



Welcome to the 2024 legislative session! We are excited to be a resource to you on protecting Louisiana's coast, with an unprecedented level of work under way and more on the horizon.

Louisiana's coastline is vanishing at a rapid rate. About 2,000 square miles of coastal wetlands have already turned into open water. Without action, the state will lose as much as 3,000 more square miles. This disappearance of Louisiana's coastline is a dire, albeit unique, crisis, and one of national significance as it affects people, wildlife and jobs across the region and throughout the nation.

Our best shot at addressing this land loss crisis is implementing robust, large-scale restoration projects, along with protection and resiliency measures for vulnerable communities. Fortunately, Louisiana has a globally influential, science-based Coastal Master Plan that has received unanimous support in every one of its iterations in 2007, 2012, 2017 and 2023.

[Restore the Mississippi River Delta](#) is a coalition of the National Wildlife Federation, National Audubon Society, Environmental Defense Fund, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana and Pontchartrain Conservancy. Our groups work together to rebuild Louisiana's coast so that people, wildlife and jobs all thrive. Our work focuses on the many facets of coastal restoration and protection – public policy, science, outreach, education, communications, economics, conservation and more – as we educate and advocate for large-scale rebuilding of the Mississippi River Delta.

Restoring the Mississippi River Delta is a top priority for Louisiana voters. [Recent polling](#) shows they overwhelmingly support urgent action to address the state's land loss crisis through sediment diversions and other science-based projects. About 95% of state voters agree that even if we cannot restore or maintain Louisiana's current coastline, we must work swiftly and efficiently to maintain as much coastal land as possible.

We have compiled educational this packet of information to share more about our work and our priorities. We look forward to being a resource as we shape a better future for the state we love. Our organizations are comprised of numerous experts on Louisiana's coastal issues and the ways we are addressing them. We would be open to meeting with you and your staff to hear your questions. Please feel free to reach out to us directly by emailing Campaign Director Simone Maloz at smaloz@mississippiriverdelta.org.

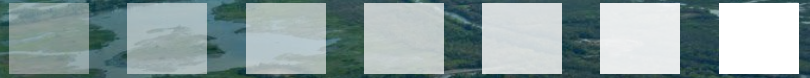
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