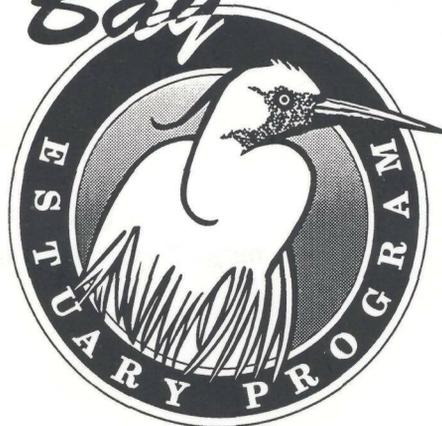


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Introduction

The Galveston Bay Estuary Program hosted the third biennial State of the Bay Symposium, January 10-11, 1997 at the University of Houston Hilton. More than 400 people attended the two-day event which was conceived to explore new ideas and update information to further the course of conservation and protection of the Galveston Bay System.

The goal of the past Symposiums has been to look at the science of the Bay, the needs of all stakeholders and the impacts of a resident population of more than four million people in the five surrounding counties. The third Symposium focused on information necessary for future planning as the Galveston Bay Plan is implemented.

The Galveston Bay Plan, a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan, was developed as a product of five years of research, data-gathering and consensus-building, under the auspices of the Galveston Bay National Estuary Program (GBNEP). When the Plan was approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1995, GBNEP became a program of the State of Texas and was renamed the Galveston Bay Estuary Program (GBEP). At that point, the task of implementation of the Plan began.

The purpose of the State of the Bay Symposium, III was to analyze the progress of implementation, the next steps to be taken, and the status and trends which impact this vital Texas resource.

Names of speakers and titles of their presentations are included in the agenda on the following page. All presenters were invited to submit an abstract, summarizing their presentation for inclusion in these proceedings. Those received by the GBEP have been published in this Proceedings of the State of the Bay Symposium, III.

STATE OF THE BAY SYMPOSIUM III

Friday, January 10, 1997

University of Houston Hilton Hotel

Schedule of Presentations & Events

- 8:00- 8:30 Registration - Visit Exhibits
- 8:30- 8:40 Welcome and Organization of the Symposium
Marilyn D. Browning, Galveston Bay Estuary Program
- 8:40- 8:50 Economic Value of the Bay
Augustin Redwine, Office of the Texas Comptroller
- 8:50- 9:00 The Galveston Bay Plan
James Kachtick, Chairman of the Galveston Bay Council

FRESHWATER INFLOW & WATER QUALITY CHANGES

Rapporteur: **Jim Blackburn** - Blackburn & Carter

- 9:00- 9:15 Changes in Freshwater Inflows to Galveston Bay and the Trinity
San Jacinto Estuary, Texas
Gary L. Powell, Texas Water Development Board
- 9:15- 9:30 Health of Galveston Bay: Biotic Integrity
Albert W. Green, Texas Parks & Wildlife
- 9:30- 9:45 Low Flow in the Trinity River
Dr. Richard M. Browning, Trinity River Authority
- 9:45-10:00 Alterations in the Water Quality of Galveston Bay on a Time Scale
of Decades
Dr. George H. Ward, University of Texas/Austin
- 10:00-10:15 Partnerships in Conservation Education: Bringing the Message
Home
Carole D. Baker, Harris-Galveston Coastal Subsidence District
- 10:15-10:30 Break - Visit Exhibits

POINT & NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION

Rapporteur: **George Guillen**, TNRCC/Region 12

- 10:30-10:45 Texas Clean Rivers Program: The Upstream Link to Galveston Bay Management
Gary Mitchell, Houston-Galveston Area Council
- 10:45-11:00 The Watershed Management Approach: Potential Impacts on Freshwater Inflows
Susan Branning, EPA/Region 6
- 11:00-11:15 Quality of Storm Water Runoff From Urbanized Houston Metropolitan Area
Min Chu, Turner Collie & Braden
- 11:15-11:30 Wetlands for Water Quality
John Koros, Harris County Flood Control District
- 11:30-11:45 Seafood Safety
Richard Thompson, Texas Department of Health
- 11:45-12:45 Luncheon - GLOBAL ECOLOGY FROM SPACE
Dr. Kamlesh P. Lulla, NASA

HABITAT AND LIVING RESOURCES ALTERATION

Rapporteur: **Dr. Larry McKinney**, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

