



STATE OF THE COAST

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State of the Coast Conference Rescheduled for 2021

Premier coastal networking event will still take place at New Orleans Convention Center

NEW ORLEANS – The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana has postponed its State of the Coast conference, which had been scheduled for May of this year, until 2021 because of concerns surrounding COVID-19. The premier gathering for coastal restoration in Louisiana will take place **June 2 to 4, 2021**. The conference will be at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in downtown New Orleans, as previously planned.

Registration for the 2020 conference will be honored for next year's gathering. The program will be reviewed and reconsidered in the coming months to ensure timely content and to include discussion of how the coronavirus pandemic may affect our climate and coastal restoration. Further developments about State of the Coast 2021 will be sent via email and posted on the conference website.

State of the Coast is the largest statewide conference of its kind. The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, The Water Institute of the Gulf, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana and Louisiana Sea Grant have partnered to produce this forum, the need for which grows with each acre of land lost to open water in south Louisiana.

“Our coastal crisis and climate change will not pause for coronavirus, so we must continue our battle to restore our wetlands and to encourage creative, vibrant discussion of how best to shape a better future for coastal Louisiana,” said Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana Communications and Marketing Director James Karst. “We know that scientists, students, government officials, environmental groups, community members and others are eager to talk about the state of our coast, and we are excited to host this convention in 2021.”

Registrants, presenters and sponsors are asked to await further updates, but questions can be directed to stateofthecoast@crcl.org.

For media inquiries involving State of the Coast speakers, contact Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana Communications and Marketing Director James Karst at james.karst@crcl.org or 504-220-7899.

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The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana was the first statewide nonprofit in Louisiana dedicated to coastal restoration.

The Water Institute of the Gulf is an institution that connects academic, public and private researchers and conducts applied research to serve communities and industry.

The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority is a state agency that directs Louisiana's coastal priorities and implements restoration projects large and small.

Louisiana Sea Grant is a college program based at LSU that promotes stewardship of the state's coastal resources through a combination of research, education and outreach.