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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2008-875-TMZ

DATE: 16 June 2008

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND  
STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

PROPOSED FILLING NEAR GULF OF MEXICO

PERDIDO BEACH BOULEVARD, ORANGE BEACH, BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

ROMAR MOTOR COACH RESORT, LLC

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

**APPLICANT: Romar Motor Coach Resort, LLC**  
**Attention: Mr. Jim Brown**  
**P. O. Box 1675**  
**Madison, Alabama 35758**

**WATERWAY:** Interdunal swales adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico, Perdido Beach Boulevard, Orange Beach, Baldwin County, Alabama (adjacent to and immediately west of the Orange Beach Welcome Center); Section 13, Township 9 South, Range 4 East; N 30.2625760, W -87.6192218.

**WORK:** The applicant proposes to discharge fill material into 0.85 acre of jurisdictional wetlands (interdunal swales) for the purpose of constructing a 22-unit luxury RV park at a 4.35-acre parcel located off Perdido Beach Boulevard in Orange Beach, Alabama. Approximately 2.19 acres of wetlands will be avoided, including 1.01 acre of high quality wetlands at the north end of the parcel consisting of *Cladium* marsh. In order to compensate for the unavoidable loss of wetlands impacted by this project, the applicant proposes to purchase the appropriate number of mitigation credits from a Corps-approved wetland mitigation bank.

The applicant has applied for state water quality (WQ) certification in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, and for coastal zone (CZ) consistency in accordance with the State Coastal Zone Management Program. Upon completion of the required advertising and public comment review, a determination relative to WQ certification and CZ consistency will be made by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can be based. For accuracy and completeness of the record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for

support or opposition. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and use of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Evaluation of the probable impacts involving deposits of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the undertaking defined in this notice is being considered for the potential to effect cultural and historic properties within the permit area. Although the extent of federal control and responsibility for these considerations are confined to the limits of the permit area for this particular project, the potential indirect effects that may occur to historic properties as a result of this undertaking are also being considered. We are seeking comment from the State Historic Preservation Officer, federally-recognized American Indian tribes, local historical societies, museums, universities, the National Park Service, and concerned citizens regarding the existence or the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties within the permit area. Historic architectural or archaeological investigations may be necessary to ascertain the existence of such resources. Efforts will be made through the consultation process to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects to significant cultural and historic properties that may occur as a result of this undertaking. The district engineer remains the final decision authority.

Preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicates that the proposed activity will not affect listed endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat. The Mobile District has determined that the proposed action would not adversely impact Essential Fish Habitat or associated fisheries managed by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council or the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2008-875-TMZ and should be directed to:

District Engineer  
U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile  
Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-000  
Attention: Regulatory Division

with a copy to the:

Alabama Department of Environmental Management  
4171 Commanders Drive  
Mobile, Alabama 36615

Comments should be received no later than 30 **days** from the date of this Public notice.

