

PUBLIC NOTICE

September 7, 2020

United States Army
Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
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Application #: MVN-2020-00548-WLL

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: Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

INSTALL 34 STEEL MONOPILES FOR BARGE FLEETING IN ST MARY PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Compass Minerals, 9900 West 109th Street Suite 100, Overland Park, KS 66210

LOCATION OF WORK: Unnamed navigation channel, extending south from the Intracoastal Waterway to the barge slip facility, off Highway 83 South, Cote Blanche Island, Cote Blanche Road in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana (29 45 25.17, -91 43 46.81)

CHARACTER OF WORK: Install and maintain thirty-four (34), 42-inch diameter steel monopile poles, driven using a barge mounted pile driver along the western edge of the channel in open water areas to provide improvements to an existing barge fleeting facility as shown in the attached drawings.

Approximately 0.03 acre (163.54 cubic yards) of water bottoms will be filled by the monopile installation. The proposed work does not include any dredge or additional fill activities, and is not expected to have any permanent impacts to jurisdictional wetlands. Mitigation for the subject work has not been proposed, as there are no expected impacts to wetlands.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit will close **15 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 must be submitted 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 forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH**. Individuals

or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing or e-mailing the Corps of Engineers Project Manager listed above. Any request must be specific and substantively supportive of the requested extension, and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Section Chief will review the request and the requestor will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous to the initial comment period and, inclusive of the initial comment period, will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days.

Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria

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

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

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

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would neither affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Interior or Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species. Based on the Information Planning and Consultation (IPaC) tool for Endangered Species in Louisiana, as signed on January 27, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, it has been determined that the project is located in waters known to be utilized by the West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*). The proposed project was evaluated under the determination key on August 31, 2020 and it has been determined that the proposed project is "Not likely to adversely Affect" the West Indian Manatee.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal may result in the destruction, alteration, and/or disturbance of .03 acre 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.

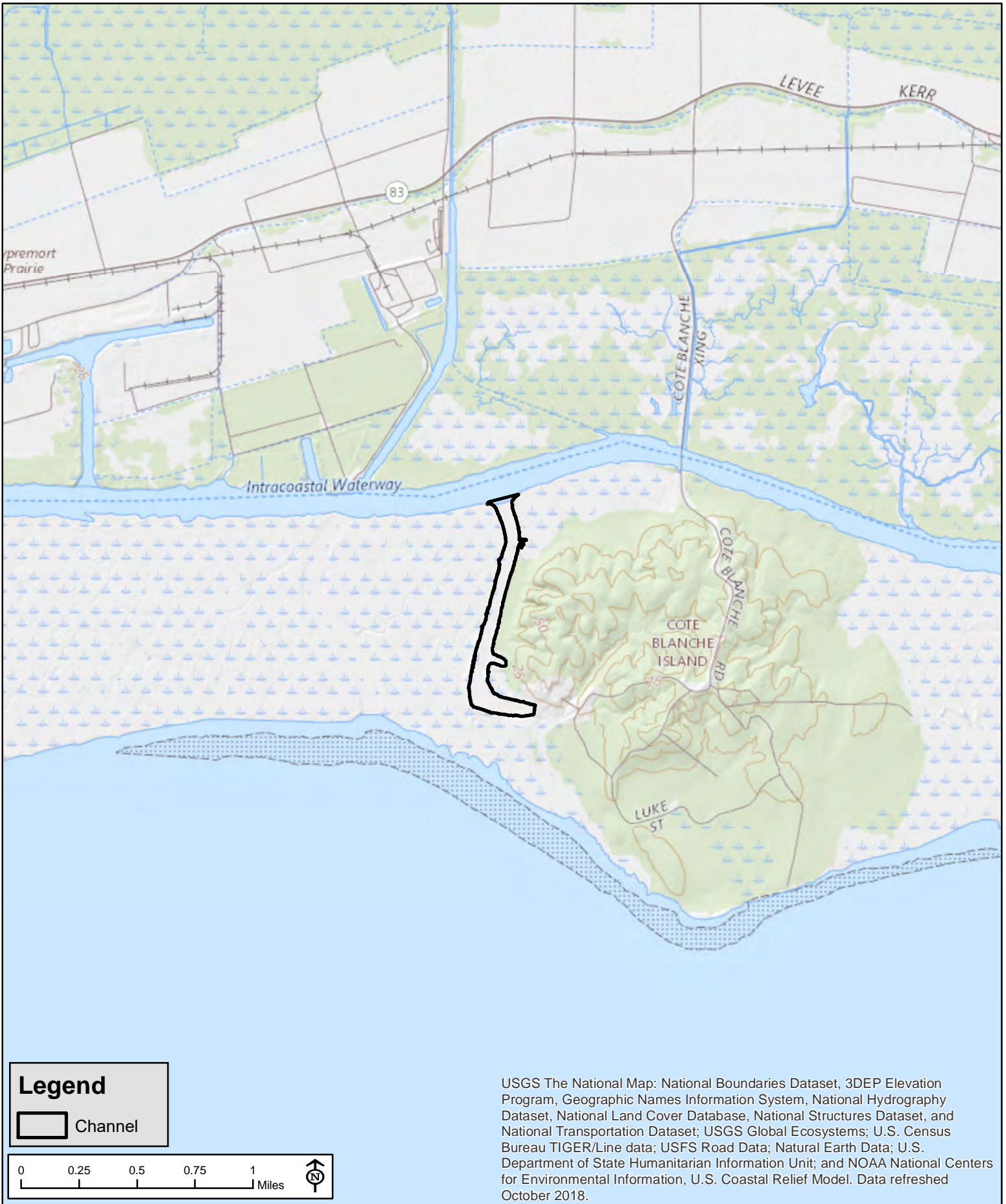
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

