U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

National Wetlands Inventory

Branch of Resource and Mapping Support

Enter Classification code: [   ] (Example: **L1UB1Hx**)

For geographically specific information* (optional), please enter a State code: [   ] (Example: **TX** for Texas)

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Description for code **L2USCh**:

L System **LACUSTRINE**: The Lacustrine System includes wetlands and deepwater habitats with all of the following characteristics: 1. situated in a topographic depression or a dammed river channel; 2. lacking trees, shrubs, persistent emergents, emergent mosses or lichens with greater than 30% areal coverage; 3. total area exceeds 8 hectares (20 acres).

2 Subsystem **LITTORAL**: All wetland habitats in the Lacustrine System. Extends from shoreward boundary to 2 meters (6.6 feet) below annual low water or to the maximum extent of nonpersistent emergents, if these grow at depths greater than 2 meters.

US Class **UNCONSOLIDATED SHORE**: Includes all wetland habitats having two characteristics: (1) unconsolidated substrates with less than 75 percent areal cover of stones, boulders or bedrock and; (2) less than 30 percent areal cover of vegetation. Landforms such as beaches, bars, and flats are included in the Unconsolidated Shore class.
Subclass :

Modifier(s):

C WATER REGIME **Seasonally Flooded**: Surface water is present for extended periods especially early in the growing season, but is absent by the end of the growing season in most years. The water table after flooding ceases is variable, extending from saturated to the surface to a water table well below the ground surface.

h SPECIAL MODIFIER **Diked/Impounded**: These wetlands have been created or modified by a man-made barrier or dam which obstructs the inflow or outflow of water. The descriptors 'diked' and 'impounded' have been combined into a single modifier since the observed effect on wetlands is similar. They have been combined here due to image interpretation limitations. For clarification of the extent of impoundment see discussion of Lacustrine System limits.