



Coast-it Notes March 25, 2011

Greetings from Department of Natural Resources Assistant Secretary Lou Buatt.

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Permit Section Updates

The Office of Coastal Management (OCM) continues to review its procedures to improve transparency, efficiency and service to the public. Based on a recent internal evaluation of our coastal use permit application distribution procedures, several improvements are being suggested. These improvements include encouraging the distribution of public notices for our coastal use permit applications to interested parties via email and posting on the OCM web page rather than the current procedure of mailing paper copies to all parties on the distribution list. The mail out procedure is very expensive and time consuming. However, we plan to continue to offer hard copy mail outs to those who request continuation of that service. In addition, public notices of all apparently complete applications for Coastal Use Permits will continue to be published in the Official Journals of the State and/or Parish as appropriate. We firmly believe that we can improve the quality of our public notice and information distribution while improving efficiency and reducing our costs. Please provide us with your feedback and suggestions by emailing us at OCMINFO@la.gov

Interagency Affairs Updates

The Interagency Affairs Division is hosting the quarterly Local Coastal Programs Meeting on March 29, 2011 at the LaSalle Building. **Please see the attached for the agenda.** All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

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