



Federal Update

Milestones, Arising Challenges, and Opportunities Ahead



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CONSERVATION AND ENERGY

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Milestones

GOMESA Cap Raise in One Big Beautiful Bill



- President Trump signed the One Big Beautiful Bill on July 4, 2025.
- The reconciliation bill included an increased GOMESA cap of 30% for FY25 – FY34.
- Louisiana’s yearly GOMESA share could increase by ~\$45 million to ~\$200 million.
- Increased funds should be received starting in spring 2026.

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(e) LIMITATIONS ON AMOUNT OF DISTRIBUTED QUALIFIED OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF REVENUES.—

Section 105(f)(1) of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C. 1331 note; Public Law 109–432) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “2055.” and inserting “2024;” and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) \$650,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2034; and

“(E) \$500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2035 through 2055.”.

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Interior Raises Gulf of America Revenue-Sharing Cap for Coastal States

Increase will boost funding for coastal protection, restoration and infrastructure

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“The Trump administration is committed to unleashing American energy, reducing reliance on foreign sources and strengthening coastal communities.

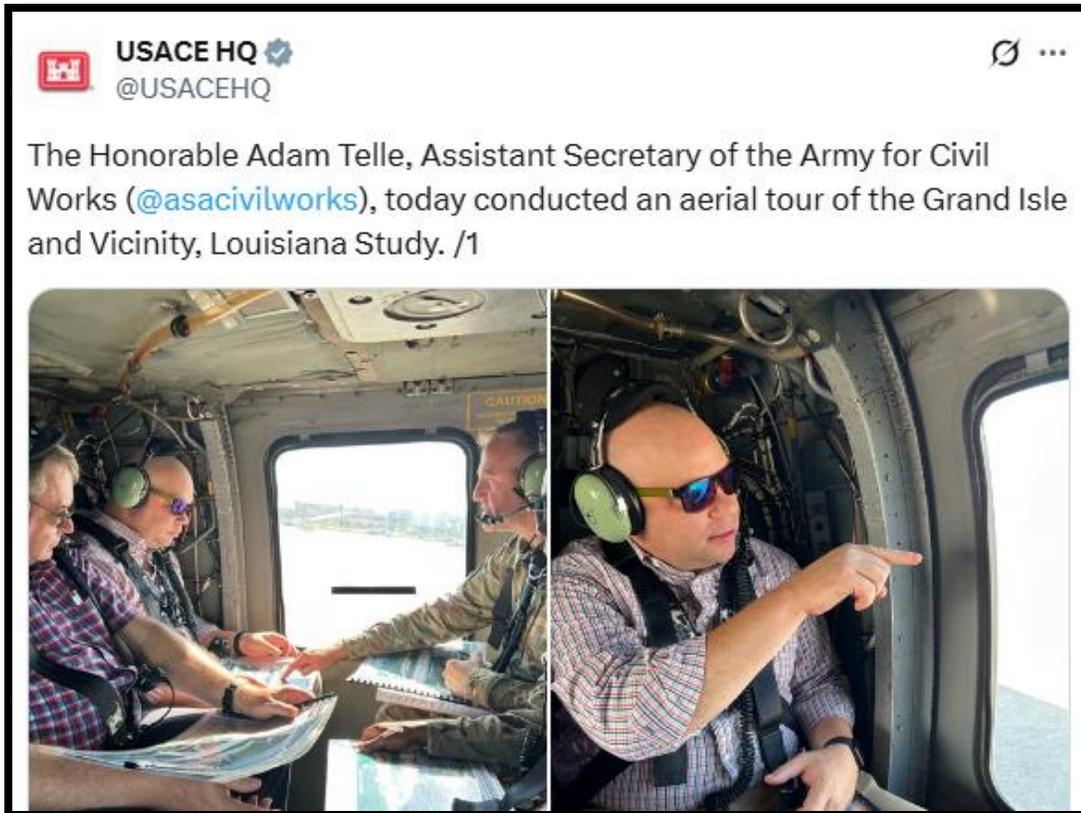
This increase in revenue sharing rewards the states that power our economy and ensures they have the resources to build resilient infrastructure, protect their coastlines and grow local jobs.”

Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum

Engagement with ASA(CW) Adam Telle



Just eight days after his confirmation, ASA(CW) Telle and Principal Deputy ASA(CW) Lee Forsgren accompanied Governor Landry view Grand Isle and Vicinity, LA.

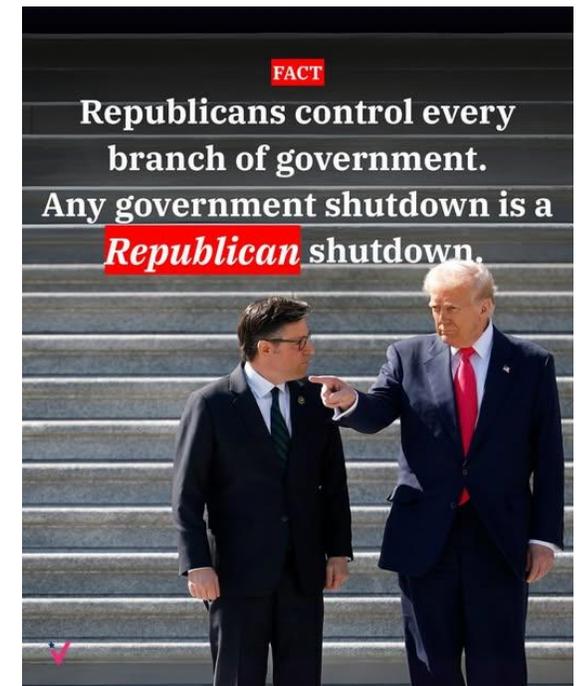
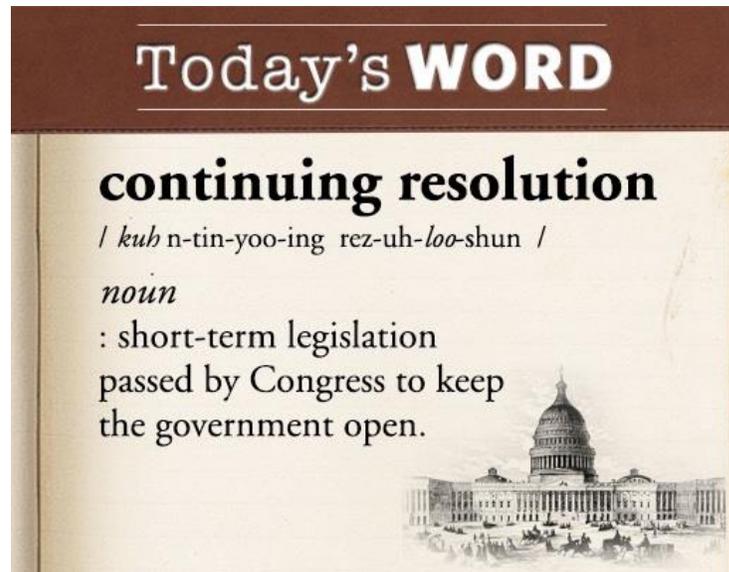




Arising Challenges

Government Funding via Continuing Resolution (or not!)

- Instead of passing the 12 annual appropriations bills, Congress has extended FY24 spending levels through continuing resolutions (CR) for most programs.
- Starting October 1, Congress failed to agree upon a CR, resulting in a record-setting shutdown.
- Congress eventually came to agreement in mid-November, pushing most funding decisions to January 30, 2026.
- Reporting indicates that while some appropriations bills could be passed by January, it is likely that Energy & Water (E&W) appropriations will be resolved via a full year CR.
- Should this come to pass, then it will prevent the passage of E&W Congressionally Directed Spending items, which will delay the many Army Corps coastal projects in Louisiana.





PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS

Temporary Withdrawal of All Areas on the Outer Continental Shelf from Offshore Wind Leasing and Review of the Federal Government's Leasing and Permitting Practices for Wind Projects

The White House | January 20, 2025

Opposition to Wind Stalls RISEE Act Reintroduction

- The Reinvesting In Shoreline Economies and Ecosystems Act (RISEE Act) proposed to initiate revenue sharing from offshore wind leases to hosting states at 37.5% from 2022 onward, in addition to other measures to increase coastal funding.
- RISEE has not been reintroduced this year, given the fierce opposition to offshore wind from President Trump.
- Bill sponsors Sen. Whitehouse (D-RI) and Sen. Cassidy (R-LA) are developing a new version to link energy development with coastal funding.

Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Terminates and Withdraws \$679 Million from Doomed Offshore Wind Projects

Friday, August 29, 2025

Where possible, funding will be used to invest in real infrastructure, restoring American maritime dominance

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy withdrew or terminated a total of \$679 million in funding for 12 doomed offshore wind projects across America. This action will ensure federal dollars are prioritized towards restoring [America's maritime dominance](#) and preventing waste.

"Wasteful, wind projects are using resources that could otherwise go towards revitalizing America's maritime industry," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy. "Joe Biden and Pete Buttigieg bent over backwards to use transportation dollars for their Green New Scam agenda while ignoring the dire needs of our shipbuilding industry. Thanks to President Trump, we are prioritizing real infrastructure improvements over fantasy wind projects that cost much and offer little."

Shutdown Delays FEMA Reimbursement

- An April a FEMA memo to the White House recommended ending reimbursement for Category G recreational facilities such as sand replenishment for beaches.
- Fortunately, FEMA indicated it was committed to supporting the ~\$76M repair of West Belle Headland following damages from Hurricane Zeta, with a decision in the new federal fiscal year.
- Shutdown has delayed the release of those funds, which could have impacts on the construction schedule.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20472

 **FEMA**

April 12, 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR: Brian Cavanaugh
Associate Director for Homeland Security
Office of Management and Budget

FROM: Cameron Hamilton 
Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency

SUBJECT: Actions to Rebalance FEMA's Role in Disasters

Proposed Change

FEMA could limit the types of recreational facilities eligible for funding under Category G to those critical for the preservation or protection of life and property. FEMA would no longer fund non-critical facilities, including:

- Ball fields/athletic facilities/stadiums (not associated with an eligible educational facility/applicant)
- Beaches (sand replenishment)
- Boat docks/ramps/fishing piers





Russ Vought  
@russovought

The Democrat shutdown has drained the Army Corps of Engineers' ability to manage billions of dollars in projects. The Corps will be immediately pausing over \$11 billion in lower-priority projects & considering them for cancellation, including projects in New York, San Francisco, Boston, and Baltimore. More information to come from the Army Corps of Engineers.

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Because of the lapse in appropriations that provide for oversight of Army Corps projects, we believe that our office and the Corps may be unable to provide adequate oversight of all the projects currently in the portfolio, which includes projects essential to life and safety.

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To enable continued oversight of the most critical projects throughout the nation, we will pause and review other projects to see if we can deliver them more efficiently.

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Once the lapse and review are over, the Administration may consider taking further actions allowable under the law that limit, cancel, or reprioritize resources in a manner that is consistent with these reviews and with the Administration's stated priorities.

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White House OMB Pauses \$11B in Army Corps Projects

- During the federal government shutdown, Russ Vought, the Director of the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) took steps to cancel, pause, or evaluate funding.
- On Oct. 17, 2025, Vought placed on hold \$11 billion in USACE projects to focus efforts on life and safety projects.
- USACE indicated it could take further actions to “limit, cancel or reprioritize resources”.
- This action indicates that certain Congressionally supported projects may lack Administration backing.
- USACE has not disclosed the paused projects.



Opportunities Ahead

CWPPRA

Reauthorization

- The Coastal Wetland Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) takes a portion of funds (~17%) from federal excise taxes on fishing equipment, boat fuel tax, and import duties to go to coastal restoration in Louisiana.
- Congress reauthorized CWPPRA through 2026 in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.
- Reauthorization could occur through the upcoming surface transportation bill in 2026, though an extension is likely.
- Related legislation would close an online tax loophole and increase available funds.



May 07, 2025

Crapo, Tuberville Introduce Legislation to Level Playing Field for Sporting Equipment Businesses

Washington, D.C.--U.S. Senators Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) and Tommy Tuberville (R-Alabama) introduced the [Sporting Goods Excise Tax Modernization Act](#) to close a tax loophole that has resulted in lost revenue for state-led wildlife conservation efforts. Foreign sellers should be held to the same tax regulations as domestic manufacturers, and this bill will ensure that happens.



UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE HEARING CHANNELS

Business Meeting followed by a hearing entitled,
"Oversight of the US Army Corps of Engineers."
Coverage begins at 9:50 am.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC WORKS

Water Resources Development Act of 2026

- Congress intends to continue the biannual tradition of passing WRDA bills in 2026.
- House & Senate Committees have conducted an oversight hearing of USACE in September to lay groundwork.
- Observers expect the WRDA requests portal to open in January for Congress to submit priorities.



**COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION
& INFRASTRUCTURE**
SAM GRAVES, CHAIRMAN

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Hearing

**Water Resources Development Acts Implementation:
Review and Oversight of Past Provisions**

2167 Rayburn House Office Building

📅 Wednesday, September 10, 2025 ⌚ 10:00 | Contact: Justin Harclerode 202-225-9463 [f](#) [v](#) [c](#) [e](#)

America the Beautiful Act

- Congress is discussing reauthorizing the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) for up to 8 years through legislation titled “America the Beautiful Act.”
- GAOA permanently authorized \$900M a year for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and \$9.5B to address the maintenance backlog at national parks through the Legacy Restoration Fund.
- Offshore oil and gas revenues are the primary source of funding for these initiatives.
- Could GOMESA be improved through this legislation, such as eliminating the cap or increasing the percentage?



America the Beautiful Act

Senator Steve Daines and Senator Angus King

The bipartisan *America the Beautiful Act* reauthorizes and strengthens the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund (Legacy Restoration Fund) that was created in the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) and signed into law by President Trump in 2020. The Legacy Restoration Fund has provided billions of dollars of much needed repairs for roads, waste water systems, visitor services, trails, employee housing, recreational assets and more that have fallen into disrepair.

Our cherished national parks and public lands face over \$40 billion in deferred maintenance. The *America the Beautiful Act* will help to reduce the maintenance backlog, ensure that visitors and employees are safe, and reinvigorate the public lands that make America great. The bill further brings needed transparency to the program while also leveraging public donations and eliminating assets to further reduce the maintenance backlog.



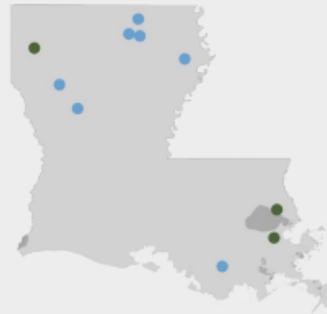
Great American Outdoors Act impact to Louisiana via Legacy Restoration Fund thus far



GAOA LRF in Louisiana

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest nearly **\$16.9 million** towards improving approximately **6 assets** across **3 projects** in Louisiana.

As of March 2025, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **1 NPS location** and **6 FWS locations** in Louisiana.



● GAOA LRF Projects ● Completed Maintenance Action Team Activities

Assets improved in Louisiana:



Recreational and Visitor Experience Assets



Water Infrastructure and Other Utilities

Deferred Maintenance and Repair in Louisiana

In Louisiana, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$126,134,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$206,000
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0
National Park Service (NPS)	\$17,357,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$108,570,000

FY21-25 Projects, Locations, and Funding in Louisiana



Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Mar. 2025
FWS	Red River National Wildlife Refuge	Replacement of the Primary Boardwalk and Trail Bridge	\$900,000
FWS	Southeast Louisiana Refuges	Replacement of the Public Use Facilities and Critical Infrastructure	\$1,556,000
NPS	Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve	Rehabilitate Chalmette National Cemetery	\$14,400,000

Replacement of the Public Use Facilities and Critical Infrastructure

Southeast Louisiana Refuges



Trail signage at Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge. Photo Credit: USFWS

The Bayou Sauvage Urban National Wildlife Refuge is an urban refuge located within the city of New Orleans, offering recreation opportunities including fishing, crabbing, hiking, bird watching, and environmental education. The refuge's Ridge Trail Boardwalk provides important educational opportunities and is a centerpiece for community involvement but was at risk of closing to the public due to disrepair. This project is replacing the Ridge Trail Boardwalk and Pavilion to revive visitation and volunteerism at this site. The project is also replacing the Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge Wastewater Treatment System which is 90% inefficient and would pose an environmental hazard if not properly repaired. These replacements are critical for visitor safety and experience while visiting the refuge.



