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Project Manager Jamie Phillippe WQC Application Number WQC 090223-01

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

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Certifications, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS30:2047 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L.95-17).

Permit Modification and Time Extension: Dredging in the Mississippi River for the Lake Hermitage Marsh Creation Project in Plaquemines Parish

<u>NAME OF APPLICANT</u>: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, % Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, Attn: Kristi Cantu, Post Office Box 44027, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804.

LOCATION OF WORK: Excavation within the Mississippi River between mile markers 49 and 52 above Head of Passes and material placement in and adjacent to the open water areas in Lake Hermitage, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the enclosed drawings.

Mississippi River Location: Latitude: 29.585678/Longitude: -89.81925 Hydrologic Unit Code: 08090100 – Lower Mississippi-New Orleans

Lake Hermitage Location: Latitude 29.552264/Longitude: -89.850975 Hydrologic Unit Code: 08090301 – East Central Louisiana Coastal

CHARACTER OF WORK: Modified plans include dredging the previously approved Mississippi River Borrow Area from EL. -76.0 to EL. -90.0 (NAVD88) and depositing material within nine fill sites in Lake Hermitage. Approximately 1,936,088 cubic yards of material will be excavated, transported by pipeline within the previously permitted dredge pipeline corridor, and placed within 8,200 linear feet of Earthen Containment Dikes. Expansion of the marsh creation project would provide an additional 357 acres of marsh creation. This coastal restoration project is aimed at yielding overall benefits to fish and wildlife values, and wetlands; therefore, no compensatory mitigation measures have been proposed at this time.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close 30 days from the date of this joint public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit and/or this WQC request and must be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH. Similar letters concerning the Water Quality Certification must reference the applicant's name and the WQC Application number and be mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at the address above.

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

Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria

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

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

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

Our initial finding is that the proposed work is Not Likely to Adversely Affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Interior or Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of **357** acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

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

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

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

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

Michael V. Farabee Chief, Eastern Evaluation Section

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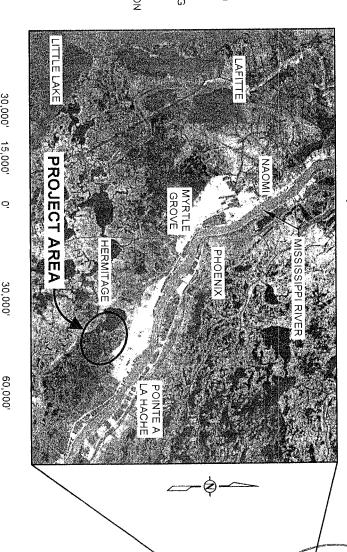
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LAKE HERMITAGE MARSH CREATION