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

Darrell S. Barbara
Chief, Western Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch

Enclosure



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Pile Placement

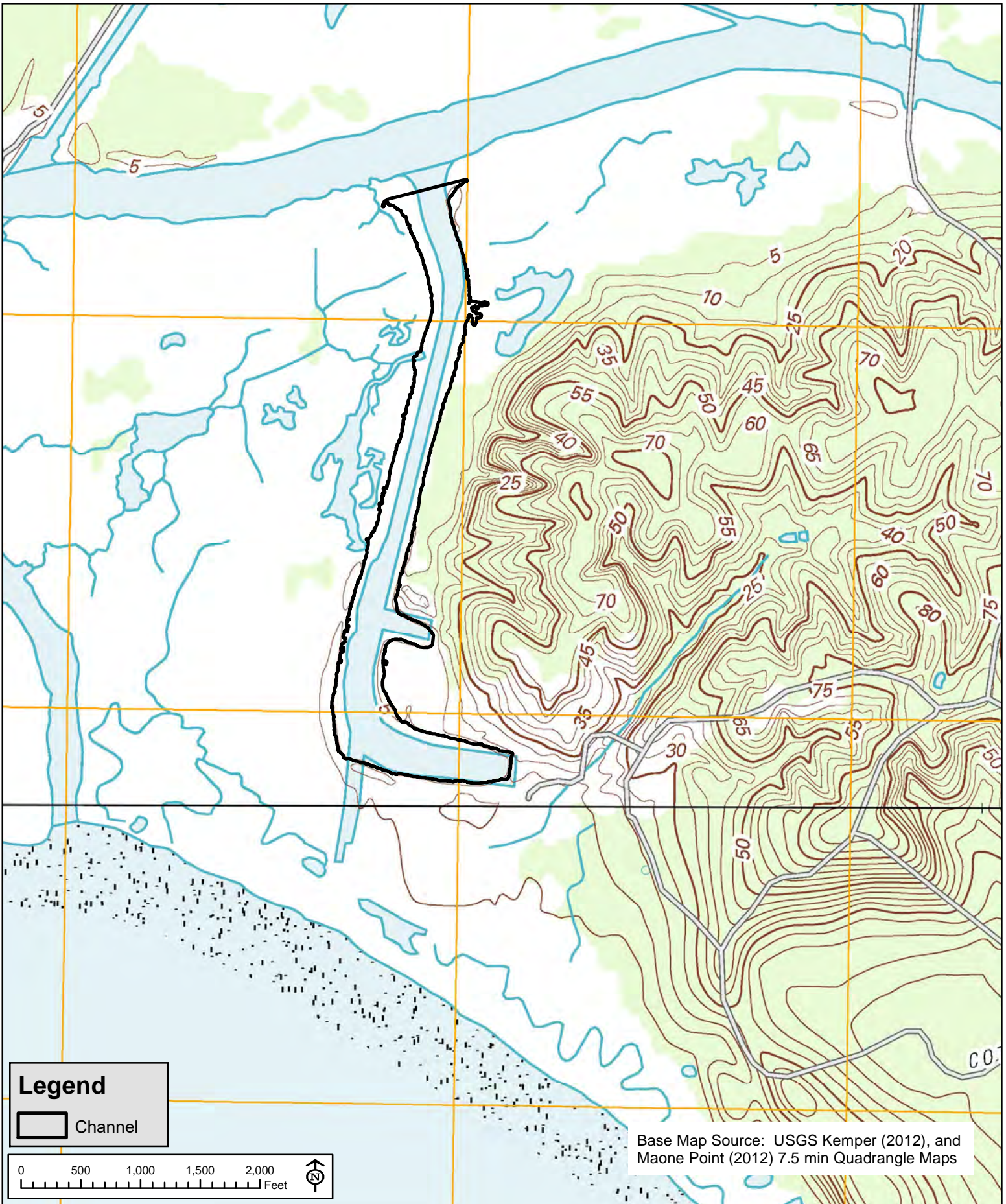
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Figure 1. Project Location

