300 (S. 2244):

SENATE REPORTS: No. 101-523 accompanying S. 2244 (Comm. on Environment and Public Works).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 136 (1990):

Oct. 1, considered and passed House.

Oct. 25, considered and passed Senate, amended, in lieu of S. 2244.

Oct. 27, House concurred in Senate amendment.

WEEKLY COMPILATION OF PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS, Vol. 26 (1990):

Nov. 29, Presidential statement.



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September 20, 1995

Colonel Ken Clow
Chair, Coastal Wetlands Planning Protection and Restoration Act
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Dear Colonel Clow:

I hereby submit to you, as Chair of the CWPPRA Task Force, the nomination of the Barrier Island-Ship Shoal Restoration Project as a CWPPRA-funded, large-scale project. Federal co-sponsors are the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Minerals Management Service. A general description of the project is attached.

I am pleased to offer this nomination on behalf of the state and the numerous supporters of the project which include Senators Breaux and Johnston, Congressman Livingston, coastal legislators, local governments, many fishing groups, non-government organizations, and a large number of Louisiana voters as indicated in a recent state-wide poll on coastal restoration.

Please contact Dr. Ivor van Heerden, Assistant Secretary, or Dr. Karl DeRouen in the Department of Natural Resources' Office of Coastal Restoration and Management if you need additional information at this time.

Sincerely,

Len Bahr,
Executive Assistant
for Coastal Activities

Attachment

c: CWPPRA Task Force Members
Louisiana Coastal Wetland Conservation and Restoration Task Force
Louisiana Congressional Delegation

State of Louisiana



EDWIN W. EDWARDS
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JACK McCLANAHAN
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

May 2, 1995

Colonel Kenneth Clow
District Engineer
Corps of New Orleans
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RE: Initiation of a CWPPRA Large-Scale Restoration Project Strategy

Dear Colonel Clow:

The purpose of this letter is to seek the support of the Corps of Engineers and the other CWPPRA (Breaux-Johnston Act) Task Force members for a major barrier island restoration initiative.

The State of Louisiana is currently forging a bold plan for the future of the restoration of our coastal wetlands. A key component of this plan is the need to provide for sustained economic development. To this end we are promoting a "big picture" approach to the problem of wetland loss.

The State's bold vision is outlined in the enclosed White Paper entitled "The State of Louisiana's Policy for Coastal Restoration Activities". This position paper has been fully endorsed by Governor Edwards. This paper represents an appraisal of the present conditions and the ongoing challenges in the restoration and protection efforts of our State's coastline. In addition, this paper outlines a strategy for a 20-year coastal restoration plan based on a partner-supported, unified plan of action. Key strategy elements are:

- 1) The Unified, Long-Term, Sustainable Development, Coastal Restoration Plan (currently being developed by the State) presents a comprehensive strategy to reinstate the natural land building and wetland processes. Included in this strategy is a proposal to reconfigure the Mississippi and Atchafalaya Rivers (e.g., maximize sediment input, reconnect rivers to adjacent wetlands) and a proposal to aggressively restore our barrier islands and shoreline.
- 2) Fiscal responsibility has to be a prerequisite in the building of restoration projects. Part of this strategy is to have a well defined project selection process that prioritizes the projects based on whether they are compatible with the unified State plan. Deauthorizing projects with large

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estimated costs overruns as well as those with questionable benefits will release funds for new projects. Monies should not be used to fund projects which are grossly over the original estimates.

Pursuant to the above premises, the State submits the following recommendations to the CWPPRA Task Force:

- 1) All monies saved by deauthorizing projects on CWPPRA Priority Lists 1 through 4 should be moved forward into one escrow account (present estimates could be as high as \$15 million).
- 2) Should the State find matching funds for the Federal monies not matched in Priority List 4, these monies should also move forward in escrow (approximately \$20 million).
- 3) The monies contributed to the escrow account through actions 1 and 2 above should be dedicated to the restoration of our barrier islands through the dedicated mining of high quality sands located offshore (e.g. Ship Shoal) for the restoration of the barrier islands to a historical configuration similar to that present at the turn of the century. This could be tentatively defined as the Barrier Island - Ship Shoal Restoration Project.
- 4) Roll over a minimum of ten million dollars per year from Priority Lists 5 and 6 for an approximate grand total of \$60 million by 1997.

A potential project implementation plan could be built around the following actions or facts:

- 1) DNR is contracted to the CWPPRA Task Force to undertake the Barrier Shoreline Restoration Feasibility Study. Phase 1 of this study is designed to develop a project implementation plan for the Barataria/Terrebonne/Timbalier Bay Barrier Islands to be completed by April 1996.
- 2) Tentative discussions with the dredging industry have revealed that if the CWPPRA Task Force is going to be serious about barrier island restoration, and if industry were made aware of this soon, they would be willing to do the necessary capitalization to have the right equipment to do the offshore mining by April 1996.
- 3) The State has initiated discussions with the EPA, who have always campaigned for barrier island restoration and are the Federal lead agency on the various Isles Dernieres projects, to be the Federal sponsor of the Barrier Island-Ship Shoal project. I believe we have deep support from the EPA for this project.

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The State has met with the Mineral Management Service section of the Department of the Interior who have federal jurisdiction over Ship Shoal sands, and had a very positive response to the concept of a partnership to move this project forward. More recently, the State, MMS and EPA met in Washington D.C. to discuss the environmental compliance documentation needed to move this project forward. There is enormous public support for barrier island restoration. Relatedly, we are also very close to a settlement on the Isles Dernieres land rights issue.

We respectfully request that you and the CWPPRA Task Force endorse the strategies of rolling monies forward in escrow to carry out the Barrier Island-Ship Shoal project, and the project partnership that has been initiated between the State, EPA and Mineral Management Service.

With the support of the Task Force we could start moving high quality sands from Ship Shoal to our barrier islands, as early as April 1996, and as a consequence have a major positive impact on coastal wetland loss in the area of our coast experiencing greater than 60% of the total annual loss.

We appreciate the wonderful work your Task Force is undertaking in our State, and the partnerships that are being built. Should you require any further information, please feel free to contact myself or my Assistant Secretary of Coastal Restoration and Management, Dr. Ivor van Heerden at (504) 342-1375.

Sincerely,



Jack McClanahan
Secretary

JM/ndl

cc: Honorable John Breaux
U.S. Senator

Honorable J. Bennett Johnston
U.S. Senator

Honorable Billy Tauzin
U.S. Representative

Honorable Richard Baker
U.S. Representative

Honorable Bob Livingston
U.S. Representative

Honorable Jimmy Hayes
U.S. Representative

Honorable William Jefferson
U.S. Representative

Honorable Cleo Fields
U.S. Representative

Honorable Jim McCrery
U.S. Representative



**JEFFERSON PARISH
LOUISIANA**

OFFICE OF PARISH PRESIDENT

MICHAEL J. YENNI
PARISH PRESIDENT

September 20, 1995

TO: CWPPRA Task Force Members

I need not remind you that the Barataria Basin is experiencing the highest rates of wetland loss in the entire state of Louisiana. Because of this, I feel very strongly that the projects that are in the Barataria Basin, such as the Barataria Bay Waterway West Bank Protection project (PBA-12) and Jonathan Davis Wetland Restoration project (PBA-35) should be given top priorities. This is especially true since these projects are in a more defensive posture rather than an offensive posture and therefore do not interfere with the state's "big picture" plans.

As you are aware, choosing the projects for the CWPPRA program has been a timely process that involved not only federal agencies and scientists, but also local government, land owners, fishermen, and the general public. Jefferson Parish has invested much time and money in developing the Jefferson Parish Comprehensive Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Plan, of which these projects are a part, and we have spent much time and effort in bringing to the CWPPRA Task Force our constituent's interests and concerns during your public meetings.

Please keep in mind that both of the above mentioned projects were initially proposed by public input. Since so much public participation and review has been put into the selection of these projects, it is somewhat disturbing to find out that they are even being considered as candidates for de-authorization.

