



Coast-It Notes

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

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– It is with *great* sadness that we announce the passing of a member of our staff, Karl Leonards. Karl was a kind and wonderful person and a valuable member of our Permits Section. He will be greatly missed by all.

– Terry Howey has retired as the Executive Management Officer of OCM after a long and distinguished career. Dave Fruge' will be assuming the duties of that position and will be splitting his time between those duties and duties in the Atchafalaya Basin Program. Don Haydel will be joining the Atchafalaya Basin Program to work on project implementation, contract management and annual plan development.

– IAFSD staff member, Peggy Rooney who has worked in the Fisherman's Gear Program in OCM for many years will retire at the end of this month. Jessica Diez has been hired to assume the duties previously performed by Peggy as well as additional duties related to compliance monitoring and enforcement. Jessica can be contacted at (225) 342-7268 (Peggy's old number) or via email at Jessica.Diez@la.gov. Any questions about fisherman's gear or commencement should be directed to Jessica.

– REMINDER TO APPLICANTS AND AGENTS:

Notification of commencement is a requirement and condition of your coastal use permit. Please enter all commencement dates for Coastal Use Permits electronically through OCM's online commencement notification system at http://workflow.dnr.state.la.us/sundown/cart_PROD/pfg_dnr_wf.initiate. OCM still is accepting "green cards" for commencement of activities as well as phone calls and emails, however, the electronic notification is preferred.

– OCM Field Biologist for Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes, Kaili Mills, has moved to a new office building located at 1301 Gadwall Street, Lake Charles, LA 70615. She can be reached via phone at 337-491-2525 or email at kaili.mills@la.gov.

– The OCM Permits/Mitigation Section is planning a training series in the upcoming year and would like to get input on subject matter of interest to coastal users. If you would like to provide topic suggestions, please email Christine Charrier at OCMinfo@la.gov.

– The OCM General Permit GP-21 was set to expire on January 5, 2012 but has been extended an additional six (6) months. Full Term renewal procedures will be initiated in January 2012 for the GP-21 and several other General Permits set to expire in July 2012. Please feel free to provide comments or suggestions on any of the OCM General


Permits while on notice.

→ OCM staff have been working to incorporate the recent addition of portions of Ascension Parish into the Coastal Zone Boundary. The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has approved the addition as a Routine Program Change. OCM staff has prepared new Coastal Zone maps and revised existing permit review systems and procedures to incorporate the new area. The first permit in the new area was issued October 26, 2011. Staff has attended meetings and outreach functions with parish officials and other groups. A letter was sent to the Corps of Engineers on November 18 to ensure coordination under the JPN and PGP agreements for permit applications in the new area. Additionally, letters have been sent to Federal Agencies to ensure they are aware that consistency determinations will be necessary for activities performed in the newly added area. Additional information on this change including an online map showing the revised boundary can be found at <http://dnr.louisiana.gov/index.cfm?md=pagebuilder&tmp=home&pid=777>. For an updated Coastal Zone boundary map, please email OCMinfo@la.gov.

→ The Interagency Affairs Section of OCM is hosting the quarterly Local Coastal Programs Meeting at 9:30 am on January 5, 2011 at the LaSalle Building. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

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