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**Department of Public Safety and Corrections
Oil Spill Coordinator's Office**

**LWMIWCB Crude Oil Discharges
Notice of Availability of a Final Settlement Agreement**

Action: Notice of availability of a Final Settlement Agreement (Final SA) and Final Damage Assessment and Preliminary Restoration Plan (Final DAPRP) for LOSCO NRDA case files: #LA2003_0302_0716 [Lake Washington 2003]; #LA2003_1202_1200 [Mendicant Island 2003]; and #LA2005_0419_1950 [West Champagne Bay 2005], collectively referred to as LWMIWCB.

Agencies: Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office, Department of Public Safety and Corrections (LOSCO); Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ); Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LDNR); Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF); and Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA).

Summary: Notice is hereby given that a document entitled, "Settlement Agreement Lake Washington (2003), Mendicant Island (2003), and West Champagne Bay (2005)" is available to the public. The Final SA was negotiated by the Trustees and ExxonMobil Pipeline Company (EMPCo) to recover damages for injuries to natural resources and services resulting from the incidents. The Final SA is a binding agreement in which EMPCo agrees to pay the Trustees \$2,082,119.29 for past assessment costs, future trustee costs, and future restoration project implementation costs associated with a Trustee-implemented compensatory restoration project as described in the Final DAPRP (Attachment I of the Final SA). The Final DAPRP provides information on the natural resource injury determinations conducted as part of the NRDA and identifies the Trustees' preliminary restoration plan for compensating the public for

injuries to natural resources and services resulting from the three incidents. Execution of the Final Settlement Agreement by the Trustees and EMPCo shall provide the basis for compensating the public for injuries to natural resources and services resulting from the incidents.

Interested members of the public are invited to view the Final SA and Final DAPRP via the internet at <http://www.losco.state.la.us> (look under Newsflash/current news for LWMIWCB Final Settlement Agreement Available) or by requesting a copy of the documents from Chuck Armbruster at the address provided below:

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Supplementary Information: The public was provided an opportunity to review and comment on the Draft SA and Draft Damage Assessment and Preliminary Restoration Plan documents during the public comment period, which extended from July 20, 2017 to August 20, 2017. Public review is consistent with all federal and state laws and regulations that apply to the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) process, including the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA) (33 USC 2701 et seq.) and the Louisiana Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act of 1991 (OSPRA) (La. Rev. Stat. 30:2451 et seq.). The Trustees did not receive comments during the public comment period and have executed the Final SA.

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