Because of the previous public involvement and the need for continued public confidence in the CWPPRA program, Jefferson Parish strongly advises the Task Force not to ignore that which you have already accomplished and we request that these projects (PBA-12 and PBA-35) be kept on the Priority Project List of the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Yenni
Parish President

cc: Senator John Breaux
Senator J. Bennet Johnston
Representative Robert Livingston
Representative Billy Tauzin
LA Senator John Hainkel
Mr. Len Bahr
Mr. Jack McClanahan

In an underhanded attempt to avoid any public review and comment, LDNR and the Governor's "Coastal Office" are attempting to pressure the CWPBRA Task Force to deauthorize the following projects at a Task Force meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 20:

Cote Blanche Hydrologic Restoration
Bayou Perot / Rigolets
Cameron Creole Watershed Hydrologic Restoration
GIWW to Clovelly Wetland Restoration
Brown's Lake Hydrologic Restoration
Fritchie Marsh
Highway 384
Jonathon Davis Wetland
Brady Canal
Cameron-Creole Maintenance
Hog Island
Barataria Bay Waterway Bank Protection
Bayou L'Ours Ridge Hydrologic Restoration
Perry Ridge Bank Protection
Lake Salvador Shoreline Protection at Lafitte
Clear Marais Bank Protection

Additionally, those Priority List IV Projects for which the State did not have matching funds last year would be deauthorized.

LDNR and has met with selected members of the Congressional Delegation to present a very slanted viewpoint to support these deauthorizations. There has been no real project re-evaluations — the deauthorization list is simply comprised of those projects which do not fit the "mold" of what a few individuals in LDNR and the Governor's "Coastal Office" think is best. When public opinion or science supports their action, they use it; when it contradicts their actions, they IGNORE it. Democracy and working together for COASTAL RESTORATION have been abandoned.

LDNR and the Governor's "Coastal Office" has not been reporting the whole story; for example:

1. There are many good, cost effective, and widely supported projects on the deauthorization list. Some even "large-scale" projects, exceeding 60,000 acres.
2. The first four CWPBRA priority list reports generally show a higher cost-effectiveness for the projects suggested for deauthorization than for the Barrier Island Projects.
3. Recent modeling efforts by Dr. Joe Suhayda of LSU has indicated that Barrier Island Restoration would have little effect on coastal land loss.

LDNR and the Governor's "Coastal Office" has adopted a procedure where they hear only what they want to hear, they report only what they want their immediate audience to hear (the media, Congressional Delegation, agencies, or the public), and THEY IGNORE OR LIE ABOUT THE REST.

**If you are opposed to this fast-tracked, sneaky, and underhanded approach to project deauthorization, make your views known to Senators Breaux and Johnston, Representatives Livingston, Hayes, and Tauzin, and speak up at the Task Force Meeting on Wednesday, September 20.
BETTER HURRY!!**

Consider reading all or part of the preceding page at the Task Force meeting.

**PROPOSAL TO USE STATE EXPENDITURES
ON EXISTING RIVER DIVERSIONS
AS MATCHING FUNDS FOR CWPPRA PROJECTS**

**WEST POINTE A LA HACHE SIPHON
and
LAREUSSITE SIPHON**



September, 1995

Louisiana Department of Natural Resources
Coastal Restoration Division
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FRESHWATER DIVERSION PROJECTS



MISSISSIPPI RIVER SIPHONS

* **Proposal** - Utilize state expenditures for completed (and operating) Mississippi River Siphons as in-kind state match funds.

* **Advantages**

- Amount for which state would receive in-kind credit = \$13 million. Fully leveraged, this will enable the state to capture an additional \$39 million in matching federal dollars for future projects.
- Allow state to meet crisis situation caused by reduction of funding.
- State would receive credit for two worthy constructed projects which fulfil the intent of P.L. 101-646.
- Provide credit of 26,300 acres benefitted for use by the Task Force in future reports to congress.
- This action should prevent a possible partial curtailment of construction of CWPPRA projects in the Barataria Basin due to lack of state funds.
- Improved operation of these diversions could eventually result if CWPPRA becomes involved in their operation.
- This action would serve the best interest of our coastal citizens by continuing projects vitally needed to restore the wetlands in this hard-hit area.

West Pointe a la Hache Siphon

Project Highlights

- Completed in April, 1992
 - Consists of 8 - 72" diameter pipes
 - Capacity = 2000 cfs
 - Area benefitted = 9,200 acres
 - Total construction cost = \$6,293,741
 - Total State funds = \$4,720,306
 - Currently operated by Plaquemines Parish
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LaReussite Siphon

Project Highlights

- Completed in October, 1992
- Consists of 8 - 72" diameter pipes
- Capacity = 2000 cfs
- Area benefitted = 17,100 acres
- Total construction cost = \$6,651,660
- Total State funds = \$4,988,745
- Currently operated by Plaquemines Parish

Resolution

The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) Task Force hereby adopts the following policies on allocation, funding and authorization for CWPPRA-funded, large-scale projects.

Allocation and Funding

1. Any funds released through deauthorization of CWPPRA Priority Projects on lists 1 through 4 will be earmarked for the CWPPRA large-scale fund;
2. Funds will be rolled forward to enable the construction of large scale projects;
3. Approximately two-thirds of all annual PPL appropriations will be allocated for the large-scale fund.

Authorization

1. Large-scale candidate projects will be considered by the Task Force for authorization at any time on the basis of a nomination by a Task Force Member and the State. Nomination will consist of a formal request to the Task Force.
2. Task Force evaluation and selection of large-scale projects will include:

step a) solicitation and consideration of public comments received at a public meeting regarding the project;
step b) evaluation by the Technical Committee in accordance with the Act; and
step c) final consideration by the Task Force.
3. CWPPRA-funded projects will not require a feasibility study.

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 20, 1995

Colonel Kenneth Clow
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Dear Colonel Clow:

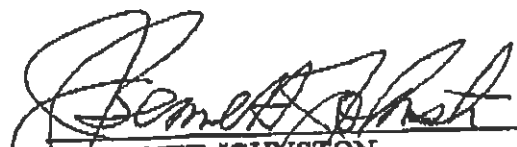
This letter lends full support to a recent letter to you from Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Secretary Jack McClanahan regarding a game plan to initiate the Barrier Island Restoration-Ship Shoal Project, including, the mining of Ship Shoal possibly beginning as early as April 1996.


Based on these concepts we are in full agreement that:

- Any funds released through deauthorization of CWPPRA Priority Projects on lists 1 through 4 should be earmarked for the Ship Shoal project;
- Funds can and should be rolled forward to enable the construction of large-scale projects.

Further, we commend the U.S. Mineral Management Service, the Environmental Protection Agency and DNR for formulating the Barrier Island Restoration-Ship Shoal Project. We sincerely desire to see large-scale restoration of Louisiana's barrier islands commence in the near future. Projects of this type should move forward keeping in step with plans for the complete restoration of Louisiana's coastal wetlands.

Sincerely,


J. BENNET JOHNSTON
United States Senator


JOHN BREAUX
United States Senator



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JACK McCLANAHAN
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

September 20, 1995

MEMORANDUM

TO: CWPPRA Task Force Members

FROM:  Greg Steyer, Technical Advisory Group Chairman

SUBJECT: Status of CWPPRA Monitoring Program

The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Restoration Division (LDNR/CRD) is responsible for the management of all monitoring activities under the Coastal Wetlands, Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) including monitoring plan development; monitoring plan implementation (data collection and storage, statistical analysis, quality control, and data interpretation); and report generation. The National Biological Service/Southern Science Center (NBS/SSC) is responsible for aerial photography, habitat mapping and GIS analysis. They also have responsibility for other related monitoring deemed appropriate by LDNR/CRD for each project. Jointly, LDNR/CRD and NBS/SSC prepare reports for each CWPPRA project implemented.

All monitoring activities are dependent upon construction timetables. Attachment 1 identifies the current timetable for the development of monitoring plans. I have also attached tables identifying all projects in which we have finalized monitoring plans, conducted baseline aerial photography, implemented monitoring plans, and completed progress reports. Progress reports are completed every four months following construction. I have provided as an example the completed progress report for the West Hackberry Plantings and Sediment Enhancement (C/S-19) Project.

In the past year, LDNR/CRD and NBS/SSC have continued the development of the CWPPRA Regional Monitoring and GIS Data Base using ORACLE as its relational data base management system. It has been designed to meet the need for optimal storage capacity, multi-user capability, and user friendliness. A mechanism is currently being developed for user access requirements that will ensure data integrity, security, and confidentiality. Until on-line access is available, requests for information must be submitted in writing to LDNR/CRD or NBS/SSC.

