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Completed Sensitive Area Designation for Pleasant Lake

Dear Pleasant Lake Community Members,

The Department of Natural Resources (Department) recently completed the report regarding sensitive areas on Pleasant Lake. The Department notified residents (via a direct mailing) of the proposed sensitive areas on March 20th, 2007. Public presentations on the proposed sensitive areas occurred on two separate occasions: July 22nd, 2006 and April 21st, 2007. A follow up meeting was held with the board members from both the Pleasant Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District and the Pleasant Lake Property Owners Association on February 14th, 2009. This letter serves to notify you that the process of designating sensitive areas on Pleasant Lake has been completed.

A number of written and verbal comments were provided to the Department by landowners. Department staff conducted a follow up field visit in the summer of 2007 to address comments provided by landowners. A map of the <u>finalized sensitive area</u> locations is enclosed, as well as a copy of the final report.

Sensitive areas are defined in Natural Resource Code NR 107.05 (3)(i)(1) as "areas of aquatic vegetation identified by the department as offering critical or unique fish and wildlife habitat, including seasonal or lifestage requirements, or offering water quality or erosion control benefits to body of water."

The Department appreciates the time that many of you took to submit your comments regarding the sensitive areas on Pleasant Lake. If you have any additional questions, please contact me at 262,574,2130.

Sincerely,

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