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Base Map Source: USGS Kemper (2012), and Maone Point (2012) 7.5 min Quadrangle Maps

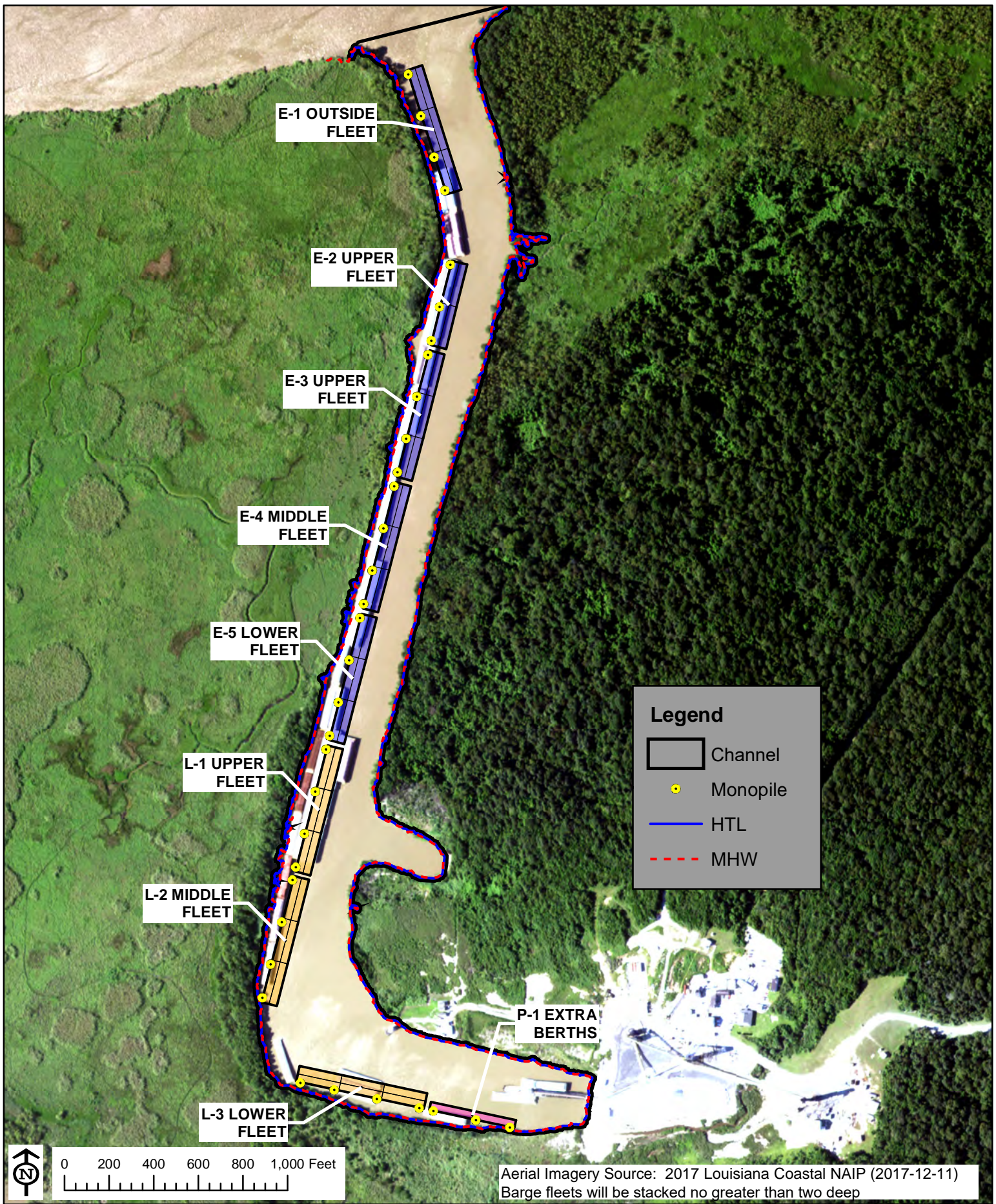
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Figure 2. USGS Topographic Map of the Study Area

