

# SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

UNITED STATES *v.* STATE OF LOUISIANA ET AL.  
(Alabama and Mississippi Boundary Case)

ON BILL OF COMPLAINT

No. 9, Orig. Decided February 22, 1993

## SUPPLEMENTAL DECREE

By its decision of February 26, 1985, the Court overruled the exceptions of the United States to the Report of its Special Master insofar as it challenged the Master's determination that the whole of Mississippi Sound constitutes historic inland waters, and, to this extent, adopted the Master's recommendations and confirmed his Report.

On March 1, 1988, the Court resolved the disagreement between the United States and Mississippi as to that portion of the Mississippi coastline at issue in the above-captioned litigation and directed parties to submit to the Special Master a proposed appropriate decree defining the claims of Alabama and Mississippi with respect to Mississippi Sound. On August 17, 1990, the parties agreed on and submitted to the Special Master a proposed decree in accordance with the Court's decision of March 1, 1988, which was approved by the Court on November 5, 1990. Pursuant to that Supplemental Decree, the baseline (coastline) of the State of Mississippi as well as a portion of the baseline of the State of Alabama was delimited and, by stipulation of the parties, fixed, as described by coordinates in that decree. That portion of the Alabama coastline not described by coordinates in the decree remained ambulatory.

Thereafter, a dispute arose between the State of Alabama and the United States regarding their respective claims under the Submerged Lands Act, 43 U. S. C. 1301 *et seq.*, to offshore areas in which the baseline had not

been fixed by the Court's November 5, 1990 Decree. The parties thereafter filed a joint motion with this Court, requesting that the Court invoke its continuing jurisdiction to supplement the November 5, 1990, Decree. 111 S. Ct. 377 (1990). With that motion the parties submitted for the Court's consideration a supplemental decree which would fix that portion of the Alabama baseline that had heretofore remained ambulatory, resolve the existing dispute, and avoid future jurisdictional controversies over the State of Alabama Submerged Lands Act grant.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows:

1. The parties' joint motion to supplement the Court's Decree of November 5, 1990 is granted.

2. For the purpose of the Court's Decree herein dated December 12, 1960, 364 U. S. 502 (defining the boundary line between the submerged lands of the States bordering the Gulf of Mexico), the coastline of the States of Alabama and Mississippi shall be determined on the basis that the whole Mississippi Sound constitutes state inland waters;

3. For the purposes of the said Decree of December 12, 1960, the coastline of Alabama includes:

(a) That portion of a straight line from a point on the eastern tip of Petit Bois Island where  $X=215985$  and  $Y=77920$  in the Alabama plane coordinate system, west zone, and  $X=637152.89$  and  $Y=198279.25$  in the Mississippi plane coordinate system, east zone, to a fixed point previously described as the western tip of Dauphin Island by the Court's Decree of November 5, 1990, where  $X=238690$  and  $Y=84050$  in the Alabama plane coordinate system, west zone, and  $X=659783.79$  and  $Y=204674.56$  in the Mississippi plane coordinate system, east zone, lying on the Alabama side of the Alabama-Mississippi boundary;

(b) A straight line from the fixed point previously described as the western tip of Dauphin Island where  $X=238690$  and  $Y=84050$  in the Alabama plane coordinate system, west zone, to a point on the western tip Dauphin

Island where X=240239.49 and Y=85266.90 in the same coordinate system;

(c) The baseline delimiting Dauphin Island determined by the following points in the Alabama plane coordinate system, west zone:

	E. COORD. X	N. COORD. Y
A LINE FROM	240491.79	84972.10
THROUGH	240848.85	84605.82
THROUGH	241013.42	84311.65
THROUGH	241205.05	84118.32
THROUGH	241590.69	84065.03
THROUGH	242142.09	83879.22
THROUGH	242413.48	83796.45
THROUGH	242694.43	83824.75
THROUGH	243220.74	83810.88
THROUGH	243580.37	83798.21
THROUGH	244027.43	83744.51
THROUGH	244536.27	83740.89
THROUGH	244878.06	83687.95
THROUGH	245246.75	83715.64
THROUGH	245641.25	83672.44
THROUGH	245973.56	83518.55
THROUGH	246464.50	83464.57
THROUGH	246886.11	83532.32
THROUGH	247307.57	83579.87
THROUGH	247711.06	83566.93
THROUGH	248158.99	83634.51
THROUGH	248606.77	83681.89
THROUGH	248905.97	83811.13
THROUGH	249204.96	83910.07
THROUGH	249538.75	83968.36
THROUGH	249890.17	84036.63
THROUGH	250276.60	84094.56
THROUGH	250934.57	84090.00
THROUGH	251636.34	84075.04
THROUGH	252313.25	84272.42