- 12:45- 1:00 Status and Trends of Selected Marine Resources of Galveston Bay
Lance Robinson, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
- 1:00- 1:15 Wetlands Conservation on Private Lands in Texas
Julie Anderson, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
- 1:15 - 1:30 Created Salt Marshes as Habitats for Fishery Species
Dr. Thomas Minello, National Marine Fisheries Service
- 1:30 - 1:45 Status and Recent Trends of Galveston Bay's Colonial Waterbirds - With Management Implications
Phil Glass and Will Roach, US Fish and Wildlife Service
- 1:45 - 2:00 Question and Answer Session
- 2:00 - 2:15 Break - Visit Exhibits

SOLVING USER CONFLICTS
Agency Roles in Solving User Conflict

- 2:15 - 2:30 **Barry McBee**, Chairman, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission
- 2:30 - 2:45 **Garry Mauro**, Commissioner, Texas General Land Office
- 2:45 - 3:00 **Rick Perry**, Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture

CASE STUDIES

- 3:00 - 3:15 Marsh Restoration at San Jacinto State Historical Park
Ted Hollingsworth, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
- 3:15 - 3:30 Artificial Reef Construction: Building Condos for Oysters
Bill Baker, Houston Lighting & Power Company
- 3:30 - 3:45 The Brownwood Marsh Restoration Project: A Successful, Coordinated Effort To Restore and Create Wetlands Habitat
Dr. Tom Calnan, Texas General Land Office
- 3:45 - 4:00 Marsh Creation from Dredged Material: A Case Study
Tracey Koenig, Turner Collie & Braden, Inc.
- 4:00 - 4:15 Galveston Bay Yards & Neighbors Program: Reducing Residential Non-Point Source Pollution
Julie Massey, Texas A & M Sea Grant Program;
Dr. William M. Johnson, Texas Agricultural Extension Service
- 4:15 - 4:30 Galveston Bay and Shipping Industry
Jim Morrison, West Gulf Maritime, Inc.
- 4:30 - 4:45 Dirt: Use It. Don't Lose It
Cheryl A. Manford, Exxon Land Development, Inc.
- 4:45 - 5:00 General Question and Answer Session
- Closing: **Marilyn D. Browning**, Program Director
Galveston Bay Estuary Program

STATE OF THE BAY SYMPOSIUM III

Saturday, January 11, 1997

University of Houston Hilton Hotel

Schedule of Presentations & Events

8:30 - 8:35 **Marilyn D. Browning**, Program Director, Galveston Bay Estuary Program

PANEL: AGENCY ROLES IN SOLVING USER CONFLICT

8:35 - 8:50 **Sally Davenport**, Texas General Land Office

8:50 - 9:05 **Mark Jordan**, TNRCC

9:05 - 9:15 Questions & Answers

9:15 - 9:30 Break - Visit Exhibits

PANEL: PUBLIC SECTOR/PRIVATESECTOR SOLUTIONS

Reporteur : **Dr. Robert Heath**, University of Houston

9:30 -9:45 The Galveston Bay Foundation Experience in Finding Common Ground As A Mechanism for Solving User Conflicts
Linda Shead, Galveston Bay Foundation

9:45-10:00 The Ethic of Stewardship: The Beneficial Uses Plan for the Houston Ship Channel
Richard Gorini, Port of Houston Authority

10:00-10:15 Public Perceptions of the Environmental Problems Facing Galveston Bay
Dr. Stephen Klineberg, Rice University

10:15-10:30 Water Rights for Galveston Bay
Dr. Ronald Kaiser, Texas A&M University

10:30-10:45 Questions & Answers

10:45-11:00 Break - Visit Exhibits

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- 11:00-11:15 Point & NPS Pollution
George Guillen, TNRCC
- 11:15-11:30 Fresh Water Inflow Issues
Jim Blackburn, Blackburn & Carter
- 11:30-11:45 Habitat & Living Resources
Dr. Larry McKinney, TPWD
- 11:45-12:00 User Conflict
Dr. Robert Heath, University of Houston
- 12:00-12:20 Discussion
- 12:20-12:30 Closing - **Marilyn D. Browning, Galveston Bay Estuary Program**

