The Louisiana Artificial Reef Program
National Fishing Enhancement Act of 1984

Louisiana Fishing Enhancement Act - Act 100 of the 1986 Louisiana Legislature
The Louisiana Fishing Enhancement Act

- Created the Artificial Reef Program within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
- Required an Artificial Reef Plan to be written
- Established the Artificial Reef Trust Fund
- Formed the Artificial Reef Council
  - Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
  - School of the Coast and Environment
  - Louisiana Sea Grant Program

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Artificial Reef Council

- Oversees the Artificial Reef Development Program
- Charged with providing guidance on:
  - Policy
  - Site selection
  - Procedures
  - Allocation of funds
Artificial Reef Council

Council Motion at January 25, 2005 meeting

“By consensus, the Council approved a motion, that for planning purposes, the Artificial Reef Council advises the Department to use a base of $25 million of the Artificial Reef Trust Fund, adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index, and that funds in excess of anticipated operating expenditures be available for potential Research and Habitat projects per R.S.56:639.8G.”
# Artificial Reef Fund

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*Blue bold text indicates projected numbers*
*Black text indicates actual numbers*
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Department of Wildlife & Fisheries

- Administers and Manages the program in accordance with:
  - National Fishing Enhancement Act
  - Louisiana Artificial Reef Development Plan
  - Pertinent regulations and laws
  - Budget allocation
Offshore Artificial Reefs

- 65 Established Offshore Artificial Reef Sites
  - 43 Planning Area Reefs
  - 15 Special Artificial Reef Sites
  - 7 Deepwater Reefs

- Structures Converted
  - 264 platform jackets &
  - 8 drill rig legs
  - 26 oil & gas structures deployed in 2010
  - 3 oil & gas structures deployed to date in 2011
Offshore Projects

- Offshore Reefs
  - Permitted: 11
    - 4- Planning Area
    - 1- Deepwater
    - 6- SARS
  - Proposed: 2

- Platforms for R2R
  - Total 80
    - 62 permitted
    - 18 in permit process
Rigs to Reefs
Ship Shoal 230 Reef

- Multibeam image:
  - Platform Jackets
    - SS-230 “A”
    - SS-225 “C”
    - SS-242 “C”
  - Offshore Tug
    - M/V Hercules
Grand Isle Sulphur Mine

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Inshore Artificial Reefs

- 28 inshore reefs
- Low-profile reefs
- Materials
  - Shell
  - Limestone
  - Reef Balls
  - Bridge Rubble

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Current Twin Spans Project

Barge

Deployment

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South Twin Span Reef

Multi-beam imagery of completed reef
Independence Island Project