

Appendix B

COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA
JUNE 29, 2009
RESOLUTION NO. ____

**A Resolution Authorizing a Comprehensive Study and Evaluation of the
Louisiana Coastal Zone Boundary**

WHEREAS, the Legislature by Senate Concurrent Resolution 60 of the 2009 Regular session directed that the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority undertake a comprehensive evaluation of the Louisiana Coastal Zone boundary.

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has had a federally approved Coastal Zone Management Program since October 1980, which has been instrumental in improving stewardship and protecting the state's coastal wetlands and resources in addition to increasing public awareness of the importance of coastal wetlands to the economy of the state and to the well-being of coastal residents; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's Coastal Zone Management Program is administered by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Coastal Management; and

WHEREAS, the coastal zone of Louisiana supports numerous natural and economic resources critical to the national economy, including energy and maritime infrastructure and resources, and commercial and recreational fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the coastal zone is home to a high percentage of the state's population and generates over fifty percent of the state's annual revenues; and

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WHEREAS, the inland boundary of the coastal zone of Louisiana is defined in R.S. 49:213.24; and

WHEREAS, since the establishment of the inland boundary of the coastal zone nearly thirty years ago, there have been significant events and changes, including degradation and deterioration of the state's coast, devastating impacts from numerous hurricanes, the adoption of Louisiana's Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast, increasing awareness, and availability of data concerning climatic changes and sea-level rise, improved understanding of storm patterns, establishment of other coastal programs and boundaries, such as the Louisiana coastal area and the conservation boundary, and an unprecedented level of funding being applied to integrated coastal protection and restoration projects; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana has directed the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to reevaluate the adequacy of the state's inland boundary of the coastal zone and to present it with recommendations as to the current inland boundary's adequacy to meet the coastal zone management needs of the state and its residents through upcoming decades and whether a possible revision of that boundary to better serve the current and future needs of our state; and

WHEREAS, coastal zone management is necessary and important to protect the coastal wetlands and resources within the coastal zone, and the cost of protecting such coastal wetlands and resources through coastal zone management is significantly less than the cost to conserve, restore or enhance such coastal wetlands and resources once they are devastated or lost; and

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WHEREAS, there are several Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority member agencies that can make valuable contributions to the effort of evaluating Louisiana's Coastal zone Boundary, and

WHEREAS, there are a significant number of state, local and federal agencies that are not members of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority that can provide valuable information, and other assistance toward the effort of evaluating Louisiana's Coastal Zone Boundary, and

WHEREAS, The expertise gained by the administration of the Coastal Zone Management Program has given the employees of the Office of Coastal Management unique knowledge of the intricacies of Louisiana's existing coastal zone boundary, and the challenges that surround any effort to evaluate and or make recommendations to re-draw this line, making the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Coastal Management the logical agency to lead the effort to conduct a study of the Louisiana Coastal Zone Boundary;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority does hereby direct the Department of Natural Resources, through its Office of Coastal Management to take the lead on behalf to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, and its member agencies in conducting a science-based study of the adequacy of the inland boundary of the coastal zone of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The Department of Wildlife & Fisheries; The Department. of Environmental Quality; The Department of Agriculture and Forestry; The Department of Economic Development; The Department of Transportation and

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Development; the Commissioner of Administration; The Governor's Office of Homeland Security; The Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection; Restoration and Conservation; The Commissioner of Insurance; The Governor's Office of Coastal Activities; The Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office; Louisiana State University's College of Agriculture, and Sea Grant Program; The University of New Orleans; The University of Louisiana, Lafayette; The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS); The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE); The U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); The U. S. Department of the Interior, Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), The U. S. Geological Survey (USGS); The Gulf of Mexico Program; and parish governing authorities are each urged and requested to provide comments, cooperation, assistance, and resources to the Office of Coastal Management in aid to their efforts in completion of this important task.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study should provide information and recommendations as to the current inland boundary's adequacy to meet the coastal zone management needs of the state and its residents through upcoming decades.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study should:

- (1) Be science-based and rely on the latest available data and technology.
- (2) Consider the existing legal framework at the state and national level and the presence of other legally established lines of demarcation for other programs in Louisiana related to coastal issues.

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(3) Consider physical, biological, and chemical and other scientific information such as salinity, tidal influence, storm surge, presence and type of wetlands, elevation of land, habitat value to fish and wildlife resources, subsidence and sea level rise, potential for flooding, and any other relevant data.

(4) Take into account the value and importance of economic activity, including energy infrastructure, maritime transport, commercial and recreational fishing and hunting, agricultural and forestry interests, eco-tourism, and any other economic development activities important to the state.

(5) Acknowledge and consider the value of archeological and cultural resources to coastal Louisiana.

(6) Include recommendations to the Legislature, including maps, of any suggested changes to laws, rules, and policies concerning the inland boundary of the coastal zone of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Natural Resources Office of Coastal Management shall submit its final draft of the study to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority on or before its February 2010 meeting.

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This Resolution was declared adopted this 29th day of June, 2009

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority at its meeting of June 29, 2009, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present.

(signature)

(printed name)

(title)

This ____ day of _____, 2009 at _____, Louisiana.

Garrett Graves, Chairman
Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana