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GOMESA PHASE II PROJECT FUNDING

Request for Funding FY2026

Submission ID: #202509301368

PROJECT SUMMARY

1. Title of Project

Sherman Canaan Fishing Dock Improvements

2. Location of Project

586 Bayview Avenue Biloxi, MS

3. Requesting Organization:

City of Biloxi

4. Requesting Agency Representative

a. Name:

Christy LeBatard

b. Phone:

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d. Email:

clebatard@biloxi.ms.us

c. Address:

P.O. Box 429

Biloxi Mississippi

5. Funding Requested:

\$6583882.50

6. Have any other State or Federal funding sources been identified for the project?

No

7. If yes, enter amount and source of additional funds:

\$

Source of Additional Funds:

8. Total Project Funds

\$6583882.50



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9. Provide Brief Project Description/Overview:

Sherman Canaan Fishing Dock serves as a docking refuge for some of Biloxi's Shrimping Fleet since 1997, housing large steel hulled shrimp boats from 65 to 100 feet in length. The ease of use and access, safer channel, reduced maintenance, and the much needed strengthening of this harbor that will be achieved through this project will be a tremendous asset not only the City of Biloxi but the shrimping industry as a whole.

This project will reconfigure an existing commercial harbor to provide a more viable stern anchor system with a steel bulkhead and will be less viable to storm and collision damage than the current timber piers that are existing. The new bulkhead composed of vertical steel will add protection to the shoreline and marina as well as providing easier access. In addition to stabilizing the shoreline the project will also restore damage to natural marsh grass and vegetation along the banks east of the existing harbor.

In addition to creating a working waterfront and permitting the public to interact with the shrimp vessels, the upland improvements will add functionality to the harbor. The land side improvements will include the construction of boardwalks, lighting, low maintenance native landscaping and educational signage featuring the cultural diversity of Biloxi's seafood industry. This project is designed not only to improve the functionality and resilience of the harbor but also to create a working waterfront for public access.

10. LIST Project Goals/Objectives:

The goal of the project is to improve public access, functionality and resilience to an existing commercial harbor and public dock for the benefit of the seafood industry and the general public.

This will be accomplished through the following objectives: removal of debris, accumulated sediment and invasive plants; construction of a steel bulkhead stern anchor docking system upgrade; improvement of the inner-harbor maneuverability; and installation of land side improvements to encourage and support the seafood industry's and the public's safe enjoyment of the Back Bay of Biloxi Tidelands area.

11. Which of the following authorized uses set forth in the GOMESA Act does this project fall under? Explain SPECIFICALLY and in detail how the project meets the required criteria. Check all that apply - At least one must be checked.

(A) Projects and activities for the purposes of coastal protection, including conservation, coastal restoration, hurricane protection, and infrastructure directly affected by coastal wetland losses

This project will provide hurricane protection for the Sherman Canaan Fishing Dock by replacing the existing timber piers with a new steel sheet pile wall with stern anchor docking system. This system will be more resilient to damage from hurricane and tropical storms. In addition, this project will also include wetlands restoration on the east bank of the harbor to help improve the water quality in that area.



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(B) Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources.

(C) Implementation of a federally-approved marine, coastal, or conservation management plan

(D) Mitigation of the impact of Outer Continental Shelf activities through funding of onshore infrastructure projects.

12. Project Timetable/Milestones:

This project is anticipated to have design complete within 9 months of grant agreement execution. All permits have been received but have expired so will need to be updated. That can be done concurrently with final design. Construction will be completed 12 months after all permits have been received.

13. Project Timing

Short-term (3 year or less)



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APPLICATION SUMMARY QUESTIONNAIRE

14. Current status of architectural/engineering plans & specifications for this project (if applicable):

Group 1:

Permits have been obtained but will need to be updated;
preliminary design complete

Group 2:

Funds not budgeted

15. In what way does this project meet the goals and objectives of the Department of Marine Resources, which includes enhancing, protecting and conserving the marine interest of Mississippi for present and future generations.?

An improved commercial harbor will keep Biloxi's seafood industry competitive which will provide long term economic benefits to the area. This project will promote a vibrant working maritime waterfront with on-site seafood sales which will be now feasible with the rear mooring of the vessels along the shoreline. In addition to the economic and tourism benefits, the harbor will be less susceptible to storm damage thus providing less impact/down time to the seafood industry post-storm.

16. Estimated number of years to completion:

2

17. Estimated Completion Date:

December 2028

18. Prioritize if your agency has submitted multiple projects:

This is the City's 2nd priority.



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BUDGET

Category	Total
Salaries	
Travel	
Architecture & Engineering	956635
Legal	
Consulting	
Construction	5627250
Site Work	
Equipment	
Indirects	
Other	
Total	6583885

Attachments

1. gomesa-canaan-fishing-dock-proposal-09.2025.pdf

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that all information contained in this application packet is true and correct. I have not knowingly or intentionally provided any false information. I understand that a false statement on this application may be grounds for rejection of my application or termination of the award. In addition, a false statement may be punishable under applicable state or federal laws, which may also result in a fine and/or imprisonment.

I certify that the above referenced agency / entity has given me the authority to submit this application.

Name

Phone

Date

Christy LeBatard

228-435-6179

09/30/2025



Sherman Canaan Fishing Dock



June, 2020
Updated September, 2025

Sherman Canaan Fishing Dock Improvements

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This proposed GOMESA project will reconfigure an existing commercial harbor to provide a more viable stern anchor system with a steel bulkhead and will be less viable to storm and collision damage. The new bulkhead composed of vertical steel will add protection to the shoreline and marina as well as providing easier access. In addition to stabilizing the shoreline this project will also restore damage to natural marsh grass and vegetation along the banks east of the existing harbor.

This project would replace the existing timber facility with a workable land based mooring system allowing mariners to work on their vessels more safely. Existing conditions require mariners to pass through other vessel work areas and is positioned over water causing dangerous pathways as well as difficulty to transport materials and goods from the vessels to shore.

The proposed reconstruction of this harbor repositions the moored vessels further away from the marine navigation channel. In addition to creating a working waterfront and permitting the public to interact with the ongoing work on vessels the upland improvements will add functionality to the harbor.

Sherman Canaan Fishing Dock serves as a docking refuge for some of Biloxi's Shrimping Fleet since 1997 housing vessels in length from 65 to 100 feet in length. The ease of use and access, safer channel, reduced maintenance, and the much-

needed strengthening of this harbor that will be achieved from this project will be a tremendous asset to the City of Biloxi, our citizens and our mariners.

Improved water quality with maintenance activities being done along the shoreline instead of over an open pier, reduces the risk of water contamination from spills and debris. Sherman Canaan Fishing Dock Improvements is currently under design and nearing completion. Improving this commercial harbor will mitigate storm impacts, restore and protect the adjoining wetlands and allow safe maintenance of the vessels.



Sherman Canaan Fishing Dock

Existing Sherman Canaan Fishing Dock



Proposed Improvements



Sherman Canaan Commercial Harbor Improvement Project

The City of Biloxi intends to reconfigure the existing harbor to provide a more stable docking facility, reduce collision and maintenance costs, mitigate impacts from storms, enhance conservation and coastal restoration of adjoining wetlands, provide a safer work environment for mariners to service their vessels, and to develop the area into a working waterfront shoreline.

The proposed project is located adjacent to Bayview Ave on the south shore of the Biloxi Back Bay, Harrison County, MS. The Harbor commonly known as Sherman Canaan Commercial Harbor, serves as a docking refuge for some of Biloxi's Shrimping Fleet and was constructed in 1997. The timber structure extends out into the Back Bay approximately 150' feet at which point, there is a "T" Pier covering 735' feet parallel to the shoreline. It is designed for vessels to secure to the existing pier and cluster piles with the stern of the vessel abutting the timber structure. Additionally, vessels stage along the south side of the "T" Pier and the extension of pier from the shoreline. Typically, the facility can accommodate 32 vessels which range from 65' feet to 100' feet in length. Note, offloading of their catch and or selling from this docking facility are prohibited.

The timber structure constantly requires maintenance as it is susceptible to vessel collisions, storm damage from tropical systems and as a result of natural decay and weakening of the timber structure. Also, a significant concern is the safety of the mariners who utilize this structure to perform the required maintenance and or repairs to their vessels.

