

ATCHAFALAYA BASIN WATER MANAGEMENT UNIT INFORMATION*

Name of Water Management Unit: Lost Lake

Location and Boundaries: Located in the west-central part of the Lower Atchafalaya Basin Floodway. Generally bounded on the northwest by the Atchafalaya River, the Upper Grand River on the southeast and the Butte Larose Cutoff on the northeast.

Issues: Open water habitat in this unit has become extremely limited over the past few decades, and its value from a sport or commercial fisheries standpoint has declined accordingly. Limited hydrological input occurs at a location at the east end of the unit off Upper Grand River. It is unknown if this input site also serves as an outflow location.

Strategies: To be developed*

Implementation Status:

There 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 available at this time. The Lost Lake WMU was 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) project. Only five of the thirteen WMUs were recommended for federal improvements by the Corps as part of the ABFS project; the Lost Lake WMU was not one of those.

State: None at this time.

Additional Funding Needed: Future funding needs for additional 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