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#### **Texas Coastal Overview**

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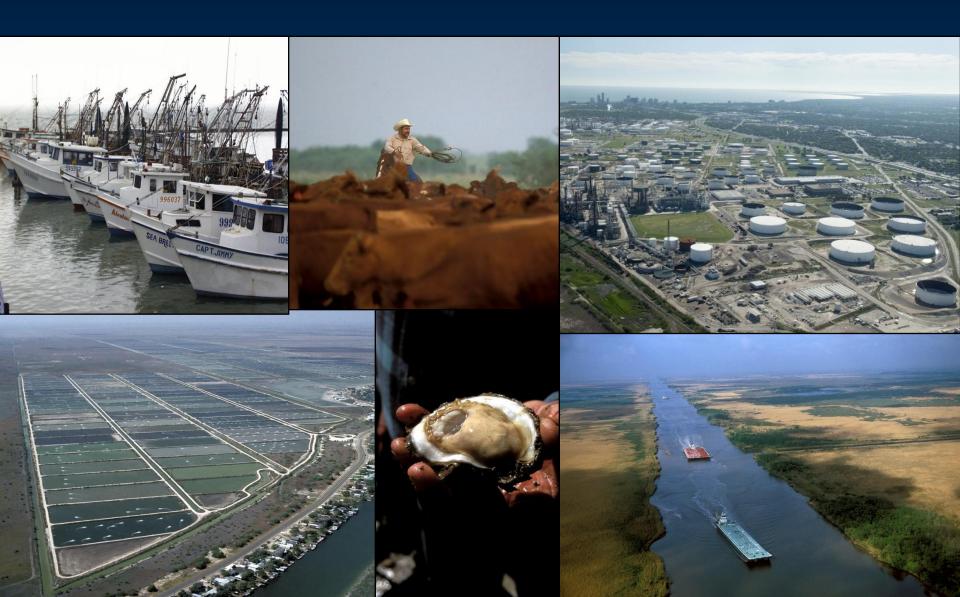


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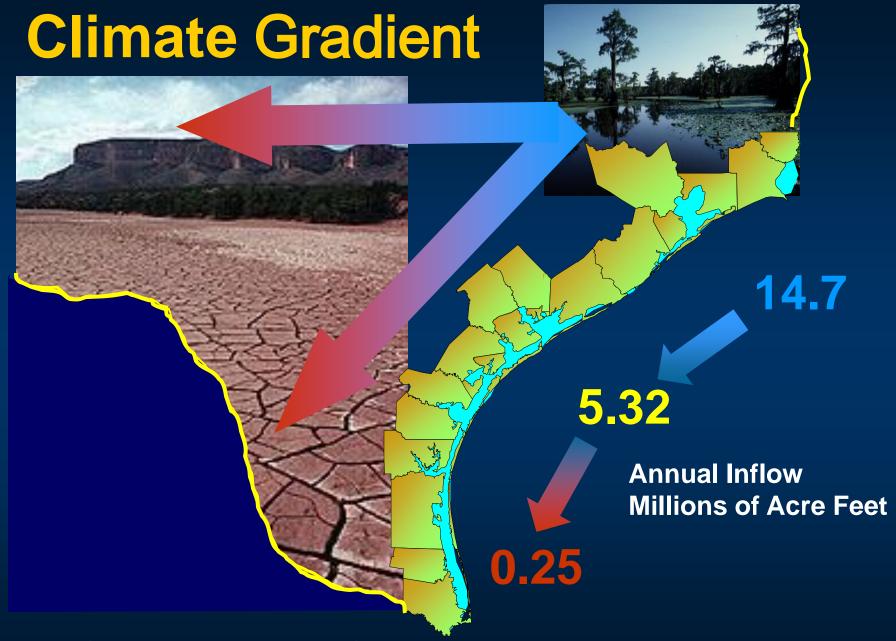


