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# Mississippi Advisory Commission on Marine Resources

August 15, 2023



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# Employment, Contracts and Procurement Updates August 15, 2023

# Employment Updates

## New-Hires:

- Brian Hurst – Maintenance Grounds Supervisor on August 1, 2023 – Lyman

## Promotions:

- Laura Moncrief – Promoted to Environmental/Natural Resources Specialist Supervisor on August 1, 2023 – Coastal Resource Management

# Contracts and Procurements for August 2023

<b>Service Contracts</b>					
<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Procurement Method</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Commodity/Service Description</u>
Silver Ships Inc.	Reverse Auction	240,739.00	12 Months	FY23 JEA/Tidelands	25-28 ft. Marine Patrol Vessel
Walter Marine	IFB	1,200,000.00	12 Months	NFWF	Reef Construction/Development





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# Actions Update for August 15, 2023 Commission Meeting

# Discussed at the July 2023 meeting:

- The Commission recommended and the Director approved the following motions:
  - 1) Motion to recommend that the requested variance and permit be issued to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Program to fill approximately 660 acres of Coastal Wetlands (unvegetated water bottoms) to construct a beneficial use of dredge material site in the MS Sound on the southeastern side of Cat Island, Harrison County, Mississippi.
  - 2) Ronnie Daniels was elected as Chairperson and Cam Roberds was elected as Vice-Chair for FY 2024.

3) Approval of the following State Saltwater Finfish Records:

a. Conventional Tackle

1. Whitebone Porgy (*Calamus leucosteus*) – 2 lbs. 8.8 oz. - Connie Boykin
2. Yellowtail Snapper (*Ocyurus chrysurus*) – 7 lbs. 9.6 oz. – Gavin Friend

b. Youth Conventional Tackle

1. Rock Hind (*Epinephelus adscensionis*) – 2 lbs. 6.4 oz. – Finn Lipps
2. Red Snapper (*Lutjanus campechanus*) – 20 lbs. 1.6 oz. – Peyton Morgan
3. Spanish Mackerel (*Scomberomorus maculatus*) – 4 lbs. 6.4 oz. – Ryan Ross
4. Crevalle Jack (*Caranx hippos*) – 30 lbs. 9.0 oz. – Maddox Foucha

- 4) Motion to approve the procedures developed by MDMR staff to accept request for proposals for on-bottom oyster leasing in accordance with SB2544 and the recent changes to Title 22 Part 1 to conform to SB2544 requirements.





