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## Business and Industry Session

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Business and Industry	A real issue is that the North is not very sympathetic to Gulf issues. Lots of bigotry against Southerners and their issues.
Business and Industry	We have the mechanism to provide industry support/match for beneficial uses but the process is too slow. We need to streamline the process and improve leveraging process. There is a scale issue.
Business and Industry	More efficient to protect what we have. If we can, we should use our dredge material.
Business and Industry	We have successful islands and bird rookeries. Unbelievable success with the birds. There used to be 50 islands and now there's 5. There is great need for these sites.
Business and Industry	Impediment to funding beneficial use for us. We are a socially responsible group. But they are concerned that they not put themselves at a competitive disadvantage. We can't go out of business while doing these things. It is a worldwide competition and our competitors don't always play by the same rules. Hard for one company to step out.
Business and Industry	I found last night [public/NGO listening session] to have too many comments on "Let's study it to death". Studies need to be focused. Big-scale experiments in the field need to move forward. Do something and see how it works.
Business and Industry	Local ownership. Give locals incentives to do the work locally. People will drive what they have ownership of and a stake in.

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NGO	Many issues are too big for local action, although the challenges are local. Sediment loss, while not as bad yet in TX as elsewhere, we see the "end of the train coming".
Business and Industry	Root of much of the issue is that all rivers in Texas are dammed, and the coast is sediment starved.
Business and Industry	Chesapeake Bay has failed miserably. Only success has been imposed by above. Each state doesn't want to change their way of behaving. It hasn't worked.
Business and Industry	Coastal land is very valuable economically and too expensive to buy for environmental purposes. Not so easy. Also removes land out of tax base. Also, there is so much development along the coast and we need to change that trend.
Business and Industry	We have unsustainable growth in coastal communities and it is projected to continue. In order to change, our communities need to figure out how to prosper without growth...and no one knows how to do that. Maybe you should go to the top 5 business schools in the country to have them develop a model for stabilized population and healthy economy. We have to change the current models that need population growth. Every community along the coast has at least one economic development corporation that promotes growth. That has to change.
NGO	Our plan includes avoidance/minimization of accidents (navigation, spills, etc.) that are very pertinent to industry. Industry should be challenged to increase safety for vehicles. Also expeditious. Impediments include need funding for extra travel lanes to separate big vessels from barges. Avoiding accidents in bays is particularly important.
NGO	Encourage industries to build in well-developed industrial footprint. Compact and minimize the impact. Deepen and lengthen existing channels instead of building new ones. Continue to engage industry in a corporate stewardship role and other support activities. It is a receptive audience. What's the mission.

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Business and Industry	Our bay system takes 52 months to exchange water in the bay. This bay is a desert; We could use a little higher nutrient level in our bay.
Business and Industry	Our industry involvement works because it is locally owned.
Business and Industry	And, you get better science. Results oriented.
NGO	Our industries have some of the lowest water consumption along the Gulf coast. Industry around here has really stepped up.
Business and Industry	Current atmosphere/administration has brought a real diversion from practical environmental improvements (estuaries, clean water, clean air) to global GHG, climate change, cap-and-trade, nebulous topics. Let's be practical. Stop looking at working with the UN. Focus on our needs for a better life. We used to see things getting better. Now, we've gone off the deep-end as a nation focusing on something that may not be real and is impractical. Industry, in general, is pro-environmental. Industry will buy into a practical, beneficial effort. Press gets people fired up about some crazy direction.
Business and Industry	Industry feels under attack. Change the theme. Right now, industry only does what is required. We are totally defensive. If you want cooperation, change the game.
Business and Industry	If the Mississippi River collapses, a lot of businesses upriver will go under because they can't afford the cost differential for trucking.
Business and Industry	The Mississippi River system is a huge natural resource component of the nation's economy. People don't understand its importance.
Business and Industry	In 1792, one of the responses to the Whiskey Rebellion was an effort to link the Mississippi River to Northeast.
NGO	Do something big if the funds come through. Do what you can along the Mississippi River marshes. Don't delve it out into a thousand different projects.

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Business and Industry	Water quality in our bay does very well. Our real problem is public abuse...dumping tires, oil. Public education is critical.
NGO	We try to manage public access and guide it to more appropriate locations.
Business and Industry	Our CCBEP education program is terrific. Makes a difference.
Business and Industry	Seven identified estuaries along the Texas coast but only Galveston and Corpus are organized. And they are organized completely differently. This one is completely community based.
Business and Industry	Louisiana is in a panic mode. It took them awhile to get it, but they now get it!