

News Release

Sea Grant's *Telling Tide* Selected for Beneath the Waves Film Festival

The *Telling Tide*, an hour-long video directed by Darcy Wilkins and produced by the Louisiana Sea Grant College Program, has been accepted into the Beneath the Waves Film Festival.

“Coastal erosion, subsidence, sea level rise, climate change, channelization, levees: Louisiana’s coast is washing away, and with it, the vibrant cultures that have evolved and thrived there,” said Wilkins, who was a research associate with Louisiana Sea Grant (LSG) when the film was produced.

“Through oral history interviewing, four high schools along the coast were invited to participate in a one-year oral history project that aimed to engage students in scrutinizing their community heritage, the land they have grown up on, the reasons behind Louisiana land loss, and what they stand to lose as Louisiana continues to lose ground. The film incorporates their work and documents what Louisiana stands to lose.”

Beneath the Waves Film Festival was established in 2009 by Austin Gallagher and Erica Staaterman. The goal for Beneath the Waves is to inform people about the issues that the oceans are undergoing and to tell the stories that the oceans have gone through and what they’re experiencing. The film festival occurs worldwide and hosts three-to-four large screenings with around 500-600 people in the audience. This year’s remaining dates and locations are listed below:

- March 21, 2015 - Asheville, North Carolina hosted by the Asheville Marine Biology Club at the University of North Carolina.
- April 15, 2015 - Statesboro, Georgia hosted by Georgia Southern University.
- April 18, 2015 - San Francisco, California hosted by the San Francisco Marine Science Institute.
- May 20, 2015 – Lisbon, Portugal hosted by Instituto Universitário de Ciências Psicológicas, Sociais e da Vida.
- September 24-26, 2015 - Santa Cruz, California hosted by the California Coastal Commission.