THROUGH	252936.89	84379.26
THROUGH	253683.35	84485.27
THROUGH	254464.61	84550.64
THROUGH	255158.29	84636.83
THROUGH	255930.50	84661.89
THROUGH	256527.80	84768.97
THROUGH	257100.01	85058.07
THROUGH	257636.92	85317.12
THROUGH	258244.41	85636.31
THROUGH	258841.55	85723.22
THROUGH	259456.50	85850.44
THROUGH	260045.14	85977.84
THROUGH	260695.58	86165.45
THROUGH	261143.78	86283.70
THROUGH	261758.98	86451.36
THROUGH	262312.84	86629.54
THROUGH	262734.31	86687.37
THROUGH	263076.76	86735.63
THROUGH	263313.48	86713.86
THROUGH	263594.99	86833.24
THROUGH	264034.80	87012.20
THROUGH	264447.62	87090.31
THROUGH	264763.68	87128.65
THROUGH	265255.32	87186.05
THROUGH	265712.59	87354.81
THROUGH	266107.99	87453.26
THROUGH	266626.20	87550.92
THROUGH	267179.63	87668.56
THROUGH	267829.73	87815.89
THROUGH	268532.21	87922.49
THROUGH	269120.58	88019.73
THROUGH	269691.59	88147.40
THROUGH	270166.31	88306.00
THROUGH	270736.80	88352.87
THROUGH	271281.56	88490.83
THROUGH	271843.72	88608.49
THROUGH	272300.62	88726.82
THROUGH	272915.73	88894.67
THROUGH	273600.55	88991.37

THROUGH	274162.58	89088.86
THROUGH	274601.79	89187.13
THROUGH	274953.35	89296.05
THROUGH	275348.70	89394.61
THROUGH	275796.68	89492.83
THROUGH	276227.06	89581.07
THROUGH	276657.61	89699.62
THROUGH	277219.49	89776.96
THROUGH	277763.57	89814.00
THROUGH	278326.00	89982.26
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THROUGH	280073.43	90284.70
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THROUGH	281179.60	90439.59
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THROUGH	282180.19	90544.63
THROUGH	282829.76	90621.52
THROUGH	283435.09	90638.07
THROUGH	284014.48	90715.40
THROUGH	284698.99	90771.91
THROUGH	285269.60	90849.31
THROUGH	285910.08	90875.79
THROUGH	286568.75	91013.31
THROUGH	287138.94	91020.03
THROUGH	287726.72	91036.75
THROUGH	288393.56	91073.23
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THROUGH	289499.19	91147.55
THROUGH	290086.68	91113.81
THROUGH	290674.16	91080.07
THROUGH	291340.88	91096.39
THROUGH	291946.02	91082.78
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THROUGH	293078.13	91187.37
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THROUGH	298419.12	91055.97
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THROUGH	306268.49	89254.95
THROUGH	306924.94	88988.76
THROUGH	307634.62	88833.42
THROUGH	308274.89	88819.89
THROUGH	308748.98	88898.18
THROUGH	309476.70	88833.70
THROUGH	310161.04	88860.38
THROUGH	310880.04	88806.08
THROUGH	311616.90	88812.31
THROUGH	312309.75	88788.48
THROUGH	312985.68	88885.98
THROUGH	313459.92	88994.64
THROUGH	314171.36	89172.79
THROUGH	314847.17	89250.12
THROUGH	315672.47	89397.41
THROUGH	316234.25	89475.35
THROUGH	316839.88	89553.08
THROUGH	317515.17	89529.44
THROUGH	318086.23	89708.38
TO	318359.83	90040.37
 A LINE FROM	 309362.32	 80499.88
THROUGH	309370.61	80408.91
THROUGH	309540.79	79407.88

THROUGH	309801.70	78972.10
THROUGH	310106.82	78596.70
THROUGH	310446.88	78190.81
THROUGH	310769.82	77865.84
THROUGH	311163.33	77611.21
THROUGH	311591.47	77265.49
THROUGH	312045.73	76879.23
THROUGH	312526.96	76614.06
THROUGH	312920.66	76389.76
THROUGH	313348.99	76074.36
THROUGH	313707.54	75840.15
THROUGH	314162.68	75615.55
THROUGH	314485.89	75331.01
THROUGH	314809.52	75127.30
THROUGH	315220.95	74933.24
THROUGH	315449.46	75002.79
TO	315572.98	75133.48

