Chandeleur Island Restoration Project
PO-0199 Engineering and Design Phase

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Chandeleur Island part of Breton National Wildlife Refuge

- 2nd oldest National Wildlife Refuge
- The only Refuge visited by Theodore Roosevelt
- Designated “Wilderness Area” by Law

An Early Refuge

In the early 1900s President Theodore Roosevelt learned of the over harvest of waterbirds and the destruction of birds and their eggs on Chandeleur and Breton Islands. He created Breton Island Reservation to serve as a refuge and breeding ground for these birds and other wildlife species. Roosevelt visited the islands in June of 1915, this is the only refuge the “Conservation President” ever visited. The reserve name was changed to Breton National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in 1938.

The objectives of the Refuge are to provide sanctuary for nesting and wintering seabirds, to provide an area for public access and education, and to maintain a breeding population of bald eagles.
Chandeleur Island Restoration E&D
$8 Million

Regionwide Allocation of Restoration Funds
The chart shows the restoration funding allocated to the Regionwide Restoration Area for each restoration goal as of May 2021. For more information on the allocation of funds, please visit the Department of Justice Deepwater Horizon page. View Regionwide allocation details as a table.

Commitment of Restoration Funds

- 3. Sea Turtles: $19.0 M
- 3. Marine Mammals: $72.2 M
- 3. Birds: $64.4 M
- 3. Oysters: $65.0 M
- 5. Monitoring, Adaptive Management, Administrative: $40.0 M

Data current as of May 2021

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Habitat Goals for PO-199

Living Coastal Marine Resource Restoration

- Restore and Conserve Bird Nesting and Foraging Habitat
- Restore and Enhance Submerged Aquatic Vegetation
- Enhance Sea Turtle Hatchling Productivity and Restore and Conserve Nesting Beach Habitat
- Create, Restore, and Enhance Barrier and Coastal Islands and Headlands
Phase 1: Survey Plan Development

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Kemp’s Ridley Sea Turtle

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Next Steps:

• Inventory of living coastal marine resources and SAV.
• Collect island and borrow area information.
• Begin design and develop restoration alternatives.
• **Seek construction funding!**
Questions?

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