Together with NBS/SSC, LDNR/CRD has also finalized its Quality Management Plan for the CWPPRA Monitoring Program. This document illustrates how the monitoring plan is structured and that adequate quality assurances and controls have been embedded in the program. Once approval signatures have been received from the Environmental Protection Agency, the document will be released for distribution.

If you have any questions or would like to request any specific documents, please contact Jimmy Johnston at (318) 266-8556 or me at (504) 342-9435.

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Attachments

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1995/1996 TAG RESPONSIBILITIES TRACKING SHEET

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Attachment 1a

Project Number	Project Name	Monitoring Manager	Agency	Approximate Meeting Date	Assigned Ecologist & Biostatistician	Assigned SAG Representative	Suspense date for forwarding Preliminary Plan/Info to TAG/MWG	Date Preliminary Plan/Info actually forwarded to TAG/MWG	Date Final Plan Forwarded for Review by P&E/MWG	Date Final Approved Plan Disseminated to P&E
PO-20	Red Mud Demo (Modified)	Steller	EPA	26-Jan-95	Nyman, Pal		06-Jan	01/09/95	03/06/95	04/06/95
PO-16	Bayou Sauvage Phase 1	Rhinehart	USFW	02-Feb-95	Sasser, Pal		12-Jan	01/17/95	03/23/95	05/16/95
PO-18	Bayou Sauvage Phase 2	Rhinehart	USFW	02-Feb-95	Sasser, Pal		12-Jan	01/17/95	03/23/95	05/16/95
CS-22	Clear Marais	Holbrook	USACE	01-Mar-95	Nyman, Pal		08-Feb	02/08/95	03/07/95	06/05/95
BA-19	Barataria Bay Waterway	Carriere	USACE	01-Mar-95	Nyman, Pal		08-Feb	02/13/95	03/13/95	06/07/95
PAT-02	Atchafalaya Sediment	Beasley	NMFS	25-May-95	Sasser, Sun	Rouse	04-May	05/04/95		
AT-03	Big Island Mining	Beasley	NMFS	25-May-95	Sasser, Sun	Rouse	04-May	05/04/95		
TE-26	Lake Chapeau Marsh Creation	Cheramie	NMFS	27-Jul-95	Nyman, Sun	Rouse	06-Jul	07/13/95		
TE-23	West Bell Pass	Alonzo	USACE	31-Aug-95	Sasser, Sun	White	10-Aug	08/10/95		
TE-17	Falgout Canal Planting	Beasley	NRCS	28-Sep-95	Nyman, Sun	Proffitt	07-Sep	09/11/95		
CS-21	Highway 384	Holbrook	NRCS	25-Oct-95	Nyman, Pal	Swenson	04-Oct			
BA-15	Lake Salvador Shore Protection (Demo)	Alonzo	NMFS	26-Oct-95	Sasser, Sun	Stone	05-Oct			
BS-03a	Caernarvon Diversion Outfall	Steller	NRCS	29-Nov-95	Sasser, Pal	Rouse	08-Nov			
MR-06	Channel Amor Gap Crevasse	Kelley	USACE	30-Nov-95	Nyman, Pal	White	09-Nov			
PO-06	Fritchie Marsh	Rhinehart	NRCS	06-Dec-95	Sasser, Sun	Pezold	15-Nov			
ME-04	Freshwater Bayou Phase II	Vincent	NRCS	07-Dec-95	Nyman, Pal	Swenson	16-Nov			
TE-25	East Timbalier Island Restoration	Webb	NMFS	24-Jan-96	Nyman, Pal	Stone	03-Jan			
MR-07	Pass-a-Loutre Crevasse	Kelley	USACE	25-Jan-96	Nyman, Pal	White	04-Jan			
TE-28	Brady Canal Hydrologic Restoration	Cheramie	NRCS	25-Jan-96	Nyman, Pal	Swenson	04-Jan			
CS-09	Brown Lake	Holbrook	NRCS	28-Feb-96	Nyman, Sun	Swenson	07-Feb			
CS-23	Replace Hog Island	Holbrook	USFW	29-Feb-96	Nyman, Pal	Swenson	08-Feb			
TE-27	Whiskey Island Restoration	Webb	EPA	27-Mar-96	Nyman, Pal	Stone	06-Mar			
PO-19	MRGO Back Dike Marsh Protection	Carriere	USACE	28-Mar-96	Sasser, Pal	Proffitt	07-Mar			
BA-04c	West Pt. a la Hache Outfall	Haywood	NRCS	28-Mar-96	Sasser, Pal	Rouse	07-Mar			
PO-09a	Violet Freshwater Distribution (no pumps)	Carriere	NRCS	29-May-96	Sasser, Pal	Rouse	08-May			
BS-04a	White's Ditch Outfall Management	Carriere	NRCS	30-May-96	Nyman, Sun	Rouse	09-May			

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1994 TAG RESPONSIBILITIES TRACKING SHEET

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Attachment 1b

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CS-19	West Hackberry Plantings	Vincent	NRCS	24-Jan	Sasser, Pal		NA	06-Apr	05/26/94	06/22/94
PO-17	Bayou La Branche	Steller	USACE	18-Apr	Sasser, Pal		NA	06-Apr	04/21/94	05/16/94
ME-8	Dewitt-Rolover Plantings	Vincent	NRCS	18-Apr	Sasser, Pal		NA	06-Apr	05/17/94	09/12/94
ME-9	Cameron Prairie Refuge	Miller	USFWS	08-Jun	Sasser, Zhou		NA	26-May	06/13/94	07/11/94
TE-20	Eastern Isles Dernieres Phase 0	Raynie	EPA	08-Jun	Sasser, Zhou		NA	26-May	07/20/94	09/12/94
XTE-41	Eastern Isles Dernieres Phase 1	Raynie	EPA	08-Jun	Sasser, Zhou		NA	26-May	07/20/94	09/12/94
TV-09	Boston Canal	Weifenbach	NRCS	27-Jul	Sasser, Zhou		NA	05-Jul	08/09/94	09/12/94
TE-18	Timbalier Island	Raynie	NRCS	27-Jul	Sasser, Zhou		NA	05-Jul	08/04/94	06/05/95
CS-18	Sabine Refuge	Vincent	USFWS	27-Jul	Sasser, Zhou		NA	05-Jul	08/23/94	09/21/94
TE-19	Lower Bayou La Cache	Raynie	NMFS	31-Aug	Sasser, Zhou		NA	24-Aug	09/12/94	11/28/94
CS-17	Cameron Creole Watershed	Weifenbach	USFW	31-Aug	Sasser, Zhou	Proffitt	NA	26-May		
TV-03	Vermilion River Cutoff	Rhinehart	USACE	01-Sep	Nyman, Pal		NA	24-Aug	09/21/94	11/02/94
ME-04	Freshwater Bayou Phase I	Vincent	NRCS	01-Sep	Nyman, Pal		NA	24-Aug	10/20/94	02/01/95
TE-22	Point au Fer	Raynie	NMFS	01-Sep	Nyman, Pal		NA	24-Aug	09/12/94	11/23/94
BA-02	GIWW to Clovelly	Haywood	NRCS	28-Sep	Sasser, Zhou	Swenson	07-Sep	16-Sep		
CS-20	East Mud Lake	Holbrook	NRCS	28-Sep	Sasser, Zhou		07-Sep	12-Sep	04/05/95	05/16/95
ME-12	SW Shore White Lake	Miller	NRCS	29-Sep	Nyman, Pal		08-Sep	12-Sep	12/19/94	02/21/95
BA-20	Jonathan Davis	Haywood	NRCS	30-Nov	Sasser, Pal		09-Nov	07-Nov	03/29/95	07/12/95
TV-04	Cote Blanche Hydrologic	Thibodeaux	NRCS	01-Dec	Nyman, Pal		10-Nov	16-Nov	04/04/95	07/17/95