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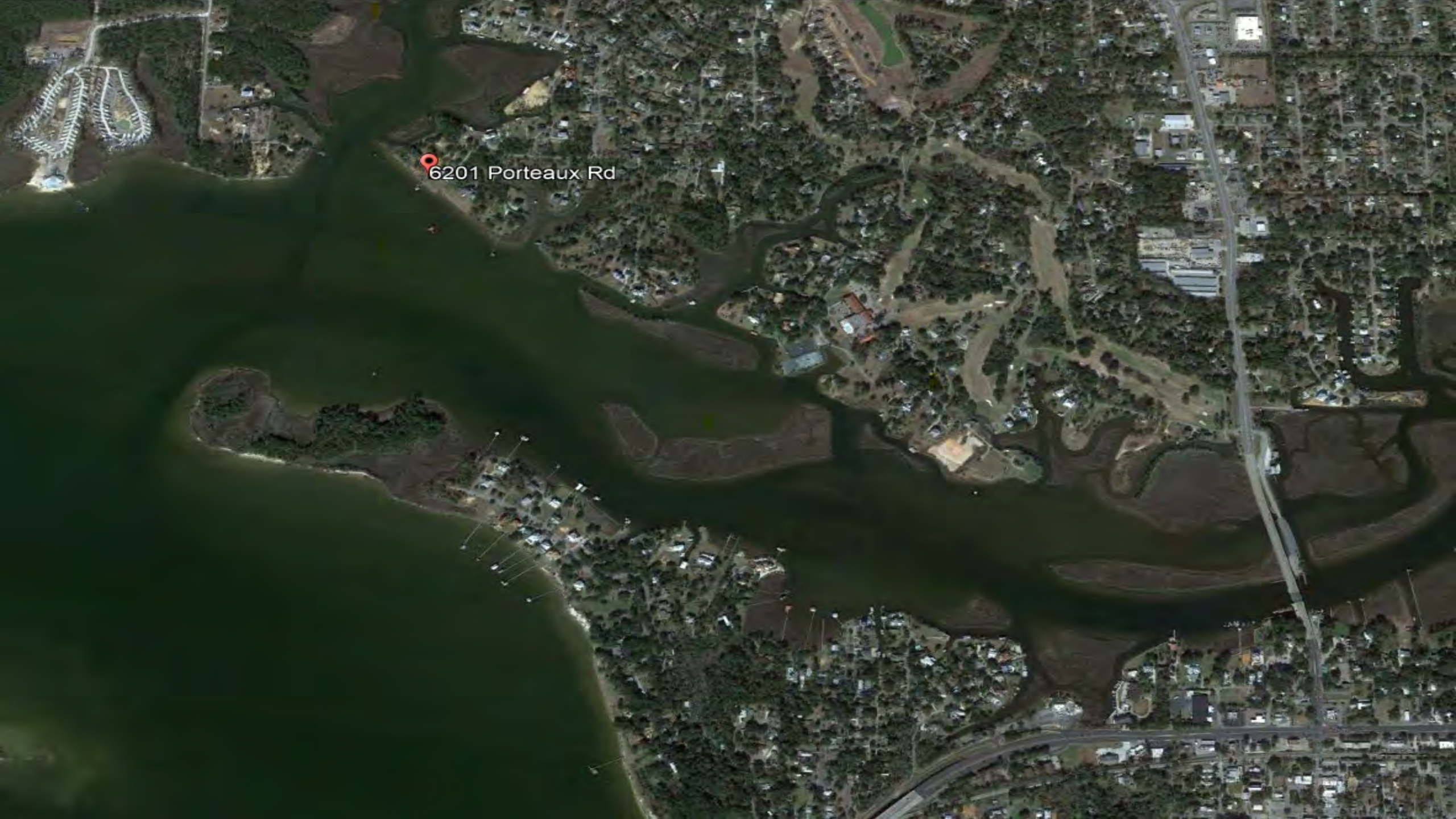
## **Violation/After-the-Fact Exclusion:**

**Jay Rubenstein**

**File: V23-000011, DMR23-000289**

- **Location: 6201 Porteaux Road, Ocean Springs, MS 39564**
- **Use District: (G) General Use**
- **Agent:**
  - **Doug De Luca (Original General Permit)**
  - **Doug De Luca and On the Water, LLC (Current Application)**





