

Template letter to be utilized by OCM to send to the Applicant who is the sole landowner upon which impacts occur.

Date

Name of Applicant/Agent and address

**RE: P#, Coastal Use Permit Application**  
**Name of Applicant**  
**Description: Project description**  
**Location: Project location**  
**Name of Parish Parish, LA**

Dear Applicant/agent contact:

The Office of Coastal Management (OCM) has reviewed the need and alternatives for the above referenced activity and has determined that compensatory mitigation is required for the anticipated unavoidable loss of ±# acres of type habitat resulting from the proposed use.

The Coastal Use Permit application on file with OCM indicates that Name of Applicant is the sole landowner of the impact site. Please complete and return the attached Applicant/Landowner Intent Form to indicate which mitigation option you have selected **within 30 days of the date of this letter**.

Please be advised that if you choose the option to implement an individual mitigation plan, a complete written mitigation plan in accordance with the required technical items as outlined in the attached Mitigation Proposal Requirements must accompany the Applicant/Landowner Intent Form.

In addition, a compensatory mitigation processing fee of \$XXX.00 shall be assessed to the proposed use in accordance with LAC 43:I.724.D. Compensatory mitigation processing fees must be received prior to issuance of the referenced permit. An invoice will be prepared at the conclusion of processing this permit which will include the mitigation processing fee. Please remit payment for all fees upon receipt of the invoice. Please note that this fee is in addition to any cost associated with permit processing fees.

Based upon our review of the information submitted, additional information may be required to fully evaluate your mitigation plan. Please refer to the above Coastal Use Permit number when responding to this request. If you have any questions, please call me at (225) 342-XXXX.

Sincerely,

[Analyst Name](#)  
Permit Analyst

[Analyst init](#)

cc: Martin Mayer, USACE  
[COE Analyst, USACE](#)  
[Applicant if using agent](#)

## Applicant/Landowner Intent Form

Department of Natural Resources  
Office of Coastal Management  
P. O. Box 44487  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4487

RE: Name of Applicant  
CUP# : PXXXXXXXXX

Dear Office of Coastal Management:

I \_\_\_\_\_, hereby notify OCM of my compensatory mitigation plan in accordance with the selection identified below.  
(Applicant/Landowner Name, please print)

**Please check one of the following options:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not waive my right to mitigation on my property and I request to implement the attached individual mitigation plan on my property in accordance with the required technical items as outlined in Mitigation Proposal Requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_ I request to implement the attached individual mitigation plan off of my property in accordance with the required technical items as outlined in the Mitigation Proposal Requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_ I request to purchase the appropriate type and quantity of mitigation credits from a mitigation bank approved by OCM or an approved In-Lieu Fee Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

## 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.