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MONITORING PLANS COMPLETED

a/o September 18, 1995

Project Number	Project Name
C/S-19	West Hackberry Plantings
PO-17	Bayou La Branche
ME-08	Dewitt-Rollover Plantings
ME-09	Cameron Prairie Refuge
TE-20	Eastern Isle Dernieres Ph 0
XTE-41	Eastern Isle Dernieres Ph 1
TV-09	Boston Canal
TE-18	Timbalier Island
C/S-18	Sabine Refuge
TE-19	Lower Bayou La Cache
TV-03	Vermilion River Cutoff
ME-04	Freshwater Bayou Ph 1
TE-22	Point au Fer
C/S-20	East Mud Lake
ME-12	SW Shore White Lake
BA-20	Jonathan Davis
TV-04	Cote Blanche Hydrologic
PO-20	Red Mud Demo (Modified)
PO-16	Bayou Sauvage Ph 1
PO-18	Bayou Sauvage Ph 2
C/S-22	Clear Marais
BA-19	Barataria Bay Waterway

BASELINE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FLOWN

a/o September 18, 1995

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PO-17	Bayou La Branche
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TE-18	Timbalier Island
C/S-18	Sabine Refuge
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T/V-03	Vermilion River Cutoff
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TE-22	Point au Fer
C/S-20	East Mud Lake
ME-12	SW Shore White Lake
BA-20	Jonathan Davis
T/V-04	Cote Blanche Hydrologic
PO-20	Red Mud Demo (Modified)
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PO-18	Bayou Sauvage Ph 2
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BA-19	Barataria Bay Waterway
C/S-17	Cameron Creole Watershed
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TE-26	Lake Chapeau
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AT-03	Big Island Mining
TE-23	West Bell Pass
BA-15	Lake Salvador Shore Protection
TE-17	Falgout Canal Plantings
MR-06	Channel Armor Gap Crevasse
BA-21	B. Perot and B. Rigolets

MONITORING PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

a/o September 18, 1995

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C/S-19	West Hackberry Plantings
PO-17	Bayou La Branche
ME-08	Dewitt-Rollover Plantings
ME-09	Cameron Prairie Refuge
T/V-09	Boston Canal
C/S-18	Sabine Refuge
ME-04	Freshwater Bayou Ph 1
C/S-20	East Mud Lake
BA-20	Jonathan Davis
PO-16	Bayou Sauvage Ph 1
PO-18	Bayou Sauvage Ph 2

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PROGRESS REPORTS COMPLETED

a/o September 18, 1995

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C/S-19	West Hackberry Plantings
PO-17	Bayou La Branche
ME-08	Dewitt-Rollover Plantings
ME-09	Cameron Prairie Refuge
TE-18	Timbalier Island Plantings
TV-09	Boston Canal
C/S-18	Sabine Refuge

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WEST HACKBERRY PLANTINGS AND SEDIMENT ENHANCEMENT (C/S-19)

PROGRESS REPORT NO. 1
for the period
April 1, 1994 to August 15, 1995

Project Description/Status

The West Hackberry Plantings and Sediment Enhancement Demonstration Project was designed to evaluate the ability of vegetative plantings and hay bale fences to abate wind-driven erosion along various shorelines in a deteriorated marsh located about 6 mi west of Hackberry, Louisiana. In April 1994, installation of 6,000 linear ft of hay bale fencing was completed. In June 1994, approximately 4,750 trade gallon-size plantings of California bullwhip (*Scirpus californicus*) were planted. The fences and plantings were installed in three groups (A, B, and C) along the eastern, western, and southern shorelines of a large, shallow, interior marsh pond, using different configurations of fences and plantings (figure 1).

The project objectives are to restore, protect, and enhance about 300 acres of inland wetlands using vegetation plantings to minimize wetland erosion and provide for restoration, and to encourage sediment deposition through the use of hay bale fences. The specific goals are to reduce wind-driven wave erosion of marsh shorelines using *Scirpus californicus* plantings, increase sediment deposition adjacent to hay bale fences, and increase the amount of emergent and submerged aquatic vegetation.

Monitoring Design

Color-infrared photography will be obtained once at preconstruction and at year 3, for use in documenting shoreline movement and determining ratios of vegetated to nonvegetated areas. Shoreline markers will be installed at 100-ft intervals along shorelines west of Group A fences 5 and 6, and in a reference area just to the south of Group A, to document shoreline movement once at preconstruction, and at years 3, 5, and 10. A 5% sample of the vegetative plantings, consisting of 16 randomly selected plots of 16 plants each, will be monitored for percent survival, species composition, and percent cover, at 1 and 6 months, and at years 1, 3, 5, and 10. Sediment deposition along the hay bale fences will be monitored along 18 transects established across and perpendicular to a subsample of 6 of the enclosures, and in a reference area away from the fences, once at preconstruction, and at years 3, 5, and 10. In addition, the effect of salinity levels on planting success will be evaluated using data collected from an adjacent restoration project at Rycade Canal.

Results/Discussion

Hay bale fences: In May and June 1994, hay bale fences were selected and tagged for elevational transect surveys, the reference sites were located and marked, and the shoreline markers were deployed along the sections of shoreline to be surveyed. In July 1994, elevational transects were surveyed across selected hay bale fences and the reference site. See figure 2 for locations of selected fences, and figures 3 and 4 for typical elevational profiles. In addition, two sections of shoreline were surveyed to record the current position. By this time, the Group A and C hay bale fences were empty, while some hay remained in the Group B fences. In December 1994, Group A fence A3 was modified and refurbished with hay bales, and fence A2 was refurbished with hay bales wrapped in plastic geogrid fabric. Within two weeks, all of the hay was washed out of the enclosures. In March 1995, the Natural Resource Conservation Service and Cameron Parish installed discarded Christmas trees in fences A3-A6. As of 26 July 1995, about 73% of the Christmas trees had remained intact in the enclosures. The next elevational transect survey is scheduled for July 1997. Observations to date suggest that hay bale fencing, as designed and deployed in this environment, is rather ineffective at abating wave energy. The use of hay bales consisting of longer lengths of straw, in combination with a wrapping of geogrid fabric of a smaller mesh size, may have provided for greater success with hay bales, at least for the Group B and C fences, which are situated in more protected locations than the Group A fences.

Vegetative Plantings: In July 1994, sixteen 16-plant sampling plots were randomly selected and delineated for use in monitoring the plantings. The 1-mo postplanting monitoring of the sampling plots, conducted on 1 August 1994, revealed that 77% of the original plantings had survived (figure 5). The 6-mo postplanting monitoring of the plots, conducted on 2 February 1995, revealed that 59% of the plantings had survived. On 26 July 1995, 1-yr postplanting monitoring of the plots revealed that 55% of the plantings had survived. The average percent cover of bullwhips in a m² plot associated with each 16-plant sampling plot was 5% at one month, 9% at six months, and 47% at 1-yr postplanting (table 1). From the preliminary data, it can be concluded that California bullwhip plantings can be established in this environment. Their effectiveness in minimizing wetland erosion cannot be determined until subsequent shoreline surveys are conducted.

Prepared on September 18, 1995, by Karl A. Vincent.

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LDNR Project Manager:	Stan Aucoin	(318) 893-3643
Federal Sponsor:	Cindy S. Steyer	(318) 896-8305
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Construction End:	December 15, 1994	

