
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

PORT COMMISSION: 08.18.2026

DATE: 08.10.2026

TO: JODY WEAVER, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KATERYNA THOMAS, GRANTS & CIP COORDINATOR

SUBJECT: REVIEW AND ACCEPT A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION; RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION AND RELEASE OF RETAINAGE FOR THE B1 MIP1 CITY OF PORT LAVACA SHORELINE CLEANUP NO. 582-23-42179

Background:

Taylor Marine Construction completed the removal of the vessels from Site A and Site B during June and July 2026. The vessel removals have been completed, and the required Letter of Destruction confirming destruction and appropriate disposal of the vessels and associated debris has been provided.

The project is now complete, and all required closeout documentation has been submitted.

Request Action:

Staff requests that the Port Commission review and accept the Certificate of Completion and recommend that City Council approve the Certificate of Completion and release of the project retainage to Taylor Marine Construction, subject to completion of all applicable closeout requirements.

Attachments:

Certificate of Completion

Pay Application # 2 (release of retainage, Taylor Marine Construction)

Affidavit of All Bills Paid

Letter of Destruction

Scrap Disposal Confirmation

Photos

WORK IN PROGRESS



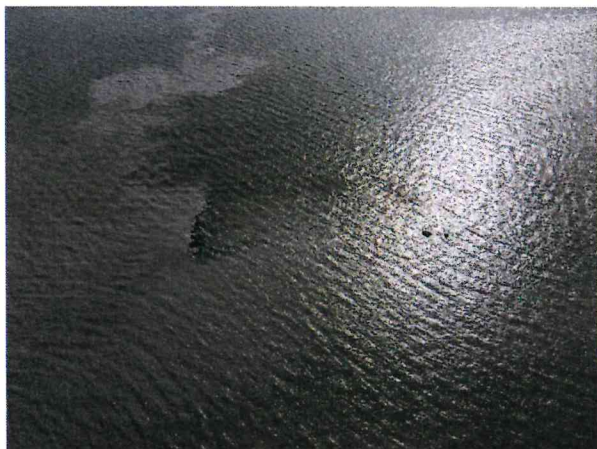
WORK COMPLETED (SITE B)



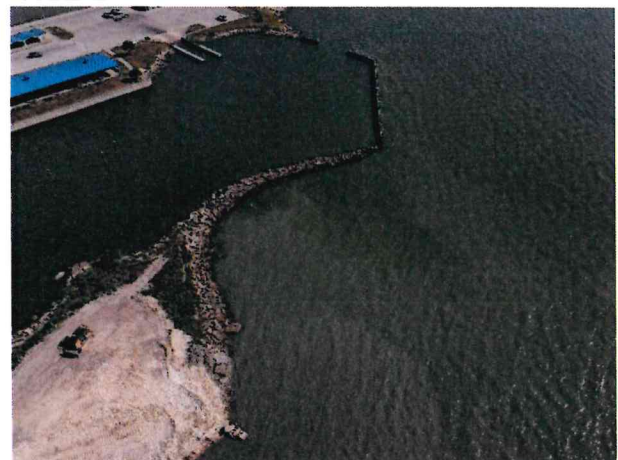
SITE A & B



SITE A



SITE B



To(OWNER): City of Port Lavaca
202 N. Virginia
Port Lavaca, TX 77979

Project: Port Lavaca Shoreline Cleanup
Port Lavaca Waterway

Application No: 2
Invoice No: 295-002
Period To: 7/1/2026

From: Taylor Marine Construction, Inc.
707 Harborside Way
Kemah, TX 77565

Via(Architect): City of Port Lavaca

Architect's
Project No: 295
Invoice Date: 7/5/2026
Contract Date: 1/27/2026

CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY	ADDITIONS	DEDUCTIONS
Approved previous months	0.00	0.00
Approved this month	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	0.00	0.00
Net change by change orders	0.00	

1. ORIGINAL CONTRACT SUM.....\$	407,000.00
2. Net change by Change Orders.....\$	0.00
3. CONTRACT SUM TO DATE(Line 1 +/- 2).....\$	407,000.00
4. TOTAL COMPLETED & STORED TO DATE.....\$	407,000.00
5. RETAINAGE.....\$	0.00
6. TOTAL EARNED LESS RETAINAGE.....\$	407,000.00
(Line 4 less Line 5)	
7. LESS PREVIOUS CERTIFICATES FOR PAYMENT.....\$	366,300.00
(Line 6 from prior Certificate)	
8. SALES TAX.....\$	0.00
9. CURRENT PAYMENT DUE.....\$	40,700.00
10. BALANCE TO FINISH, PLUS RETAINAGE.....\$	0.00
(Line 3 less Line 6)	

