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Bayport Public Notice proposing preservation of two additional mitigation areas available for public comment

GALVESTON — The public has the opportunity beginning August 12 to comment on a new Corps of Engineers' Public Notice on the proposed Bayport Ship Channel Container/ Cruise Terminal Project.

The notice describes the Port of Houston Authority's proposed preservation of two new mitigation areas to compensate for habitat and ecological values at the project site. The mitigation areas are the 456-acre Banana Bend Tract on the east bank of the San Jacinto River near the Community of Highlands in Harris County, and a 500-acre tract of primarily coastal prairie located primarily within the floodplain or floodway of the Cypress Creek watershed. The Port of Houston Authority proposes to determine the exact location of the 500-acre coastal prairie tract at a later date in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Individuals wishing to comment may send written remarks to the Corps of Engineers at: USACE, Galveston District, Attn: Mr. Fred Anthamatten, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, Texas 77553. Final deadline for public comment is September 12, 2003.

The public notice, No. 21520 (revised), will be available for viewing on August 12 on the Galveston District's web page at www.usace.army.mil and is also being mailed to over 2,000 members of the public, Federal, State, and local agencies and officials, and other interested parties.