

Dear Mr. Beaulieu:

Thank you for your presentation before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on March 7, 2002.

As you noted in your comments, healthy reefs are a very important ecosystem component of the Louisiana Coastal Area restoration. Reef restoration projects are included in the Louisiana Coastal Area Comprehensive Study. New Orleans District personnel are working closely with state personnel to develop projects to restore the reef in the Wax Lake Outlet area. Your organization and the general public will have opportunities to participate in coastal restoration studies and help evaluate the impacts of any proposed plans during plan development. New Orleans District personnel will keep you informed about the various plans and progress through public meetings and the following web sites: www.coast2050.gov/lca.htm and www.mvn.usace.army.mil/prj/la_coastal_eco/index.asp.

The Commission appreciates receiving your comments and looks forward to hearing from you at our future public meetings.

Sincerely,

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Commission