


Crab Lines

A stylized illustration of a wooden crab trap with a blue crab on the right side, positioned below the title "Crab Lines".

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Dear Friends of BTNEP.

On Wednesday, November 14, 2007 WWL TV, out of New Orleans, aired a segment titled "Solution to Louisiana's coastal erosion half a world away." The piece highlights simple principles that are used both in Louisiana and in the sea off of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates to build new landmasses.

Darin Lee, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources; Patricia Taylor, Environmental Protection Agency; Shea Penland, UNO; Ivor van Heerden, LSU Hurricane Center; and myself discuss effective coastal restoration tools, strategies and techniques that could be used to distribute the sediments that we so sorely need to rebuild our coast immediately.

The piece was well done and leaves you with a sense of hope that it is indeed possible for us to rebuild much of the coastal landscape that we have lost. We need more of this sort of reporting on techniques that we can use to effectively repair our coast.

During this season of giving thanks for what we have, the BTNEP wants to express thanks to all of you who work so diligently on so many levels to help restore our treasured Louisiana wetland. We have much to be thankful for during this season.

The 7 minute segment by Dennis Woltering of WWL-TV can be seen at:
<http://www.wwltv.com/local/stories/wwl111407kherosion.3e6b5d8.html>

Warm regards during this Thanksgiving season,

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