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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
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NEW ORLEANS, LA 70118-3651

Regulatory Division
Western Evaluation Branch

SUBJECT: MVN 2021-0597 WB

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Artificial Reef Program
Post Office Box 98000
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of your application for a Department of the Army permit to create an artificial reef site, OCS Block West Cameron 45, to provide structural habitat for the purpose of enhancing fishing opportunities in the Gulf of Mexico, off the coast of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

In accordance with Parts 320 through 332 of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, relative to Letters of Permission, and with the delegated authority from the Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you are hereby granted a Letter of Permission to create an artificial reef site to enhance fishing opportunities, in accordance with the drawings, in three sheets, attached to this letter. The statutory authority to perform the proposed work is defined under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403). The time limit to complete the work authorized by this approval expires on August 31, 2026.

A copy of the first page of this letter of permission must be conspicuously displayed at the project site. Also, you must keep a copy of this signed letter, with attached drawings, at the project site until the work is completed.

The following special conditions are made a part of this authorization:

1. National Ocean Service (NOS) has been notified of this authorization. You must notify NOS and this office in writing, at least two weeks before you begin work and upon completion of the activity authorized by this permit. Your notification of completion must include a drawing which certifies the location and configuration of the completed activity (a certified permit drawing may be used). Notifications to NOS will be sent to the following address: National Ocean Service, Office of Coast Survey, N/CS261, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3282.

2. The permittee understands and agrees that, if future operations by the United States require the removal, relocation, or other alteration, of the structure or work herein authorized, or if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative, said structure or work shall cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of the navigable waters, the permittee will be required, upon due notice from the Corps of Engineers, to remove, relocate, or alter the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the United States. No claim shall be made against the United States on account of any such removal or alteration.

3. Your use of the permitted activity must not interfere with the public's right to free navigation on all navigable waters of the United States.

4. If the authorized project, or future maintenance work, involves the use of floating construction equipment (barge mounted cranes, barge mounted pile driving equipment, floating dredge equipment, dredge discharge pipelines, etc.) in the waterway, you are advised to notify the Eighth Coast Guard District so that a Notice to Mariners, if required, may be prepared. Notification with a copy of your permit approval and drawings should be emailed to: D8MarineInfo@uscg.mil, or mailed to the Commander (dpw), Eighth Coast Guard District, Hale Boggs Federal Building, 500 Poydras Street, Room 1230, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130. Telephone inquiries can be directed to the Eighth Coast Guard District, Waterways Management at (504) 671-2118.

It is necessary that you notify this office in writing prior to commencement of work and also upon its completion. Attached is a copy of ENG Form 1721, Nov 86, titled "DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT". This Letter of Permission is subject to the conditions cited in ENG Form 1721.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

