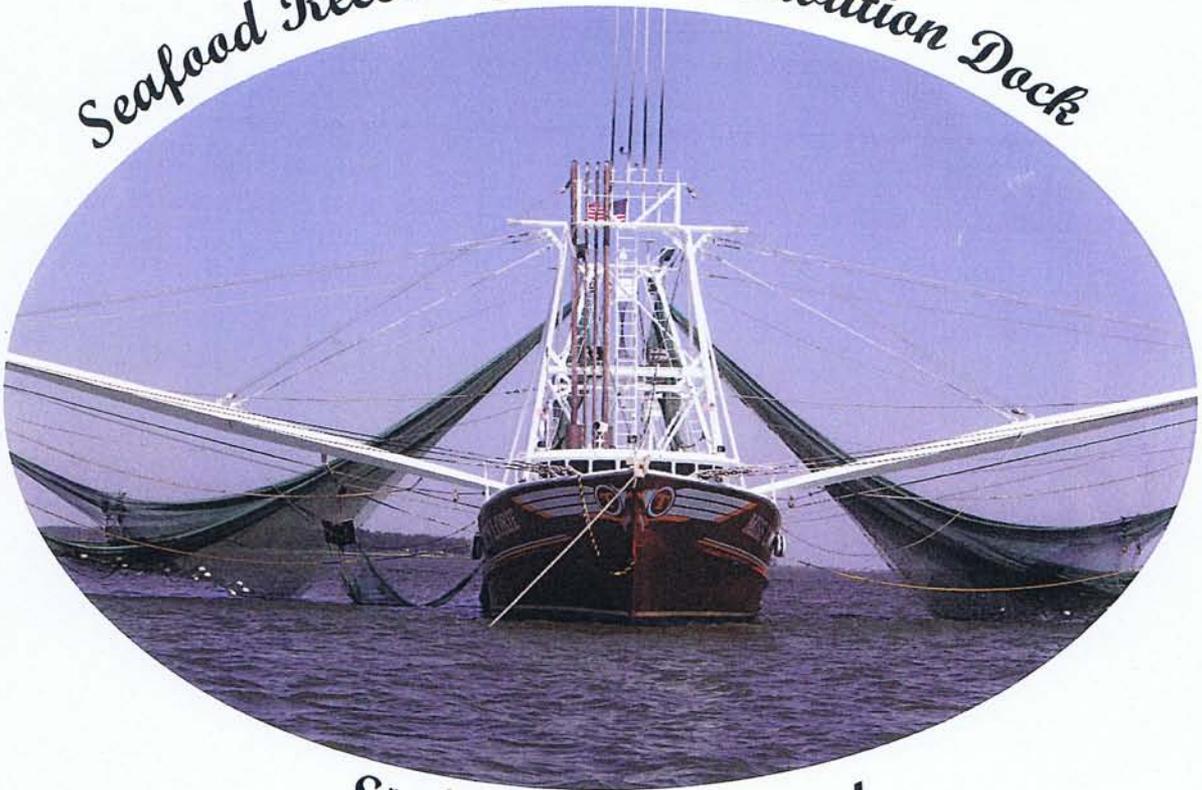




*Seafood Receiving and Distribution Dock*



*Singing River Island*



*Port of Pascagoula, MS*

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September 5, 2012

Mr. Bruce Maghan  
1508 Cedar Point Road  
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Re: Working Waterfront Feasibility Study

Dear Mr. Maghan:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for appearing before the Council on the evening of September 4, 2012, to share your ideas concerning the above referenced matter. After you left the meeting, the Council authorized me to send you this letter indicating the Council's support for your project. We would ask that a copy of the study be furnished to the Council as soon as the same can be completed. Good luck with your project and be assured of the Council's interest in an economic endeavor of this type.

Sincerely,

  
Robert H. Maxwell  
Mayor

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Aug. 2, 2012

Bruce Maghan  
1512 Cedar Point Dr.  
Gautier, Ms

Re: Working Water Front Feasibility Study

Dear Mr. Bruce Maghan:

The Jackson County Board of Supervisors at its July 2 meeting talked about the request to perform a Feasibility Study for a Working Water Front Project at Singing River Island. After the discussion the Board had no objection to the Study being performed and requested a copy of the results.

Mr. Maghan the Board wishes you luck in your venture.

