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ECO Magazine Announces Special 'State of the Coast' Issue Dedicated to Coastal Restoration

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The issue will focus on coastal restoration, management and regulation in Louisiana and the wider Gulf Coast. STUART, Fla. August 14, 2018 – [ECO Magazine](#) (ECO), the marine science publication written by ocean experts and explorers, today announced the upcoming publication of a special issue dedicated to the coast of Louisiana and wider Gulf Coast.

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Available in October 2018, the digital issue will highlight coastal restoration, management and regulation.

"Coastal restoration is a growing topic that impacts coastal communities around the world. We hope this special issue will provide an international platform to share the ground-breaking projects underway today and help strengthen our knowledge in this field so that together we can build resilient communities and better preserve our coastlines for generations to come," said Kira Coley, Senior Editor of ECO magazine.

[Predictions](#) estimate that coastal Louisiana is losing the equivalent of a "football field" of land every 100 minutes. This land is crucial to communities, wildlife, transportation routes and energy infrastructure. To combat significant coastal land loss, the state of Louisiana created a Coastal Master Plan for restoration and flood protection in 2007, with updates every five years. The current edition of the Master Plan consists of 109 different restoration projects across the Louisiana coast including sediment diversions, hydrologic restoration, barrier island restoration, marsh creation, ridge restoration, bank stabilization, shoreline protection, and oyster reef creation. These numerous types of restoration projects along the entire coast of Louisiana will work together to help stem natural and human induced land loss.

"The State of the Coast 2018 brought together an amazing array of world-class scientists whose work is strengthening efforts to address coastal challenges not only here in Louisiana, but around the world," said Justin Ehrenwerth, President and CEO of The Water Institute of the Gulf. "ECO Magazine is offering a great opportunity to share that knowledge beyond the walls of the convention center and improving the ongoing conversation around making communities, economies, and environments more resilient in the face of an uncertain future."

"State of the Coast is the preeminent coastal science conference dealing mainly with Louisiana's land loss crisis. But the issues we are working to solve have far reaching and worldwide applications," said Executive Director of the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, Kimberly Davis Reyher. "We are excited about this innovative partnership with ECO Magazine. It will certainly enhance our ability to disseminate this important information to a much wider audience hopefully helping other communities avoid the painful lessons we have had to learn."

"The State of the Coast Conference is our biennial summit for information sharing by everyone working on Louisiana's coastal situation, and that includes federal, state and local governmental entities as well as academia and private industry," said Johnny Bradberry, CPRA Board Chairman and Executive Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Activities. "As the lead state agency tasked with accomplishing the restoration of our coast and the protection of our people, homes and industry, the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority welcomes the chance to share what we are doing, what we have planned, and everything we have learned. We are pleased that this partnership with ECO Magazine will help extend the reach of what was shared by all at this year's conference."

The *State of the Coast* issue is made possible through a partnership with the organizers of State of the Coast (SOC), The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana (CRCL), The Water Institute of the Gulf, and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana (CPRA). Sponsorships will also be undertaken to support the issue's important message. ECO Magazine invites organizations to join them and partners in supporting the ground-breaking work in coastal restoration along the Louisiana coast with an international audience working in this

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dynamic and growing field. For more information, contact editor@ecomagazine.com. To receive notification of the *State of the Coast* publication, click [here](#).

About ECO Magazine

ECO Magazine is a marine science publication committed to bringing scientists and professionals the latest ground-breaking research, industry news, and job opportunities from around the world. Through the eyes of ocean experts and explorers, ECO dives into the fields of marine science from coastal to deepsea, delivering thought-provoking stories on restoration, mitigation, regulation and assessment in the marine industry. ECO is published online and bi-monthly in print. To subscribe or learn more, click [here](#).

About State of the Coast

The State of the Coast (SOC) Conference is the largest state-wide conference of its kind providing an interdisciplinary forum to exchange timely and relevant information on the dynamic conditions of Louisiana's coastal communities, environment, and economy. The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana (CRCL), The Water Institute of the Gulf, and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana (CPRA) partner to produce this forum, the need for which grows with every acre of land lost to the Gulf.

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