



# Crab Lines



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## WETSHOP Teacher Training Makes Local News

The 2008 WETSHOP teacher workshop, hosted by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and funded in part by the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program (BTNEP), afforded Louisiana educators with a week-long personal look at coastal land loss and related restoration activities.

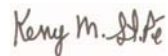
As part of the intense training organized under the watchful direction of Angela Capello, (LDWF) educators participated in a day-long excursion that allowed them to get a first-hand look at how coastal restoration can be done using dredged material beneficially. Teachers visited the newly created wetlands that were produced largely with funds provided by The Greater Lafourche Port Commission in Port Fourchon, LA. Additional partners in the maritime forest ridge restoration project include Shell Oil Company, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy, the Gulf of Mexico Program and Foundation, the Environmental Protection Agency, Terrebonne Birding Club, Orleans Audubon, and BTNEP and its Foundation. During the field excursion, BTNEP staff shared information about the dynamics of coastal habitats and the importance of partnerships in coastal restoration activities.

This year WETSHOP participants also got to meet members of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from Dallas and Washington DC. Additionally, WWL TV and the Houma Courier covered the story. If you would like to see the teachers in the field below are the links to coverage:

[http://www.houmatoday.com/article/20080619/ARTICLES/806190308/1211&title=Educators\\_tour\\_reclaimed\\_coastal\\_land](http://www.houmatoday.com/article/20080619/ARTICLES/806190308/1211&title=Educators_tour_reclaimed_coastal_land)

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Kind regards,



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