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Commission on Marine Resources

August 18, 2020



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Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

Coastal Resources Management

August 2020

**Request for Permit by:
Harrison County Government
File: DMR-190157-2**

- **Location: The Mississippi Sound near Camellia Street in Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi**
- **Use District: (C) Commercial Fishing, Recreational Marina, and Dockside Gaming**
- **Agent: Covington Civil and Environmental, Inc.**

Project Description

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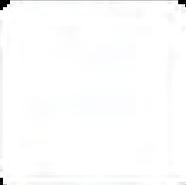
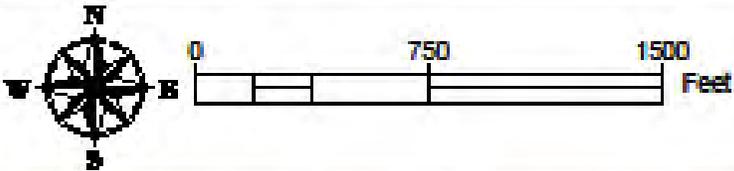
- 900 square feet of dune grasses
- The applicant proposes to mitigate by relocating the dune grasses to the east edge of the new parking lot and plant additional grasses as necessary to create a minimum of 900 square feet of dune habitat

Structures:

- 2 boat ramps, each 32' x 90'
- 3 finger piers, each 7' x 110'
- A rock jetty 1,032' in length
- A bulkhead 80' in length
- A parking lot 429.5' by 123'
- All but 900 square feet will be on existing concrete

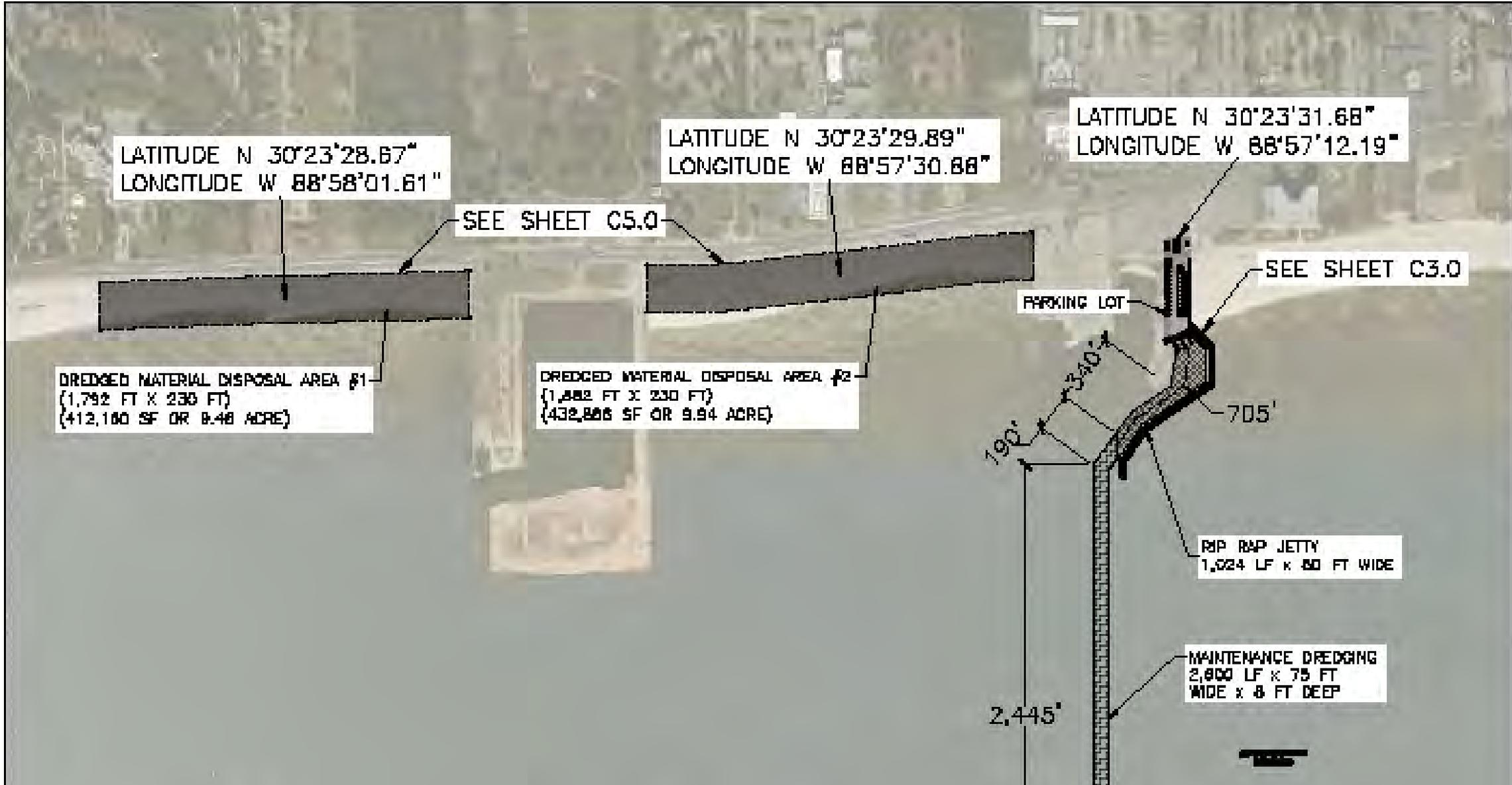
Dredging:

