

## **ATCHAFALAYA BASIN WATER MANAGEMENT UNIT INFORMATION\***

**Name of Water Management Unit:** Cow Island Lake

**Location and Boundaries:** Located in the west-central part of the Lower Atchafalaya Basin Floodway. Generally bounded on the south by the Little Atchafalaya River and on the northeast, north, and northwest by Upper Grand River.

**Issues:** Cow Island Lake has dense beds of aquatic vegetation, and outflow is limited by a weir located at its outlet to the Little Atchafalaya River.

**Strategies:** To be developed\*

### **Implementation Status:**

There are no state or federal water management projects currently authorized for this unit, and none are known to have been completed there.

### **Available Funding:**

Federal: None at this time. The Cow Island Lake Water Management Unit (WMU) is one of the 13 water management units identified in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) 1982 Feasibility Report for the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System (ABFS). Only five of the thirteen WMUs were recommended for federal improvements by the Corps as part of the ABFS project; the Cow Island Lake WMU was not one of those recommended.

State: None at this time.

Additional Funding Needed: Future funding needs for projects will be identified as part of the Atchafalaya Basin Program Annual Plan development process.

\* Focus is on measures needed for maintaining, restoring and/or enhancing the Basin's aquatic and wetland habitats