Sincerely,

Mike Mangum  
Jackson County Board of Supervisors  
Vice President

## SUBJECT: WORKING WATERFRONT

The proposed location for this Working Waterfront Seafood Receiving and Distribution Dock is the former Naval Station-Singing River Island, Port of Pascagoula. This facility will provide short-term and long-term mooring, unloading, ice and fuel services. This is a sincere effort to revitalize our local seafood industry, and your help would be most appreciated.

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\*Bruce W. Maghan has been associated with and in the Gulf Coast Seafood Industry since 1963 when he entered on duty as a Fishery Technician at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Exploratory Fishing and Gear Research Base in Pascagoula, Mississippi. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in biology from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1964 after which he authored Fishery Leaflet 607, "The Mississippi Oyster Industry", and co-authored "The Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Resource Atlas". In 1969, he resigned as Fishery Resource Assessment Biologist and entered the seafood business. During this tenure he worked in virtually every facet of the industry including commercial shrimp fishing, high volume value-added breaded fish, oyster, scallop, and shrimp production. In 1990, he partnered a domestic blue crab processing plant which was expanded into other value-added products such as gumbo, bisques, and marinated crab claws. He remained in this business until his retirement in 2010.

## Working Waterfront – Singing River Island Seafood Receiving and Distribution Dock Port of Pascagoula, Mississippi

The purpose of this presentation is to gain support for the establishment of a Seafood Receiving and Distribution Dock in the Port of Pascagoula. This site will serve as a base of operations for our local commercial fishing fleet, which has been in disarray since Hurricane Katrina and has been further impacted by the recent BP oil spill.

When I came to the coast in 1963, Pascagoula was the number one fishery products port in the Gulf of Mexico, and third in the nation. The commercial landings of shrimp, crabs, oysters, and fish for human consumption as well as industrial uses, such as pet food and fishmeal, had an annual economic value in the millions of dollars; this continued well into the 1990's. The remnants of this once thriving industry are the menhaden plants that are still operating in Moss Point; Pascagoula Ice and Freezer Company, which still processes shrimp; and Clark Seafood located just north and west of the new Pascagoula Highway 90 Bridge. In their prime, Clark Seafood received and shipped 28% of all the red snapper and grouper taken in the Gulf. However, Lowery Island has been slated for an alternative use with which Clark Seafood may not be compatible. This could possibly result in the closing of the last dockside unloading facility in the Port of Pascagoula.

Some people may feel that such a facility will take business from the processors in Biloxi when in fact it will provide even more access to fresh catches by permitting them to unload, simultaneously, in two locations.

The former Naval Station Pascagoula, located on Singing River Island, would be the ideal location because of a lack of conflict with other port maritime activities and its proximity to commercial fishing areas. Existing land structures (Fig. 1-4), currently lying dormant, could be modified with a minimal amount of time and expense to make this project a reality. The total cost estimate to complete this project is \$4,716,172.00. (See table 1)

A limited survey located over 50 active commercial vessels in Jackson County of which the Captains and crews have, enthusiastically, expressed their support for this project. Unfortunately, 60% of their catches are unloaded in Bayou La Batre, Alabama due to the lack of local unloading docks. In addition to these boats, there are numerous out-of-state vessels that fish Mississippi waters without a local site to off-load. The lack of local unloading, fuel, and ice docks results in excessive fuel cost when boats are required to run substantial distances in search of such facilities. Mississippi commercial fishery landings are at the lowest level that they have been in years due to Hurricane Katrina and the BP oil spill. The establishment of this proposed dock will serve as a catalyst to strengthen and enhance the prosperity of our commercial fishing industry. The annual economic impact will more than justify this dock. This will be a one-stop in and out operation with no further or value-added processing taking place on this site. All products will be transported via refrigerated trucks to seafood processors and/or fresh markets throughout the nation. In addition, it will provide a central monitoring point for the collection of catch-related data by species which, in turn, will facilitate the scientific management of our marine resources.

We have the opportunity to create a state of the art, one stop unloading and distribution center unlike any other in the country. It will be analogous to an ultra-modern truck stop but for commercial fishing vessels instead.

I think that it is only appropriate that we come to the aid of the industry that laid the very foundation of the coast that we know today.

Your support for this proposal would be most appreciated.



Figure 1: East view of existing land structures



Figure 2: West view of existing land structures