- Maintenance dredging of an existing channel and to create a queuing basin
- Approximately 75,000 cubic yards of material will be removed
- The applicant proposes to place the dredge material on the existing sand beach. No dredge material will be placed in waterbottoms



NO.	DATE	REVISION/SCALE

BILOXI BOAT RAMP
 LARRISON COUNTY
 ISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI





Applicable Decision Factors

continued

- **b) Coastal Wetlands Use Plan...**

The proposed project is allowable within the (C)
**Commercial Fishing, Recreational Marina, and Dockside
Gaming**

Applicable Decision Factors

continued

- **c) Variances...**
 - **Ch. VIII, Sect. 08, 114.01**
 - **Miss. Admin. Code Title 22, Part 23, Ch. 8, Sect. 114.01**
 - **“Permanent filling of coastal wetlands below the mean high tide line because of potential adverse and cumulative environmental impacts is not authorized.”**
 - **Justified under Ch. VIII, Sect. 08, 118.01**
 - **Impacts to Coastal Wetlands would be no worse than if the guidelines were followed**

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Applicable Decision Factors

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- **I) Comments...**

- Notification of this project appeared in *The Sun Herald* on March 31, April 7 and April 14, 2019.
- A public hearing was held on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bolton Building located at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi.

No public comments were received.

- MS DEQ: No comments
- MS DAH: No objections
- MS DWFP: The project area is habitat for the Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) and the Snowy Plover (*Charadrius nivosus*). They recommend that the work should be conducted between July and September when the birds are least likely to be present. However, the applicant has provided guidelines to protect the birds from being impacted by construction which should be sufficient. Best Management Practices will also be used.

Recommendation

The staff of the Department of Marine Resources has conducted a thorough evaluation of the project and has made findings on the decision factors and in accordance with Chapter 8, Section 06, 103 of the MCP. Based on the results of this evaluation, it has been determined that the project will have a significant public benefit, therefore, we recommend issuance of a permit contingent on Water Quality Certification by MDEQ.