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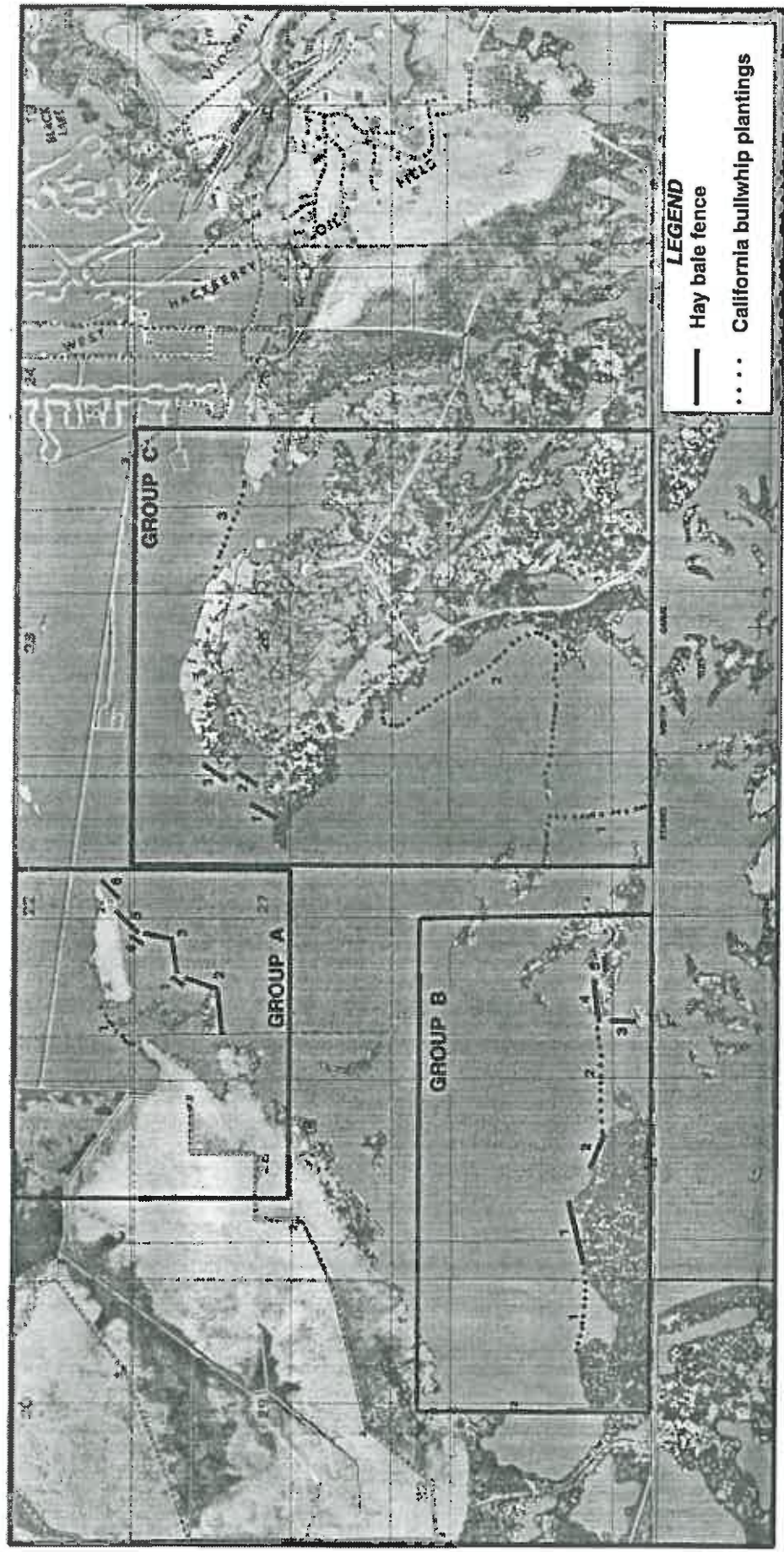


Figure 1. West Hackberry Plantings and Sediment Enhancement (C/S-19) project area map showing locations of restoration features.

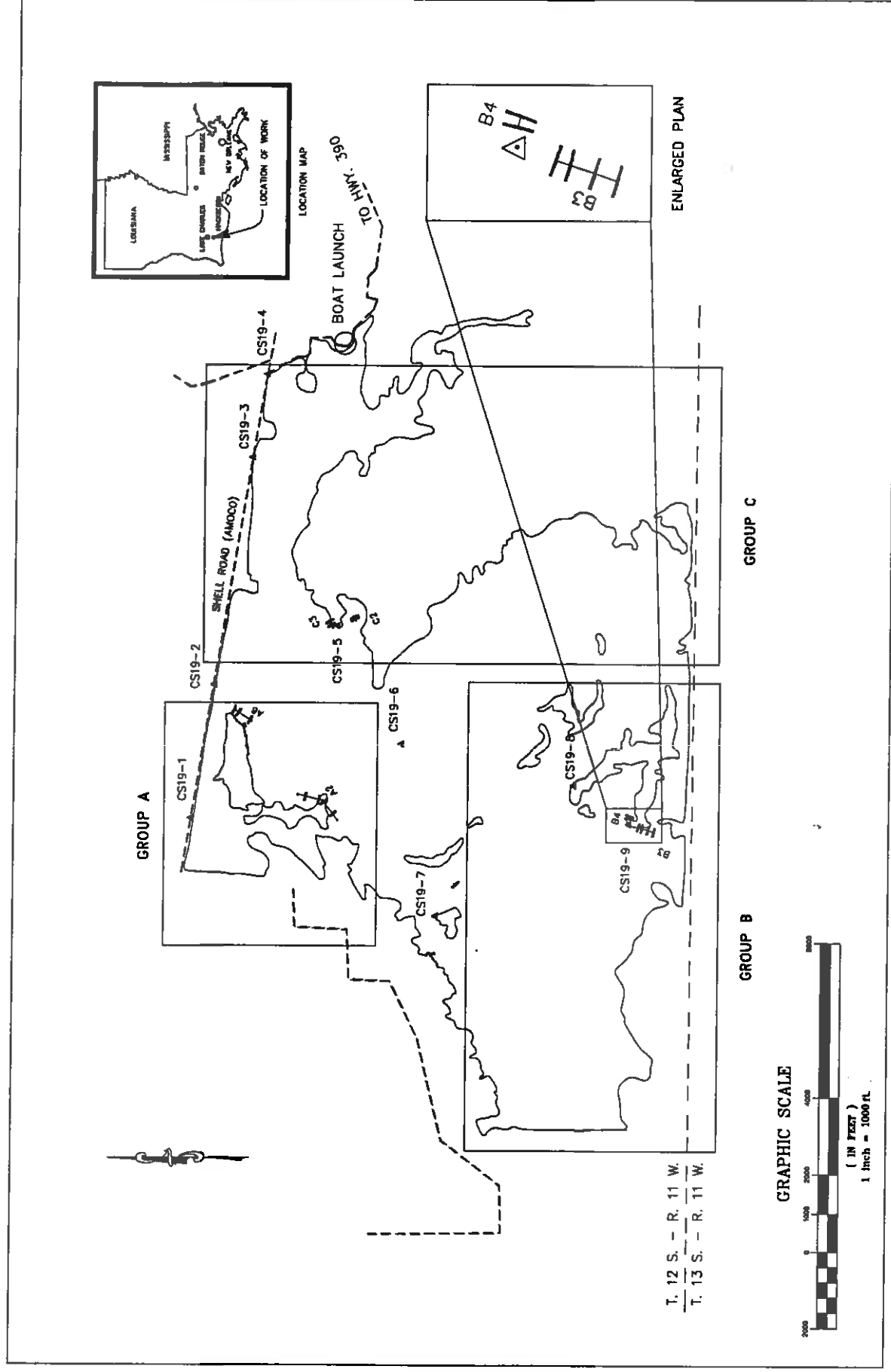


Figure 2. West Hackberry Plantings and Sediment Enhancement (C/S-19) project area map showing locations of hay bale fences and shorelines selected for surveying.

