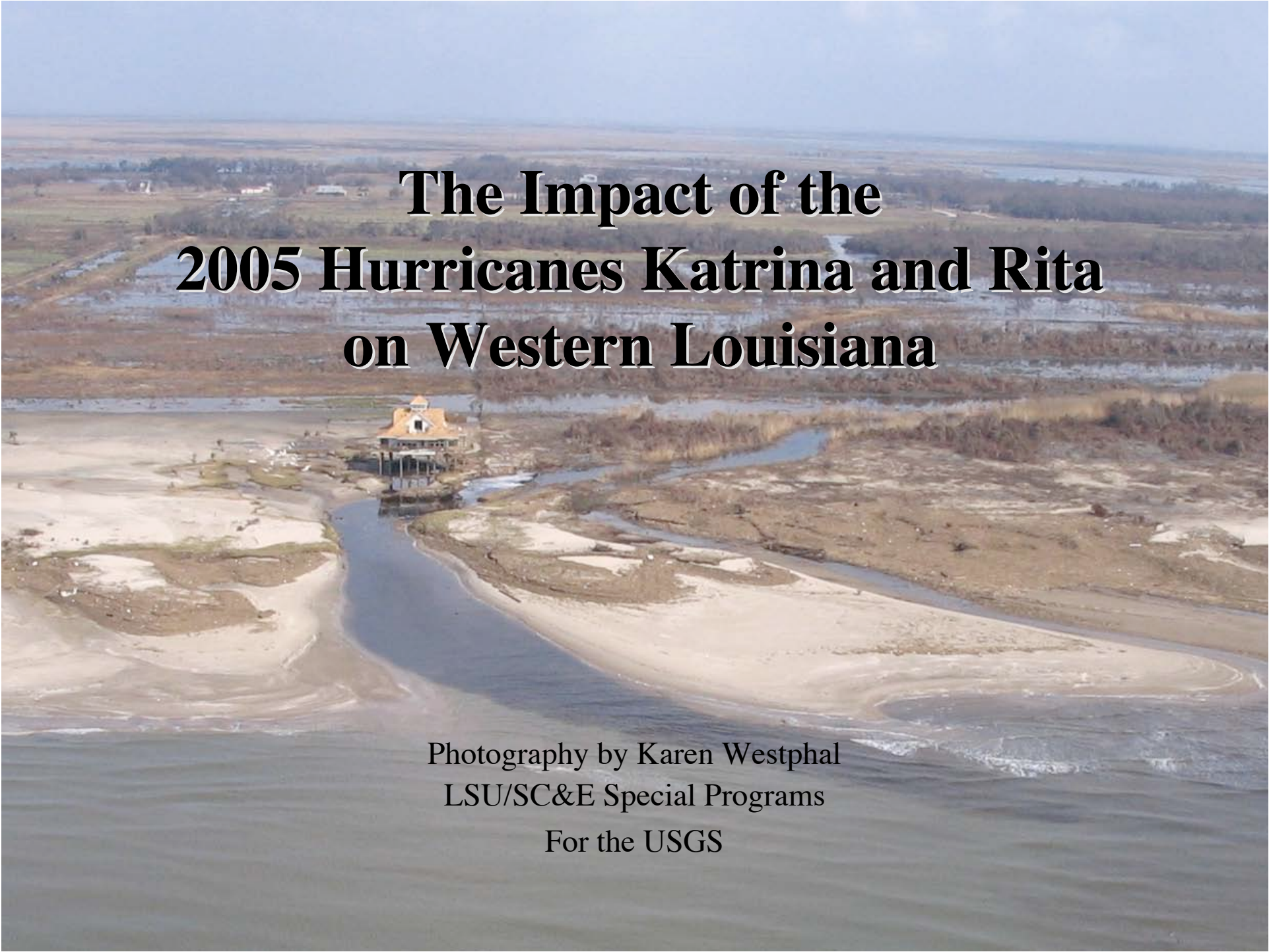
