

Department of Examinations and Assessment

Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors

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Coastal Restoration and Habitat
Enhancement

Classification Description:

Refers to projects which have a primary purpose of enhancing, restoring or creating coastlines, inland waterways, islands, beaches, dunes, marshes, swamps, other wetlands, etc. and wildlife and aquatic habitats. Scope of work includes the construction, reconstruction, or improvement of coastal inlets, beaches, seawalls, bulkheads, quay walls, breakwalls, retaining walls, groins, jetties, navigational aids, weirs, levees, berms, revetments, dolphins, other mooring features, related access roads, forestation/reforestation, ecosystem management, grass and mangrove planting, sand fences, dunes, islands, waterway diversion, terraces, reefs, caissons, gabions, geotubes, Jack structures, Eco Bails, articulated concrete mats, dikes, armor units, rip rap, sand bags, sheet piles, other erosion control features, drainage canals, ditches, and related stormwater piping and pump stations. Also includes related excavation, grading, trenching, dredging and placement or disposal of dredged materials, clearing, grubbing, snagging, and platform removal.

Coastal Restoration and Habitat Enhancement is a closed book examination with 100 multiple-choice questions covering the basics of coastal restoration and habitat enhancement projects. You will have **four hours** to complete this examination.

Content Outline

Project Administration/Management	15%	Barrier Construction (Gabions, Rip Rap,	
Environmental Assessment & Management	10%	Silt Fencing, Sheet Piles, Levees, Berms)	11%
Dredging (Hydraulic, Mechanical)	13%	Reef Building (Oyster, Finfish)	6%
Surveying	10%	Terraces	7%
Safety	12%	Marine Structures	7%
Earthwork (Non-Dredging)	9%		

Listed below is only a sample of the many good references available on this subject, which may be helpful in preparing to work in this field or in studying for this examination. This is not a comprehensive listing. Please note that it is not necessary to read all of the books in order to pass the examination. Nor will the reading of these references fully prepare one to take on projects of this nature or to pass this examination. Rather, this list is intended to suggest what types of books might be useful in helping to acquire the basic knowledge needed to perform this type of work.

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