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### Department of Agriculture and Forestry Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Supplement to Annual Quarantine Listing for 2015  
Sweetpotato Weevil (LAC 7:XV.Chapter 1)

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., R.S. 3:1652, R.S. 3:1732 and LAC 7:XV:107, 109 the annual quarantine listing for 2015 is being supplemented to add the following quarantines and locations.

#### 1.0 Sweetpotato Weevil (*Cylas formicarius elegantulus* Sum)

- (a). ...
- (b). In the State of Louisiana:
  - 1). ...
  - 2). The properties located at the following coordinates: 32.457650, -91.572820; and any properties within a 300-yard radius of these coordinates have been added to the Sweetpotato Weevil Quarantine Listing.

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### Office of the Governor Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority

Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill—Draft Programmatic Damage  
Assessment and Restoration Plan and Programmatic  
Environmental Impact Statement

#### ACTION

Notice of Availability of Draft Plan

#### SUMMARY

In accordance with the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal and State *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill natural resource trustee agencies for Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Texas, and Florida (Trustees) are preparing a Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PDARP/PEIS). The Draft PDARP/PEIS will include an assessment of the Trustees' natural resources, ecological services, and recreational use services that were injured or lost as a result of the *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill (DWH Oil Spill), which occurred on or about April 20, 2010, in the Gulf of Mexico, and a discussion of programmatic alternatives to restore these natural resources. The Trustees are developing restoration alternatives, comprised of various restoration types, to utilize funds provided to address injuries to natural resources and resource services resulting from the DWH Oil Spill. Criteria and evaluation standards under the OPA natural resource damage assessment regulations are

guiding the Trustees' consideration of programmatic restoration alternatives. The Draft PDARP/PEIS will evaluate these programmatic restoration alternatives under criteria set forth in the OPA natural resource damage assessment regulations. The Draft PDARP/PEIS will also evaluate the environmental consequences of the programmatic restoration alternatives under NEPA. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the availability of the Draft PDARP/PEIS and to seek public comments on the assessment of the Trustees' natural resources and programmatic restoration alternatives to restore these natural resources.

#### DATES

**Comments Due Date**—We will consider public comments received on or before 60 days from the public availability of the document. Additional details regarding the comment period will be available at <http://la-dwh.com> once the document is published.

**Public Meetings**—The Trustees will schedule a series of public meetings to facilitate public review and comment on the Draft PDARP/PEIS. Both written and verbal comments will be taken at each public meeting. The Trustees will hold an open house for each meeting followed by a formal meeting. Additional details regarding meeting information, including venues, will be published in local newspapers and will be posted on the web at <http://la-dwh.com/>. Each public meeting will include a presentation of the Draft PDARP/PEIS. The public meeting schedule has yet to be announced. Please visit <http://la-dwh.com> for further updates regarding public meetings in Louisiana.

#### ADDRESSES

**Obtaining the Document**—You will be able to download the Draft PDARP/PEIS, which is expected to be released early October 2015, at <http://la-dwh.com/>. Alternatively, you will be able to request a CD of the document (see *For Further Information Contact* section below). You will also be able to review copies of the document at the public repositories listed at <http://la-dwh.com/>.

**Submission of Comments**—You may submit comments on the Draft PDARP/PEIS by one of the following methods:

- a). Via the web—<http://la-dwh.com/>.
- b). For electronic submission of comments containing attachments, email [jenny.kurz@la.gov](mailto:jenny.kurz@la.gov).
- c). Via U.S. Mail—Louisiana Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority, ATTN: Jenny Kurz, P.O. Box 44027, Baton Rouge, LA 70804; or U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 49567, Atlanta, GA 30345. Submissions must be postmarked no later than 60 days after the release date of the Draft PDARP/PEIS.

**For Further Information Contact**—Jenny Kurz at [jenny.kurz@la.gov](mailto:jenny.kurz@la.gov).

#### Supplementary Information—Background

On or about April 20, 2010, the mobile offshore drilling unit *Deepwater Horizon*, which was being used to drill a well for BP Exploration and Production, Inc. (BP) in the Macondo prospect (Mississippi Canyon 252 - MC 252),

experienced a significant explosion, fire, and subsequent sinking in the Gulf of Mexico, resulting in an unprecedented volume of oil and other discharges from the rig and from the wellhead on the seabed for a period of over three months. The *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill is the largest oil spill in U.S. history, discharging millions of barrels of oil over a period of 87 days. In addition, well over 1 million gallons of dispersants were applied to the waters of the spill area in an attempt to disperse the spilled oil. An undetermined amount of natural gas was also released into the environment as a result of the spill. Affected resources include ecologically, recreationally, and commercially important species and their habitats in the Gulf of Mexico and along the coastal areas of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.

The State and Federal Natural Resource Trustees (Trustees) are in the final stages of conducting the natural resource damage assessment for the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill under the Oil Pollution Act 1990 (OPA; 33 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*). Pursuant to OPA, Federal and State agencies and Indian Tribes may act as trustees on behalf of the public to assess natural resource injuries and losses, and to determine the actions required to compensate the public for those injuries and losses. OPA further instructs the designated trustees to develop and implement a plan for the restoration, rehabilitation, replacement, or acquisition of the equivalent of the injured natural resources under their trusteeship, including the loss of use and services from those resources from the time of injury until the time of restoration to baseline (the resource quality and conditions that would exist if the spill had not occurred) is complete.

The Trustees are:

- U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), as represented by the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management;
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), on behalf of the U.S. Department of Commerce;
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA);
- U.S. Department of Defense (DOD);
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA);
- State of Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, Oil Spill Coordinator's Office, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and Department of Natural Resources;
- State of Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality;
- State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Geological Survey of Alabama;
- State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; and
- For the State of Texas: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas General Land Office, and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

#### **INVITATION TO COMMENT**

The Trustees will seek public review and comment on the assessment of the Trustees' natural resources and restoration alternatives and supporting analysis included in

the Draft PDARP/PEIS. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD**

When they are completed, the documents comprising the Administrative Record will be available electronically at the following locations:

<http://www.doi.gov/deepwaterhorizon>; or

<http://la-dwh.com/AdminRecord.aspx>.

#### **AUTHORITY**

The authority of this action is the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*), the implementing Natural Resource Damage Assessment regulations found at 15 CFR 990, the Louisiana Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act [La. R.S. §§30:2451-2496 (2010)], and the implementing Natural Resource Damage Assessment Regulations found at *Louisiana Administrative Code* 43:101 *et seq.*

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#### **POTPOURRI**

##### **Office of the Governor Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority**

Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill: Final Phase IV Early  
Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessments

#### **ACTION:**

Notice of Availability of Final Plan

#### **SUMMARY:**

In accordance with the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), the Louisiana Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act (OSPRA), and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), notice is hereby given that the Federal and State Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill natural resource trustee agencies for Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, and Texas (Trustees) have prepared a Final Phase IV Early Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessments (Final Phase IV ERP/EA) describing and proposing a suite of early restoration projects intended to continue the process of restoring natural resources and services injured or lost as a result of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, which occurred on or about April 20, 2010, in the Gulf of Mexico. The Final Phase IV ERP/EA proposes 10 early restoration projects that are consistent with the early restoration program alternatives selected in the Final Phase III Early Restoration Plan/Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Phase III ERP/PEIS). The Final Phase IV ERP/EA also includes a notice of change and supporting analysis for one Phase III Early Restoration Project, "Enhancement of Franklin County Parks and Boat Ramps Eastpoint Fishing Pier Improvements". The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the availability of the Final Phase IV ERP/EA, which occurred on September 16, 2015.