

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT  
AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) has filed an application requesting permission to conduct regulated activities under the provision of the Coastal Wetlands Protection Law Act, Title 49, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.

The applicant is proposing to expand the Greenwood Island Beneficial Use (BU) site to enhance and restore coastal marsh through the placement of suitable dredged material as provided for in MS Code §49-27-61. The approximate 250-acre site will be located at the mouth of Bayou Casotte and the Mississippi Sound in Jackson County. The project will utilize approximately 3.3 million cubic yards of material at capacity. Containment of material at the sites will be accomplished with a rock containment dike. The rock containment dike will be approximately 11,000 feet in length and will be placed at a maximum height of approximately 3 feet above MLLW. Gaps will be included in the containment dike to allow for access, tidal exchange, and fish passage. The containment dike will also serve as a breakwater to protect the marsh and habitats created during BU placement of the dredged material. The applicant is requesting a 10-year permit. MDMR is requesting a variance from Chapter 8, Section 2, Part III.O.1 of the Mississippi Coastal Program (MCP) which states: "Permanent filling of coastal wetlands because of potential adverse and cumulative environmental impacts is discouraged", and to Miss. Admin. Code Title 22, Part 23, Chapter 8, Section 114.01 which states, "Permanent filling of coastal wetlands below the mean high tide line because of potential adverse and cumulative environmental impacts is not authorized", and has justified these requests under Chapter 8, Section 2, Part I.E.2.c.i of the MCP and Miss. Admin. Code Title 22, Part 23, Chapter 8, Section 118 by stating that impacts to Coastal Wetlands would be no worse than if the Guidelines were followed because the project will significantly contribute to addressing two of the priority funding outcomes of NFWF. This public notice and project diagrams may be accessed on MDMR's website at : <http://www.dmr.ms.gov/index.php/coastal-resources-management/wetland-permitting>.

In compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251, 1341), as amended by PL 95-217, the applicant will request certification from the Office of Pollution Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 301 (33 U.S.C. 1311), Section 302 (33 U.S.C. 1312), Section 303 (U.S.C. 1313), Section 306 (U.S.C. 1316), and Section 307 (U.S.C. 1317) of the Act and appropriate requirements of the State Law.

Any person wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530 before 1:00 p.m. on the day October 11, 2019. A public hearing will be held at Pelican Landing Event and Conference Center at 6217 MS-613, Moss Point, MS 39563 at 6:00 p.m. on the day October 29, 2019.