

TEXAS CHENIER PLAIN REFUGE COMPLEX

Moody National Wildlife Refuge
Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge
McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge
Texas Point National Wildlife Refuge

Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Comprehensive Conservation Plan, and Land Protection Plan

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Comprehensive Conservation Plans provide long-term guidance for management decisions; set forth goals, objectives, and strategies needed to accomplish refuge purposes; and identify the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's best estimate of future needs. These plans detail planning program levels that are sometimes substantially above current budget allocations and, as such, are primarily for USFWS strategic planning and program prioritization purposes. The plans do not constitute a commitment for staffing increases, operational and maintenance increases, or funding for future land acquisition.

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Management Focus

GOAL 1. Conserve, enhance, and restore the Texas Chenier Plain region's coastal wetlands to provide wintering, migrational, and nesting / brood-rearing habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds, marshbirds, wading birds, and other wetland-dependent migratory birds and habitat for native fish and wildlife.

Objective A. Coastal Marshes - Emergent Wetlands (Estuarine and Palustrine Wetlands).

Objective B. Open Water Wetlands (Estuarine and Palustrine Wetlands). Increase species diversity and production of submerged aquatic vegetation in marsh habitats and increase open water habitat by 10% in fresh and intermediate marshes on the Refuge Complex.

Objective C. Freshwater Prairie Wetlands (Palustrine). By Year 15 of the CCP's implementation, maintain and manage approximately 1,900 acres of managed and natural shallow freshwater wetlands on the Refuge Complex and manage adjacent prairie habitats to improve nesting habitat for Mottled Ducks and other ground nesting migratory birds.

GOAL 2. Conserve, enhance, and restore the Texas Chenier Plain region's coastal prairies and coastal woodlands to provide wintering, migrational, and nesting habitat for resident and migratory landbirds, including neotropical / nearctic migratory birds, and habitat for other native wildlife species.

Objective A. Native Prairie and other Grasslands.

Objective B. Coastal Woodlands.

GOAL 3. A comprehensive biological program will guide and support conservation efforts for all species of native fish, wildlife, and plants on the Texas Chenier Plain Refuge Complex.

Objective A. Waterfowl, Shorebirds, and other Wetland-Dependent Migratory Birds

Objective B. Migratory and Resident Landbirds.

Objective C. Fish and other Aquatic Species.

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GOAL 4. By working with others locally and on a landscape level, address threats to natural biological diversity, ecological integrity, and environmental health on the Refuge Complex.

Objective A. Coastal Habitat Loss

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GOAL 5. All local, national, and international visitors will enjoy safe and high quality outdoor experiences on the Refuge Complex and learn of the Refuge Complex' role in conserving the region's coastal natural resources. New partnerships with our local communities will be forged to highlight, promote, and conserve the unique natural assets of the upper Texas Gulf Coast.

Objective A. Hunting.

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