LSU Is Awarded Grant From NSF For Institute

The National Science Foundation has awarded a $10,945 grant to LSU to conduct a 9-month in-service institute for high school science and social studies teachers. The NSF grant will be administered cooperatively by LSU in Baton Rouge and Nicholls State University. About 30 teachers from Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Terrebonne, Ascension, Assumption, and West Baton Rouge parishes will participate in the institute.

The purpose of the program is to increase knowledge of marine science and coastal wetland ecology among the teachers in the eight-parish area. The institute will involve 28 weekly sessions during the fall and spring semesters of 1972-73.

The staff of the Institute will consist of scientists from Nicholls State University, LSU-DR, and the University of Southwestern Louisiana. Included in this staff are two marine biologists, Dr. Harry Bennett of LSU and Dr. Atya Harris of Nicholls State University.

The project will be directed by Dr. James Schweitzer, an LSU marine science education specialist.

Teachers who are interested in the institute should contact Schweitzer at the Department of Marine Sciences, LSU, Baton Rouge 70803.

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LSU Gets $9,820 Gift From Menhaden Group

The Menhaden Advisory Council of Louisiana has donated $9,820 to the LSU Foundation for use by the Center for Wetlands Resources.

Dr. Jack R. Van Lopik, director of the center's Office of Sea Grant Development, said the money would go to help support a Sea Grant study entitled "Pollution Abatement and By-Product Utilization in the Gulf Coast Menhaden Industry."

Dr. Ted E. Ford, assistant director of the Office of Sea Grant Development, has worked closely with the Menhaden Advisory Council in defining research needs and will coordinate study activities. Dr. M. R. Rao, associate professor of food science, and Dr. R. W. Pike, associate professor of chemical engineering, will serve as principal investigators.

Objectives of the study include finding economic ways of using waste water byproducts in the menhaden fish industry, and developing methods of using the recovered by-products for animal feed, fish and shrimp feed, protein concentrate, or as protein hydrolysate, which has other industrial uses.