

Baton Rouge

Fisheries Resource Office



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Station Facts

- Established: 1978. (Previously located at Jackson, Mississippi and Natchitoches, Louisiana; located at Baton Rouge since 1993.)
- Number of staff: three permanent full-time.
- Annual budget (FY 05): \$179,000.
- Geographic area covered: Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Lower Mississippi River and tributaries within Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Southeast Region.

Station Goals

- Proper management of fish populations on national wildlife refuges, tribal trust lands, and other federal lands.
- Restoration of anadromous fishes, particularly Gulf striped bass, in accordance with interjurisdictional goals.
- Recovery of Gulf and pallid sturgeon and other species listed under the Endangered Species Act.
- Proper management and conservation of interjurisdictional fisheries and other aquatic resources, including their habitats, in the lower Mississippi River and tributaries.

Services Provided To

- Other Fish and Wildlife Service program offices.
- State and Federal partners.
- Interjurisdictional commissions, committees or other partnership entities in cooperative management of lower Mississippi River fisheries and their habitats.
- Military bases.

Activity Highlights

- Aquatic resource monitoring and development of aquatic resource management plans and recommendations for national wildlife refuges, tribal lands and other federal lands.
- Various types of technical assistance in interjurisdictional fisheries restoration and management.
- Technical assistance in recovery of species listed as threatened or endangered.
- Participate on Fish and Wildlife Service's Lower Mississippi River Ecosystem Team's Contaminants and Fisheries committees.
- Fish population and water quality sampling in the Atchafalaya Basin, Louisiana as part of multi-agency studies to monitor fish population response to hydrological management in the basin.
- Monitoring Gulf sturgeon populations in Lake Pontchartrain rivers.
- Monitoring pallid sturgeon populations in Mississippi and Atchafalaya rivers.
- Assist State of Louisiana with anadromas striped bass restoration.