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CHIEF – GRAND CAILLOU/DULAC BAND OF BILOXI-CHITIMACHA-CHOCTAW

COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES

■ Challenges

- Climate Impacts Exacerbated, Especially in Louisiana
- Lack of Communication with Local Authorities
- Lack of Government Assistance
- Discrimination Due to Lack of Federal Recognition Despite Treatises
- Complexities with State Recognition of Tribes
 - Recent Remarks by Senator Tarver
- Governmental Barriers to Available Assistance



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Needs / Solutions

- Improved Process for State and Federal Recognition
- Understanding that Tribes are also U.S. Citizens
- Government Accountability (Local, State, and Federal) – Understanding that the despite Tribal status, the Government’s Responsibility is to its Citizens
- Stronger Focus on Community
 - Grand Caillou/Dulac Tribe Assisted 56 Families with the Help of Non-Profit, Faith-Based Organizations, and Academia
- Improved Access and Awareness of Mitigation, Preparedness, and Recovery Funding Opportunities
- Improved Funding Flow (Direct-to-Community Partners and/or Non-Profit versus Federal-to-State-to-Local)