A	B	C	D	E	F	G		H	I
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	SCHEDULED VALUE	WORK COMPLETED		MATERIALS PRESENTLY STORED (Not in D or E)	TOTAL COMPLETED AND STORED TO DATE (D+E+F)	% G/C	BALANCE TO FINISH (C-G)	RETAINAGE
			FROM PREV. APPLICATION (D+E)	THIS PERIOD					
1	Mobilization	107,000.00	107,000.00	0.00	0.00	107,000.00	100	0.00	0.00
2	Removal of Site A	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	100	0.00	0.00
3	Removal of Site B	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	100	0.00	0.00
4	Demobilization	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	100	0.00	0.00
	Totals	407,000.00	407,000.00	0.00	0.00	407,000.00	100	0.00	0.00

8/06/2026 Approved for payment. Kiffeth

CERTIFICATE OF FINAL COMPLETION

OWNER: City of Port Lavaca

CONTRACTOR: TAYLOR MARINE CONSTRUCTION, INC

CONTRACT DATE: January 26, 2026

FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$407,000.00

PROJECT: RESTORE BUCKET 1 MITIGATION SHORELINE CLEANUP CONTRACT NO. 582-23-42179

OWNER'S CONTRACT NO.: N/A

This Certificate of Final Completion applies to all Work under the Contract Documents. Final payment of retainage will not be made until Letter of Destruction is received from Contractor.

The Work to which this certificate applies has been inspected by authorized representatives of OWNER, CONTRACTOR, and Administration, and the Work is hereby declared to be complete in accordance with the Contract Documents on:

Date of Final Completion & Beginning of Warranty Period: **07-05-2026**

Executed by Kim Griffith on August 4th, 2026.

By: Kim Griffith

(Printed Name)

By: Kim Griffith

(Authorized Signature)

Taylor Marine Construction, Inc (Contractor) accepts this Certification of Final Completion on August 6th, 2026.

By: Julius Taylor, III

(Printed Name)

By: Julius Taylor III

(Authorized Signature)

City of Port Lavaca (Owner) accepts this Certificate of Final Completion on _____, 2026.

By: _____

(Printed Name)

By: _____

(Authorized Signature)

AFFIDAVIT OF ALL BILLS PAID

THE STATE OF Texas

COUNTY OF Galveston

Julius Taylor, III personally appeared before the undersigned authority on this day and, having been duly sworn, states under oath that he is a duly authorized representative of the Contractor, Taylor Marine Construction, Inc., and that the Contract for the Restore Bucket 1 Mitigation Shoreline Cleanup Contract No. 582-23-42179 has been fully completed and that all bills of the subcontractors for labor, materials and equipment, and supplies furnished in connection with this Project have been fully paid.

Signature Julius Taylor III

Typed Name Julius Taylor, III

Title President

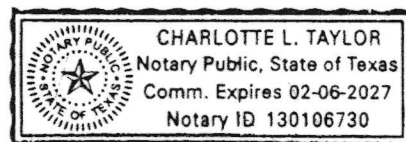
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of August, 2026.

Notary Signature Charlotte Taylor

Printed Name Charlotte Taylor

In and for the State of Texas

Commission Expires 2/6/27





(713) 784-3330

7177 Cavalcade St. Houston, TX 77028

www.scraptradingint.com

July 30, 2026

Taylor Marine Construction
707 Harborside Way
Kemah, TX 77565

To whom it may concern:

This certificate of destruction is to be kept on record to certify that 147,040 lbs of scrap metal material received by Scrap Trading International from Taylor Marine Construction on July 18, 2026, originating from City of Port Lavaca Derelict Vessel Removal Project has been processed and destroyed from its original state and sent to a steel mill to be recycled and melted down. Scrap Trading International operates within Harris county and follows and meets all the permitting, licensing, and environmental requirements as defined by the county and its regulatory agencies.

If you have any questions, please reach out to (713)784-3330 or info@scraptradingint.com.

Sincerely,

Ilan Melnik

Ilan Melnik
CEO



**TAYLOR MARINE
CONSTRUCTION, INC.**

707 Harborside Way
Kemah, TX 77565
713-560-0140
Fax 910-222-3037

August 3rd, 2026

City of Port Lavaca

Re: Scrap Disposal Confirmation

Let it be known that Taylor Marine Construction Inc. is satisfied with Scrap Trading International's disposal of the derelict barge material removed on the Restore Bucket 1 Mitigation Shoreline Cleanup Project (Contract No. 582-23-42179) in Port Lavaca, Texas.

Andrew Cole

Chief of Operations
acole@taylormarineus.com



RE: Certificate of Destruction Restore Grant 42179

From Carla Click <Carla.Click@tceq.texas.gov>

Date Tue 8/4/2026 8:36 AM

To Kateryna Thomas <kthomas@portlavaca.gov>

Cc Samantha Litchke <Samantha.Litchke@tceq.texas.gov>; Jody Weaver <jweaver@portlavaca.gov>; Brittney Hogan <bhogan@portlavaca.gov>; Jim Rudellat <jrudellat@portlavaca.gov>

Thank you, Kateryna.

