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

Governor Bobby Jindal appointed OCM Assistant Secretary, Stephen Chustz, to serve as the Interim Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources in August 2012. Chustz has served as the OCM Assistant Secretary since October 2011. Prior to that Chustz served as the OCM Deputy Assistant Secretary and the Director of the Atchafalaya Basin Program since January 2009.

OCM continues our efforts to update the Needs, Alternatives, and Justifications (NAJ) requirements for Coastal Use Permit applications. The updates are designed to outline what information the applicant should provide with the application, and the updates are geared towards project type in an effort to expedite the permitting process. OCM has recently approved the Port NAJ packet, and it is now available for use on our website. Click here to view the referenced NAJ packet as well as other helpful information about Coastal Use Permitting.

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