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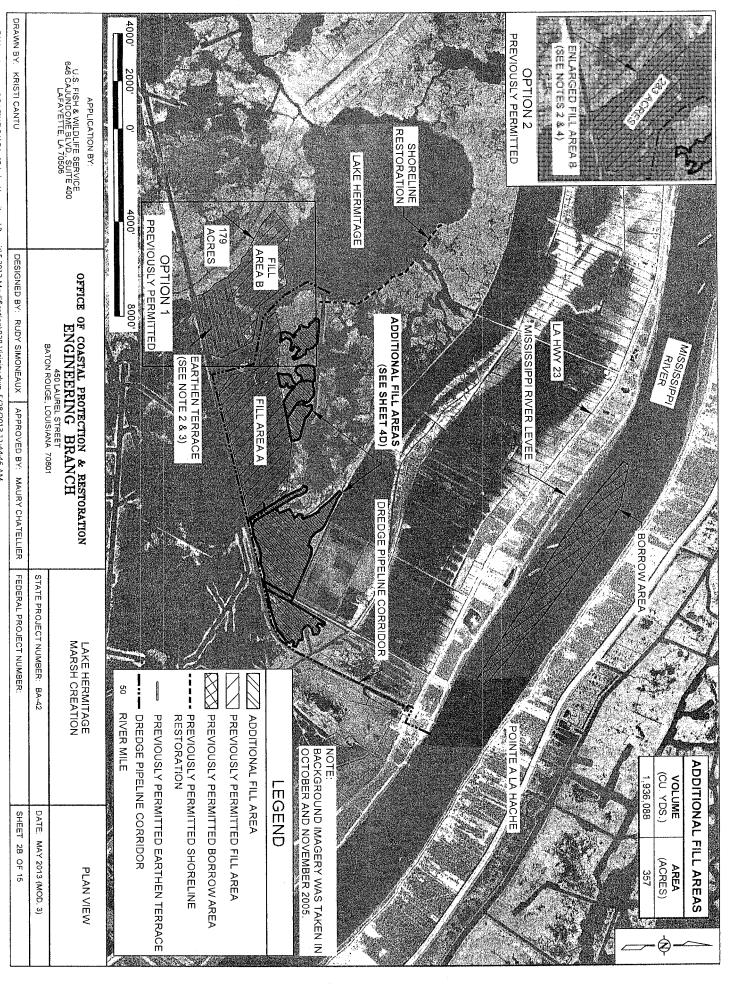
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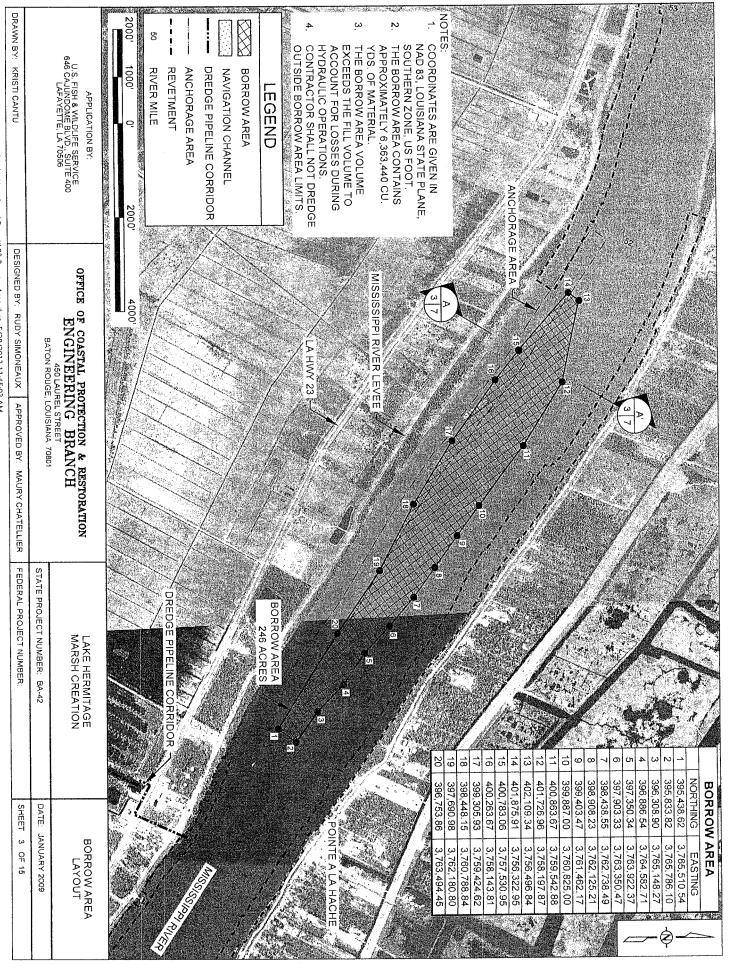
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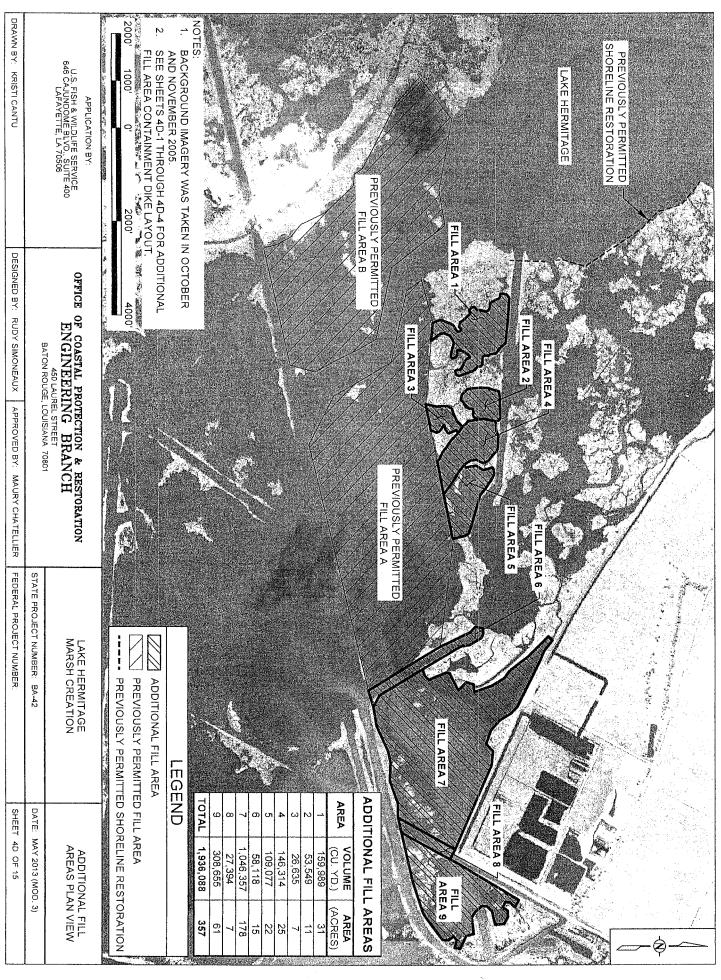