This is sufficient – the two letters (from Scrap Training and from Taylor Marine) connects the dots between the vendors and the project.

Many thanks for your kind attention,

Carla

Carla Click
RESTORE Program Grant Specialist
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
512-239-0671
carla.click@tceq.texas.gov

From: Kateryna Thomas <kthomas@portlavaca.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2026 8:30 AM

To: Carla Click <Carla.Click@tceq.texas.gov>

Cc: Samantha Litchke <Samantha.Litchke@tceq.texas.gov>; Jody Weaver <jweaver@portlavaca.gov>; Brittney Hogan <bhogan@portlavaca.gov>; Jim Rudellat <jrudellat@portlavaca.gov>

Subject: Re: Certificate of Destruction Restore Grant 42179

Good morning, Carla,

I have attached the certification letter from Taylor Marine for your review.

Please let us know if this documentation is sufficient for the Restore Team and for closing out the project.

Kind regards,

Kateryna Thomas
Grants & CIP Coordinator
City of Port Lavaca

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From: Carla Click <Carla.Click@tceq.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 3, 2026 11:49 AM
To: Kateryna Thomas <kthomas@portlavaca.gov>
Cc: Samantha Litchke <Samantha.Litchke@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: Certificate of Destruction Restore Grant 42179

Hi Kateryna,

Since Sam is out of the office right now, I reviewed this with RESTORE leadership. In general, this letter is good supporting documentation for RESTORE to have.

However, it would be helpful to have something from Taylor Marine to City of Port Lavaca that clarifies this Scrap Training certification letter meets Taylor's satisfaction of Scrap's work. It could be as simple as the email Taylor Marine sent to the City to explain the certification letter -- something that connects the dots between the vendors will be helpful for RESTORE audit records.

Many thanks,
Carla

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From: Carla Click <Carla.Click@tceq.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 3, 2026 9:55 AM
To: Kateryna Thomas <kthomas@portlavaca.gov>
Cc: Samantha Litchke <Samantha.Litchke@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: Certificate of Destruction Restore Grant 42179

Good morning, Kateryna,

The RESTORE team will review and I'll let you know if we have any questions or if this is sufficient.

Much appreciated,
Carla

Carla Click

RESTORE Program Grant Specialist

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

512-239-0671

carla.click@tceq.texas.gov

From: Kateryna Thomas <kthomas@portlavaca.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 3, 2026 9:45 AM
To: Carla Click <Carla.Click@tceq.texas.gov>
Cc: Samantha Litchke <Samantha.Litchke@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Fw: Certificate of Destruction Restore Grant 42179

Good morning, Carla

We received the Certificate of Destruction from Taylor Marine, and I would like to check with you whether the language in the certificate is sufficient and will meet the requirements for closing out our grant.

Please let me know if any additional information or documentation is needed.

Thank you,

Kind regards,

Kateryna Thomas
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From: Kateryna Thomas <kthomas@portlavaca.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 3, 2026 9:42 AM
To: Samantha Litchke <samantha.litchke@tceq.texas.gov>
Cc: Kim Griffith <kgkingriffith@gmail.com>; Jody Weaver <jweaver@portlavaca.gov>; Brittney Hogan <bhogan@portlavaca.gov>
Subject: Certificate of Destruction Restore Grant 42179

Good morning, Samantha,

We received the Certificate of Destruction from Taylor Marine, and I would like to check with you whether the language in the certificate is sufficient and will meet the requirements for closing out our grant.

Please let me know if any additional information or documentation is needed.

Thank you,

Kind regards,

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FINAL Invoice, Work log

From Kim Griffith <kgkimgriffith@gmail.com>

Date Sun 7/26/2026 7:30 PM

To Kateryna Thomas <kthomas@portlavaca.gov>; Jody Weaver <jweaver@portlavaca.gov>; Brittney Hogan <bhogan@portlavaca.gov>

 2 attachments (51 KB)

FINAL INVOICE.docx; FINAL WORKLOG.xlsx;

Hello -

At last, attached you will find my final invoice for the CoPL Derelict Vessel Removal Project along with my work log.

I will forward the completed Project Log and pics in a separate email.

It has been a long road for a simple project, but I am so excited that it is complete, and the City can move forward from here. I will contact Kateryna soon to sign-off on Certificate of Disposal and discuss final submission to TCEQ.

Sincerely,

Kim Griffith

Crane and waste barge

From Kim Griffith <kgkimgriffith@gmail.com>

Date Wed 7/1/2026 8:50 AM

To Kateryna Thomas <kthomas@portlavaca.gov>; Brittney Hogan <bhogan@portlavaca.gov>; Jody Weaver <jweaver@portlavaca.gov>; Jim Rudellat <jrudellat@portlavaca.gov>

Removals are complete! Taylor has asked if the barges can remain in place for 2 weeks until their Capt can get here.

Let me know so I can tell Taylor.

Kim