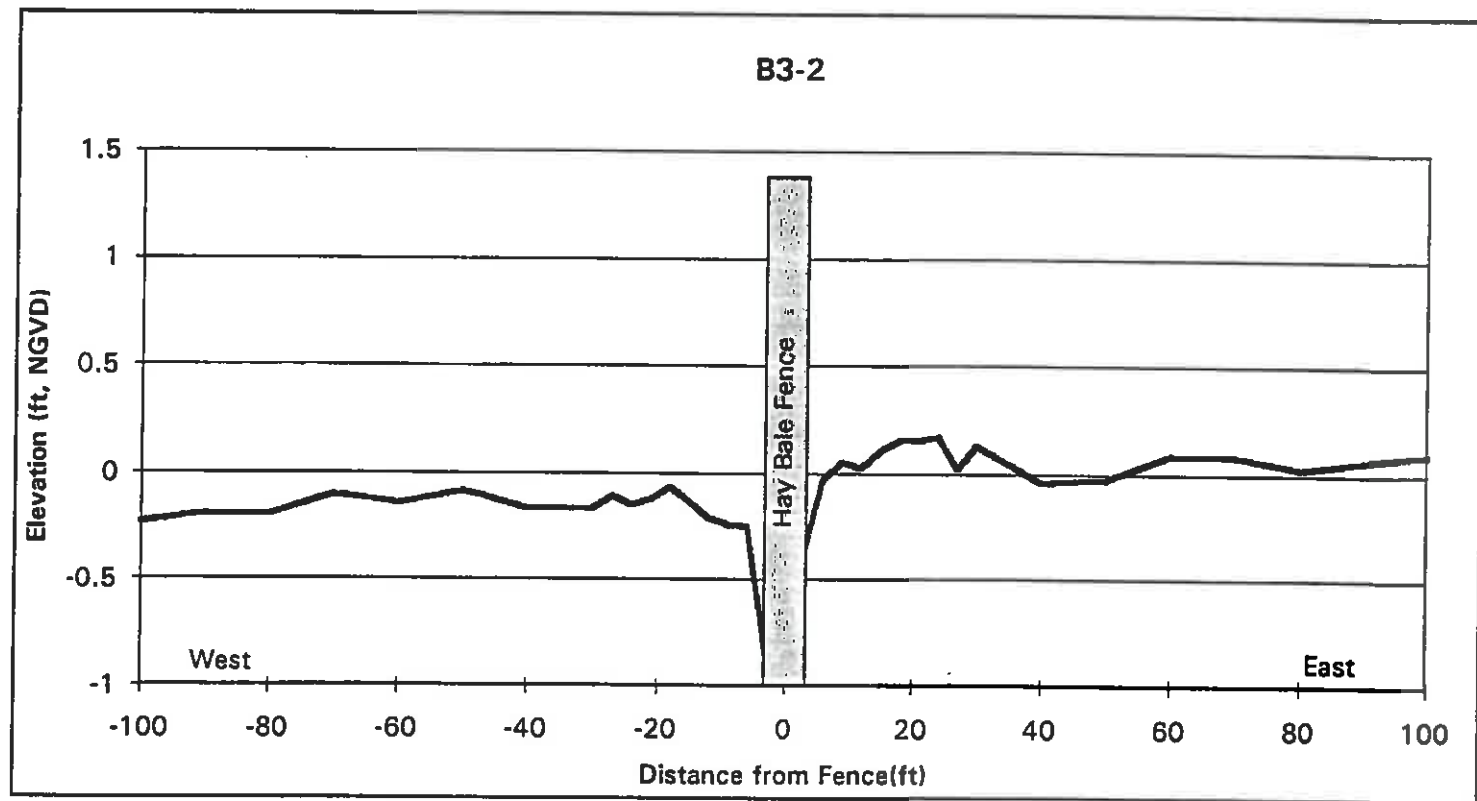
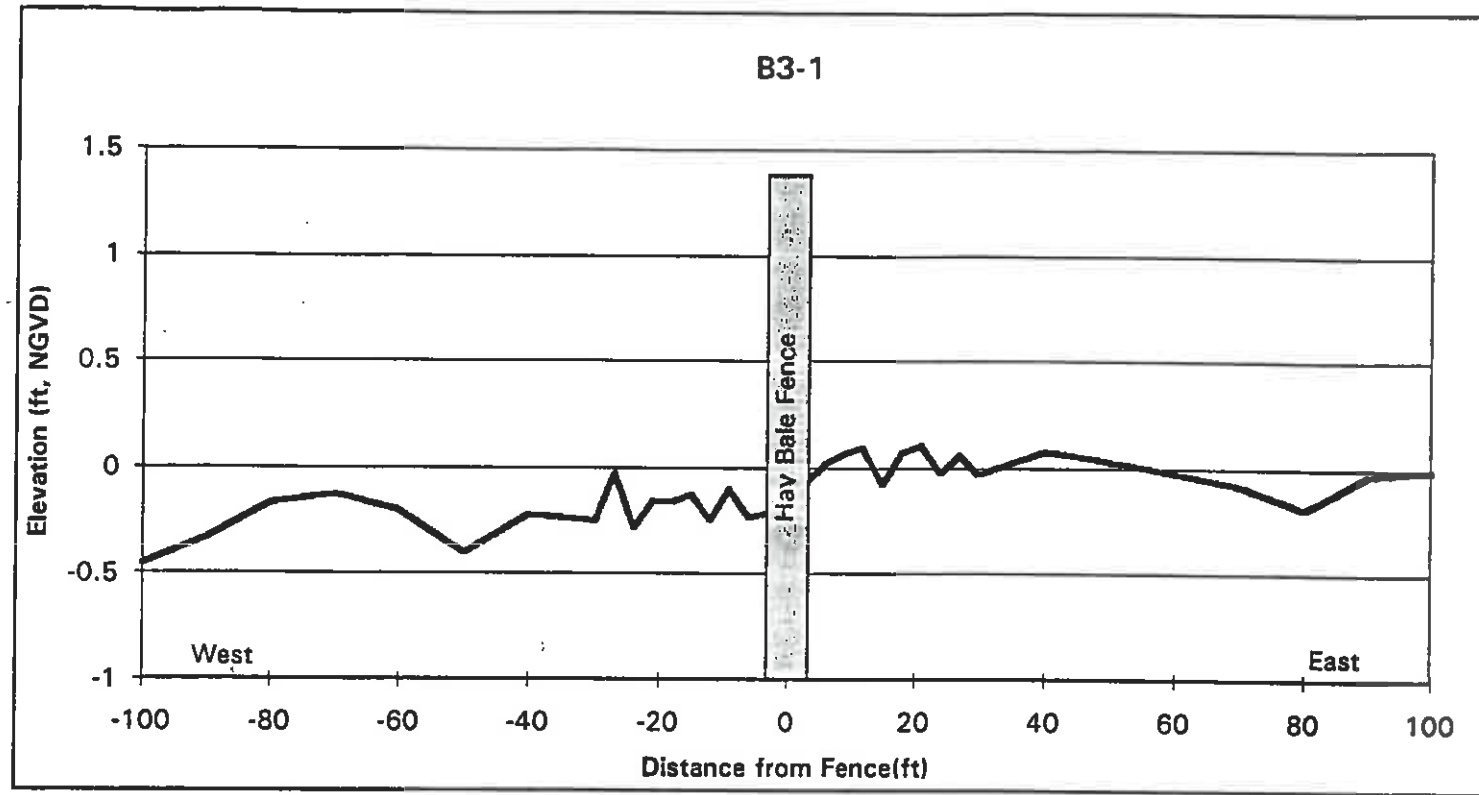


Figure 3. West Hackberry Plantings and Sediment Enhancement (C/S-19) project. Elevational profile transects 1 and 2 across hay bale fence B3.

