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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COAST 2050 PLAN

WHEREAS, coastal land loss in Louisiana continues at the rate of about 30 square miles each and every year, and

WHEREAS, that rate is equal to 80% of the coastal land loss in the continental United States each year, and

WHEREAS, the landscape of coastal Louisiana provides protection to the infrastructure of coastal Louisiana, including roads, navigation channels, flood protection levees, oil and gas facilities and pipelines, waterlines and port facilities from hurricanes and tropical storms, and

WHEREAS, this same coastal landscape serves as a nursery habitat for most of the estuarine dependent fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico, and

WHEREAS, the various fishing and seafood industries that this coastal landscape supports are worth billions of dollars to the State's economy, and

WHEREAS, local governments, user groups and individual citizens have worked with the State of Louisiana and the Breaux Act Task Force for the past 18 months to develop a long-term plan (coast 2050) to preserve and protect the landscape of coastal Louisiana for future generations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife Federation urges the Breaux Act Task Force and the State of Louisiana to execute any feasibility studies that are necessary to expedite implementation of the long-term ecosystem-scale strategies outlined in the Coast 2050 Plan.

Adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife Federation in convention assembled, 21 February 1999 in Lafayette, Louisiana.