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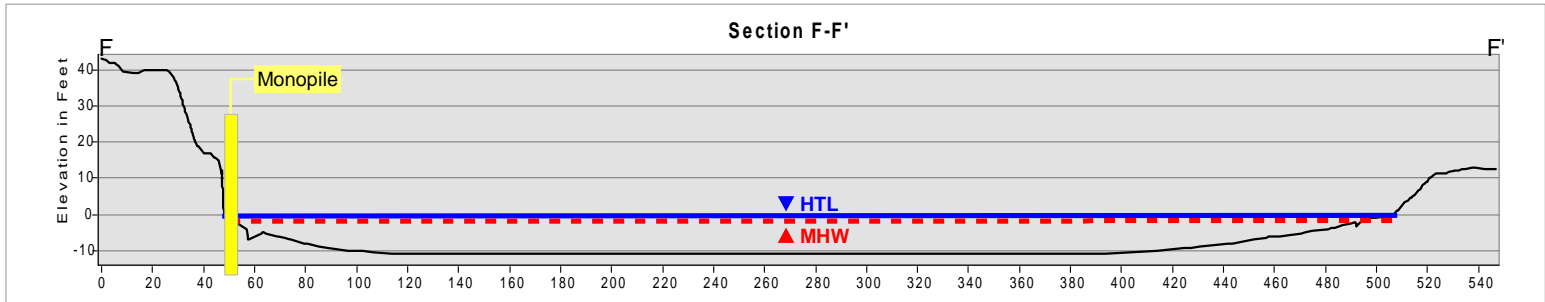
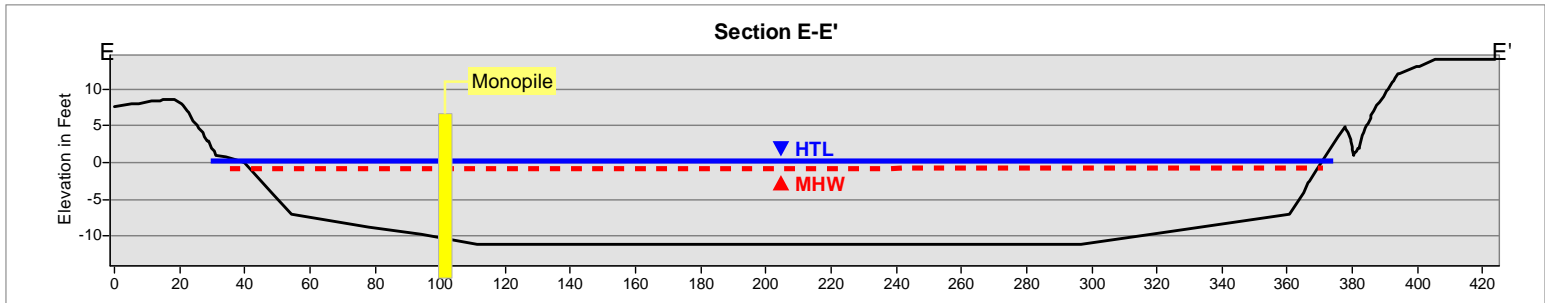
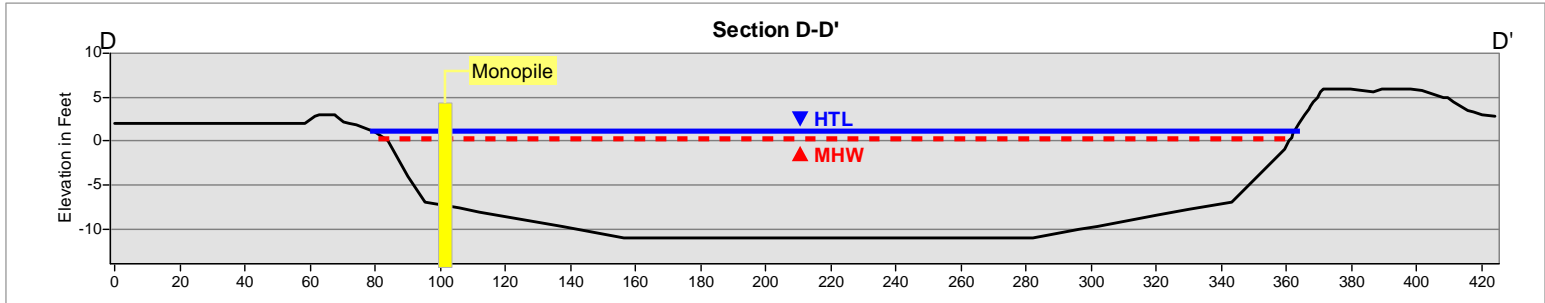
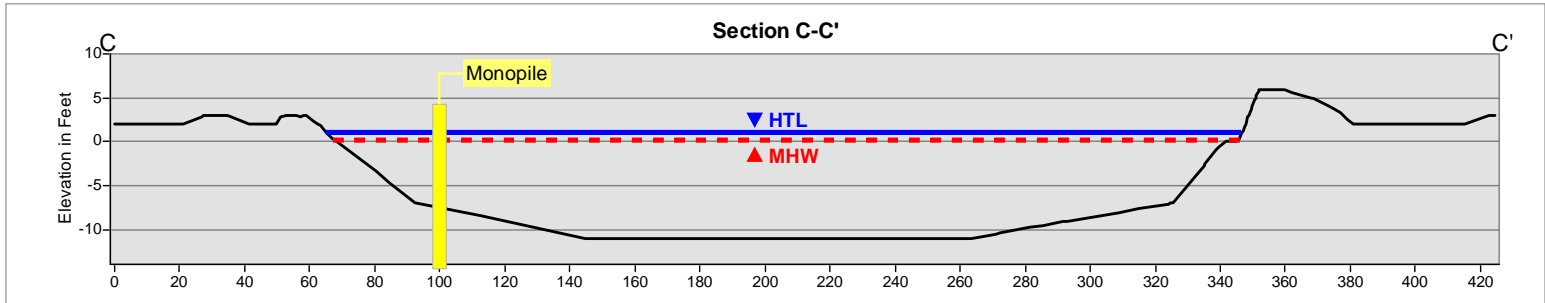
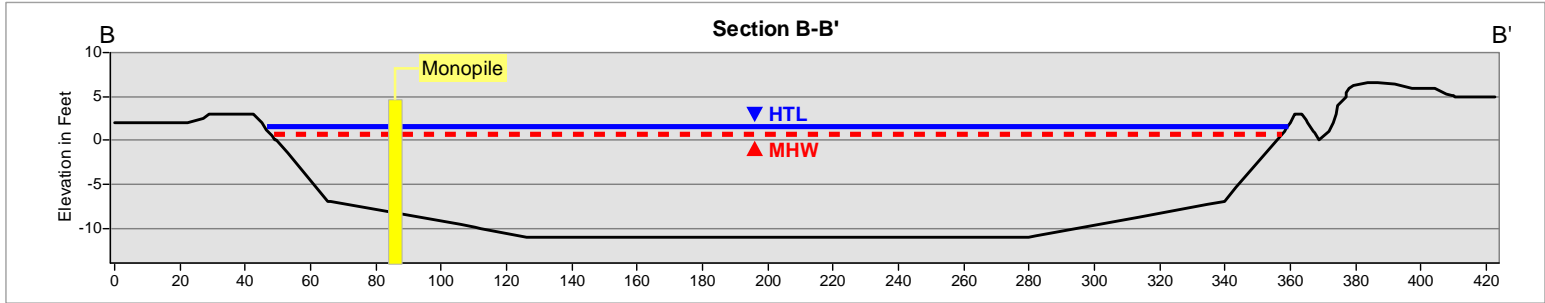
