**Estimated Changes to Wetlands in Coastal Watersheds of the Gulf of Mexico Coast, 1998 to 2004**

| Wetland Category | Area in Acres | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Estimated Area, 1998 | Estimated Area, 2004 | Change, 1998 to 2004 | Change (percent) |
| Freshwater Non-vegetated (ponds)[1] | 349,210 (6.9) | 417,030 (7.5) | +67,820 (18.1) | +19.4 |
| Freshwater Forested | 7,453,120 (4.8) | 7,324,780 (5.1) | -128,340 (77.5) | -1.7 |
| Freshwater Shrub | 1,800,690 (8.6) | 1,581,930 (8.9) | -218,760 (28.0) | -12.2 |
| Freshwater Emergent | 2,779,720 (9.9) | 2,730,050 (9.9) | -49,670 (67.3) | -1.8 |
| Freshwater Vegetated[2] | 12,033,530 (4.1) | 11,636,760 (4.2) | -396,770 (24.0) | -3.3 |
| **All Freshwater Wetlands** | **12,382,740 (4.0)** | **12,053,790 (4.0)** | **-328,950 (28.9)** | **-2.7** |
| **All Wetlands (Gulf of Mexico Coast Watersheds)[3]** | **15,933,140 (3.3)** | **15,562,400 (3.3)** | **-370,760 (25.8)** | **-2.3** |