



Coast-It Notes

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Greetings from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Office of Coastal Management.

Permit Section Updates

DNR's Information Technology Division (GIS Section) and the Office of Coastal Management have developed a web-based tool to aid users of coastal resources in determining whether a project might be exempt from the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program and would thus not require a Coastal Use Permit. This tool incorporates the same data that DNR uses to evaluate whether a project is within a fastland or above the 5-foot contour, as well as information on the location of special features such as salt domes and cheniers. Impacts to special features require a Coastal Use Permit. By using this tool, members of the public can verify that their project is in an area that has been determined by OCM to be in a fastland or above the 5-foot contour. That web-based tool, along with detailed instructions, is now available online on the DNR-OCM website at <http://sonris-www.dnr.state.la.us/gis/Permit/>.


Interagency Affairs Updates

Lafayette area Field Biologist Charles Mestayer has retired and Darin Thomasee, formerly of our Enforcement Section, will be replacing Charlie in our Lafayette Field Office.

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