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DMR to Hold Public Hearing on Permit Application for Hancock County Beach Re-nourishment

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) will hold a public hearing on an application filed by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors requesting authorization to re-nourish portions of the sand beach along Beach Boulevard in Hancock County. The public hearing will be held on **Thursday, April 8, 2010, at 6 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Conference Center, 598 Main St., Bay St. Louis.**

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors' proposed project will take place over a period of 10 years and consists of nearshore retrieval, which falls under the provision of the Coastal Wetlands Protection Law Act, Title 49, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.

The proposed project will take place along Beach Boulevard in Hancock County, excluding the area between the American Legion Pier at the end of Washington Street and the rock jetty south of St. Stanislaus and the area between Buccaneer State Park and Clermont Harbor.

In compliance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, the applicant will request certification from the Office of Pollution Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 301 (33 U.S.C. 1311), Section 302 (33 U.S.C. 1312), Section 303 (U.S.C. 1313), Section 306 (U.S.C. 1316) and Section 307 (U.S.C. 1317) of the Act, and appropriate requirements of the State Law.

Anyone wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources at 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi MS 39530, and to the Office of Pollution Control, P.O. Box 2261, Jackson MS 39225-2261, before 1 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2010, or at the public hearing on April 8. Also, please be advised that the public hearing will not be a question-and-answer session, but a medium for concerned parties to make comments about the proposed project for the public record.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.ms.gov.

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