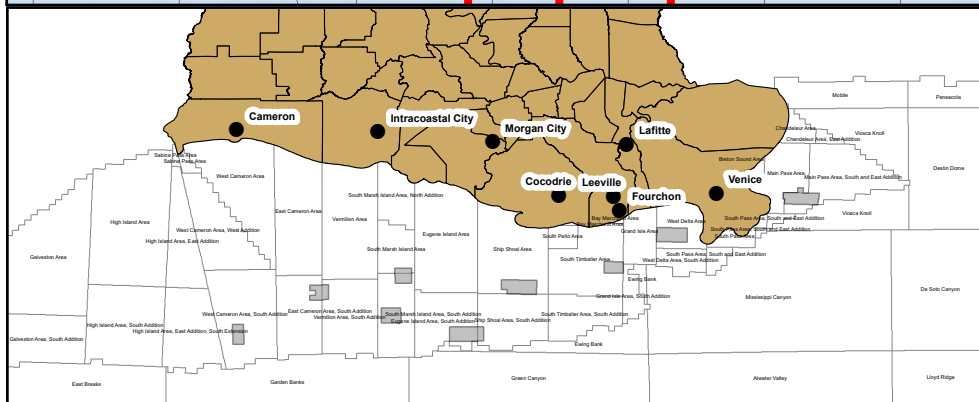
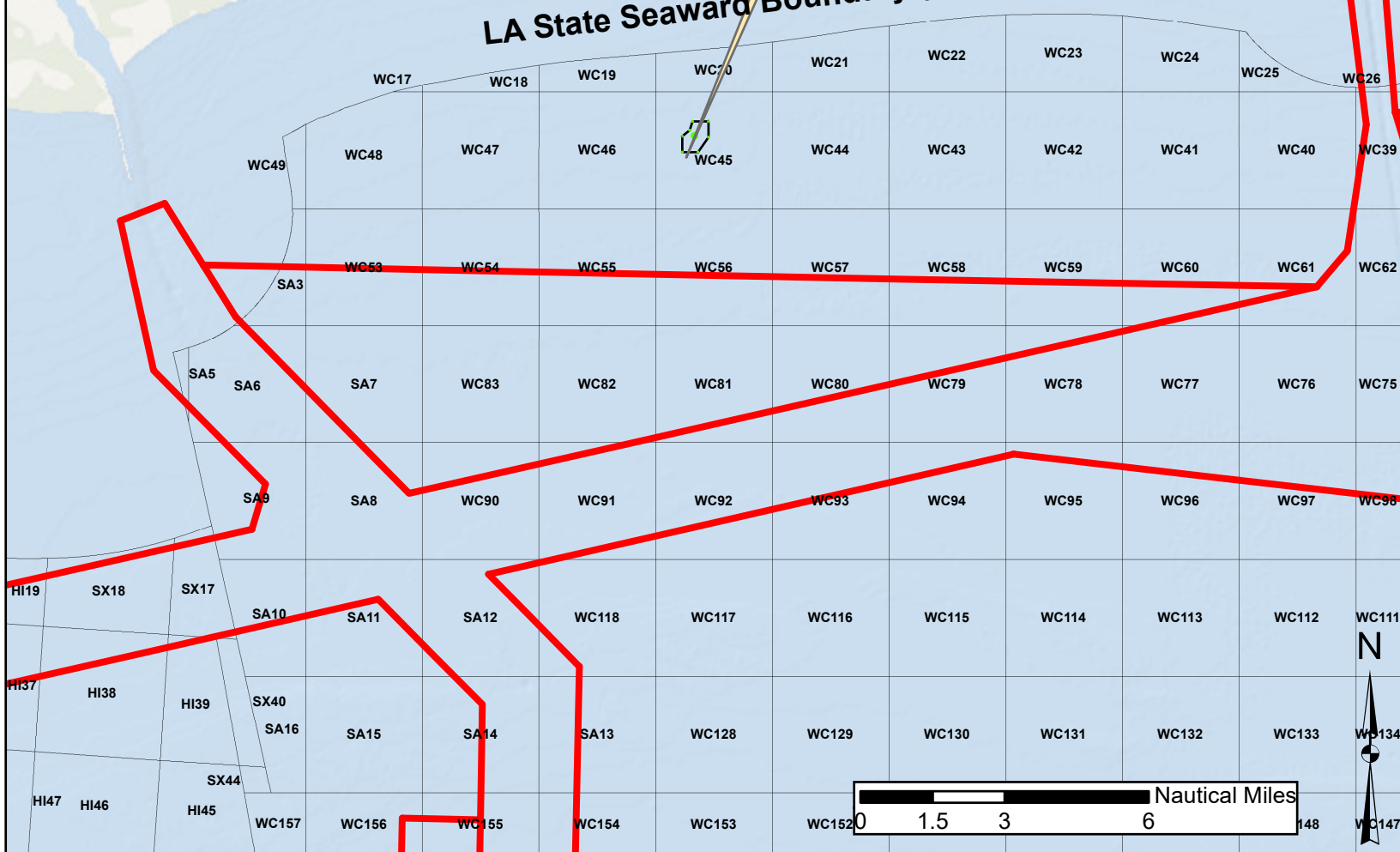
Martin S. Mayer
Acting Chief, Regulatory Division
for
Stephen F. Murphy
Colonel, U.S. Army
District Commander