A LINE FROM	316237.86	74736.09
THROUGH	316429.31	74421.94
THROUGH	316761.32	74137.39
THROUGH	317252.83	74155.09
THROUGH	317805.05	74031.07
THROUGH	318216.92	73917.86
THROUGH	318681.85	73885.21
TO	318858.57	74126.77

A LINE FROM	319734.51	73809.20
THROUGH	320172.46	73645.37
THROUGH	320408.54	73472.46
THROUGH	320793.59	73258.39
THROUGH	321144.45	73226.34
TO	321276.78	73367.11

A LINE FROM	324818.43	70814.04
THROUGH	324993.50	70722.27
TO	325117.15	70883.31

A LINE FROM	333064.90	81503.36
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THROUGH	333168.82	81209.91
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THROUGH	452112.64	91360.62
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THROUGH	453095.47	91763.39
THROUGH	453551.80	91964.84
THROUGH	454078.26	92145.99
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THROUGH	457885.64	93020.19
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THROUGH	459675.36	93553.53
THROUGH	460149.07	93674.22
THROUGH	460596.54	93855.56
THROUGH	461070.28	93996.47
THROUGH	461421.21	94127.42
THROUGH	461912.46	94248.11
THROUGH	462377.40	94378.95
THROUGH	462772.12	94449.25
THROUGH	463079.18	94570.15
THROUGH	463210.60	94438.69
THROUGH	463570.26	94539.35
THROUGH	464087.77	94629.74
THROUGH	464631.61	94740.32
THROUGH	465079.00	94881.31
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THROUGH	467061.55	95525.95
THROUGH	467552.76	95646.73
THROUGH	468158.10	95918.94
THROUGH	468798.42	96090.10
THROUGH	469307.24	96322.01
THROUGH	469780.91	96463.03
THROUGH	470193.23	96664.72
THROUGH	470772.13	96815.78
THROUGH	471245.77	96946.72
THROUGH	471833.42	97087.68
THROUGH	472368.41	97178.18
THROUGH	472903.44	97319.20
THROUGH	473263.04	97409.84
THROUGH	473850.70	97591.24
THROUGH	474473.39	97712.02
THROUGH	474911.95	97873.34
THROUGH	475447.00	98075.00
THROUGH	475894.29	98185.82
THROUGH	476402.97	98316.81
THROUGH	476920.39	98397.28
THROUGH	477393.97	98498.00
THROUGH	477806.18	98629.07
THROUGH	478428.87	98790.32
THROUGH	478946.30	98921.33
THROUGH	479411.09	99001.88
THROUGH	479919.72	99082.41
THROUGH	480366.90	99041.75
THROUGH	480893.00	99001.06
THROUGH	481199.70	98606.93
THROUGH	481322.14	97990.65
THROUGH	481479.95	97929.96
THROUGH	481970.97	97838.79
THROUGH	482269.23	98070.98
THROUGH	482400.89	98333.57
THROUGH	482646.54	98585.99
THROUGH	482909.74	98868.72
THROUGH	483111.46	98959.54
THROUGH	483435.89	98918.98

THROUGH	483953.36	99191.50
THROUGH	484391.89	99403.44
THROUGH	485058.36	99544.58
THROUGH	485488.00	99504.00
THROUGH	485716.07	99705.94
THROUGH	486058.04	99715.91
THROUGH	486408.84	99867.30
THROUGH	486908.66	99917.63
THROUGH	487320.85	100109.42
THROUGH	487820.68	100200.16
THROUGH	488469.63	100452.49
THROUGH	488934.38	100543.26
THROUGH	489407.93	100775.46
THROUGH	489898.99	100906.64
THROUGH	490293.63	101159.08
THROUGH	491003.88	101249.81
THROUGH	491547.53	101370.90
THROUGH	492029.80	101481.91
THROUGH	492617.29	101613.11
THROUGH	493160.94	101734.22
THROUGH	493748.41	101825.03
TO	494142.98	101915.88.

4. The baseline described in Paragraph 3 above shall be fixed as of the date of this decree for the purposes of determining the Submerged Lands Act grant to the State of Alabama and shall from that no longer be ambulatory.

5. The parties shall bear their own costs of these proceedings.

6. The Court retains jurisdiction to entertain such further proceedings, enter such orders, and issue such writs as from time to time may be deemed necessary or advisable to effectuate and supplement the decree and the rights of the of the respective parties.