6201 Porteaux Rd







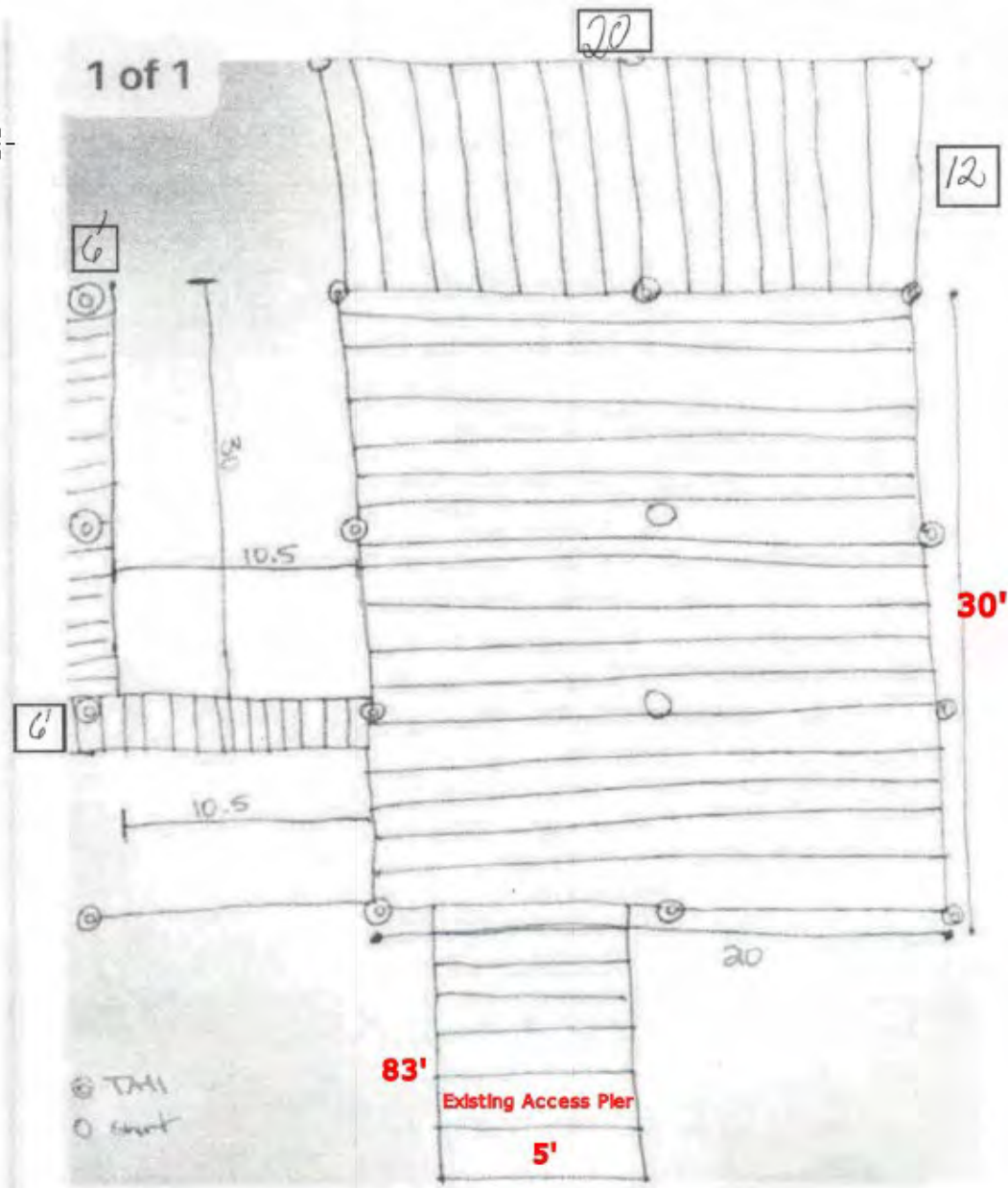
## Project Description

- **The applicant is requesting after-the-fact approval for existing piers constructed out of compliance with DMR21-000431**

# Project Chronology

- June 10, 2021: Application submitted for reconstruction of piers in existing footprint (DMR21-000431)
- July 16, 2021: General Permit issued as proposed