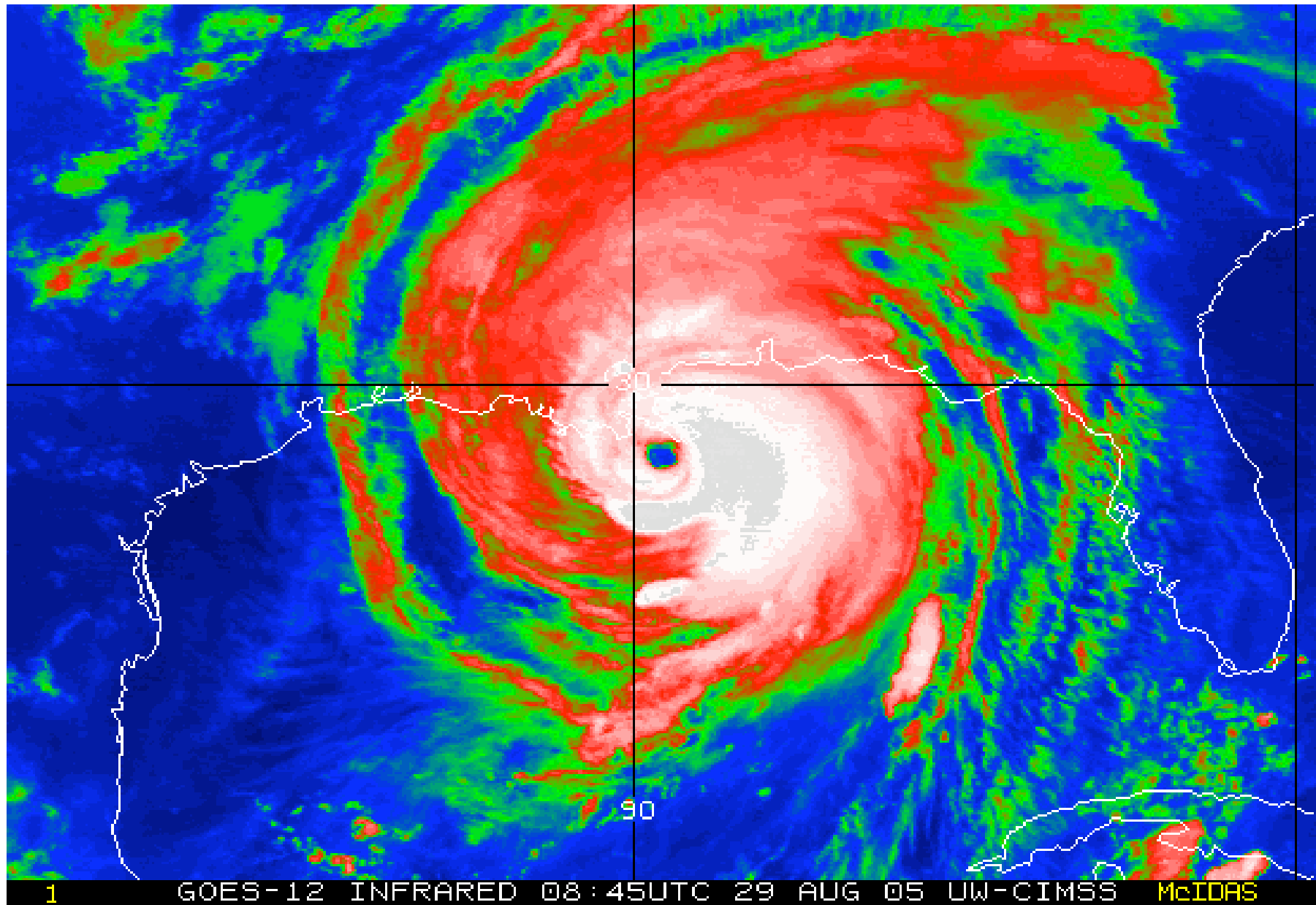


