



Coast-It Notes

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Greetings from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Office of Coastal Management.

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Permit Section Updates

MODIFIED CHARLESTON METHOD (MCM) - U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE:

Please be aware that the New Orleans District (NOD) of the Corps placed the MCM on full public notice Tuesday, October 4, 2011. The public notice period will end October 25, 2011. OCM has provided comment on the MCM to the NOD multiple times regarding the MCM and will do so again during this public comment period. OCM is actively encouraging all interested stakeholders to provide the NOD with comment on the MCM at this time -

The public notice can be found here:

http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/ops/regulatory/pdf/PN%20MCM%2010_2011.pdf

Interagency Affairs Updates

Lake Charles Field Office:

The OCM Lake Charles Field Office has moved. The new address of the Lake Charles Field Office is:

1301 Gadwall Street
Lake Charles, LA 70615

Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program update:

The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP) has received final approval by NOAA. NOAA congratulated OCM "on the development of a comprehensive CELCP plan" and noted that the "priorities identified under the plan will help to protect Louisiana's valuable coastal resources for future generations." OCM staff have updated the DNR OCM CELCP webpage with the approved plan as well as the approval letter from NOAA.

The program provides state and local governments with matching funds to purchase significant coastal and estuarine lands, or conservation easements on such lands, from willing sellers. Lands or conservation easements acquired with CELCP funds are protected in perpetuity.


More information is located on the web at:

<http://dnr.louisiana.gov/index.cfm?md=pagebuilder&tmp=home&pid=103>

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