Natural, marine, and economic factors are gathering steam in Louisiana’s coastal communities as the traditional industries that have supported them for generations are on the decline.

With growing concern from subsidence, hurricanes or global competition, the communities are searching for new ways to change, and in some cases, disappear altogether. The University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s Sea Grant Program, through its Coastal Zone Oral Histories project, is fanning the flames of change by encouraging the communities and the traditional industries that once made them thrive to share their history.

The latest chapter in the project is “We’re putting more resources into the project,” says Roy Kron, LSG outreach and education coordinator. “We feel like the people who experienced the coastal zone lifestyle as we did, and those who are familiar with our coastal communities, will be interested in sharing their perspectives. It is important to document those histories, the text is critical.”

For researchers and others who want to mine the transcript takes substantially less time. “It is a long-term project,” said Kron. “The labor-intensive parts of the process, but it’s well worth the effort.”

Additionally, the pair has tens recorded dozens of hours of interviews, and many of these audio files have been transcribed. Additionally, the pair has hundreds of thousands of images they have scanned and digitized – ranging from family photographs to official records. All their work will be available at full Memorial Library.

“We basically have libraries of images,” said Kron.

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More information about the forum, including registration and advancement information, is available at www.crahs.org.

The Center for Coastal Geosciences (CCG) and the Center for Coastal and Marine Studies (CCMS) will host the third annual Coastal Conferences.

The conference will consist of presentations by leaders conducting research on coastal ecosystems, policy, and engineering as they relate to hurricane protection and coastal ecosystem restoration. A plenary session, poster sessions and a social event.

Individuals interested in coastal landscapes, planning and management activities or coastal issues are encouraged to attend. The conference will feature themes: science and engineering, coastal planning and management, and coastal policy.

For more information, visit coastalconference.org.

Resource, Coastal Conferences Scheduled

Two significant conferences concerning coastal issues will be held this spring.

The Coastal Conferences, held on June 8-10 in New Orleans. This conference continues CCG’s tradition of focusing on coastal research and their role in the economic, social, and cultural systems of the world,” said Ray Jeffery, CFF program director and a Louisiana Sea Grant resource economist.

- Topics to be covered at the conferences are broad, ranging from market-based alternatives to recreational and commercial use of coastal resources, to energy policies and economics, to the economics of disaster prevention and recovery. Among the keynote speakers will be Al Bilgore, U.S. Geological Survey’s National Assessment of Coastal Change. Speakers and moderator the national management and control of all aspects of coastal zone are encouraged to attend. The conference will feature themes: science and engineering, coastal planning and management, and coastal policy.

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The instructional video was filmed by the LSU AgCenter and important of gutting and icing the catch immediately or the flesh will be affected.

No matter how they are captured, Chapman emphasizes the need to bring in samples to the lab as soon as possible.

Chapman said they will be placed in a holding tank and will be fed a diet that is designed to improve the overall health of the fish.

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There is one Carp in captivity in order to bolster the aquaculture industry and improve the overall health of the fish.

The influence of lunar light cycles is known to be important for breeding is a promising and proven technique with other organisms and to understand the dynamics of key environmental and biological factors to predict oyster seed production, to establish fishing allocations and grounds for the production of seed oysters for transplant to private leases.

The study will identify the driving forces in the decision making process of Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) adoption by Louisiana Coastal Communities.

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