Attachments

**Proposed
WC-45 Reef:**

**29° 40' 27.060"
93° 36' 21.764"**

LA State Seaward Boundary (3 miles)

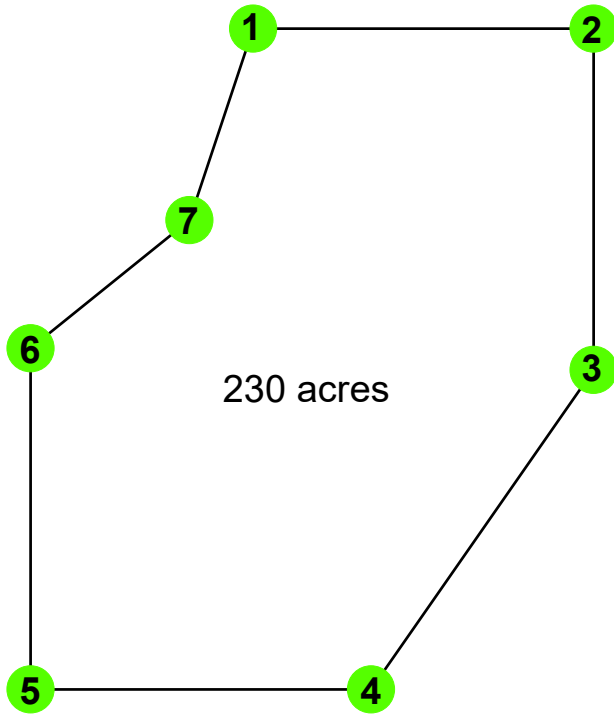


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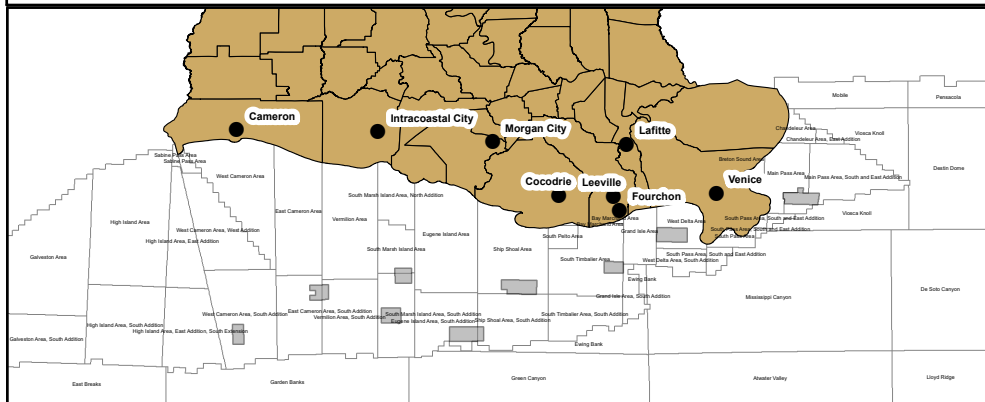
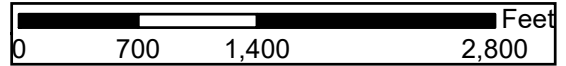
**Vicinity Map:
West Cameron
45 Reef**

