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Press Briefing on Status and Trends of Coastal Wetlands

NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will discuss their new report detailing increasing rates of coastal wetland declines

WHEN:

November 21, 2013
1:00 p.m. (EST)

CALL-IN INFORMATION:

Number: 1-800-369-1171
Passcode: Fisheries
Please note, call is open to accredited news media only

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SUBJECT:

The report, *Status and Trends of Wetlands in the Coastal Watersheds of the Conterminous United States 2004 to 2009*, which is being released today by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and NOAA Fisheries, reveals that the United States is losing wetlands in coastal watersheds at an alarming rate. More than 80,000 acres of coastal wetlands are being lost on average each year, up from 60,000 acres lost per year during a previous study.

The authors of this study will brief national media on the findings of this report and implications for wildlife, the nation's coastal communities, water quality and the economy.