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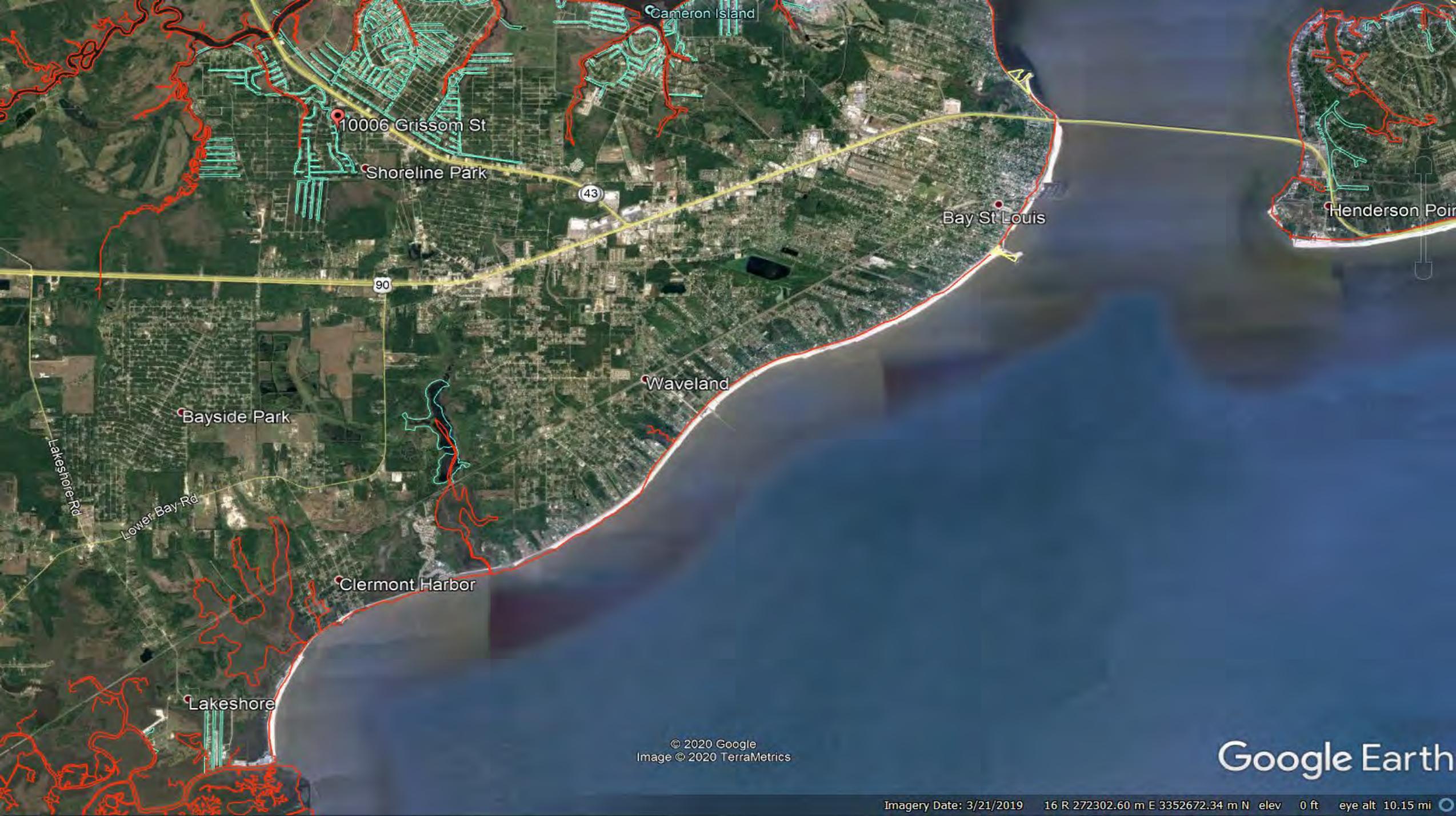
**Request for Permit by:
Hancock County Board of Supervisors
File: DMR-100080-5**

- **Location: Sand beach along N & S Beach Boulevard on the Bay of St. Louis in Bay St. Louis & Waveland, Hancock County, MS**
- **Use District: (G) General Use District**
- **Agent: Compton Engineering**

Project Description

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors (HCBOS) proposes to continue to renourish critically eroded portions of the sand beach along Beach Boulevard in Hancock County by using conventional earth moving equipment to retrieve accumulated sands in near shore shallow waters. The project has been permitted since 2010 and will continue on an annual basis.

Near shore sand retrieval will occur in sections no larger than 2000 feet long by 500 feet wide, located a minimum 250 feet from the existing seawall. The beach will have a design width of approximately 200 feet, plus an intertidal zone of 50 feet. Sand will be removed in lifts of six inches or less with the total excavation depth not to exceed one foot. The annual proposed amount of retrieved sand is 100,000 cubic yards.



10006 Grissom St

Shoreline Park

Waveland

Bay St Louis

Henderson Point

Clermont Harbor

Lakeshore

Bayside Park

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Imagery Date: 3/21/2019 16 R 272302.60 m E 3352672.34 m N elev 0 ft eye alt 10.15 mi









Applicable Decision Factors

i) Comments...

Notification of this project appeared in *The Sun Herald* on June 21, June 28 and July 5, 2020 and *The Seacoast Echo* June 17, June 24, and July 1, 2020.

