



Coastal Sustainability Program

Hydrocoast Maps

On the Coast, rainfall mixes with seawater from the Gulf, resulting in a coastal system called an estuary. The estuary is impacted by natural influences such as tides, rainfall, wind and human influences such as river diversions, altered hydrology and pollution.

The Hydrocoast maps were created to show how all the influences of the Pontchartrain Estuary interact. The maps provide real-time information and are released on a bi-weekly schedule.

Currently, there are five maps available that show conditions and information relevant to the Pontchartrain Basin:

All Maps

- Water salinity contours across the basin
- Water salinity barriers (levees, roads, ridges, canals)
- Water salinity leak points (gates, raised roads, bayous)

Salinity Map

- Discharge from rivers, diversions and Mississippi River Outlets
- Land loss and land gain

Habitat Map

- Marsh habitat types across the basin (swam, fresh, brackish etc.)
- Soil water salinity contours

Weather Map

- Rainfall
- Wind direction and speed
- Discharge from rivers and Mississippi River outlets

Water Quality Map

- Fecal coliform counts around Lake Pontchartrain
- Impaired waterbodies
- Discharge from rivers and Mississippi River outlets

Biological Map

- Oyster harvest area closure
- Public oyster seed grounds
- Aerial shrimp and oyster fleet surveys
- Market prices for oyster, crab, crawfish and shrimp

For more information on the Hydrocoast maps, to view archived maps or to subscribe to receive the maps through email please visit: <http://saveourlake.org/coastal-hydromap.php>

Turn over for an example of the Salinity Hydrocoast Map

Hydrocoast Map - Salinity

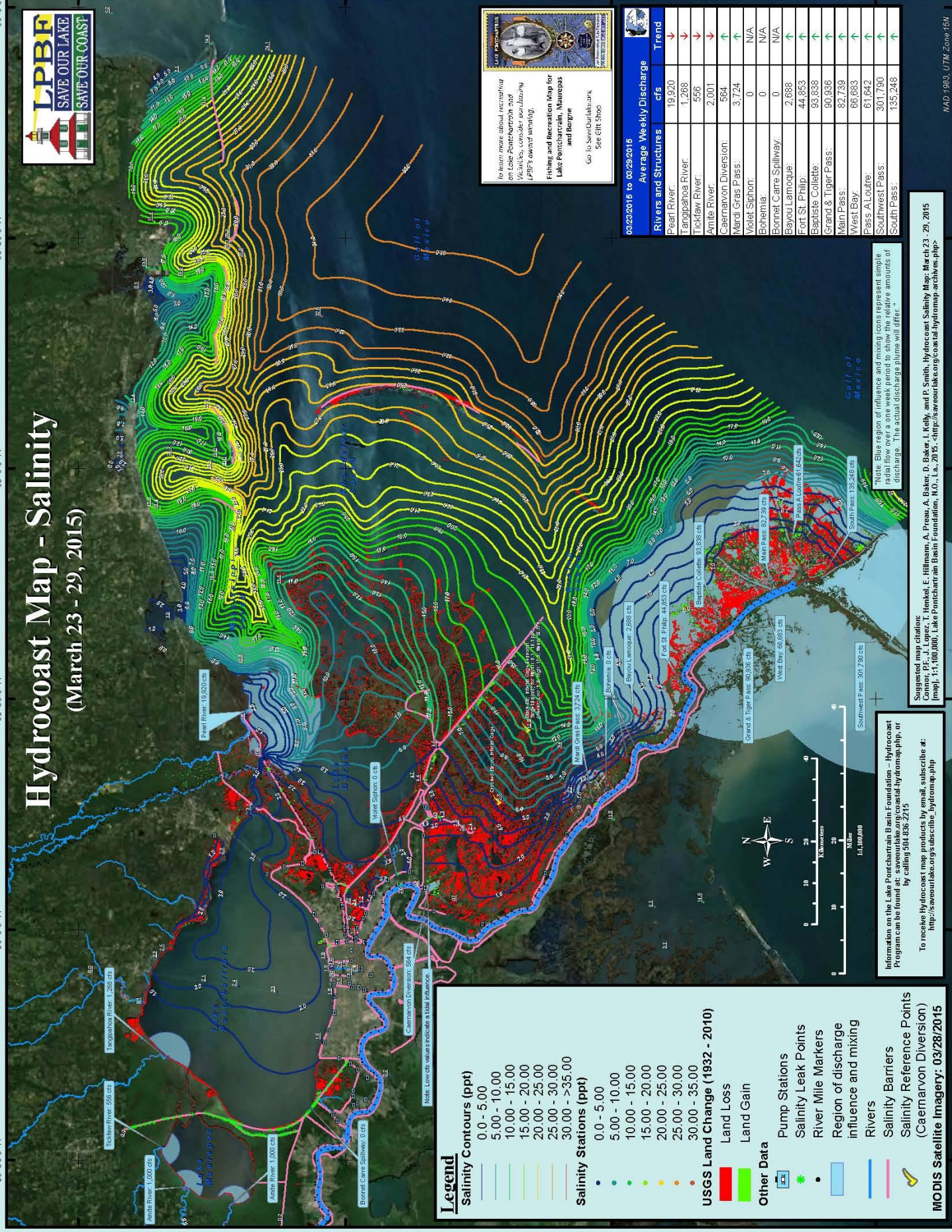
(March 23 - 29, 2015)



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03/23/2015 to 03/29/2015

Rivers and Structures	Average Weekly Discharge	cfs	Trend
Pearl River:		19,920	↔
Tangipahoa River:		1,268	↘
Techaw River:		556	↘
Anite River:		2,001	↘
Caernarvon Diversion:		564	↔
Mardi Gras Pass:		3,724	↔
Violet Siphon:		0	N/A
Bohemia:		0	N/A
Bonnet Carré Spillway:		0	N/A
Bayou Lamoque:		2,688	↔
Fort St. Philip:		44,853	↔
Baptiste Colette:		93,838	↔
Grand & Tiger Pass:		90,936	↔
Main Pass:		82,739	↔
West Bay:		66,683	↔
Pass A Loutre:		61,642	↔
Southwest Pass:		301,790	↔
South Pass:		135,248	↔



Legend

- Salinity Contours (ppt)**
 - 0.0 - 5.00
 - 5.00 - 10.00
 - 10.00 - 15.00
 - 15.00 - 20.00
 - 20.00 - 25.00
 - 25.00 - 30.00
 - 30.00 - 35.00
- Salinity Stations (ppt)**
 - 0.0 - 5.00
 - 5.00 - 10.00
 - 10.00 - 15.00
 - 15.00 - 20.00
 - 20.00 - 25.00
 - 25.00 - 30.00
 - 30.00 - 35.00
- USGS Land Change (1932 - 2010)**
 - Land Loss
 - Land Gain
- Other Data**
 - Pump Stations
 - Salinity Leak Points
 - River Mile Markers
 - Region of discharge influence and mixing
 - Rivers
 - Salinity Barriers
 - Salinity Reference Points (Caernarvon Diversion)
 - MODIS Satellite Imagery: 03/28/2015

Note: Ellipse region of influence and mixing icons represent simple radial flow over a one week period to show the relative amounts of discharge. The actual discharge plume will differ.

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