



# American Oystercatcher Working Group Meeting: Louisiana Update

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## Where We Work

Restored (Renourished)

Unrestored

★ AMOY

Holly Beach Town  
Holly Beach Restoration  
Broussard Beach  
Rutherford Beach

Rockefeller Refuge

Fourchon Beach West  
Elmer's Island Wildlife Refuge  
Grand Isle State Park

# Coastal Restoration

Protecting and restoring Louisiana's vanishing landscape





## Louisiana's Coastal Master Plan

- Suite of projects including barrier island re-construction, beach renourishment, river sediment diversions, shoreline protection, marsh creation
- \$1 billion spent on dune renourishment and barrier island projects over last 15 years



# RESTORE

## THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER DELTA

- Mississippi River Delta Coalition
- Coastal Restoration, Science, Policy, and Advocacy
- Barrier island, beach renourishment, and marsh creation projects create habitat for birds & other wildlife, and benefit nesting bird species





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# American Oystercatcher Data

Louisiana 2020 Summary





## Resights

### Reported to the AMOY Working Group band sighting database

Grand Isle State Park, July 21, 2020

- Adult (pictured left) band code C2
- Banded as an adult in November 2010 at Sand Dollar Marina (bayside of Grand Isle)
- Bird was seen between June-October 2020 at the state park



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Rockefeller State Wildlife Refuge,  
December 22, 2020

- Juvenile, hatching year (pictured left) band code W8W dispersed from Texas
- Winter shorebird surveys conducted on refuge. AMOY observed using newly constructed breakwaters



## Queen Bess Island

### Monitored by LDWF

#### Pre-restoration

- 1 breeding pair

#### Post-restoration

- 2-3 breeding pairs, chick documented (pictured left) surviving Tropical Storm Cristobal







## Whiskey Island

### Monitored by USGS

- 4 pairs, 3 nests, no young observed
- Max 11 birds occupying the island on surveys
- No banded birds reported
- \*2019: 7 pairs, 5 nests, 1 fledge

# 2021 Island Restoration

Projects in progress

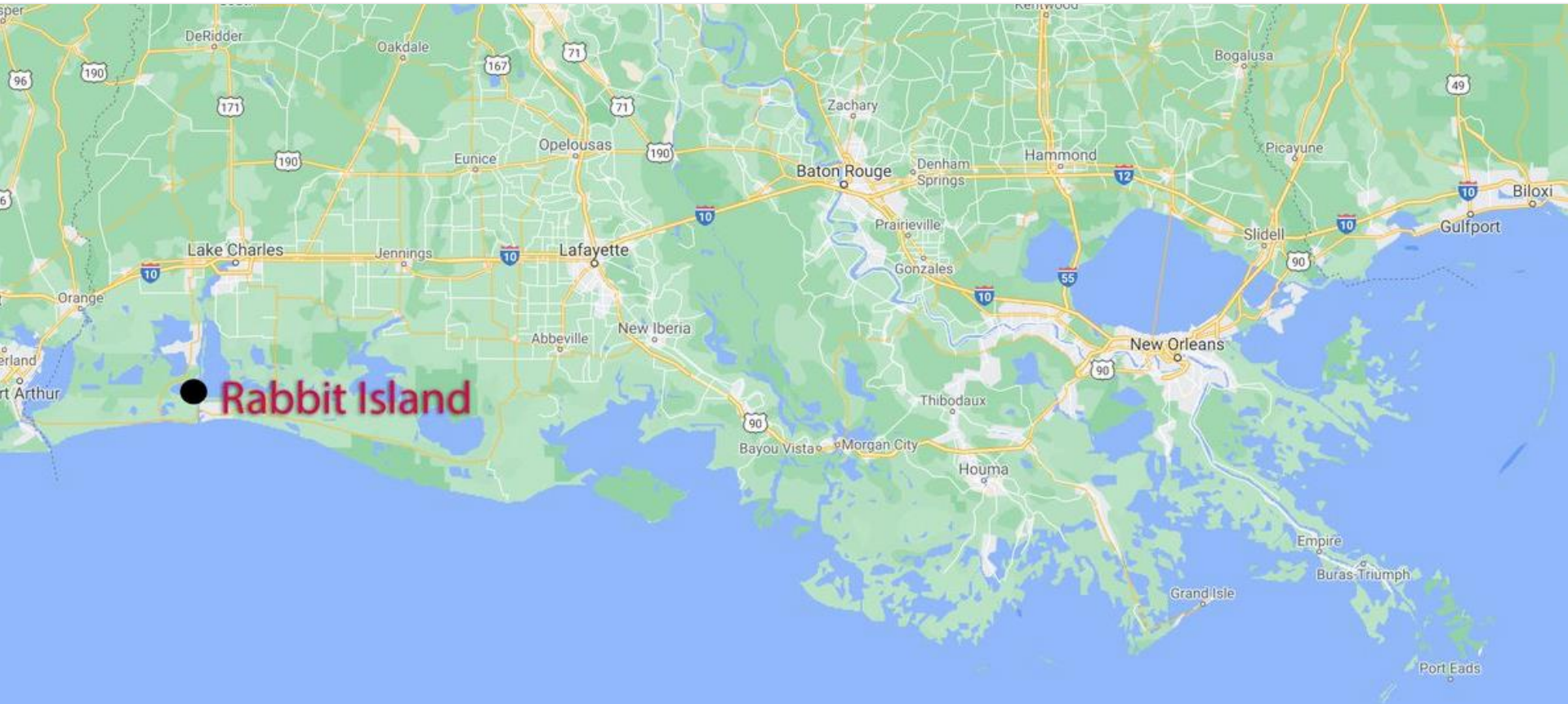


## Rabbit Island

### 88 acres nesting bird habitat

- Construction begun Jan 2021
- \$16.4 million
- Only Brown Pelican colony in SWLA
- Important area for nesting Reddish Egrets and other wading birds





## North Breton Island

### 400 acres barrier island habitat

- Construction begun Dec 2020
- \$54.9 million
- Protection for City of New Orleans, Plaquemines Parish
- One of the largest waterbird rookeries in the state, including one of the largest Brown Pelican nesting colonies





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