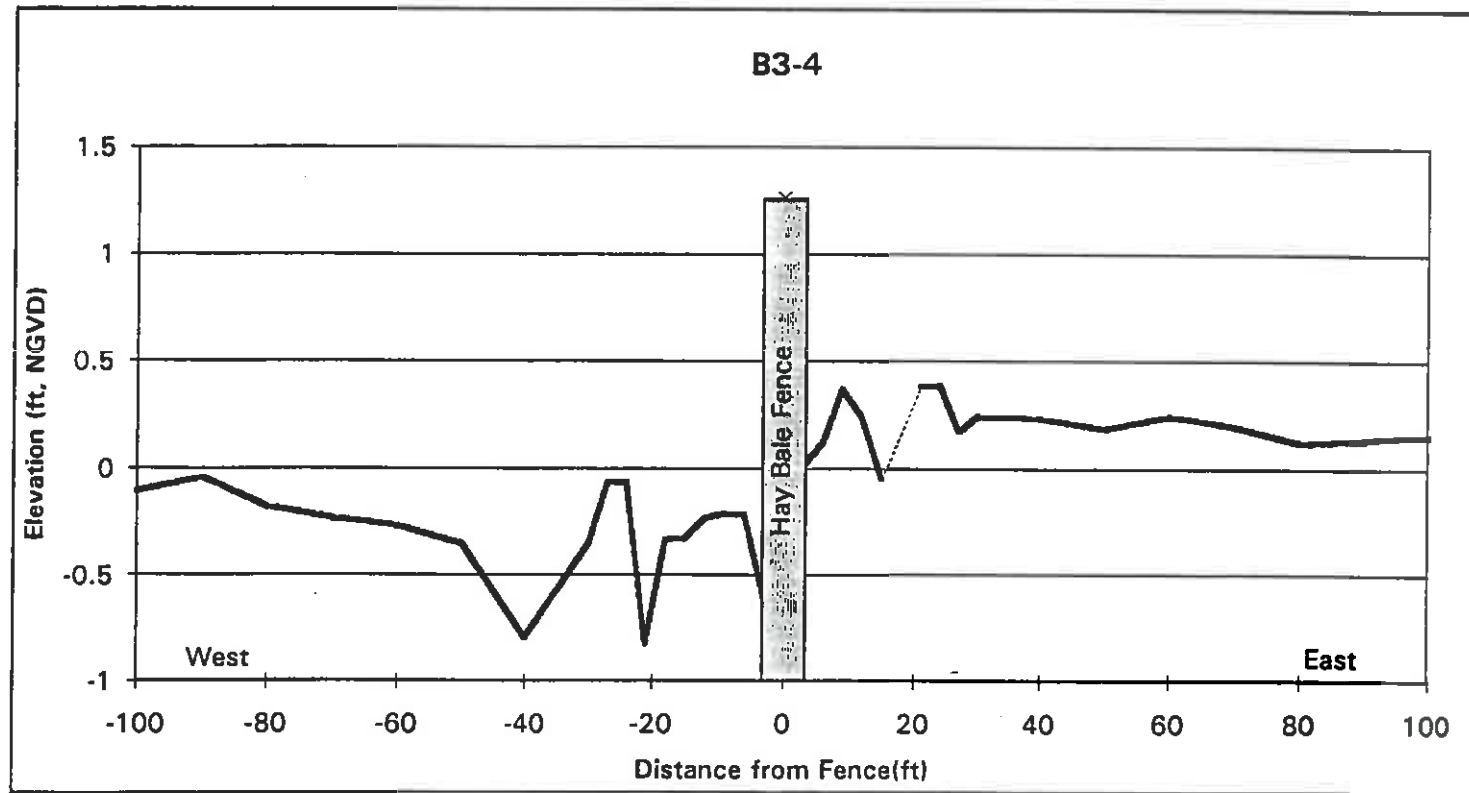
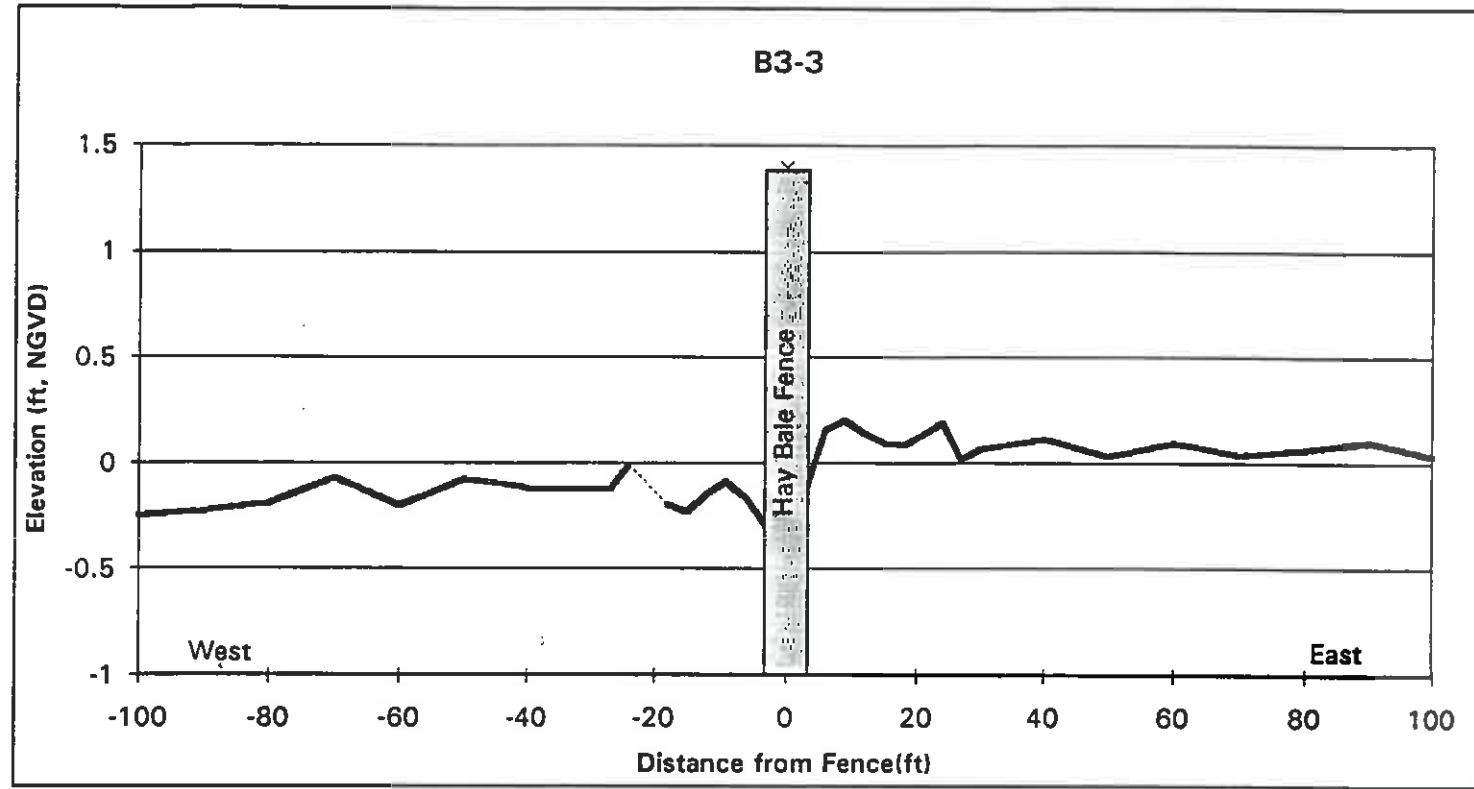


Figure 4. West Hackberry Plantings and Sediment Enhancement (C/S-19) project. Elevational profile transects 3 and 4 across hay bale fence B3.

