



THE HEART OF LOUISIANA MARINE SCIENCE

What is LUMCON? The Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON) was formed in 1979 to increase society's awareness of the environmental, economic, and cultural value of Louisiana's coastal and marine environments by conducting research and education programs. LUMCON serves as a facility and network for all of Louisiana schools with interest in marine research and education.

What does LUMCON do? For almost 40 years the students, scientists, and staff of LUMCON have been creating a unique and diverse community dedicated to the practice of science, the conservation of our environment, the preservation of our culture, and the education of the public we serve. We **connect** across the consortium and enhance collaboration. We **transform** through our contributions in science and conservation in profound and meaningful ways. We **enrich** our community through quality education and outreach. This is our road map, the mission, vision, and values that guide our work.

MISSION: To promote, facilitate, and conduct research and education collaborations among Louisiana's universities in marine and coastal sciences relevant to the sustainability of coastal and marine environments of the Gulf of Mexico.

VISION: The Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium will maintain a national and international reputation as a leading marine research and education consortium, and stimulate, coordinate, and facilitate scientific research among the marine science and education programs within Louisiana.

Where is LUMCON? Housed at the W.J. DeFelice Marine Center, LUMCON is uniquely situated within the coastal landscape of Southern Louisiana, close to the Mississippi and Atchafalaya rivers. From a research perspective, this location allows access to coastal and marine systems from the freshwater end of Barataria Bay, across the coastal ocean and its intersection with the Mississippi River, to the open Gulf of Mexico, and across the global ocean. By land the center is nestled in the marsh and surrounded by fishing camps all the way down the bayou, at the very end of LA-56.

Can I Visit LUMCON? Please come see! LUMCON welcomes visitors daily from 8 am to 4 pm (except holidays of course). You can meet the animals in our aquaria; climb the observation tower for a bird's eye view of the marsh; and bird watch from our pond boardwalk. But do not stop there, watch our website for events and come to an open house, sign up for a course, or enroll your student in one of our summer camps.