

FEMA PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Draft Finding of No Significant Impact for Huey P. Long Fish Hatchery Office St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed construction of an office building at the Huey P. Long Fish Hatchery, in Lacombe, Louisiana.

The Louisiana Facility Planning, and Control (FP&C) submitted an application for FEMA Public Assistance funding being administered in response to FEMA-1603-DR-LA, Hurricane Katrina, which was signed as a Presidential Disaster Declaration on August 29, 2005. The FP&C proposes to build an office building for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) to operate the activities of the fish hatchery. Currently, the operations for the fish hatchery and other fisheries research is completed out of two separate buildings; one in Slidell and the other in Point a la Hache. These Hurricane Katrina-damaged buildings have been completely destroyed. FP&C with LDWF have proposed to relocate the functions of the damaged facilities into one newly constructed office building at the Huey P. Long Fish Hatchery in Lacombe, LA.

In accordance with NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), and associated environmental statutes, this EA evaluates the proposed action's potential impacts on the human and natural environment. FEMA's Draft FONSI concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the human and natural environment.

The fifteen (15) day comment period will end on March 8, 2012. Written comments on the proposal may be mailed to:

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Environmental/Historic Preservation
Huey P. Long Fish Hatchery Building
1 Seine Ct.
New Orleans, LA 70114

Or emailed to: FEMA-NOMA@dhs.gov or faxed to FEMA's Louisiana Recovery Office in New Orleans at 504-762-2323; and verbal comments will be accepted at 504-762-2912 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. This Public Notice and FEMA's Draft EA and Draft FONSI can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region6.shtm and is available for public review at the St. Tammany Parish Lacombe Branch Library, 28027 Hwy 190, Lacombe, La (985)-882-7858. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft FONSI will become final and this initial Public Notice will also serve as the final Public Notice.