

1 protection. The annual plan shall include at least a three-year projection of funding of
2 projects and programs related to integrated coastal protection, including but not limited to
3 relevant public or private funding sources."; and

4 WHEREAS, the first review and revision of the master plan has been conducted by
5 the CPRA throughout the past year with final adoption of the plan being presented for
6 legislative approval during this 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana; and

7 WHEREAS, although the estimated costs associated with various projects are
8 included in the revised master plan for integrated coastal protection, those costs do not
9 include any funds to be used as compensation for the displacement or negative impacts to
10 the state's fisheries by the construction and implementation of the integrated coastal
11 protection projects; and

12 WHEREAS, fishing has been an integral part of the cultural and economic fabric of
13 the Louisiana coast since even before it became a state, with a vast bounty of shrimp,
14 oysters, crabs, and finfish available throughout the coastal area and a vast network of
15 fishermen, processors, dealers, and, of course, restaurants that have kept Louisiana seafood
16 available to our citizens and to people around the world; and

17 WHEREAS, coastal protection and restoration activities have an obvious and
18 dramatic impact on our coastal fisheries industries and an obvious and dramatic impact
19 especially on the economic stability and viability of the industries, and impact that should
20 not be ignored when developing a master plan for integrated coastal protection; and

21 WHEREAS, the potentially negative impacts could be mitigated in various ways,
22 including relocation of oyster reefs and leases, retraining of fishermen for other occupations,
23 and recapitalization for affected fishermen but there can be no mitigation without monies
24 available to fund such mitigation.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
26 urge and request the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to include in the
27 calculation of project costs for coastal protection and restoration projects contained in the
28 master plan for integrated coastal protection and the accompanying annual plans the costs
29 of compensatory mitigation for negative impacts resulting from such projects to the state's
30 fisheries.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority
2 work with the Louisiana Oyster Task Force, the Louisiana Shrimp Task Force, and the
3 Louisiana Crab Task Force to develop mitigation alternatives and programs to compensate
4 for the potential negative impacts to the state's fisheries resulting from integrated coastal
5 protection projects.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the
7 chairman of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

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Requests the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to include the costs of compensatory mitigation for damages to oyster leases in the calculation of project costs for coastal protection and restoration projects contained in the coastal master plan and the annual plans.