# Permitted Structures



6201 Porteaux Road  
Gulf Hills  
Ocean Springs, Mo,

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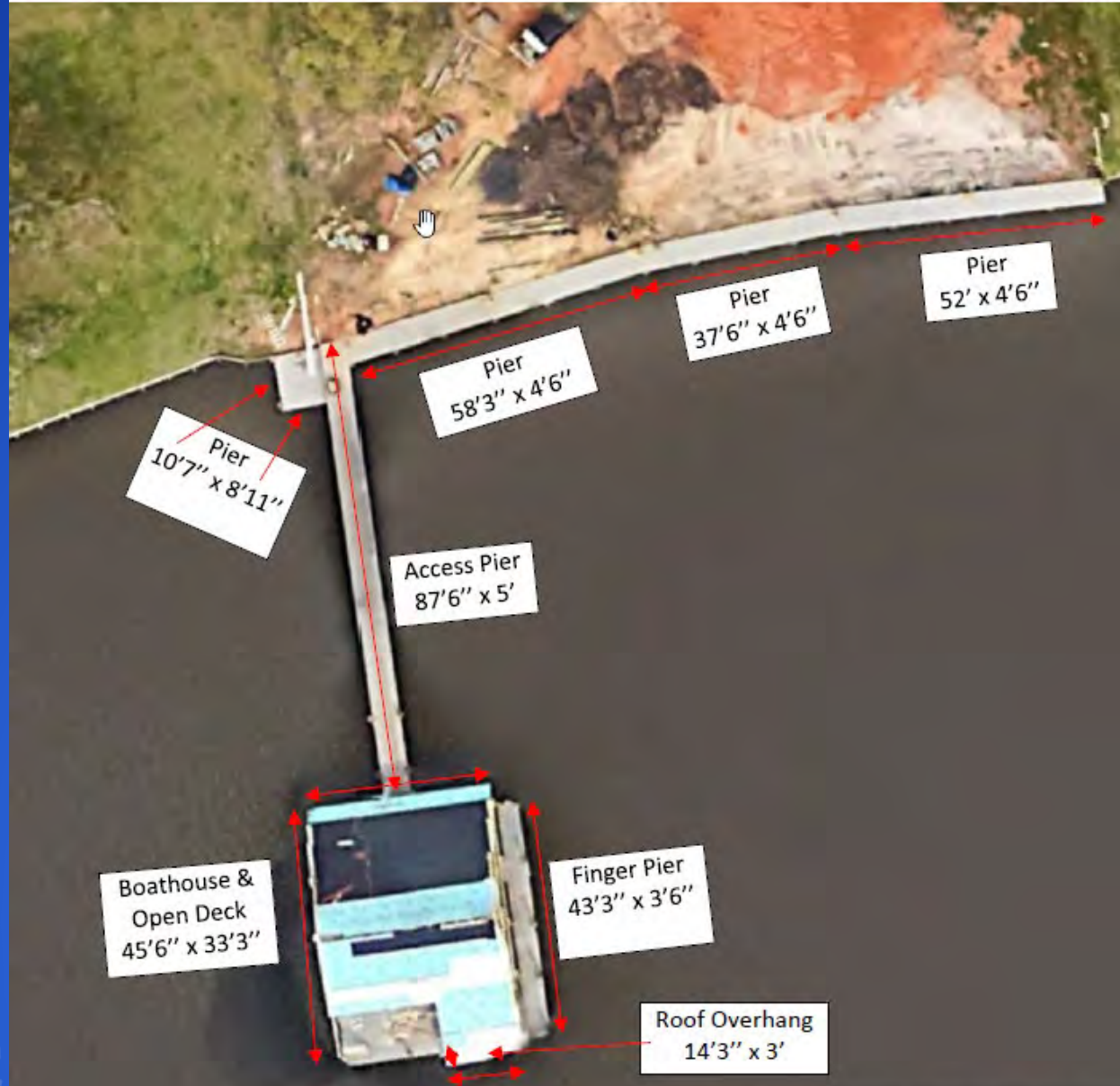
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# Project Chronology for Violation

- **April 18, 2023**: MDMR was informed of a possible violation at the address and a site visit was performed that revealed:
  - Several piers constructed out of compliance or without authorization
- **April 19, 2023**: MDMR sent Notice of Violation to applicant and agent
  - Informed them of non-compliance issue:
    - Piers not constructed to permitted dimensions or constructed without authorization