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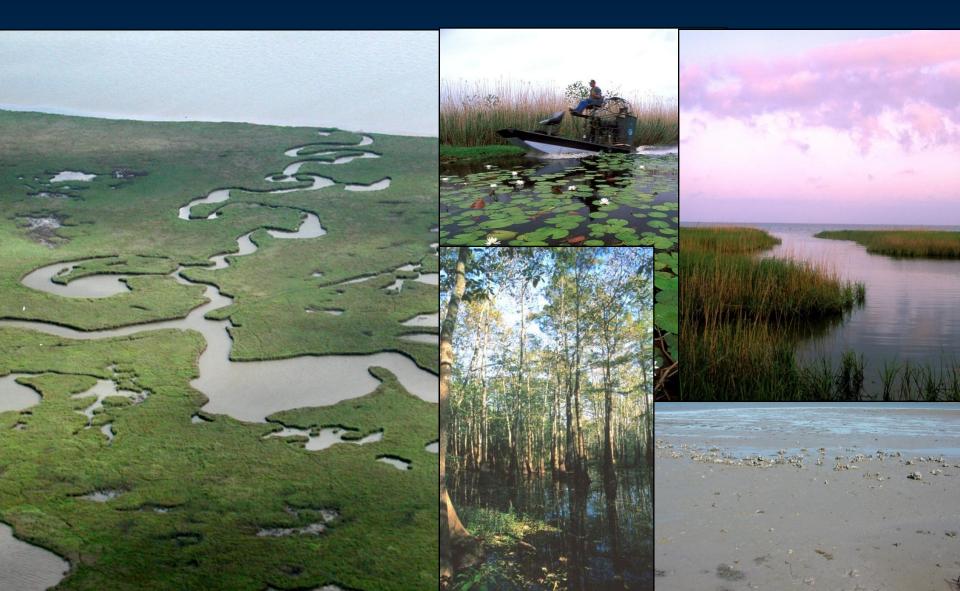
## **Nature Based Tourism**





