

PHASE IV DEBRIS REMOVAL SURVEY
Preliminary Environmental Unit Review

Waterway: 7012 St Charles Parish nearshore waters (GOMMDP)

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Checklist of Environmental Factors – Assess the potential for impacts to the following resources/areas and coordinate as necessary:

Habitat/environmental sensitivity

Restrict survey to waterway. Do not cause physical damage to wetland shorelines.

Threatened/endangered species

Cultural/historical resources

Oyster habitat

State/federal/tribal lands

Scenic waterway

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Summary and Conclusions of Environmental Review:

Habitat/environmental sensitivity: ESI index indicates that forested wetlands dominate the shoreline from the John the Baptist/St Charles Parish line to Bayou LaBranche and intermediate marsh habitat dominates the shoreline from Bayou LaBranche to the St Charles/Jefferon Parish line.

Threatened/endangered species: ESI index does not indicate Federally-listed species in open waters of Lake Pontchartrain, along the St Charles Parish lakeshore or within the associated waterways.

Cultural/historical resources: No arc available.

Oyster habitat: No oyster lease areas occur in this waterway.

State/federal/tribal lands: ESI index does not indicate State, Federal or Tribally-managed lands along the St Charles Parish lakeshore.

Scenic waterway: ESI index indicates that Bayou LaBranche and Bayou Trepagnier are Scenic waterways. Though the Act does not prohibit the use of motorized boats in the waterways, there is a potential that constraints may be applied to other operations in accordance with the waterway-specific management plan. Any survey and removal operations that occur at the mouths of either Bayou may require coordination with LDWF (Keith Cascio 318/343-4045).