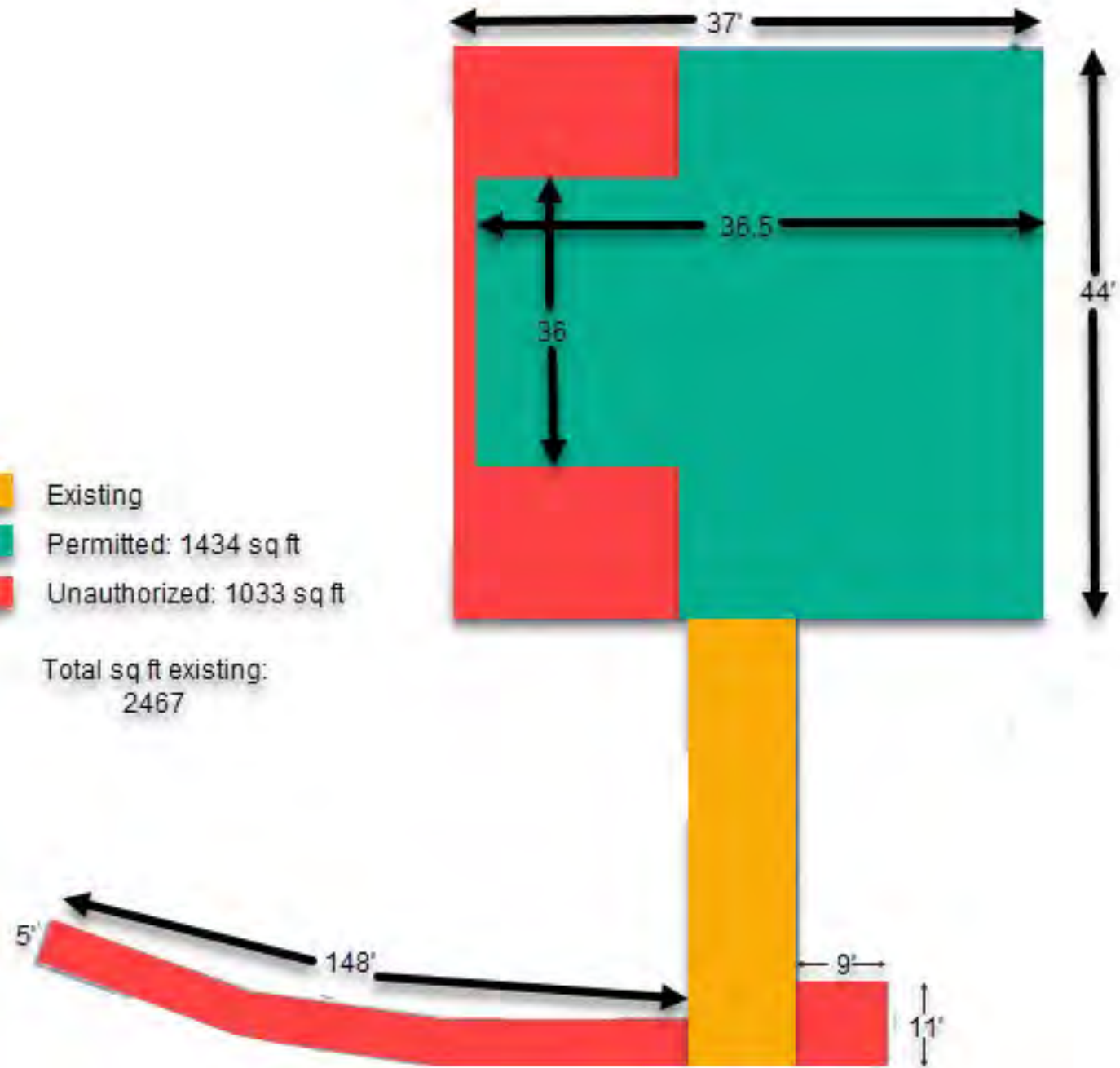
Measurements from Site Visit on August 1, 2023  
2,466.531 Total Square Feet (Excludes Access Pier)



# Constructed Structures

- Existing
- Permitted: 1434 sq ft
- Unauthorized: 1033 sq ft

Total sq ft existing:  
2467













# Project Chronology for Violation

- April 20, 2023: Request for After-the-Fact authorization for the piers submitted to the MDMR by the agent
- April 21, 2023: MDMR sent Request for Review of After-the-Fact Application to Coastal Program Agencies, MS SOS, and USACE

## Recommendation for Piers

- **The staff of the Department of Marine Resources has conducted an evaluation of the existing and proposed structures. Because the piers would have been eligible for a Certificate of Exclusion, staff recommends:**
  - **Approval for the piers as constructed**



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# Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

Agency Financial Results  
as of July 31, 2023



Key Metrics:

- State Revenue of \$3M
- Agency Revenue of \$3M
- State Net Income of \$2.7M
- Agency Net Income of \$2.5M

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES**  
**Income Statement - Fiscal Year 2024**  
**As of July 31, 2023**

	<b>Federal :</b>				
	<b>GOMESA</b>				
	<b>PHII:</b>				
	<b>NFWF:</b>	<b>Operating</b>			
	<b>State</b>	<b>Non-Federal:</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>Tidelands</b>	<b>Total DMR</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>					
Off-road Fuel Tax	3,050,000	-	3,050,000	-	3,050,000
Sales Revenue	17,058	-	17,058	-	17,058
<b>Current Budget Year Revenue:</b>	<b>3,067,058</b>	-	<b>3,067,058</b>	-	<b>3,067,058</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Salaries, Wages, Fringe	264,967	156,384	421,351	47,407	468,758
Travel	2,887	-	2,887	-	2,887
Contractual Services	2,869	7,112	9,981	9,528	19,509
Commodities	2,247	6,889	9,136	-	9,136
<b>Current Budget Year Expenditures:</b>	<b>272,970</b>	<b>170,385</b>	<b>443,355</b>	<b>56,935</b>	<b>500,290</b>
<b>Current Budget Year Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 2,794,088</b>	<b>\$ (170,385)</b>	<b>\$ 2,623,703</b>	<b>\$ (56,935)</b>	<b>\$ 2,566,769</b>

# Financial Budget Comparison

- After one month of Fiscal Year 2024:

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES**  
**2024 Budget Comparison**  
**As of July 31, 2023**

	<i>Actual Year to Date Expenditures</i>			<i>Budget Year Totals</i>			<i>Percent Remaining</i>		
	<b>Operating</b>	<b>Tidelands</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Operating</b>	<b>Tidelands</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Operating</b>	<b>Tidelands</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>									
Salaries, Wages, Fringe	\$ 421,351	\$ 47,407	\$ 468,758	\$ 14,164,002	\$ 1,304,662	\$ 15,468,664	97.0%	96.4%	97.0%
Travel	2,887	-	2,887	205,186	25,000	230,186	98.6%	100.0%	98.7%
Contractual Services	9,981	9,528	19,509	13,383,163	1,651,000	15,034,163	99.9%	99.4%	99.9%
Commodities	9,136	-	9,136	3,395,771	360,000	3,755,771	99.7%	100.0%	99.8%
Other than Equipment	-	-	-	-	20,000	20,000	-	100.0%	100.0%
Equipment	-	-	-	491,392	130,000	621,392	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Vehicles	-	-	-	-	150,000	150,000	-	100.0%	100.0%
Wireless Devices	-	-	-	6,250	-	6,250	100.0%	-	100.0%
Subsidies, Loans, and Grants	-	-	-	165,584,446	8,814,585	174,399,031	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$ 443,355</b>	<b>\$ 56,935</b>	<b>\$ 500,290</b>	<b>\$ 197,230,210</b>	<b>\$ 12,455,247</b>	<b>\$ 209,685,457</b>	<b>99.8%</b>	<b>99.5%</b>	<b>99.8%</b>

- Operating Funds have 99.8% of Budget remaining
- Tidelands Trust Fund has 99.5% of Budget remaining



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# Mississippi Artificial Reef Program

Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

Courtney Walker

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# NFWF Barrier Island Reef Project

- 860 reef modules deployed on FH-8, 9/11, 10, and Cat Island.
- Initial deployments occurred on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> with final construction completed on July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The modules are constructed on concrete bases using rebar and Florida limestone.





# NFWF Barrier Island Reef Project

FH 8- 200 units

FH 9/11- 215 units

FH 10- 210 units

Cat Island- 235 units

water depth: 12-18ft





# NFWF Barrier Island Reef Project



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# FV Mermentau

- FV Mermentau 149' fishing vessel built in 1989
- Deployed on July 26<sup>th</sup>
- Located on FH-13 in 90 feet of water



# FV Mementau



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# FV GP Chauvin

- FV GP Chauvin 147' fishing vessel built in 1989
- Deployed on July 27<sup>th</sup>
- Located on FH-13 in 90 feet of water





