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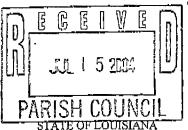
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Interested parties are hereby notified that the Coastal Management Division of the Department of Natural Resources has received the following application for a Coastal Use Permit in accordance with the State and Local Coastal Resources Management Act of 1978, as amended, (Louisiana R.S. 49, Sections 214 21-214 41), and the rules and regulations of the Coastal Resources Program.

Additionally, interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received by the District Engineer for a Department of the Army permit to authorize the following pursuant to [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816, 33 USC 1344), [X] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. Office of Environmental Services for a Water Quality Certification in accordance with statutory authority contained in the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Title 30, Chapter 11, Part (V, Section 2074 A(3) and Provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.,O 95-217)

NAME:

James II, LLC

c/o Coastal Environments, Inc., 1260 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, Attn: Thomas Tregle.

LOCATION:

St. Charles Parish, LA; Lat. 29° 59' 28" N, Long. 90° 16' 53" W; Section 39 of T12S-R9E.

DESCRIPTION:

Proposed development of a commercial industrial park. Project components include the construction of eight buildings, six truck courts, two parking lots, roads, drainage improvements and the installation of pilings for foundation stability. Approximately 68,333 cu. yds. of native soil will be excavated and redistributed on the project site. Approximately 541,650 cu. yds. of sand, 19,129 cu. yds. of dirt and 47,779 cu. yds. of concrete will be hauled in and used as fill material for the project. Approx. 51.8 acres of vegetated wetland habitat will be impacted as a result of this activity**.

Approximately <u>51.8</u> acres of Essential Fish Habitat utilized by various life stages of red drum and penacid shrimp would be altered or destroyed by this project. This information is provided to initiate federal consultation requirements pertaining to Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act

"This date represents the beginning date of the Corps of Engineers public notice period. The official date of the beginning of the public comment period for Coastal Use Permit and Water Quality Certification applications begins on the date of publication of the notice in the official state journal (The Advocate), in accordance with the Rules and Procedures for Coastal Use Permits, §723 C.5 c. The Coastal Management Division will inform interested parties of the exact date of publication on request

public interest of the proposed activity. Comments to the Corps of Engineers must be received up to and including 30 days from the date of the public notice and must be addressed to the Regulatory Functions Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Post Office Box 60267, New Orleans, LA 70160-0267. All comment letters should contain both the applicant's name and the application number.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

No properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places are near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archaeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical sites or data. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Archaeologist and the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would neither affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Interior nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant receives approval or waiver of the Coastal Use Permit by the Department of Natural Resources.

If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services before a permit is issued.

You are requested to communicate the information contained in this letter to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in this matter.

Public Hearings

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a State or Federal public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing