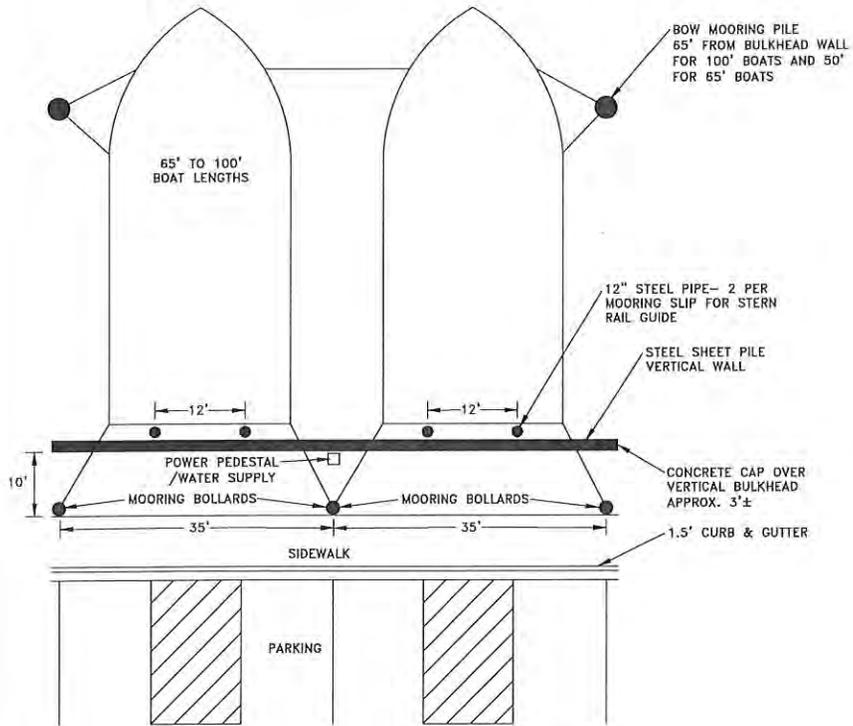
Upon consideration of these issues, the City consulted with Seymour Engineering on developing a Stern Mooring facility providing an optimal docking operation, be constructed of material less susceptible to deterioration and resilient to storm damage and to create a safe working and visiting environment for mariners and the general public who wish to experience such a working waterfront.

As a result of preliminary engineering and development of the conceptual plans included in this application, the City moved forward with submitting for environmental permitting and have received approval from the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources and the United States Army Corps of Engineers for this proposed project.

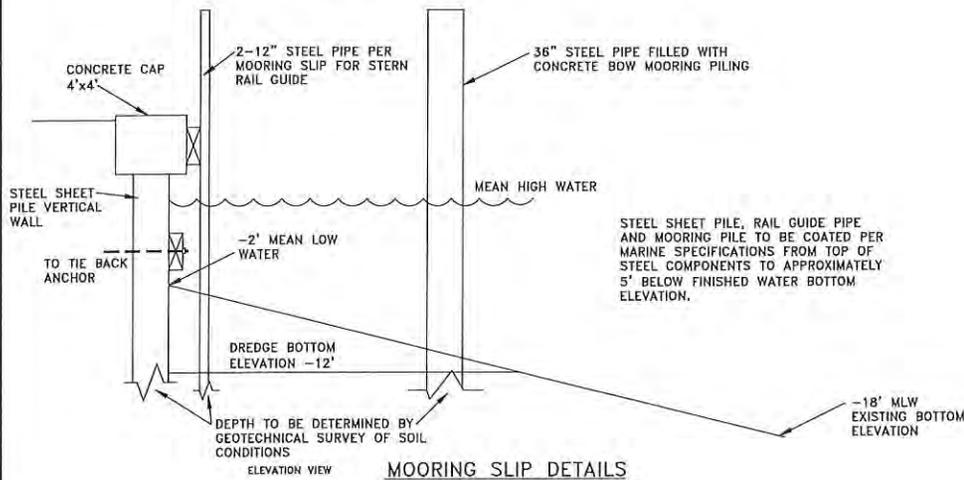
The project consists of a shoreline retaining wall with stern mooring bollards and bow mooring piling in support of docking up to 23 vessels ranging from 65' feet to 100' feet. Access to docking facility and designated work areas will be dredged to a – 12ft MLW and channel to existing boat launch will be dredged to a – 7' feet MLW depth. Also, as part of this reconfigured harbor project, impacted wetlands will be mitigated onsite to a more suitable location to ensure its survivability and effectiveness. The extent of upland improvements within the Harbor facility will be further determined as such time of more investigation and design of the above-mentioned improvements.