Reflected In Inflows to Estuaries

## **Coastal Habitats**



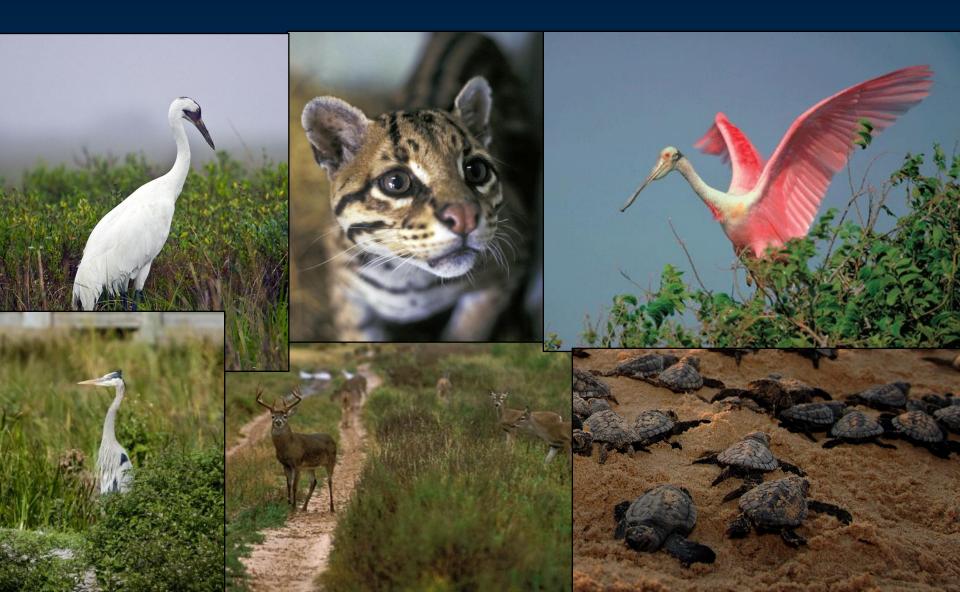
### **Coastal Habitats**



## **Coastal Biodiversity**



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## Challenges-Habitat Loss



## **Water Needs**



## **Climate Challenges**



### A History of Conservation



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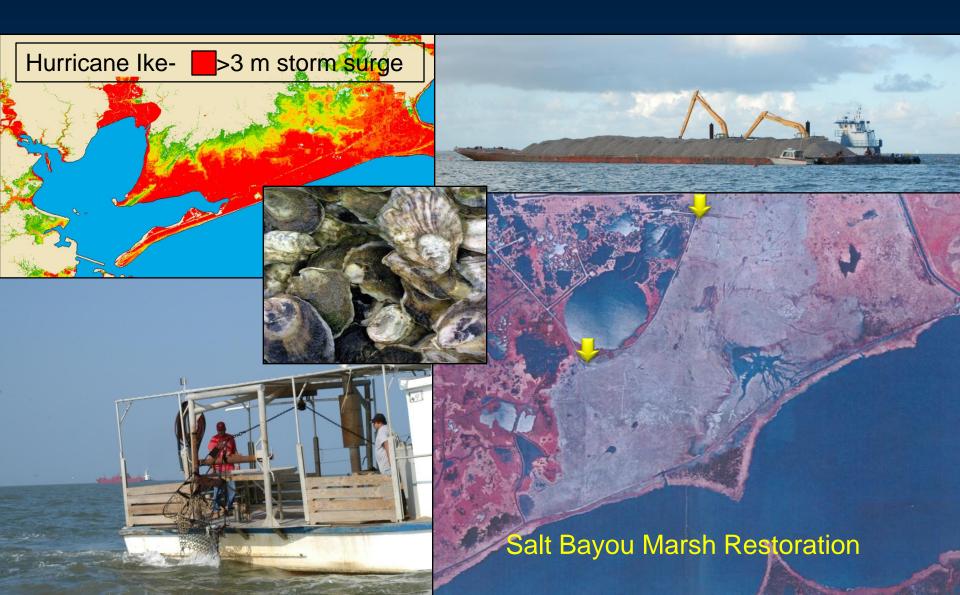
#### North Deer Island Project



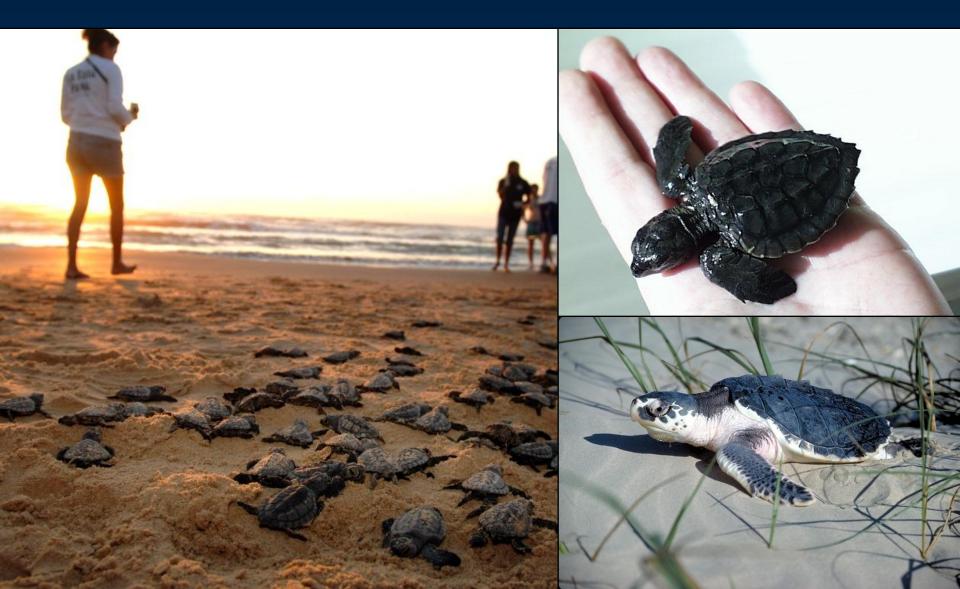




#### **Post-Storm Restoration**



## Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle



#### **Public Education**