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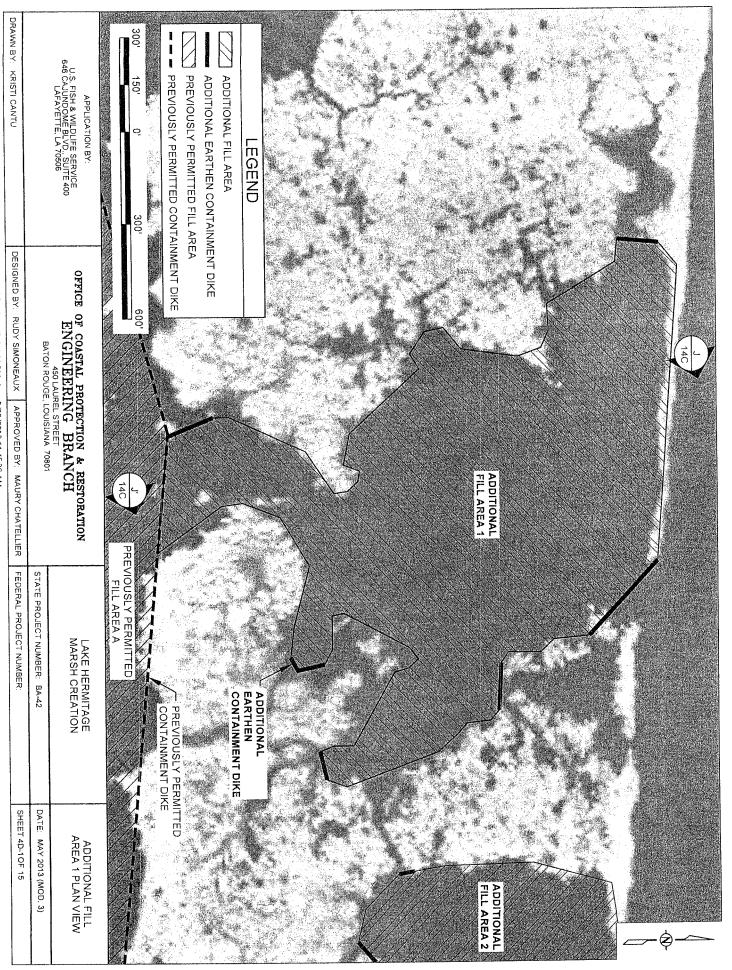
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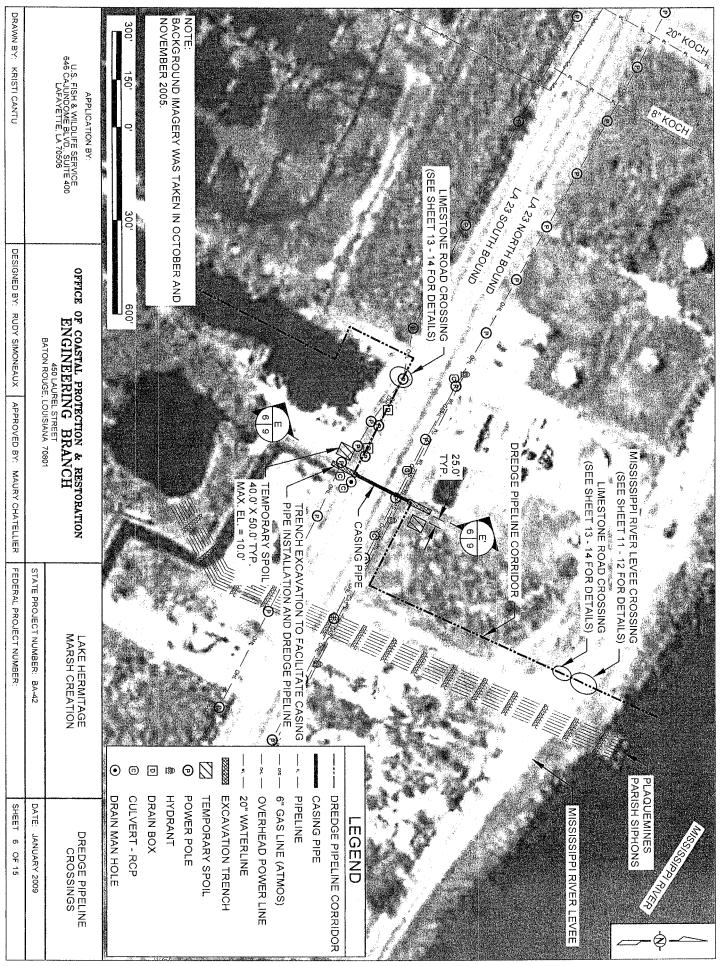
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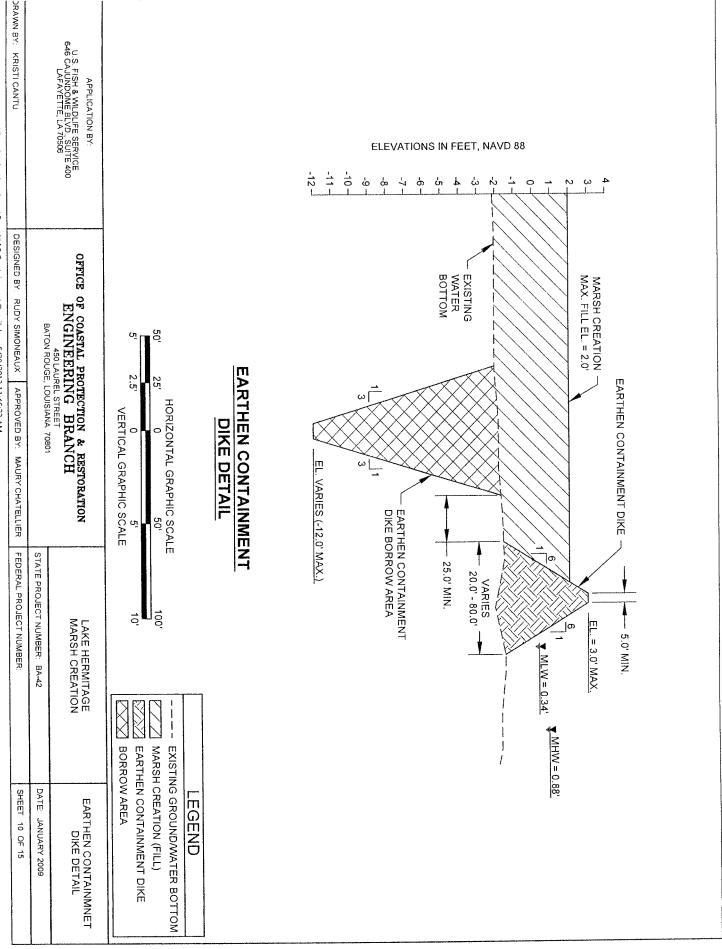












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MISSISSIPPI RIVER LEVEE CROSSING DETAILS	LAKE HERMITAGE MARSH CREATION	OFFICE OF COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION ENGINEERING BRANCH 450 LAUREL STREET	APPLICATION BY: U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE 646 CALUNDOME BLVD. SUITE 400 LAFAYETTE, LA 70506
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