

Louisiana Coastal Issues Poll 2015

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Based on a survey of 917 likely Louisiana voters conducted July 27-30, 2015

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- This year, voters will elect a new governor. In your opinion, should the restoration of coastal Louisiana be a high priority for the new governor?
YES..... 85%
NO 12%
(DNK/WS)..... 3%
- In your opinion, is protecting and restoring coastal Louisiana as important as other issues facing Louisiana?
YES..... 78%
NO 20%
(DNK/WS)..... 2%
- Although there is some money dedicated to get started, there is not yet a dedicated source of money to pay for all the projects in the master plan. In your opinion, should the new governor work to identify and secure additional funding for future projects identified in the master plan?
YES..... 87%
NO 9%
(DNK/WS)..... 4%
- In your opinion, should the new governor ensure those funds currently dedicated to coastal restoration are not spent on something else?
YES..... 90%
NO 8%
(DNK/WS)..... 3%
- How important is it to you that the new governor commit to move quickly and get started building coastal restoration projects?
VERY IMPORTANT 59%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT ... 36%
NOT IMPORTANT..... 4%
(DNK/WS)..... 0%
- In your opinion, should the new governor hold back on starting coastal restoration projects that scientists say will do the most to build new land if those projects are controversial?
YES..... 33%
NO 55%
(DNK/WS)..... 12%
- In deciding for whom to vote for governor, how important will a candidate's commitment to protect and restore coastal Louisiana be to you?
VERY IMPORTANT 50%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT ... 44%
NOT IMPORTANT..... 6%
(DNK/WS)..... 0%

- How much progress do you think is being made to get coastal restoration projects up and running?

A LOT	10%
SOME	34%
A LITTLE.....	40%
NONE AT ALL.....	10%
(DNK/WS).....	6%

- How important are Louisiana’s coastal areas and wetlands to you personally: very important, somewhat important or not important?

VERY IMPORTANT	75%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	22%
NOT IMPORTANT.....	3%
(DNK/WS).....	0%

- In your opinion, is the need to do something to protect Louisiana’s coastal areas and wetlands a crisis, just another problem that needs attention, or not a problem at all?

A CRISIS.....	57%
JUST ANOTHER PROBLEM	35%
NOT A PROBLEM AT ALL	5%
(DNK/WS).....	3%

- Please tell me how important the following are to you as reasons for why we should restore coastal Louisiana: very important, somewhat important or not important

	<u>VERY</u> <u>IMPORTANT</u>	<u>SOMEWHAT</u> <u>IMPORTANT</u>	<u>NOT</u> <u>IMPORTANT</u>	<u>(DNK</u> <u>/WS)</u>
• To protect jobs, the economy and commercial infrastructure in coastal Louisiana.....	83%	15%	2%	1%
• To protect cities and communities against hurricane storm surge flooding.....	90%	8%	2%	0%
• To restore the marsh to provide fisheries for future generations	82%	17%	1%	0%
• To protect the culture and way of life in coastal communities.....	75%	22%	3%	0%

- Which one of these is most important to you?

To protect jobs, the economy and commercial infrastructure in coastal Louisiana.....	25%
To protect cities and communities against hurricane storm surge flooding	42%
To restore the marsh to provide fisheries for future generations	19%
To protect the culture and way of life in coastal communities	10%
(DNK/WS).....	5%

- Would you say you are very familiar, somewhat familiar or not very familiar with what is being done to protect and restore Louisiana’s coastal areas and wetlands?

VERY FAMILIAR	19%
SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR.....	52%
NOT FAMILIAR.....	29%
(DNK/WS).....	0%

- The state has a master plan that has projects intended to protect and restore Louisiana’s coastal areas and wetlands. Would you say you are very familiar, somewhat familiar or not familiar with the master plan?

	VERY FAMILIAR.....8%
	SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR.....39%
	NOT FAMILIAR.....53%
	(DNK/WS).....0%

- Overall, do you favor or oppose the state’s coastal restoration master plan?

	FAVOR.....62%
	OPPOSE7%
	(DNK/WS)..... 31%

- Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	<u>AGREE</u>	<u>DISAGREE</u>	<u>(DNK/WS)</u>
• The scientists, engineers and other experts who prepared the master plan know what needs to be done to protect and restore coastal Louisiana	66%	16%	18%
• There is currently enough money available to do what needs to be done to protect and restore coastal Louisiana.....	29%	56%	15%

- Based on what you know at this time, do you favor or oppose using river diversions to build new land in coastal Louisiana?

	FAVOR..... 59%
	OPPOSE 22%
	(DNK/WS)..... 20%

- As I read some positions that people have on river diversions, please tell me which position you agree with more:

• Those who say river diversions will disrupt fish, shrimp and oyster harvests,.....	18%
or	
Those who say diversions are will restore marshes so future generations will have fish, shrimp and oysters to harvest	71%
(DNK/WS).....	11%
• Those who say river diversions will cause local fishermen to lose their jobs	21%
or	
Those who say that without diversions fisheries jobs will be lost as coastal communities and fisheries erode away	65%
(DNK/WS).....	13%
• Those who say wetlands created by river water won’t be strong enough to stand up to hurricanes,	19%
or	
Those who say creating more land and wetlands between the coast and coastal communities will reduce hurricane surge and flooding	72%
(DNK/WS).....	9%

- Now that we’ve talked some more, do you favor or oppose using river diversions to build new land in coastal Louisiana?

	FAVOR..... 66%
	OPPOSE 20%
	(DNK/WS)..... 13%