



# South Central Planning & Development Commission

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Mr. Mark McElroy  
Island Fisheries  
LA Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries  
P.O. Box 98000  
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

Re: *Proposed Public Boat Launch in Des Allemands, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana*

Dear Mr. McElroy:

On behalf of South Central Planning & Development Commission (SCP&DC), I would like to take this opportunity to lend our support for the proposed public boat launch in Des Allemands that St. Charles Parish is applying for funding to the Department of Wild Life and Fisheries. This application for funding request is consistent with one of our regional goals of providing improved access to our local fisheries.

Each year SCP&DC is required to compile a regional report to the U.S. Department of Commerce through the Economic Development Administration called the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). It is through the CEDS that public works projects can flow to the various members of our Commission, for the projects must be a part of CEDS which indicates a coordinated plan amongst all Parishes within our region. One of the goals of the CEDS is to provide adequate access to our vast amount of fishing areas which includes St. Charles Parish.

This project will not only provide better access to the general public, it will also provide much needed access to emergency personnel which currently doesn't exist in this area. This 2.6 acre tract of land is being donated for the sole purpose of placing a boat launch. Therefore, we respectfully ask the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for favorable consideration to fund this much needed project.

Dale J. Hymel, Jr.  
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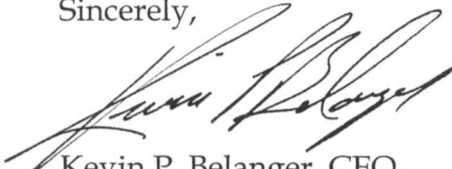
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, then please do not hesitate in calling my office at (985) 851-2900.

Sincerely,



Kevin P. Belanger, CEO

Cc: Ms. Holly Fonseca, Grants Officer

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