

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
INTERGOVERNMENTAL NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION
(Use of this form is prescribed in 511 DM 3 and 50 CFR Part 4.4(b))**

<p>1. TO: (Insert multiple addresses if applicable) Jeffrey W. Roesel, Executive Director Regional Planning Commission 10 Veterans Memorial Blvd New Orleans, Louisiana 70124 jroesel@norpc.org</p>	<p>2. FROM: (Organization, address, city, state, ZIP code) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service South Atlantic, Gulf and Mississippi Basin Regions National Wildlife Refuge System 1875 Century Boulevard Atlanta, Georgia 30345</p>
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<p>The Department of the Interior organization listed in Item 2 above is planning to undertake the action identified in Items 3 through 7 below.</p> <p>In accordance with Section 401 of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1963 and Section 102 (2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, we wish to assure that this Department of the Interior action is consistent or compatible with State, regional and local development plans and programs, and to permit State and local assessment of the project's environmental impact. This assessment is requested as prescribed in</p>	<p>Office of Management and Budget Circular A-95, Revised, which provides for the evaluation, review, and coordination of Federal and federally assisted program and projects.</p> <p>If you wish to initiate any discussion regarding this action, please contact us at the address shown in Item 2 above within 30 days of receipt of this notice.</p> <p>Pursuant to Advisory Council procedures as detailed in 36 CFR Part 800.4(a)(1), we request that the following information be provided to the Service: (1) known archeological, historic, and/or cultural properties</p>	<p>within the study area; (2) whether these properties are listed on the National Register of Historic Places or are eligible for listing; (3) information on any cultural resource surveys performed within the study area and an evaluation of the quality of these surveys; and (4) a recommendation on the need for cultural resource surveys, the type of survey needed (and survey methods) and recommendations on the boundaries of these surveys.</p>
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3. TYPE OF PROPOSED ACTION

DIRECT FEDERAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LEASE LICENSE ACQUISITION, USE OR DISPOSAL OF FEDERAL PROPERTY

<p>4. APPROXIMATE DATE ACTION WILL BE TAKEN OR INITIATED</p> <p align="center">Fiscal Year <u>2021</u></p>	<p>5. SITE LOCATION MAP ATTACHED *</p> <p align="center">*Copy of plan enclosed YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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6. DESCRIPTION OF ACTION: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to adjust the Approved Acquisition Boundary of Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. The purpose of this proposed action is to remove 900 acres of land that no longer meets the purposes of the refuge or the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System and include 2,220 acres of land that contains valuable habitat for Service trust species and offers increased public access opportunities.

7. BENEFITS/IMPACTS: The proposed minor expansion of this refuge would enable the Service to protect and manage this additional acreage including freshwater marshes and associated wetlands that provide valuable habitat for native species, including migratory birds. The acreage to be added is currently owned by a willing seller and will offer additional recreational opportunities for the public once acquired.

<p>8. TITLE AND SIGNATURE</p> <p>Regional Director</p>	<p>9. TELEPHONE NO.</p> <p align="center">404/679-4000</p>	<p>10. DATE</p>
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