

LWF Resolution for 2012 Convention

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**SUBJECT: SUPPORTING STRONGER PERMIT CONDITIONS AND ENFORCEMENT
ACTIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES ALLOWED INSIDE THE
ATCHAFALAYA BASIN FLOODWAY SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, many changes in the hydrology of the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System have occurred because of modifications to historic water flow patterns by commercial operations under permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers, and

WHEREAS, many of the above-mentioned modifications require periodic maintenance to prevent further damage to the pre-existing environment and subsequent water flow and quality degradations, and

WHEREAS, some permits have been issued without sufficient conditions requiring maintenance of the modified features, and

WHEREAS, permit conditions which were appropriately included have not been aggressively enforced by the responsible enforcement authorities,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife Federation supports the inclusion in all modification permits, conditions that require the continued maintenance of the modified area, to prevent future degradation of wildlife habitat and/or ecosystem sustainability caused by intended or unintended changes to pre-existing conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife Federation supports aggressive enforcement of permit conditions for the protection of habitat and ecosystem sustainability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife Federation supports increased funding of regulatory and enforcement activities by the US Army Corps of Engineers, or its designees, in the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System.

The foregoing resolution is submitted by **Friends of the Atchafalaya** for consideration by the Louisiana Wildlife Federation in convention assembled.

Charles Fryling, President,
FOA Board of Directors
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