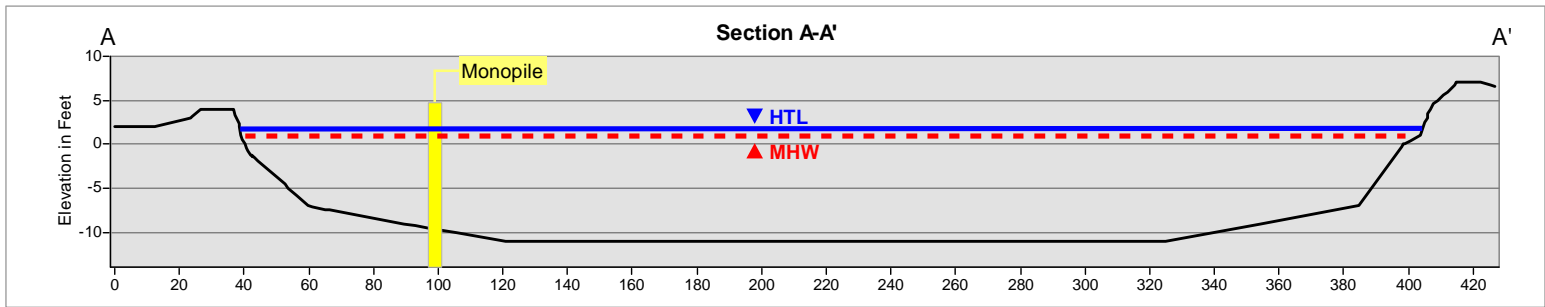
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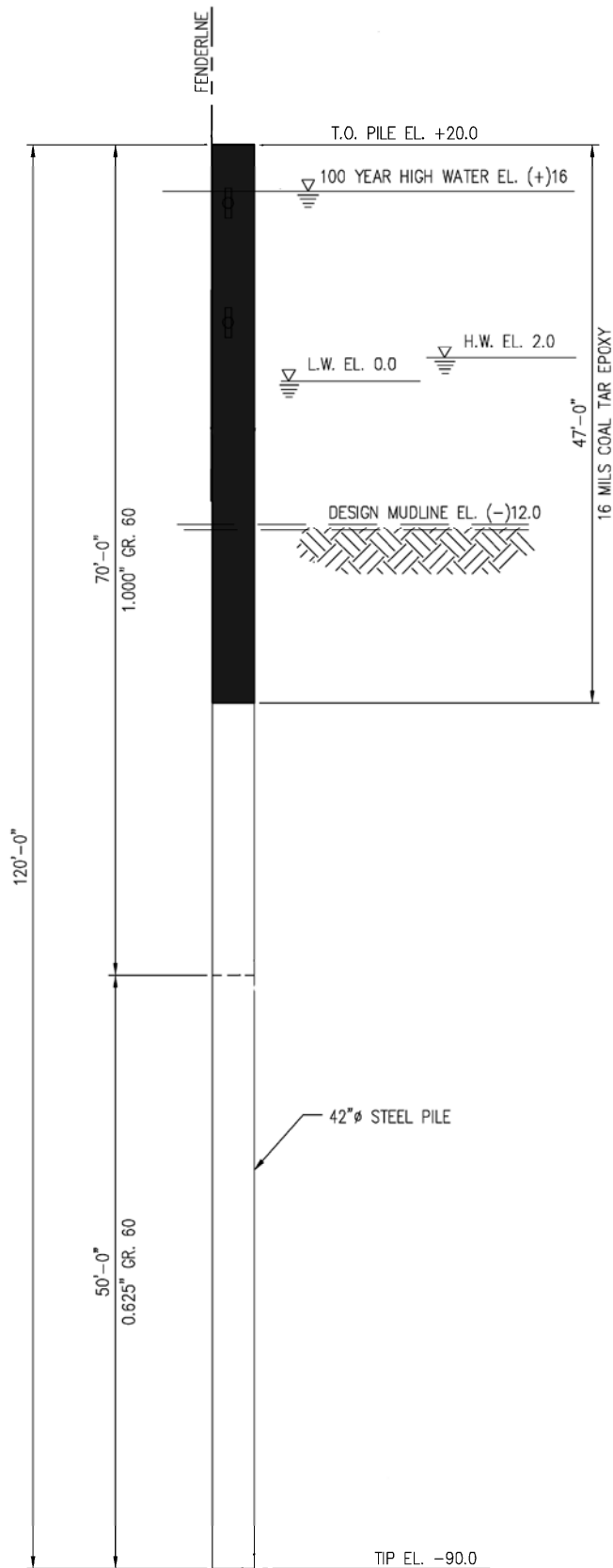
Figure 3. Plan View: Monopile & Barge Fleeting

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42"Ø PILE ELEVATION

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

(6 REQUIRED PER BARGE FLEET)

Source: Lanier & Associates
Consulting Engineers, Incorporated

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