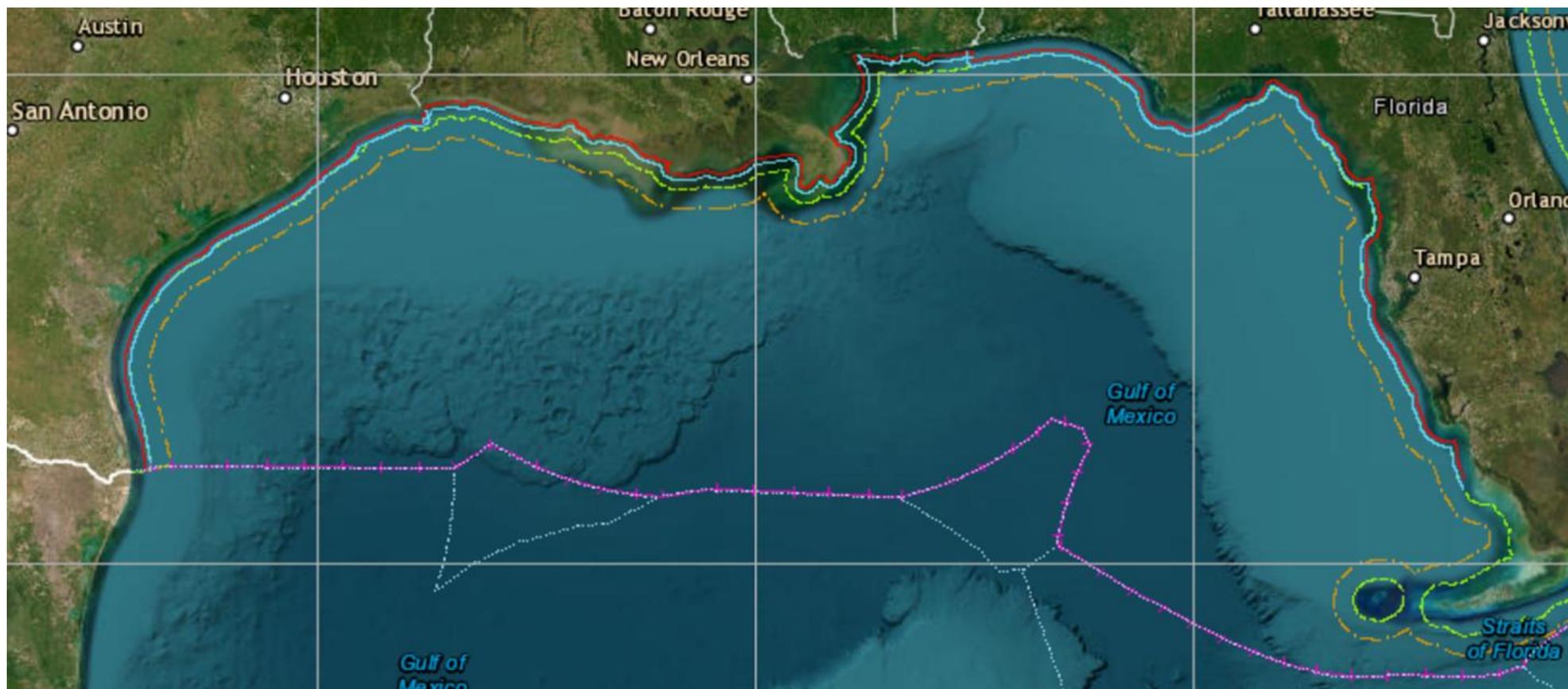
New Version of RISEE Act

- The Reinvesting In Shoreline Economies and Ecosystems Act (RISEE Act) proposed to initiate revenue sharing from offshore wind and increase GOMESA revenue sharing.
- The legislation has been led by Senator Whitehouse (D-RI) and Senator Cassidy the past two Congresses. Rep. Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX) led the effort in the House.
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- The bills sponsors are developing a new version to link energy development with coastal funding.



