Louisiana’s $2.4 billion seafood industry is threatened by man-made and natural factors.

WHAT’S THE CATCH?
IN THE GULF REGION:

98% OF CRAWFISH
83% OF BLUE CRABS
55% OF OYSTERS
47% OF SHRIMP
COME FROM LOUISIANA.

LOUISIANA’S SEAFOOD INDUSTRY — HAS THE — LARGEST CATCH IN THE LOWER 48 STATES.

WITHOUT THE SEAFOOD INDUSTRY, LOUISIANA WOULD LOSE:
MORE THAN 30,000 JOBS
MORE THAN 1 BILLION TOTAL POUNDS OF SEAFOOD ANNUALLY

LSU research works to protect Louisiana’s catch.

Leading-edge Research for the Industry

- Louisiana Sea Grant Oyster Research Lab spawns 500 million oyster larvae each year to help the state stay at the top of the U.S. oyster industry.
- LSU researchers implanted radio transmitters in 250 speckled trout in Lake Pontchartrain to collect population and distribution data on these fish to help inform the placement of river diversions.
- Louisiana Sea Grant and LSU computer scientists developed a mobile app for commercial fishermen to find safe harbor during an emergency.
- LSU is a national sea-grant university.
- Louisiana Sea Grant researchers are developing a new, lower cost bait from shrimp waste to bolster the state’s commercial blue crab industry, which currently yields $60 million in dockside sales per year.

Service to the Industry

- LSU AgCenter has led seafood safety training for 3,000 processors, packers, wholesalers, and harvesters for two decades and with Louisiana Sea Grant launched a mobile training lab to educate commercial fishermen in the field in the latest onboard seafood refrigeration to produce high-quality seafood that captures the highest market price.
- Louisiana Sea Grant and LSU AgCenter helped secure grant funding to build a new Cameron seafood processing plant lowering shipping expenses for Louisiana shrimpers who have had to send their product to Texas for processing.

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