Geodetic Datum: NAD83

Date: 5/13/2021



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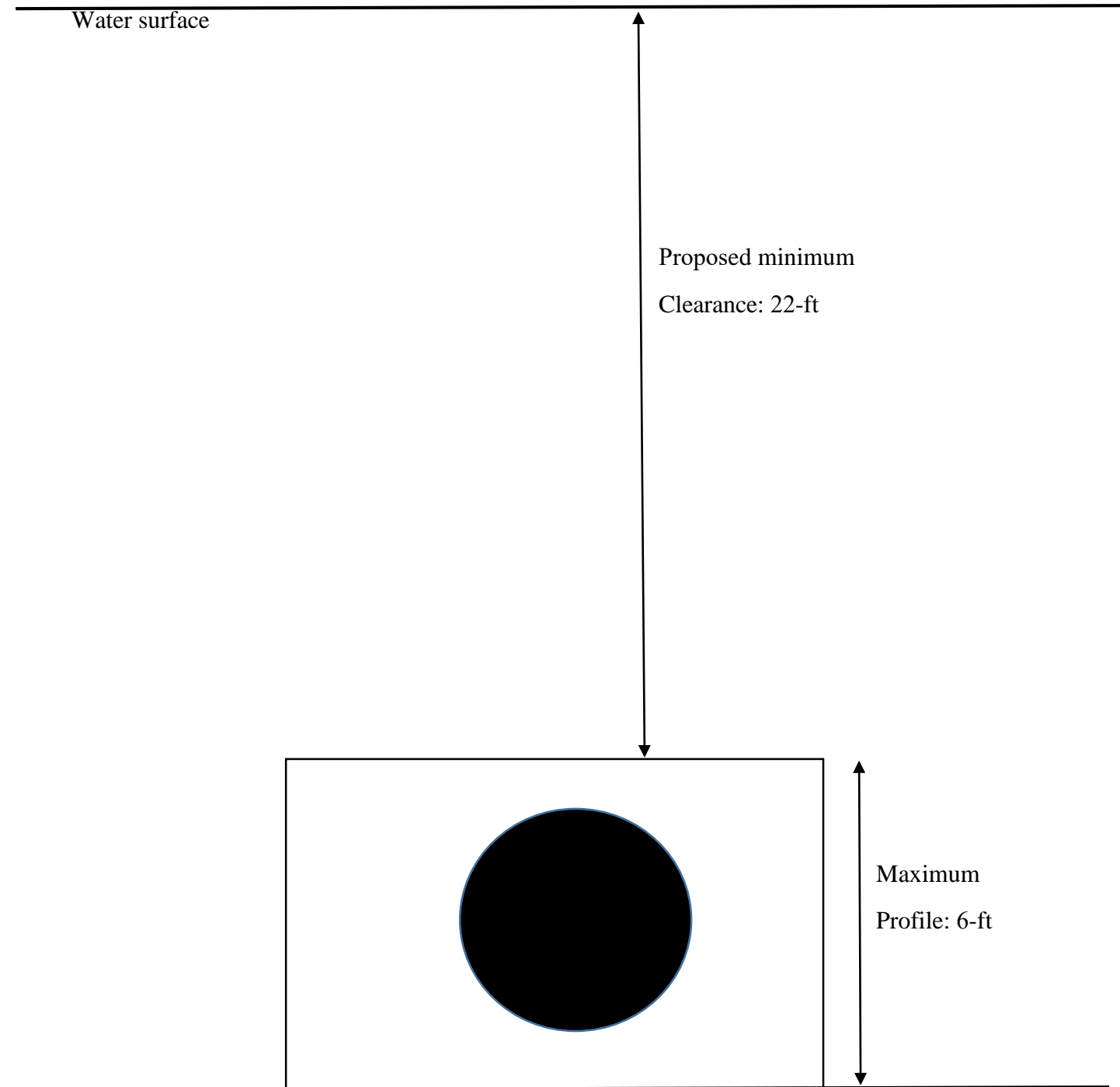


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**Plan View:
Proposed
West Cameron
45 Reef**

Geodetic Datum: NAD83

Date: 5/13/2021



Water bottom: 28-ft

Cross Section View of Proposed
Material for WC-45 Reefs

Date: 5/13/2021

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT (Letter of Permission - General Conditions)

Permit No.: MVN 2021-0597 WB

Issuing Office: New Orleans District

NOTE: The term "you" and its derivatives, as used in this permit, means the permittee or any future transferee. The term "this office" refers to the appropriate district or division office of the Corps of Engineers having jurisdiction over the permitted activity or the appropriate official of that office acting under the authority of the commanding officer.

