

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army
Office of the District Engineer
Galveston District
606 Santa Fe Building
Galveston, Texas
31 July 1952

W-N-243-41-PERMIT-1997

The application of the COMMANDING OFFICER, ELLINGTON AIR FORCE BASE, HOUSTON, TEXAS, for establishment by the Secretary of the Army of a seaplane restricted area in GALVESTON BAY at a location central to a point approximately $4\frac{1}{2}$ MILES NORTH FROM PORT BOLIVAR, GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS, will be considered at a public hearing on the subject to be held by the undersigned in Room 721, Santa Fe Building, 25th and Strand, Galveston, Texas, beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, 19 August 1952.

The area proposed as a seaplane restricted area is a rectangle approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ statute miles wide and $5\frac{1}{4}$ miles long. The area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following coordinates:

Latitude $29^{\circ}24'N.$, Longitude $94^{\circ}48'W.$
Latitude $29^{\circ}25'N.$, Longitude $94^{\circ}49'W.$
Latitude $29^{\circ}28'N.$, Longitude $94^{\circ}45'W.$
Latitude $29^{\circ}27'N.$, Longitude $94^{\circ}44'W.$

The following regulations are proposed to govern navigation in the seaplane restricted area:

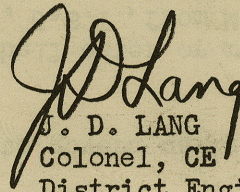
- a. No surface craft of any type shall enter or remain in the area between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., C.S.T., from Monday to Friday, both days inclusive, except as provided otherwise in these regulations.
- b. Clearance for surface craft operating in the area on set schedules and on prescribed routes may be granted upon written application to the Enforcing Officer.
- c. Changes in schedules and routes may be made upon written application to the Enforcing Officer.
- d. Off-schedule operations of craft may be authorized upon special application in each case. These applications shall be made in writing to the Enforcing Officer, except as provided in paragraph e, below.
- e. Commercial fishermen, geophysical exploration crews and personnel of oil companies holding leases within the area will not be required to operate on set schedules or over prescribed routes but, in order to enter the area between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., C.S.T., from Monday to Friday, both days inclusive, they shall have proper identification and the approval of the Enforcing Officer.

f. Surface craft found in the area in violation of these regulations will be warned by message dropped from a low flying aircraft. The message will define the restricted area and the regulations governing navigation in it. When warned in this manner, the surface craft will leave the area immediately and by the most direct route.

g. These regulations shall be enforced by the Commanding Officer, Ellington Air Force Base, Houston, Texas, and by such agencies as he may designate.

All interested parties are invited to be present at the public hearing or to be represented at the above time and place, particularly operators of vessels using Galveston Bay in the vicinity of the proposed Seaplane Restricted Area.

Oral statements will be heard, but for accuracy of record all important facts should be submitted in writing, in quintuplicate, as the records of the hearing will be forwarded for consideration by the Department of the Army. Written statements may be handed to the presiding officer at the hearing or may be mailed to reach this office at least five days prior to the date of the hearing.


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Current Miscellaneous
Information

Seaplane Restricted Area
in Galveston Bay
4½ miles N From Port
Bolivar. Galveston Co.

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