

Exhibitors

State of the Bay Symposium IV

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Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program

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The Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program (CBBEP) is one of 28 National Estuary Programs in the country and one of two on the Texas Coast . The CBBEP is in its first year of implementing the *Coastal Bend Bays Plan*, a comprehensive conservation and management plan. The purpose of the exhibit is to present an overall picture of the Program's on-going projects. In addition, this will provide us an opportunity to exchange information with attenders, presenters, and GBEP participants about past and planned future experiences.

College of the Mainland

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College of the Mainland is a two year comprehensive community college. We offer Environmental Geology and a variety of non-credit environmental classes for early childhood providers, elementary and secondary school teachers, especially through our Science and Technology Resource Center, which served over 12,000 students in 1998. The exhibit includes a Touch Tank Adventure where you can hold and observe Galveston Bay and Gulf Marine animals and other special visitors, including starfish, horseshoe crabs, snails, and more.

Exhibitors (cont.)

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The Galveston Bay Estuary Program is a partnership of bay stakeholders currently working to implement *The Galveston Bay Plan* -- a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) for the Galveston Bay ecosystem. As part of the National Estuary Program (NEP), the approach for CCMP development and implementation is one of consensus building and developing partnerships among citizens, industry, business, development, academia, and government. The exhibit highlights progress in implementation of *The Plan* and several of the most successful projects and activities accomplished through partnerships.

Galveston Bay Foundation
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GBF's mission is to preserve and enhance the Bay for its multiple uses through programs in education, conservation, research, and advocacy. A part of a national effort to restore estuarine habitat (Restore America's Estuaries), GBF has a goal to catalyze the restoration of 24,000 acres of Bay habitat by the year 2010. GBF is overseeing the development of The Habitat Conservation Blueprint, which is an inventory of sites which will have potential for conservation or restoration.

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Houston Lighting and Power Company, part of Houston Industries, is an Electric Utilities Company that is involved in significant habitat restoration efforts around the Galveston Bay System. The exhibit highlights projects sponsored by HL&P.

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The GLO is the management agency for the state lands and mineral right properties totaling 20.5 million acres. Included are the beaches, bays and estuaries and other "submerged" lands out to 10.3 miles in the Gulf of Mexico, a variety of institutional acreage, grazing lands in West Texas, and timber lands in East Texas. GLO work in and around Galveston Bay includes: coastal compliance, shoreline protection and stabilization, marsh creation and restoration, Adopt - A - Beach, and Bay Watch. The GLO is the lead agency for the Texas Coastal Management Program. The purpose of this program is to improve the management of the state's coastal resources and to ensure the long-term ecological and economic productivity of the coast, all within the framework of the federal Coastal Zone Management Program.

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Texas Parks and Wildlife's Coastal Fisheries Division is responsible for monitoring and managing the marine resources (finfish and shellfish) for the state of Texas. Fisheries data is collected from Galveston Bay and the Texas Territorial Sea which allows evaluation, for management purposes, of changes in long-term trends. The Coastal Fisheries display provides information on the various monitoring programs used to collect this data.

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Texas Sea Grant College Program

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The Texas Sea Grant College Program is a partnership of university, government and industry focusing on marine research, education, and advisory service. In 1968, Texas A&M University received the distinction of being named among the nation's first six institutional award recipients, and, three years later, was designated a Sea Grant College. The Texas Sea Grant Program has a rich heritage of research and public service in the Galveston Bay area, including numerous ongoing programs.

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The USFWS is the primary federal agency charged with the stewardship and conservation of the nation's fish and wildlife resources. Our primary areas of responsibility are threatened and endangered species, migratory birds, and anadromous fishes. Much of our work is coastal Texas involves protection and restoration of wetlands and associated habitats. Several USFWS programs have monies available for habitat conservation on public or private lands. They include our coastal Ecosystem Program, Partners for Fish and Wildlife, National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants, and North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants. Adjacent to the Galveston Bay system are two National Wildlife Refuges, the Texas Chenier Plain NWR Complex and Brazoria NWR Complex.