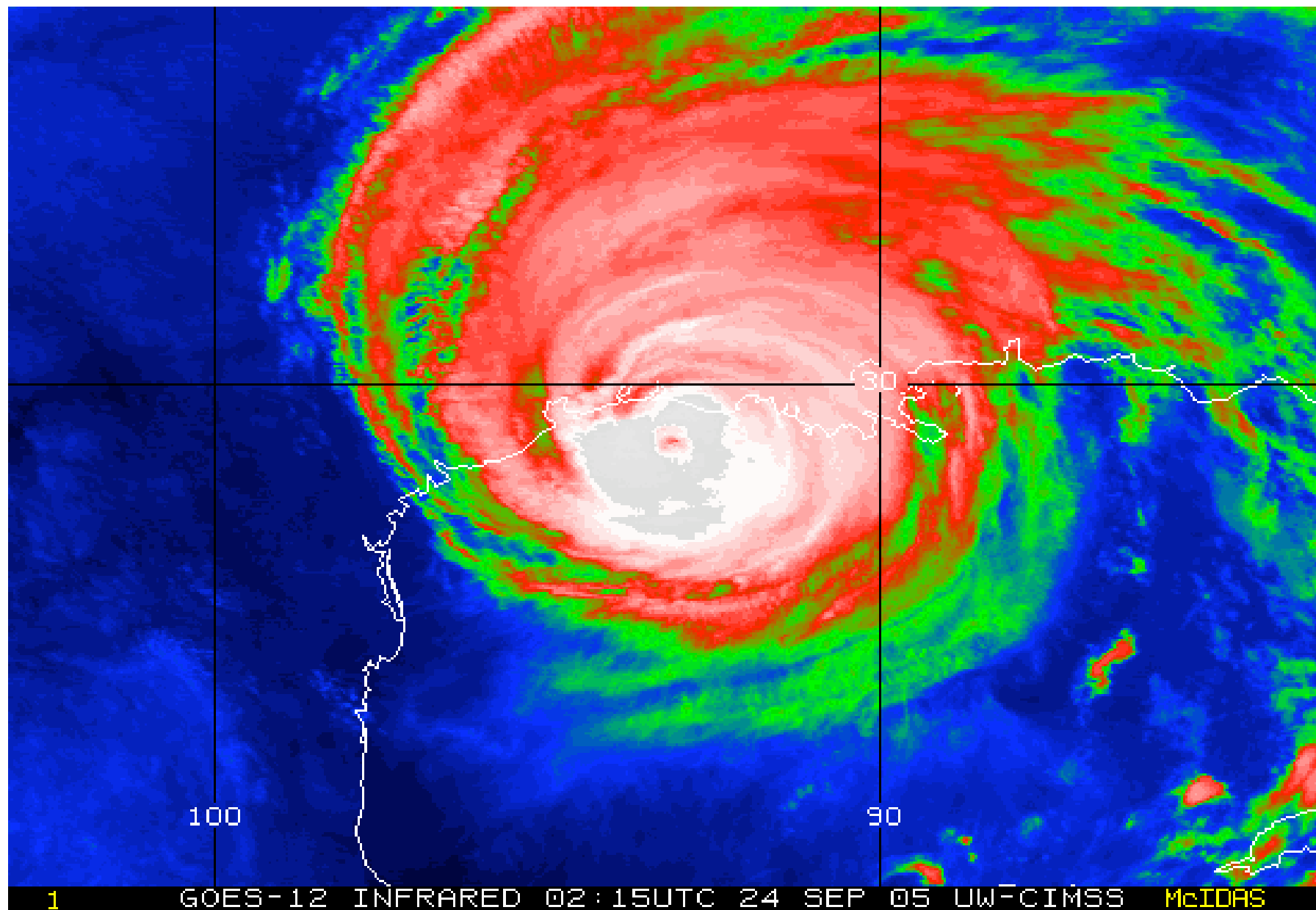


The Impact of the 2005 Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on Western Louisiana

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Hurricane Katrina made landfall along the Plaquemines shoreline in eastern Louisiana on August 29, 2005



Hurricane Rita made landfall in western Louisiana near Sabine, TX on
September 24, 2005



Hurricane Rita storm surge predictions for September 24, 2005



Washover features at Point au Fer Island, La. - September 28, 2005



Seawall held at Point au Fer Island, La. - September 28, 2005



South Point, Marsh Island, La. - September 28, 2005



Well blow-out south of Southwest Pass, La. - September 28, 2005



West of SW Pass, La. - September 28, 2005



East of Cheniere au Tigre, La. - September 28, 2005



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East of Freshwater Bayou, La. - September 28, 2005



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Mudflats west of Freshwater Bayou, La. - September 28, 2005



West of Freshwater Bayou, La. - September 28, 2005



Midflats west of Freshwater Bayou, La. - September 28, 2005



West of Freshwater Bayou, La. - September 28, 2005



West of Freshwater Bayou, La. - September 28, 2005



Approaching East Bayou, La. - September 28, 2005



, La. - September 28, 2005



Chenier plain, La. - September 28, 2005



West of Freshwater Bayou, La. - September 28, 2005



“Hackberry Beach” West of Mud Lake Outlet, La. - September 28, 2005



Rutherford Beach, La. - September 28, 2005



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West of Mud Lake Outlet, La. - September 28, 2005



Holly Beach, La. - September 28, 2005



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Peveto Beach, La - September 28, 2005



Constance Beach, La. - September 28, 2005



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Ocean View Beach, La area - September 28, 2005



Ocean, Louisiana - September 28, 2005



Storm scour at Ocean, LA - September 28, 2005



Louisiana chenier plain - September 28, 2005. Usually a straight marsh shoreline.



Louisiana chenier plain - September 28, 2005. Standing water over solid marsh.



Louisiana chenier plain mud - September 28, 2005



Sabine Pass - September 28, 2005



Sabine Pass - September 28, 2005