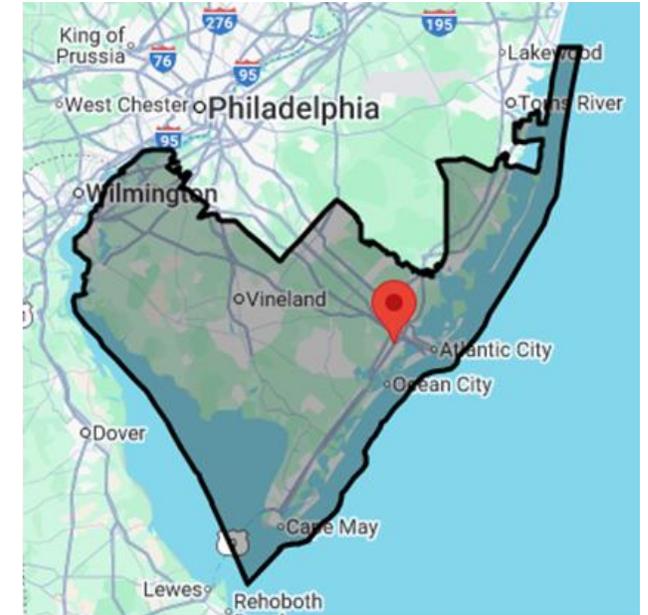
Offshore Parity Act Reintroduction

Rep. Carter and Rep. Ezell (R-MS) are in discussions about re-introducing this legislation to extend the state waters of LA, MS, and AL to 9 nautical miles for energy and fisheries management.



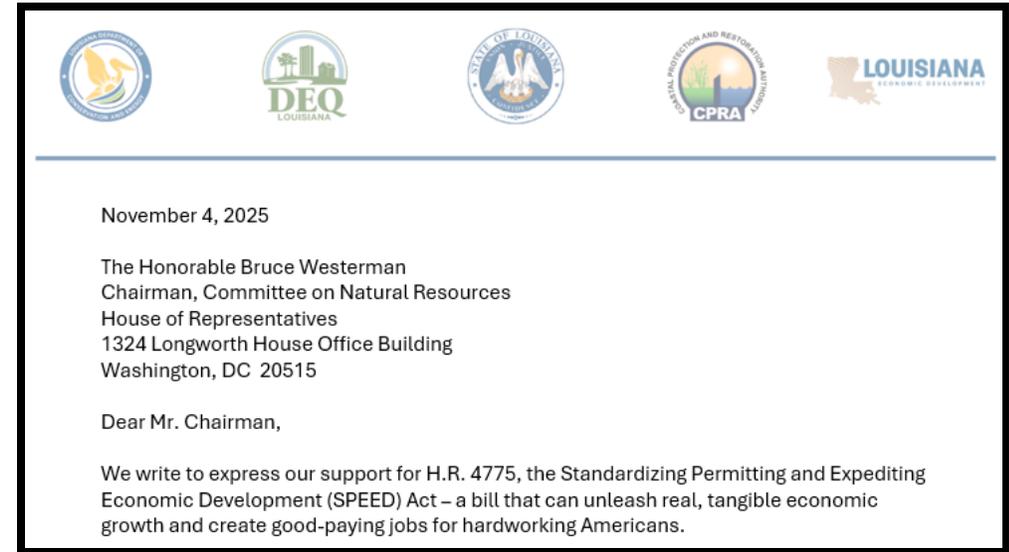
Coastal Storm Risk Management Trust Fund Act

- Rep. Jeff Van Drew (R-NJ-2) is drafting legislation to create a trust fund for coastal projects through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- Known as the Coastal Storm Risk Management Trust Fund Act, the bill would dedicate hundreds of millions from offshore energy revenues to the Army Corps for budgeting for coastal projects.
- Bill seeks to address struggle for coastal projects to get federal funding outside of disaster supplementals.



SPEED Act legislation

- Chairman Bruce Westerman (R-AR) and Rep. Jared Golden (D-ME) introduced the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act to reform NEPA and reduce permitting delays resulting from protracted judicial review.
- The bipartisan SPEED Act could be the foundation of permitting reform that remains a priority topic for 2026. Permitting reform could get connected to reauthorization of the surface transportation bill.
- CPRA, C&E, DEQ, and LED signed a letter in support of the legislation.



Chairman Westerman during a tour of coastal wetlands in Louisiana in August 2025.

Questions?

