

404-10 GROUP

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The 404-10 Group is a society of professional wetland consultants consisting of members primarily located and actively performing work in the states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama and Florida. The 404-10 Group is classified as a non-profit business league dedicated to educating wetland consultants. Our goals are to improve communication with federal and state agencies, promote consistency among consultants when preparing work, provide continuing education opportunities, offer forums for expressing ideas and concerns, and present updates on regulations/legal issues.

A Few Past Activities

- Conference with Corps of Engineers regulatory personnel discussing SWANCC, the Tulloch Rule, definition of fill material, permitting, and the appeals process
- Endangered Species Act workshop in Louisiana with USFWS personnel on the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker,
- Endangered Species Act workshop in Mississippi with USFWS personnel on the Gopher Tortoise,
- Development of minimum standards for wetland delineation reports,
- Delineating Problem Wetlands workshop (Part 1) with New Orleans District, Delineating Problem Wetlands workshop (Part 1) with Mobile District,

Our first regulatory conference, held in June 2001, included as speakers Corps of Engineers regulatory chiefs from the Mississippi Valley Division and the South Atlantic Division, and regulatory branch chiefs from the New Orleans, Vicksburg, and Mobile Districts. Also educating our group were the Appeals Review Officers from the Mississippi Valley Division and the South Atlantic Division..

Membership is separated into 3 categories:

Active Practicing Consultant Member – This member actively performs wetland delineations or Section 404, Section 10 permitting. A minimum number of 3 projects per year are needed to qualify for this membership level. The Active Practicing Consultant has voting privileges. Cost is \$100/year.

Associate Member – This member has a vested interest in the wetland industry and wants to stay abreast of the latest wetland issues. Associate members include mitigation bank operators, developers, landowners, real estate agents, etc. The Associate Member does not have voting privileges. Cost is \$200/year.

Affiliate Member – This member is a co-worker of a paid Associate Member or Active Practicing Consultant Member. The Affiliate Member does not have voting privileges. Cost is \$10/year.