

Template letter to be utilized by the Applicant/Agent to send to the appropriate landowner(s)

Date

Name and Address of Landowner/Representative

CERTIFIED MAIL

No: _____

(If mailing and not hand delivered)

RE: P#, Coastal Use Permit Application

Applicant name

Description: project description

Location: project location

Name of Parish, LA

Dear Name of Landowner/Representative:

This is to inform you, as a landowner, that the Office of Coastal Management (OCM) is requiring Name of above referenced permit applicant to provide compensatory mitigation for the unavoidable loss of \pm # acres of Type of Wetland Habitat that will result from the above-referenced activity on your property. As the permit applicant, we are required under LAC, Title 43, Part I, Chapter 7, §724.J to inform the owner of the land upon which the proposed impacts to coastal resources are to occur of the following potential mitigation options available to landowners:

1. The landowner may waive their right to have compensatory mitigation performed on his/her property.
2. The landowner (s) may choose to have compensatory mitigation performed on his/her property by either coordinating the development of a mutually acceptable plan with the permit applicant or if the landowner finds the permit applicant's mitigation proposal to be unacceptable, the landowner shall provide his/her own mitigation proposal.

To help simplify this process please complete Attachment 1, Landowner Mitigation Intent Form, to indicate which option you, as a landowner, would like to pursue. If you choose the option to have compensatory mitigation performed upon your property, it is recommended that the permit applicant and the landowner pursue the development of a mutually acceptable mitigation plan. Name of Permit Applicant would like to coordinate the development of such a mitigation plan and request that you please contact Name of Permit Applicant Representative/Agent at phone number or email address.

If the applicant and landowner are unable to develop a mutually acceptable mitigation plan and/or the landowner finds the permit applicant's mitigation proposal to be unacceptable, please be advised that it is the landowner's responsibility to provide a written explanation as to why the proposal is unacceptable and attach your own mitigation plan in accordance with Attachment 2, Mitigation Proposal Requirements, to Name of Permit Applicant Representative/Agent. Please send all Mitigation Intent Forms and, where applicable, Mitigation Proposals to: Address of

[Permit Applicant/Agent](#) and refer to the above Coastal Use Permit number when responding to this request **within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter.**

Failure to submit the above information within the timeframe specified will result in forfeiture of the landowner's right to require compensatory mitigation to be performed on the landowner's property (LAC, Title 43, Part I, Chapter 7, §724.J.5.d.), but does not necessarily preclude compensatory mitigation from occurring on the landowner's property.

If you have any questions, please call me at [Phone number of Permit Applicant/Agent](#).

Sincerely,

[Name of Permit Applicant/Agent
Representative](#)

Attachments

Attachment 1

Landowner Mitigation Intent Form

Name and Address of Landowner:

RE: **Name and Address of Applicant**
CUP# : **PXXXXXXXXX**

Dear **Name of Permit Applicant/Agent**:

I, _____ (Landowner Name, please print), hereby acknowledge notification of my rights as a landowner to request that compensatory mitigation be performed on my property for impacts to (**# as reported by OCM**) acres (**type of wetland**) habitat upon my property by (**Name of Applicant**) as a result of the proposed activities under the above referenced permit and provide my option for compensatory mitigation in accordance with the selection identified below.

Please check one of the following options:

_____ I hereby waive my right to request that compensatory mitigation be performed on my property.

_____ I have coordinated with the permit applicant to develop a mutually acceptable compensatory mitigation proposal to be performed on my property.

_____ I find the permit applicant's mitigation proposal unacceptable and have provided a written explanation as to why the proposal is unacceptable along with my own mitigation proposal in accordance with the required technical items as outlined in Attachment 2, Mitigation Proposal Requirements.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Form may be utilized in cases where Landowner Mitigation Letters are delivered in person by the applicant or their representatives and where landowners are not yet decided on their mitigation intent at the time of notification.)

Attachment 1-A
Landowner Receipt of Mitigation Letter Form

Name and Address of Landowner:

RE: Name and Address of Applicant
CUP# : PXXXXXXXX

Dear Name of Permit Applicant/Agent:

I, _____ (Landowner Name, please print), hereby acknowledge notification of my rights as a landowner to request that compensatory mitigation be performed on my property for impacts to (# as reported by OCM) acres (type of wetland) habitat upon my property by (Name of Applicant) as a result of the proposed activities under the above referenced permit and will take my options outlined in the Landowner Mitigation Letter into consideration at this time. I understand that I must submit the Landowner Mitigation Intent Form along with a mitigation plan proposal, should that option be elected, to the applicant within 30 days of the date of notification in order for my mitigation intent to be considered.

(Signature)

(Date)

Attachment 2

Mitigation Proposal Requirements

The following technical items must be submitted in order for DNR/OCM to evaluate your Proposed Mitigation Project (these items are required; however, you are not limited to these items):

1. a scope of work that provides:
 - (a). the wetland creation or habitat restoration activity that the applicant is proposing, for example: erosion control, marsh creation, shoreline protection, plantings, etc.;
 - (b). information as to whether the proposed wetland creation or habitat restoration activity will result in the establishment of coastal plant communities; a description of the proposed construction activities;
2. an explanation detailing why the proposed site requires wetland creation or habitat restoration and why this measure should be implemented, for example, the shoreline is retreating, the site is a prior converted wetland, existing degraded habitat, and the applicant is proposing this measure to create a wetland or restore a habitat, etc.;
3. on-site habitat loss rates. Provide the average land loss rate (acres per year) and the shoreline erosion rate (linear feet per year);
4. the exact limits/location (latitude and longitude) of the proposed habitat restoration site, center coordinate (GCS NAD 83), plan view plats and the exact coordinates on the plan view plats for all boundary corners must be provided;
5. a list of landowner(s) and addresses for the proposed wetland creation or habitat restoration site;
6. a list of the extent of the proposed work, total acreage benefited and total linear feet benefited;
7. the existing site condition. Provide a detailed description of the condition of the site; describe the soils; drainage patterns/hydrology; list all existing manmade structures on the site, etc.;
8. a list of the proposed resulting wetland creation or habitat type(s), for example, forested wetland, fresh/intermediate marsh, or brackish/salt marsh;
9. a long-term protection and maintenance plan (marsh creation/restoration sites must be maintained for 20 years, forested wetland sites must be maintained for 50 years), plan for re-establishing wetland vegetation if initial planting fails, plan for invasive species management, and also a plan for all maintenance and or management activities (include all timber stand improvement activities);
10. a planting plan (if applicable) shall include:
 - (a). the type and number of trees per acre that will be planted;
 - (b). the size of the seedlings that will be planted and the type of container;
 - (c). the type and number of marsh grass transplants that will be planted;

- (d). the size of the marsh grass transplants that will be planted and the type of container;
 - (e). the total number of acres that will be planted; and
 - (f). the expected survival rate of all plants after two years;
11. and provide the following submittal information:
- (a). the party responsible for the submittal;
 - (b). the name of the applicant and/or landowner(s);
 - (c). the domiciliary address and phone number of the applicant and/or landowner(s);
 - (d). the name and phone number of the agent or contact if different from applicant; and
 - (e). the mailing address of the applicant and/or landowner(s) if different from the domiciliary address.