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Greetings from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Office of Coastal Management.

NEW BOUNDARY FOR LOUISIANA COASTAL ZONE - PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETING IN LAKE CHARLES

When: Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 5:30 PM

Where: Calcasieu Parish Government Building - Police Jury Meeting Room- 1015 Pithon Street- Lake Charles, LA

****The meeting will begin with an open house session, followed by a presentation, and response to questions by those in attendance.**

The La. Dept. of Natural Resources' (DNR) Office of Coastal Management has scheduled Public Outreach Meetings in several coastal communities to inform citizens about the newly redrawn Louisiana coastal zone boundary and related permitting requirements and to discuss actions taken in the coastal use permit application process. The public and interested organizations are encouraged to attend. Maps of the revised coastal zone boundary will be presented and are currently available on the DNR website.

A new law was recently enacted that revises the inland boundary for the state's coastal zone. According to state government officials, those revisions will enhance the state's ability to reduce coastal hazards and wetland impacts and ensure consistency with the state's Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast.

The boundary changes were presented to the state's Legislature in the form of a comprehensive science-based study that began in 2009, and in this Legislative Session, Houma Rep. Gordon Dove's House Bill 656 (which was based upon that study) was passed. Of the 20 parishes in the coastal zone, the coastal area in 8 parishes has increased, 2 parishes have had a reduction in their coastal area, and 10 coastal parishes remain unchanged.

The following parishes had an increase in acreage -Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, St. Martin, St. Mary, Terrebonne, Lafourche, and Assumption.

Tangipahoa and Livingston parishes had a decrease in coastal zone acreage. There were no boundary changes in Vermilion, St. John, St. James, St. Charles, Jefferson, Plaquemines, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany and Ascension parishes.

For more information online at the DNR website,

<http://dnr.louisiana.gov/index.cfm?md=newsroom&tmp=detail&aid=942>

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