One public comment was received concerning:

- Discrepancies in the submitted diagram
- Protection of aquatic vegetation
- Opposition to beach dredging
- Concerns of Hancock County dumping roadway dirt and sand back onto beach

MDMR and Compton Engineering Inc's response:

- Agent provided a corrected diagram
- Project will include annual SAV surveys
- Beach dredging in the event of a storm removed from application
- Informed that MDEQ regulates the buffer zone of what can and cannot be placed back on the beach

Applicable Decision Factors

continued

MS DEQ: Issued 401 Water Quality Certification on May 21, 2020.

MS DAH: Requested a Cultural Resources Survey.

Email sent by Compton Engineering, Inc. on May 4, 2020 addressing ongoing project that was previously permitted and reviewed by MDAH in 2010. No response from MDAH to date.

MS DWFP: No comment

Recommendation

The staff of the Department of Marine Resources has conducted a thorough evaluation of the project and has made findings on the decision factors in accordance with Chapter VIII, Section 06, 103 of the Mississippi Coastal Program. Based on the results of this evaluation, it has been determined that the project is consistent with the MS Coastal Program and will serve a higher public purpose. Therefore, staff recommends approval of the request contingent upon clearance by MS Department of Archives and History.



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Agency Financial Results
as of July 31, 2020

Key Metrics:

- State Revenue of \$3M
- Agency Revenue of \$3M
- State Net Income of \$2.9M
- Agency Net Income of \$2.7M

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES
Income Statement - Fiscal Year 2021
As of July 31, 2020

	Federal :			
	GOMESA PHII:	Operating		
	NFWF:	Subtotal	Tidelands	Total DMR
	State			
Revenue:				
Transfer in from Other Governments	-	-	-	-
Off-road Fuel Tax	3,050,000	-	3,050,000	3,050,000
Federal/NonFederal Grants	-	-	-	-
Sales Revenue	6,994	-	6,994	6,994
Indirect Cost Recovery	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	300	-	300	300
Current Budget Year Revenue:	3,057,294	-	3,057,294	3,057,294
Expenditures:				
Salaries, Wages, Fringe	140,832	75,066	215,898	242,076
Travel	98	-	98	98
Contractual Services	7,032	18,520	25,552	39,973
Commodities	1,827	119	1,946	1,946
Other than Equipment	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-
Vehicles	-	-	-	-
Wireless Devices	-	-	-	-
Subsidies, Loans, and Grants	-	-	-	-
STATEXP	-	-	-	-
Current Budget Year Expenditures:	149,789	93,706	243,494	284,093
Current Budget Year Net Income/(Loss):	\$ 2,907,505	\$ (93,706)	\$ 2,813,800	\$ (40,599)
			\$ (40,599)	\$ 2,773,201

Financial Budget Comparison

- After one month of Fiscal Year 2021:

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES
2021 Budget Comparison
 As of July 31, 2020

	<i>Actual Year to Date Expenditures</i>			<i>Budget Year Totals</i>			<i>Percent Remaining</i>		
	Operating	Tidelands	Total	Operating	Tidelands	Total	Operating	Tidelands	Total
Expenditures:									
Salaries, Wages, Fringe	\$ 215,898	\$ 26,178	\$ 242,076	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 1,825,000	86.5%	88.4%	86.7%
Travel	98	-	98	3,000	1,500	4,500	96.7%	100.0%	97.8%
Contractual Services	25,552	14,420	39,973	750,000	345,000	1,095,000	96.6%	95.8%	96.3%
Commodities	1,946	-	1,946	1,500,000	125,000	1,625,000	99.9%	100.0%	99.9%
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	0.0%	0.0%
Wireless Devices	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	0.0%	#DIV/0!
Subsidies, Loans, and Grants	-	-	-	2,500,000	804,500	3,304,500	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Total Expenditures:	\$ 243,494	\$ 40,599	\$ 284,093	\$ 6,353,000	\$ 1,501,000	\$ 7,854,000	96.2%	97.3%	96.4%

- Operating Funds have 96.2% of Budget remaining
- Tidelands Trust Fund has 97.3% of Budget remaining



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State Saltwater Finfish Records

Matt Hill
August 18, 2020

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Conventional Saltwater Fishing Record

Spot

Leiostomus xanthurus

Old Record: 0 lbs. 4.42 oz.

New Record: 0 lbs. 4.87 oz.

Angler: Rodie Armes

*This also qualifies as the All Tackle and Youth Record

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