

LOUISIANA COMBINED TOPICS

10 REASONS WHY THE NATION SHOULD NOT IGNORE THE GREATEST NATURAL DISASTER OCCURRING IN THE UNITED STATES

1. Coastal Louisiana is the leading producer of oysters in the United States.
2. Over 50% of the shrimp harvested in the lower 48 states originates in Louisiana.
3. The Baton Rouge-New Orleans area is the largest port by tonnage in the world.
4. Barataria-Terrebonne, Louisiana estuary has served as the incubator of one of the most unique cultures and the best cuisine in the world.
5. Coastal Louisiana has 30% of the coastal wetlands in the United States.
6. Coastal Louisiana has 90% of the Coastal Wetlands loss.
7. Coastal Louisiana plays a strategic role in 25% of our nation's oil and gas supply.
8. Coastal Louisiana, the nation's most biologically productive area, receives the least amount of Federal Funds for restoration.
9. Louisiana produces 75% of the alligators harvested in the U.S.
10. Coastal Louisiana is the only part of the United States that has the potential to lose hundreds of thousands of acres of coastal wetlands over the next 10 years due to inaction.

COASTAL & HURRICANE ONE-LINERS

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- When it comes to the transportation of goods, the might of the Midwest meet the world through South Louisiana.
- God gave us the Mississippi River, and the River gave us South Louisiana.
- We live in the United States, but we live on the re-united states.
- If the Midwest is America's bread basket, then South Louisiana is it's seafood platter.
- We speak of disaster of 9-11 as taking place on ground zero. But our land loss problem became not ground zero, but zero ground.

- We do not want money given to us to solve our land loss problem. We want money from the Federal government because it should be fair to our state for its infrastructure and environmental damage from our support of drilling on federal water bottoms. Other states are given anywhere from 50% to 90% of all royalties on federal land within a state to take care of infrastructure and other needs. We believe the same rationale should apply to us with the \$5,000,000,000 of royalties that go to the federal treasury and we receive less than ½%. We are only asking for fairness, not a give away.
- We live on land which is the battleground between the land building force of the Mississippi River and the erosive power of the Gulf of Mexico. Over the last 100 years we have all but stopped the river and shifted the battle in favor of the Gulf. We must now reestablish the river potential in a manner to reduce our terrific land loss and establish a sustainable coast.

HYDROCARBON FACT SHEET

MMS FACTS:

- ◆ In 2001, MMS collected over \$7.5 Billion in oil and gas revenues from federal offshore.
- ◆ Of \$7.5 Billion, \$5 Billion came from offshore Louisiana.
- ◆ On federal lands within a state, the state shares 50% of the revenues.
- ◆ Outside of 6 miles offshore, Louisiana received no share of revenue.
- ◆ In 2001, Louisiana shared less than ½ of one percent of the federal revenues generated off its coast.

WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD AND DREADED SUBSIDENCE:

Maritime, Energy and Agriculture

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1. Area hosts the world's busiest waterway (in excess of 6,000 ocean vessels per year)
2. America's most intermodal port with excellent rail service, the Port of New Orleans entertains and hosts over 70 steamship lines, nearly 20 barge lines, and nearly 80 truck lines.
3. At well over two miles, the Port of New Orleans is the world's largest wharf and the only port served by six class-one rail lines.
4. No. 1 coffee, steel and natural rubber port.

5. World's longest bridge (Causeway over Lake Ponchartrain)
6. World's longest over river crossing rail line (Huey P. Long)
7. 27% of nation's oil originates in area and 27% of domestic natural gas production.
8. Area houses over 90 petrochemical plants in New Orleans and Baton Rouge along the Mississippi River.
9. Area attributes to many Wild Life Refuges, marsh lands, food, fishing and one of the most culturally diverse populations in the U.S. with a large casino presence.
10. The area is located in some of the lowest terrain in the U.S.
11. There are over 1 million Gulf helicopter flights a year.
12. 73,000 miles of oil and gas pipelines.
13. Only state with deep water port loop for offshore supertanker traffic.
14. 50% of all agricultural exports/imports pass through area.

LA 1 FACT SHEET REV02/25/02

- LA 1 is the only means of land access to Port Fourchon, which serves between **16% to 18%** of the domestic oil and gas production. The Persian Gulf Region supplies 23% of U.S. oil needs.
- Port Fourchon is Louisiana's southern most port and it is on the Gulf of Mexico.
- LA 1 is the only means of land accessible to Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP), which handles **13% of the U.S.' imported crude oil** and is now servicing the OCS. LOOP's pipelines are connected to **35% of the U.S.' refinery capacity**.
- LA 1 is the **only means of access for oil spill response** for Port Fourchon and LOOP.
- LA 1 is the only means of land access to Louisiana's only inhabited barrier island – Grand Isle.
- LA 1 is the boundary between the **nation's two most productive estuaries** - the Barataria and Terrebonne. It is estimated that **70% of the state's total value for commercial landings** is derived from the Barataria and Terrebonne systems.
- LA 1 is the only means of evacuation for thousands. **Approximately 35,000 people**, including 6,000 offshore workers, **use LA 1 for evacuation**.

- Truck traffic has increased in some years by **as much as 24%**. The national average is approximately 5%. The daily traffic count for LA 1 is over 9,000.
- From 1991 – 1996 there were over 5,000 accidents. Studies indicate that **LA 1 is twice as deadly as similar highways**. Furthermore, MMS studies indicate that LA 1 will continue to deteriorate due to OCS activities.
- LA 1 is included as part of the **National Highway System (NHS)**. The NHS comprises only 4% of the country's total highways; however, they are estimated to service 90% of all businesses and industries in the country.
- In December, LA 1 from Port Fourchon to U.S. 90 was designated by Congress as a **High Priority Corridor** based on its role as critical energy infrastructure. Only 43 other highways in the U.S. are designated as High Priority Corridors.
- A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers study estimates that **60% of all Louisiana offshore drilling over the next thirty years will be in the service area of Port Fourchon**. Over **600 platforms are within a 40-mile radius of Port Fourchon**.
- Approximately **75% of the deep-water activity in the Gulf is serviced by Port Fourchon**.
- The Gulf of Mexico is now considered one of the top geologic providences in the world. At one time, labeled the "Dead Sea", it is now considered, **"America's New Frontier."**
- It also has the **most extensive network of offshore oil and gas pipelines in the world**.
- **90% of the petroleum extracted from the OCS** is from the Gulf of Mexico. In 2000 the total revenue collected by MMS from OCS was \$4,485,349,778. **Louisiana's coast provided 74.2%**.
- MMS's Lease Sale EIS' have determined LA 1 and Port Fourchon as **"focal points of OCS stress."**

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