



Coast-it Notes July 19, 2011

Greetings from Department of Natural Resources Assistant Secretary Lou Buatt.

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2011 LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE REPORT:

The Office of Coastal Management (OCM) must report to the Legislature each year on our results in meeting performance indicators. For the 2010/2011 fiscal year the OCM further reduced permit processing times by 16%. Last fiscal year (2009/2010), we reduced permit processing times by 45%. Cumulatively we have cut permit processing times more than half, approximately 55% over the past 2 fiscal years. At the same time we have also increased the number of wetland acres saved during review and have increased Beneficial Use of dredged material related to Coastal Use Permitting from 22% to 100%. We have also met our “no net loss” metric by mitigating for 102% of the impacts (2% above no net loss).

REMINDER TO APPLICANTS AND AGENTS:

Please enter all commencement dates for Coastal Use Permits electronically through OCM's online commencement notification system at http://workflow.dnr.state.la.us/sundown/cart_PROD/pfq_dnr_wf.initiate. OCM is still accepting “green cards” for commencement of activities as well as phone calls, however, the electronic notification is preferred. Notification of commencement is a requirement and condition of your permits. Failure to notify this office of commencement may result in noncompliance enforcement actions.

PERSONNEL NEWS:

Keith Lovell has replaced Greg DuCote who recently retired as the Administrator of the Interagency Affairs & Field Services Division of OCM. Greg served in many roles in his years in Coastal Management and his work and passion regarding Coastal Management issues will certainly be missed. Greg's last day in the office was June 20th. Keith can be contacted at (225) 342-9052 or email him at Keith.Lovell@la.gov.

Kelly Templet has assumed Keith's duties as Manager of the Mitigation Section.

We have two new employees who began working with OCM on July 18, 2011. Kevin Masden has joined the Permits, Mitigation & Support Division in the GIS section as a GIS analyst. Kevin

replaces Ana Young who recently left for the West Coast and will be sorely missed. Robert Williamson has joined our Interagency Affairs & Field Services Division in the Oil Spill section as a Coastal Resource Scientist.

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