You are authorized to perform work in accordance with the terms and conditions specified below.

LOP General Conditions:

1. The time limit for completing the work authorized ends on August 31, 2026. If you find that you need more time to complete the authorized activity, submit your request for a time extension to this office for consideration at least 1 month before the above date is reached.
2. You must maintain the activity authorized by this permit in good condition and in conformance with the terms and conditions of this permit. You are not relieved of this requirement if you abandon the permitted activity, although you may make a good faith transfer to a third party in compliance with General Condition 4 below. Should you wish to cease to maintain the authorized activity or should you desire to abandon it without a good faith transfer, you must obtain a modification of this permit from this office, which may require restoration of the area.
3. If you discover any previously unknown historic or archeological remains while accomplishing the activity authorized by this permit, you must immediately notify this office of what you have found. We will initiate the Federal and State coordination required to determine if the remains warrant a recovery effort or if the site is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
4. If you sell the property associated with this permit, you must obtain the signature of the new owner in the space provided and forward a copy of the permit to this office to validate the transfer of this authorization.
5. If a conditioned water quality certification has been issued for your project, you must comply with the conditions specified in the certification as special conditions to this permit. For your convenience, a copy of the certification is attached if it contains such conditions.
6. You must allow representatives from this office to inspect the authorized activity at any time deemed necessary to ensure that it is being or has been accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions of your permit.

Further Information:

1. Congressional Authorities: You have been authorized to undertake the activity described above pursuant to:
- Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).
 - Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).
 - Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1413).

2. Limits of this authorization.

- a. This permit does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, State, or local authorizations required by law.
- b. This permit does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges.
- c. This permit does not authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.
- d. This permit does not authorize interference with any existing or proposed Federal project.

3. Limits of Federal Liability. In issuing this permit, the Federal Government does not assume any liability for the following:

- a. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of other permitted or unpermitted activities or from natural causes.
- b. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of current or future activities undertaken by or on behalf of the United States in the public interest.
- c. Damages to persons, property, or to other permitted or unpermitted activities or structures caused by the activity authorized by this permit.
- d. Design or construction deficiencies associated with the permitted work.
- e. Damage claims associated with any future modification, suspension, or revocation of this permit.

4. Reliance on Applicant's Data: The determination of this office that issuance of this permit is not contrary to the public interest was made in reliance on the information you provided.

5. Reevaluation of Permit Decision. This office may reevaluate its decision on this permit at any time the circumstances warrant. Circumstances that could require a reevaluation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. You fail to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.
- b. The information provided by you in support of your permit application proves to have been false, incomplete, or inaccurate (See 4 above).
- c. Significant new information surfaces which this office did not consider in reaching the original public interest decision.

Such a reevaluation may result in a determination that it is appropriate to use the suspension, modification, and revocation procedures contained in 33 CFR 325.7 or enforcement procedures such as those contained in 33 CFR 326.4 and 326.5. The referenced enforcement procedures provide for the issuance of an administrative order requiring you to comply with the terms and conditions of your permit and for the initiation of legal action where appropriate. You will be required to pay for any corrective measures ordered by this office, and if you fail to comply with such directive, this office may in certain situations (such as those specified in 33 CFR 209.170) accomplish the corrective measures by contract or otherwise and bill you for the cost.

6. Extensions. General condition 1 establishes a time limit for the completion of the activity authorized by this permit. Unless there are circumstances requiring either a prompt completion of the authorized activity or a reevaluation of the public interest decision, the Corps will normally give favorable consideration to a request for an extension of this time limit.