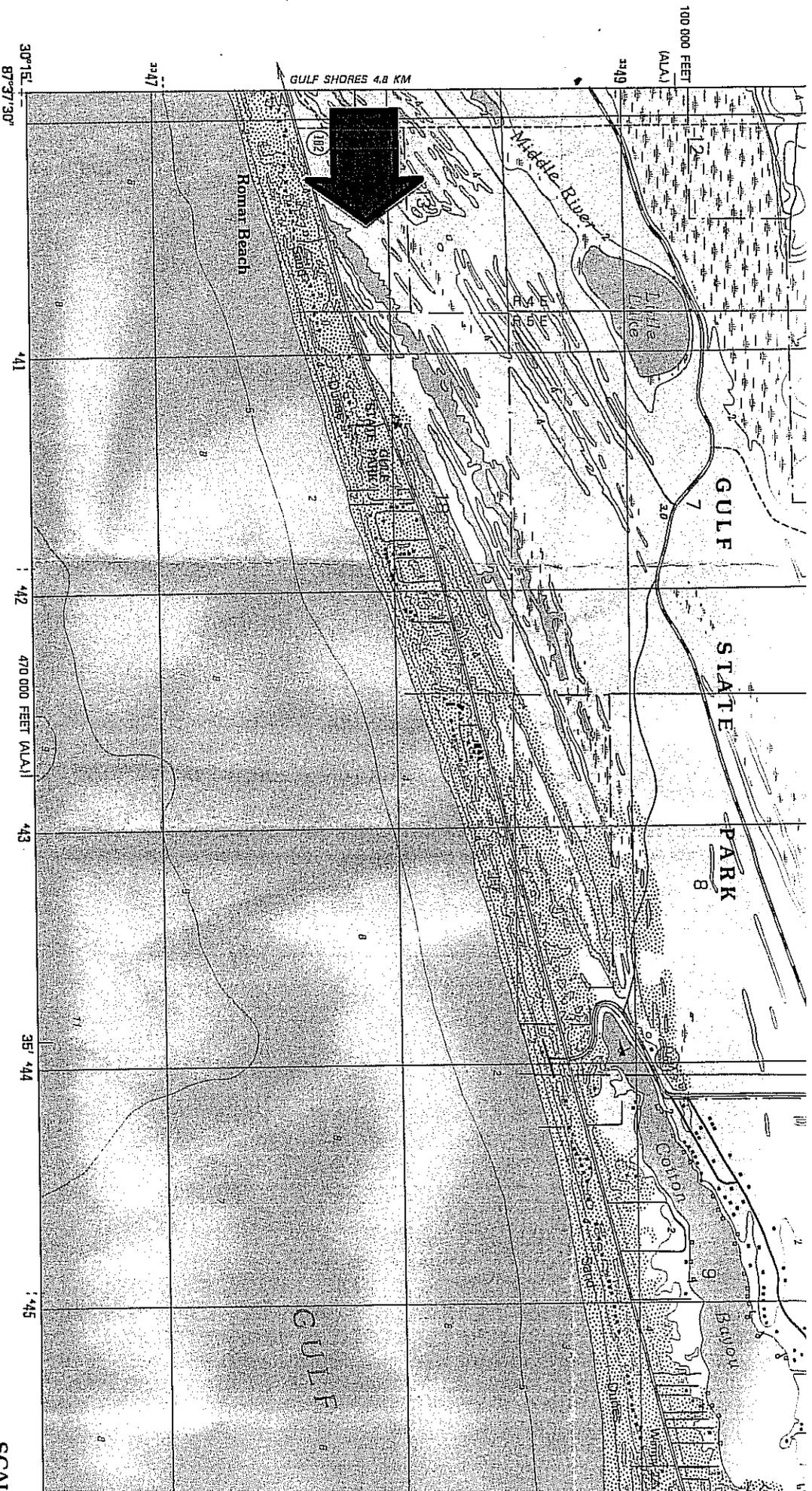
If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager via e-mail at [tad.m.zebryk@usace.army.mil](mailto:tad.m.zebryk@usace.army.mil) or telephone number **(251) 694-2658**. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineer





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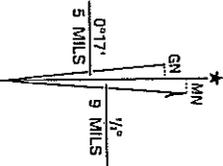
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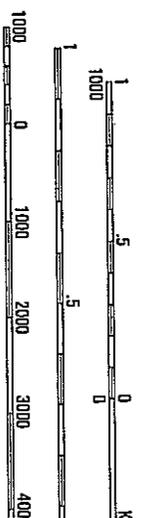
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 (transverse Mercator)  
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 system, west zone and Florida coordinate system, north zone  
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid, zone 16  
 1927 North American Datum  
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 the National or State reservations shown on this map



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**CONTOUR II**  
 NATIONAL GEODETIC  
 CONTROL ELEVATIONS SHOWN  
 OTHER ELEVATIONS SHOWN  
 DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS II  
 THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN  
 SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE PERIODIC TIDES

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