The projected budget for removal of the existing "T" pier, construction of the retaining wall, stern mooring components, required dredging, construction of the marsh protection structure, reconfiguration of electrical and water supply to docking area, wetlands mitigation, and establish an adjoining work area, sidewalk and parking immediately south of the retaining wall along with Engineering costs is \$ 5,453,500.

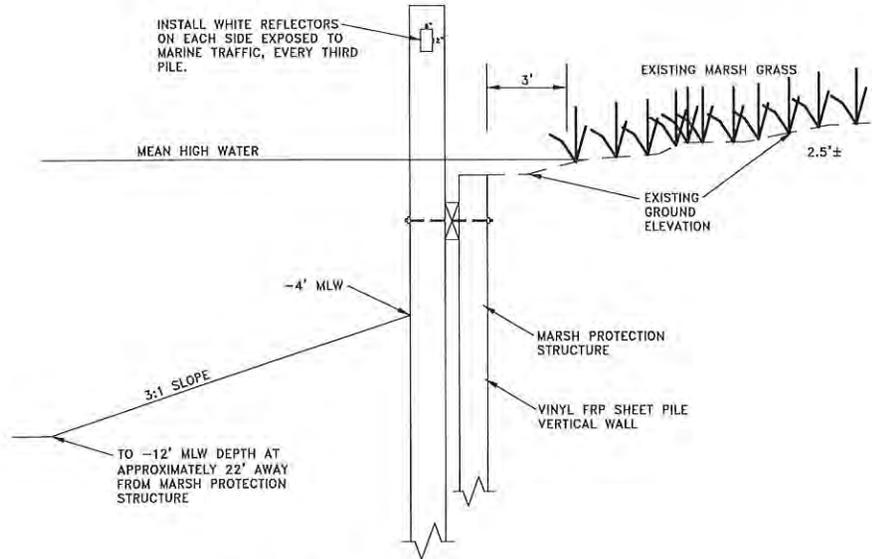
In conclusion, this project meets the City's objective of providing a more stable docking facility, establishes coastal restoration by mitigating impacted wetlands and creates a more structurally resilient harbor thus minimizing damages associated from frequent landfalling Hurricanes and Tropical Storms.



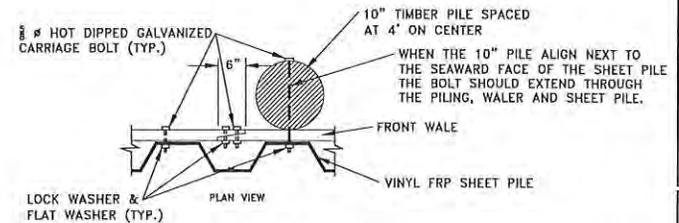
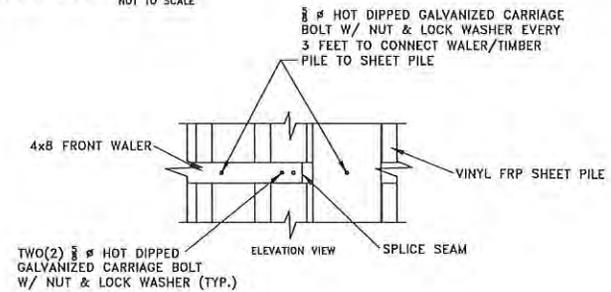
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Date	3/12/2014

Sheet Title
DETAILS

Project Name
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Sherman Canaan Fishing Dock
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ITEM	TOTAL PRICE
Removal of Existing Pier and Bulkhead	\$122,000.00
Dredging	\$732,000.00
New Bulkhead, Moorings, etc.	\$4,026,000.00
Electrical Systems & Utilities	\$244,000.00
Wetland Mitigation	\$61,000.00
Contingency (25%)	\$1,296,250.00
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TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS	\$5,627,250.00
7% ENGINEERING FEES	\$ 393,907.50
CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND INSPECTION	\$ 562,725.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,583,882.50