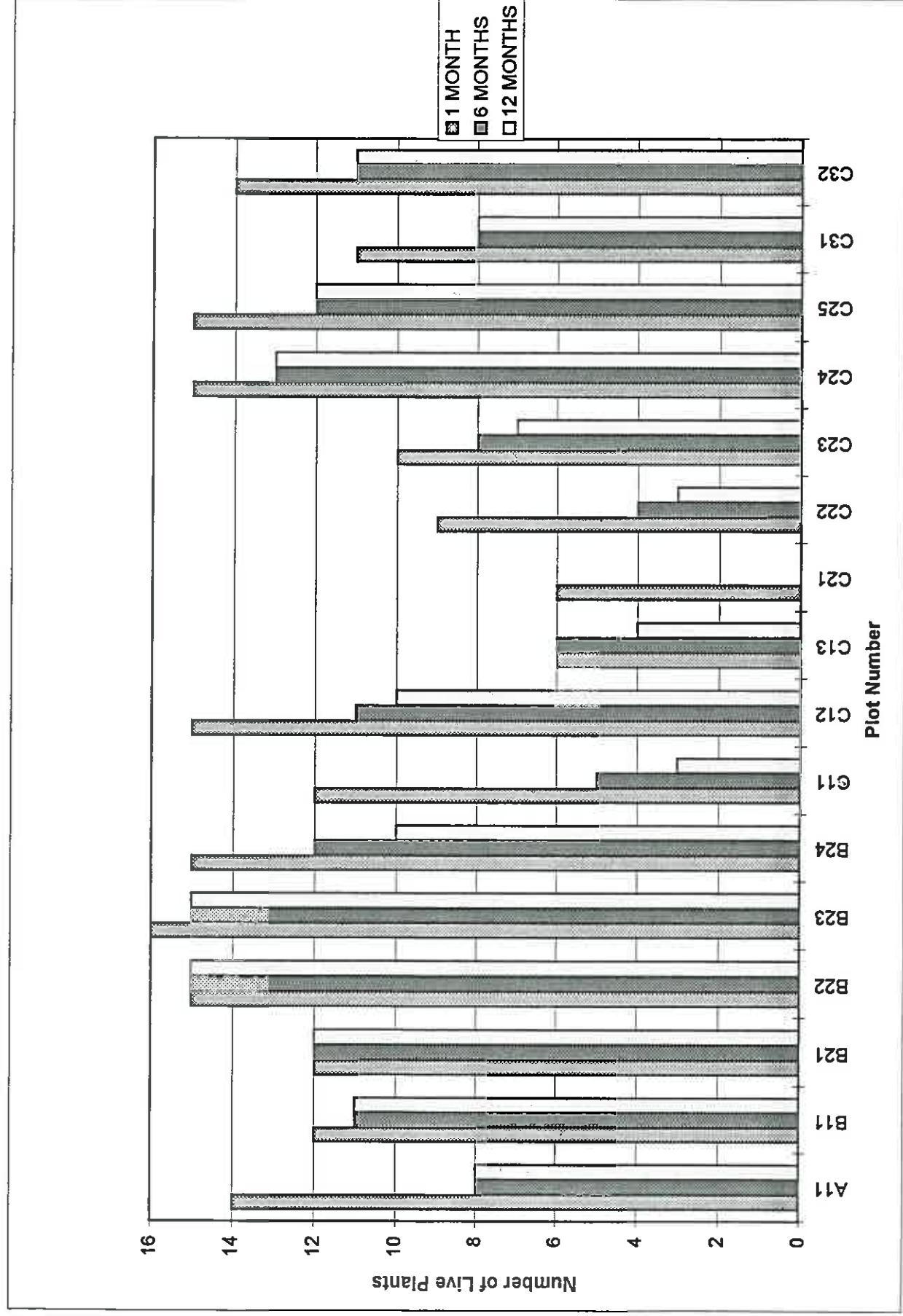


Figure 5. West Hackberry Plantings and Sediment Enhancement (C/S-19) project. Postplanting survival of California bullwhip plantings in 16 sampling plots, from August 1994 to July 1995.

Table 1. West Hackberry Plantings and Sediment Enhancement (C/S-19) project. Postplanting survival and percent cover of California bullwhip plantings in 16 sampling plots, from August 1994 to July 1995.

Plot	1 Month		6 Months		12 Months	
	% survival	% cover	% survival	% cover	% survival	% cover
A11	88	5	50	5	50	25
B11	75	5	69	20	69	100
B21	75	5	75	18	75	100
B22	94	5	94	15	94	100
B23	100	5	94	5	94	100
B24	94	5	75	0	63	0
C11	75	5	31	3	19	3
C12	94	5	69	3	63	3
C13	38	5	38	0	25	0
C21	38	5	0	0	0	0
C22	56	5	25	0	19	0
C23	63	5	50	10	44	50
C24	94	5	81	10	81	100
C24	94	5	75	40	75	100
C31	69	5	50	5	50	25
C32	88	5	69	10	69	40
Mean	77%	5%	59%	9%	55%	47%

Talking Points for 9/21/95 Task Force Meeting

Reserving Funding for Ship Shoal Project

- o Feasibility Study will, hopefully answer some key questions about the cost-effectiveness and sustainability of large-scale barrier island restoration, especially from a wetlands standpoint.
- o The need for the feasibility study to address those questions are especially pertinent now, based on some of the updated model outputs done for the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary program. Those updated findings essentially negate some of the earlier estimates of extensive interior wetland benefits that would occur with barrier island restoration.
- o Reserving future funds for specific projects that are being evaluated as alternatives in the feasibility study and companion EIS seems inappropriate from a NEPA standpoint. It implies pre-selection of a specific alternative before we the analysis of alternatives has been conducted. It would also create an expectation on the part of the public that may turn out to be misleading.
- o We think the prudent thing to do is to await the results of the ongoing feasibility study and EIS before we decide if allocating CWPPRA funds to large scale barrier island restoration is a good investment of CWPPRA dollars, compared to other options.
- o Rather than reserve (roll-over) funds for specific big ticket projects, we think it is best to simply set aside the funds in a general account ("lock box") for the stated purpose of financing future "big picture" projects. Projects funded from the lock box fund have to those emerging from completed feasibility studies, or would be mid-scale projects that compete favorably in the priority project selection process.

State List of Candidate Projects for Deauthorization

- o We recognize that the State has the final say in whether a project gets built, because of the cost-share requirement. However, we have several concerns regarding The State's proposed de-authorization of 14 projects to free-up \$40 million for ~~the~~ Ship Shoal barrier island restoration project. *over*
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First, we are not yet convinced that the barrier island restoration is superior in long-term wetland benefits to all of the various projects proposed for deauthorization. We won't really know that until we

have the results of the feasibility study.

We have a legal obligation to make sure that the projects we fund are not cost-effective

Second, over \$1.4M in engineering and design funds and funds for acquiring land rights have been expended for 11 of those projects. We would lose that investment if those projects are de-authorized.

Third, some of the projects are very cost effective, some are ready or nearly ready to go to construction. Completing those projects will help our completion percentage when we go to re-authorization.

Fourth, we don't understand the State's rationale for de-authorizing the \$60,000 for the Lake Salvador Shoreline Protection Project. The National Park Service secured about \$1M in Hurricane Andrew relief funds, and they want to put all of those funds into the actual construction of that project; all they want the Task Force to do is cover the \$60,000 in engineering and design costs. It's a good project; it will reduce shoreline and flotant marsh erosion on and adjacent to the Barataria Unit of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park, including some adjacent State lands. It is an excellent way to show Congress how we are leveraging CWPPRA funds in a proactive partnership.

Fifth, there does not seem to be a consistent application of the principle of cost effectiveness in the way the projects were chosen for proposed de-authorization. Some projects recommended for de-authorization will protect or restore wetlands at a far lower cost per acre than some of the projects that the state is supporting. One example: Our project to replace the water control structures at Sabine NWR (Hog Island Gully, West Cove Canal, Hdqtrs. Canal) will protect existing wetlands at a cost of about \$4,832/acre. The State has proposed that project for de-authorization. On the other hand, the cost per wetland acres protected or restored for the White's Ditch outfall management project, which is supported by the State, is nearly \$21,000 per acre.

Lastly, we believe that the proposed de-authorization should be jointly considered by the Federal sponsor and the State, per our agreed-to procedures (June Task Force meeting) before any formal proposals are brought to the Task Force; there also need to be public input before the Task Force makes a final decision.

**"Big" v/s "Small" Coastal Restoration Projects
A National Perspective**

There has been a lot of discussion about our the priority projects approved by the CWPPRA Task Force as part of the first four Priority Project Lists. They are often referred to as small scale projects, and some of them are. There is also concern that we need projects that will provide national benefits if CWPPRA is to be re-authorized.

The Task Force is clearly embarking on a course of placing the bulk of available project funds into "big picture" projects, and we strongly support that approach. However, we still have a large number of projects from our previous lists which could help demonstrate program success when re-authorization is considered.

We have tried to get a perspective on how our authorized CWPPRA projects compare, in terms of scope, with other Federally funded coastal wetland restoration projects throughout the nation. We are still compiling information, but we have some preliminary figures from the Coastal Wetland Grants Program. That program, authorized by Section 305 of CWPPRA, is available to coastal States other than Louisiana, and is administered by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

We have looked at data for Coastal Wetland Grants to States under that program for the period 1992 through 1995. A total of 18 projects, involving 8 States and the U.S. Virgin Islands, included some type of coastal habitat restoration. The projects extended from New Hampshire to Washington state, and from the Virgin Islands to Hawaii. The amount of restoration was identified in 16 of those projects; the Salt Bayou project in southeast Texas actually involved restoration of historic salinity patterns (via a water control structure) in about 55,000 acres of coastal marsh. If you exclude that project, the amount of habitat restored by the remaining 15 projects ranged from 4 to 1,450 acres. The average acreage restored by those 15 projects was 341 acres; only 5 of those projects exceeded the average acreage restored.

For comparison purposes, we looked at projects approved on the first four Priority Project Lists by the CWPPRA Task Force, exclusive of the demonstration projects. What we found is that the 53 projects would protect, restore or create 33,343 acres of wetlands. This works out to an average of 629 acres per project. That is more than 1.8 times the average number of acres restored per project under the Coastal Wetlands Grants Program. Thirty three of the 53 Priority List projects exceed the average acreage restored under the Coastal Wetlands Grants Program.

We plan to compile additional data from our North American Wetlands Act grants program to provide additional national perspective on this issue.