Legislative Authority for Louisiana Coastal Resources Program

- Louisiana State and Local Coastal Resources Management Act of 1978, as amended (La. R.S. 49:214.21 et seq.)
- Federal approval of the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program granted by the U.S. Dept. of Commerce in October 1980
  (Coastal Zone Management Act Of 1972 as amended through P.L. 104-150, The Coastal Zone Protection Act of 1996)
Mission of the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program

- Protect, develop, restore and enhance coastal area
- Support and encourage multiple use of coastal resources consistent with maintenance and enhancement of renewable resources
- Employ procedures and practices that resolve conflicts among competing uses
The Louisiana Coastal Zone
Coastal Use Permit Program
What we regulate

- Activities that have a “direct and significant impact on coastal waters”
- Any earthwork (dredging, filling, bulldozing, etc.)
- Discharges
- Use of wheeled or tracked vehicles on vegetated wetlands
All Permit Applications

- Must submit Joint Permit Application form
- All impacted landowners and oyster lease owners must be notified at time of application
- Mitigation needs must be addressed before permit issuance
Our Application Provides Basic Project Information For:

(pursuant to interagency Joint Public Notice agreement)

La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries
La. Dept. of Transp. and Development
La. Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
La. DEQ’s Water Quality Certification Section
State Land Office
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
National Marine Fisheries Service
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Environmental Protection Agency
Coastal Use Permit Program (Authorizations)

Exemptions (statutory)
No Direct and Significant Impacts (determined by Secretary)
General Permits
Individual Coastal Use Permits
Exemptions
(R.S. 49:214.34)

- Activities OCZ (R.S. 49:214.25.E)
- Activities >5’ MSL
- Activities in “fastlands”
General Permits  
(L.A.C. 43:1.723)

Authorize similar types of activities that occur frequently and have minor (and predictable) impacts

Expedited review: no Public Notice required; interagency review period of 5 to 15 days may be required at DNR’s discretion

Currently 18
Coastal Use General Permits

General Permits relevant to DOTD

- GP 11 - mitigation projects
- GP 29 - emergency repair activities
Major New Construction or Major Repairs

- Will likely require an “Individual Coastal Use Permit”
- Minimum of 47 days to issue
- All impacted landowners and oyster lease owners must be notified at time of application
- Mitigation needs must be addressed before permit issuance
- Initiation within 2 years, completion within 5 years
DOTD “Areawide” Permit (P20031367)

- “Pre-review” of certain types of maintenance activities along certain roadways for planning purposes.
- “Installation and maintenance of bulkheads, fill, riprap, reef shell . . . as required by engineering design to maintain revetments, embankments, and bank lines at existing bridge sites and provide erosion protection and restoration for existing public roads.”
Mitigation

- Required by law – “compensatory mitigation, at a level sufficient to replace or to substitute for the ecological value of the wetlands lost as a result of each permitted activity, shall be required”
- Typically the most time consuming part of permit processing
- Applicant’s responsibility
- Options include buying credits from appropriate commercial bank, building habitat, improving habitat, contribution to mitigation fund
Questions

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