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Coalition Set to Testify on Coastal Erosion

Louisiana's coastal erosion crisis will be the focus of a Congressional hearing on Thursday, July 15. Mark Davis, executive director of the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana will be telling the House Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment that the time for this nation to act on this issue is now. Testimony before the subcommittee is part of the latest effort to garner federal support to help save coastal Louisiana.

Under consideration is a near-term program designed to jump start a broader coastal restoration effort. Davis will be urging decisive action and is prepared to tell Congress that time is running out. "The very survival of one of the world's greatest ecologic, cultural and economic treasures is at stake," Davis said. "The price of doing too little or waiting too long will be measured in terms of dollars, lives and our natural and cultural heritage." According to Davis, "the restoration effort we seek will not replace the million plus acres of land that have been lost. Rather, it will restore a function balance to this coastal ecosystem, so that it becomes ecologically, culturally and economically sustainable."

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Among others testifying are Mr. Scott Angelle, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, Mr. R. King Milling, President of Whitney Bank and Chairman of the Governor's Commission on Coastal Activities, Dr. Robert Twilley, Director of the Center for Ecology and Environmental Technology, Mr. Ted Falgout, Director of Port Fourchon and Mr. Clifford Smith, member of the Mississippi River Commission.

A copy of the Coalition's testimony can be obtained at:

<http://www.crcl.org/WRDATESTIMONY04.htm>

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