# FV GP Chauvin







GP. CHAUVIN



# Offshore Artificial Reef Sites

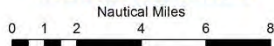
## Offshore Artificial Reef Sites



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Artificial Reef Site

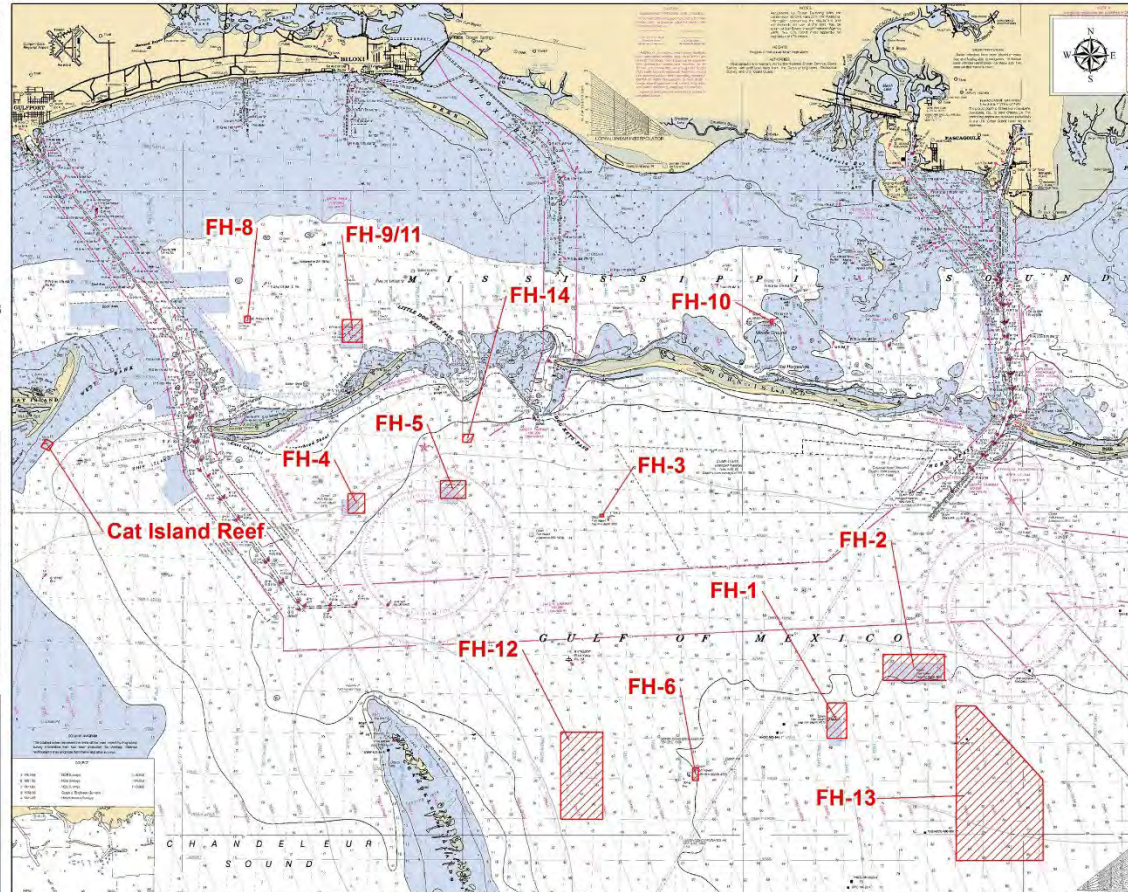
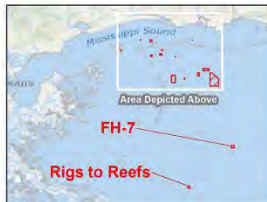
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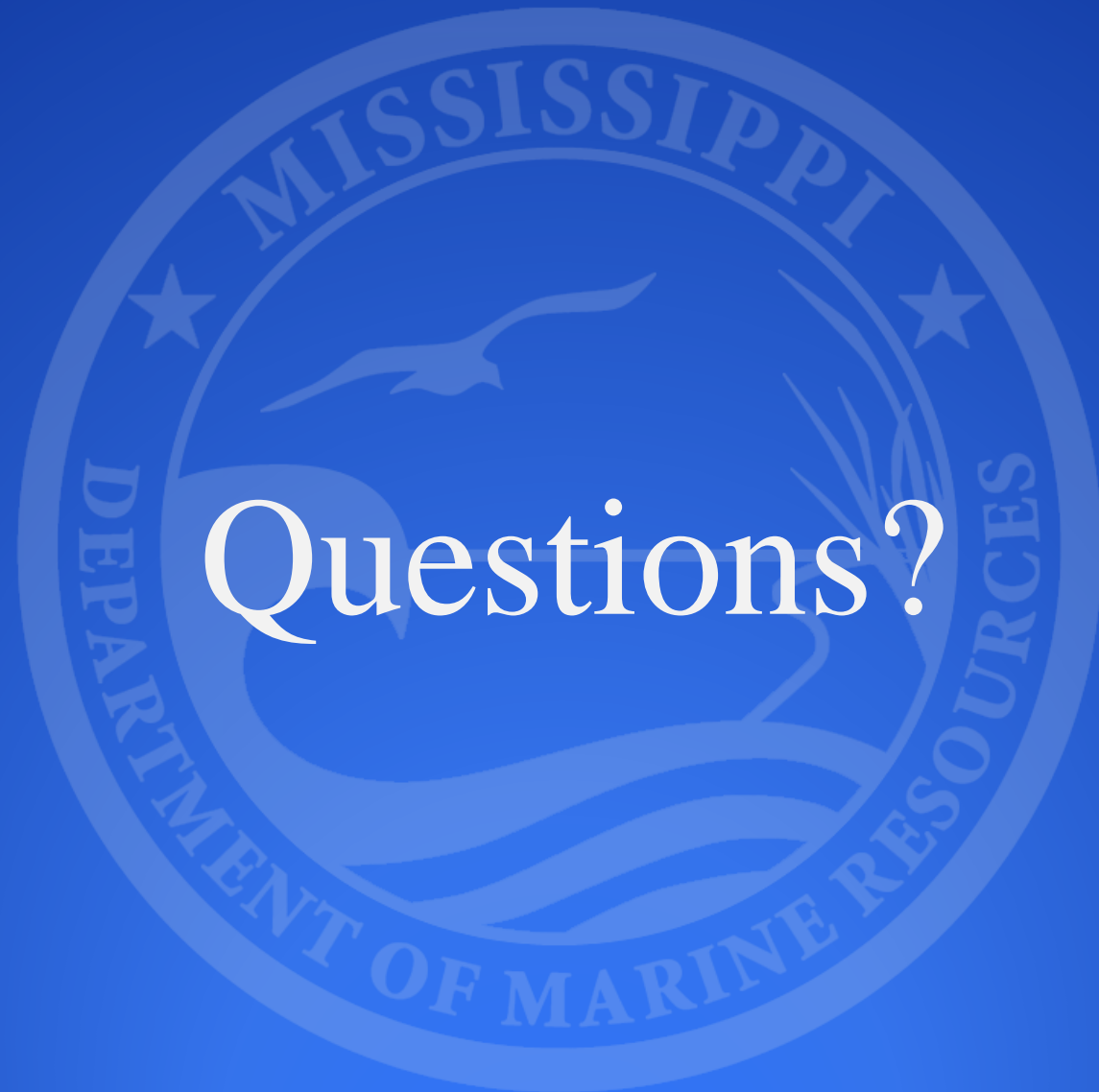
Based on NOAA Nautical Chart 11737  
Mississippi Sound + Appr (Dauphin Island to Cat Island)

**--FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY--**

Fish Haven	Longitude	Latitude
FH-1	-88 36.648	30 03.552
FH-2	-88 33.9	30 05.202
FH-3	-88 45.03	30 09.918
FH-4	-88 53.802	30 10.302
FH-5	-88 50.352	30 10.728
FH-6	-88 41.7	30 01.902
FH-7	-88 24.102	29 57.098
FH-8	-88 57.702	30 16.002
FH-9/11	-88 04.854	30 12.102
FH-10	-88 38.952	30 15.93
FH-12	-88 45.75	30 01.848
FH-13	-88 30.852	30 01.188
FH-14	-88 49.8	30 12.318
Cat Island Reef	-88 53.952	30 15.648







Questions?

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