Date

Name of Applicant or Agent Company if using an agent

Address of Applicant or Agent Company if using an agent

Attn: Name of Applicant or Agent Contact if using an agent

**RE: P#, Coastal Use Permit Application**

 **Name of Applicant**

 **Description: Project description**

 **Location: Project location**

 **Name of Parish Parish, LA**

Dear Applicant/Agent Contact if using an agent:

This letter is notification that the mitigation plan proposal submitted for the purchase of mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank or from an approved In-Lieu Fee Program, or where applicable, through a contribution to the Coastal Mitigation Account has been reviewed by the Office of Coastal Management (OCM). The OCM has determined that a contribution to the Coastal Mitigation Account is the appropriate option and that a minimum contribution of $XXXX.XX would be required according to the approved per acre mitigation rate to provide adequate compensatory mitigation for the unavoidable loss of 0.00 acres of type habitat that will result from the above-referenced activity (Pursuant to §724 Rules and Procedures for Mitigation). Alternatively, if approval by the New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Office (NOD USACE) for the use of the In-Lieu Fee Program is received, a purchase of a minimum of 0.00 acres of type marsh habitat credits from the In-Lieu Fee Program at a cost of $XXXX.XX would be sufficient to meet the OCM compensatory mitigation requirements. If however, approval for the use of the In-Lieu Fee Program is not received by the NOD USACE and a mitigation bank credit purchase is required due to differences in mitigation determinations, the OCM would be agreeable to an out-of-basin mitigation bank credits purchase for 0.00 acres of type habitat from the Name of Mitigation Bank in order to avoid double mitigation by the applicant.

It is highly recommended that applicants/permittees coordinate compensatory mitigation with the NOD USACE for all Department of Army permits prior to the contribution to the Coastal Mitigation Account or payment for purchase from the In-Lieu Fee Program as Army Corps mitigation requirements may differ from those approved by the OCM.

If applicable, please make checks payable to DNR-OCM Coastal Mitigation Account or to the In-Lieu Fee Program and mail to:

DNR/Office of Coastal Management Express Mail: DNR, Office of Coastal Management

P.O. Box 44487 617 North Third St., Suite 1078

Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4487 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

ATTENTION: Jessica Bickham ATTENTION: Jessica Bickham

If a mitigation bank credit purchase is required by the NOD USACE, the applicant is required to provide written evidence to OCM (i.e. confirmation of purchase letter from mitigation bank) that the purchase of the required credits has taken place.

Once the contribution or purchase for the amount stated above or confirmation of purchase letter from the mitigation bank is received by the OCM, the applicant’s responsibility for this component of the compensatory mitigation requirement ceases upon receipt of such evidence by OCM (Pursuant to LAC, Title 43, Part I, Chapter 7, §724.F.11). In accordance with LAC, Title 43, Part I, Chapter 7, Subchapter C, Section §724, processing of your application will be placed on hold and will resume once the above payment is received. Please refer to the above Coastal Use Permit number when responding to this request.

If you have any questions, please call (Analyst Name) at (225) 342-XXXX.

Sincerely,

(Analyst Name)

Permit Analyst

Analyst initials

cc: Section Chief for Parish, USACE

 Project Manager if known, USACE

Applicant Representative if using agent, Applicant Name