



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

William W. Walker, Ph.D., Executive Director

Request for Tidelands Trust Fund Proposals Announcement

May 1, 2009

The Department of Marine Resources (DMR) is currently requesting proposals for Fiscal Year 2011 Tidelands Trust Funds. Enclosed please find a Request for Funding application package. You may also find an electronic version of the application on the DMR website at www.dmr.state.ms.us. Those seeking to qualify for Tidelands Funds for Fiscal Year 2011 must submit a proposal to the Commission on Marine Resources (CMR) for consideration. Requests for funding will be received at the DMR office located at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2009. Submitted proposals will be reviewed and prioritized according to established criteria. The CMR will then forward proposals to the Mississippi Legislature when it reconvenes in January.

Applicants are reminded of the legislative intent of the Public Trust Tidelands Funds for "new and extra programs of tidelands management, such as conservation, reclamation, preservation, acquisition, education or the enhancement of public access to tidelands or public improvement projects as they relate to those lands."

Activities located in the coastal wetlands and waters of the State of Mississippi are required to obtain authorization from this Department prior to initiation of construction activities. Please contact the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Office of Coastal Ecology for further details regarding regulatory requirements. Also, please be aware some projects may require coordination with various state and federal agencies prior to final action on the permit request. This coordination may in some situations take several months.

Again, all proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2009 to be considered for funding. Please contact Joe Ziegler, Chief of Staff, or Michaela Hill at (228) 374-5000 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William W. Walker".

William W. Walker, Ph.D.
Executive Director