LSU Team Gets Bayou Lafourche U.S. Study Grant

LSU has been awarded a $100,000 federal grant to conduct a remote sensing environmental study of the Bayou Lafourche area, U.S. Sens. Allen J. Ellender and Rep. Patrick Caffery announced today.

The study is designed to help determine the best locations for hurricane protection structures, evacuation routes, canal systems and areas most suited for land reclamation. An LSU team will try to determine why some marsh and estuarine areas are thriving with marine and biological activities while others have no such activity.

The grant will also be used to prepare an environmental atlas for the Bayou Lafourche area to define various possibilities for land marsh and estuarine areas in the future and to establish long-range environmental quality monitoring needs.

Coastal Areas Subsidy OK'd

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate passed Tuesday a bill to assist coastal states and municipalities in preparing master plans for over-all development and protection of coastal areas and adjacent waters.

The estimated cost of the matching grant program is $70 million the first year.

The 68-0 roll call vote sent the bill to the House.

It would cover beaches, salt marshes, sounds, harbors, bays and lagoons and adjacent lands.

Sen. Ernest F. Hollings, D-S.C., chairman of the Senate Commerce subcommittee on Oceans and Atmosphere, said the program would provide the means for orderly growth in a narrow strip of land bordering the oceans and the Great Lakes.

The bill would provide assistance to states and municipalities for defining coastline lands with a direct influence on coastal waters, and matching grants for regulating fills and other development.

It would establish a National Coastal Resources Board to mediate differences between federal and local governments and provide an appeal forum for local governments.

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