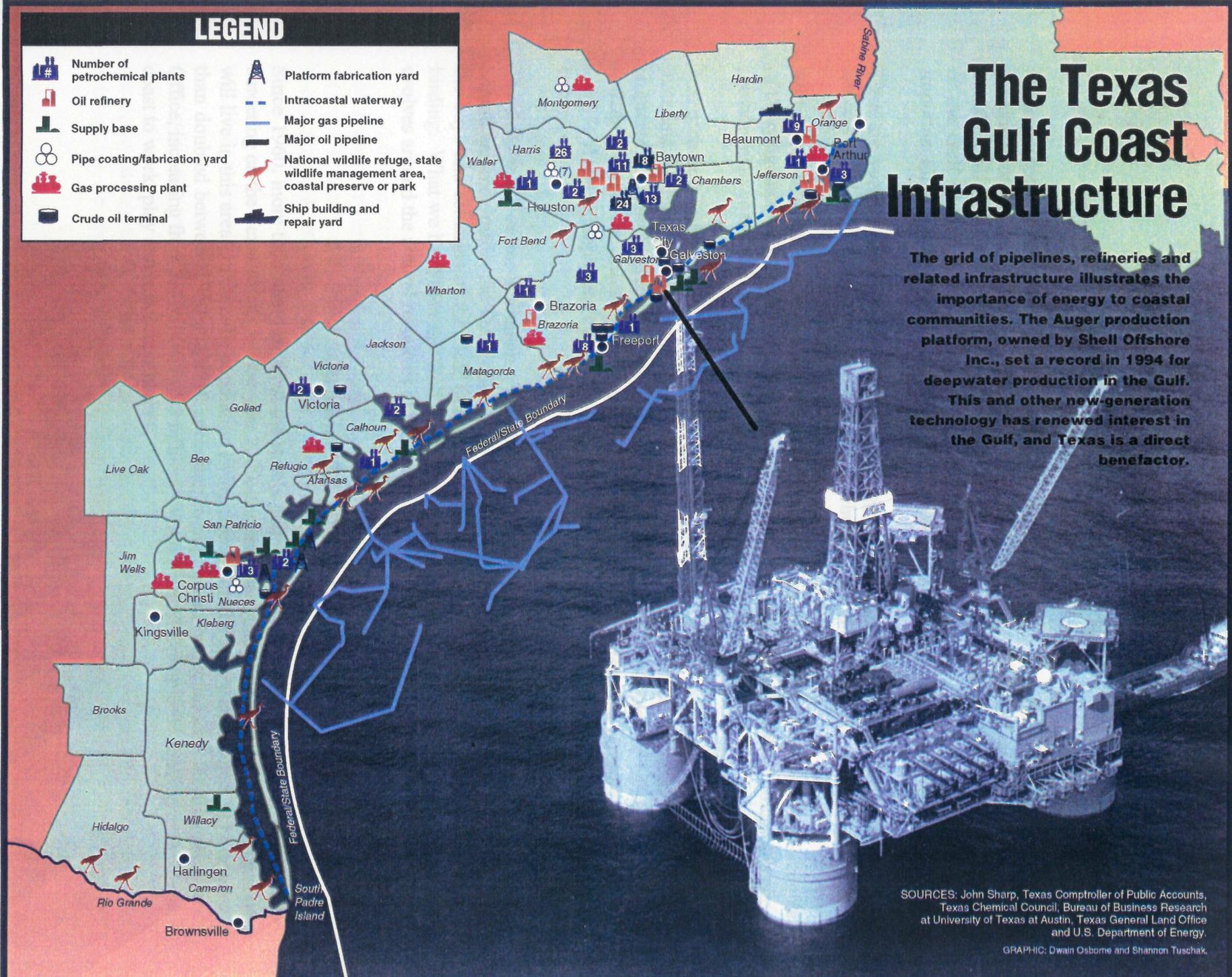
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LEGEND

-  Number of petrochemical plants
-  Oil refinery
-  Supply base
-  Pipe coating/fabrication yard
-  Gas processing plant
-  Crude oil terminal
-  Platform fabrication yard
-  Intracoastal waterway
-  Major gas pipeline
-  Major oil pipeline
-  National wildlife refuge, state wildlife management area, coastal preserve or park
-  Ship building and repair yard



The Texas Gulf Coast Infrastructure

The grid of pipelines, refineries and related infrastructure illustrates the importance of energy to coastal communities. The Auger production platform, owned by Shell Offshore Inc., set a record in 1994 for deepwater production in the Gulf. This and other new-generation technology has renewed interest in the Gulf, and Texas is a direct benefactor.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Chemical Council, Bureau of Business Research at University of Texas at Austin, Texas General Land Office and U.S. Department of Energy.

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