

Attachment 20 – Threatened & Endangered Species Study

Natchitoches Parish Port
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April 26, 2011

Mr. Robert Breedlove
Port of Natchitoches
P.O. Box 2215
Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457-2215

Re: Threatened and Endangered Species Survey and Archeological Assessment, Port of Natchitoches,
Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Breedlove:

As per your request, this letter will provide a summary of the threatened and endangered species (T&ES) and cultural resources assessment done for the above-referenced property.

In June 2010 Eagle Environmental Services, Inc. (Eagle) was contacted by the Port of Natchitoches and asked to perform a T&ES assessment and archeological assessment for a parcel of land in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana.

Eagle conducted a search of U.S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS) databases to determine if T&ES were located in Natchitoches Parish. The USFWS determined that the proposed Port of Natchitoches project would not pose a threat to any T&ES. The USFWS provided a letter clearing the subject property for development on January 10, 2011 (attached).

Similarly, Eagle conducted a search of the Louisiana Office of Cultural Development (OCD) databases to determine if any archeologically important areas were present on or near the subject property. In addition, a letter was sent to the OCD on December 7, 2010 requesting information on cultural resources at or near the subject property. The OCD determined that the subject property is in an area of moderate to high probability for archeological deposits and requested that a full archeological assessment be conducted on the property prior to development. A list of qualified archeologists was provided by the OCD and subsequently passed on to the Port of Natchitoches.

Eagle appreciates the opportunity to work with the Port on this project and looks forward to working with you on future endeavors. If you need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me at 225-757-0870.

Sincerely,

Madeline Murphy
Eagle Environmental Services, Inc.

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January 4, 2011

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Louisiana Ecological Services Field Office
646 Cajundome Boulevard
Suite 400
Lafayette, Louisiana 70506
Attn: Mr. Brad Rieck

Re: Port of Natchitoches, Threatened and Endangered Species, TAIL Consultation Code:
43440-2011-SLI-0467

Dear Sir:

On behalf of our client, the Port of Natchitoches (the Port), Eagle Environmental Services, Inc. (Eagle) respectfully requests a letter of concurrence regarding the following matter. The Port has requested a threatened and endangered species survey for a certain tract of land in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana. A map showing the location of the land is attached for your review. The property is to be developed for commercial use. However, no building specifications are available at this time.

Eagle performed a web survey on the U.S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service website and received a list of three endangered species and one candidate species. A list of these species is attached for your review. With regard to the potential impact from construction activities, the Port will take appropriate measures to prevent impact on these species.

The Port wishes to commence construction activities as soon as possible, and respectfully requests a determination from the United States Fish and Wildlife Services. If any additional information is needed, please contact me at (225) 757-0870. Thank you for your continued assistance.

Sincerely,

Madeline Murphy

Madeline Murphy, CPG
Eagle Environmental Services, Inc.

This project has been reviewed for effects to Federal trust resources under our jurisdiction and currently protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act). The project, as proposed,

Will have no effect on those resources

Is not likely to adversely affect those resources.

This finding fulfills the requirements under Section 7(a)(2) of the Act.

Dennis J. Sullivan
Acting Supervisor
Louisiana Field Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Jan 10, 2011
Date