

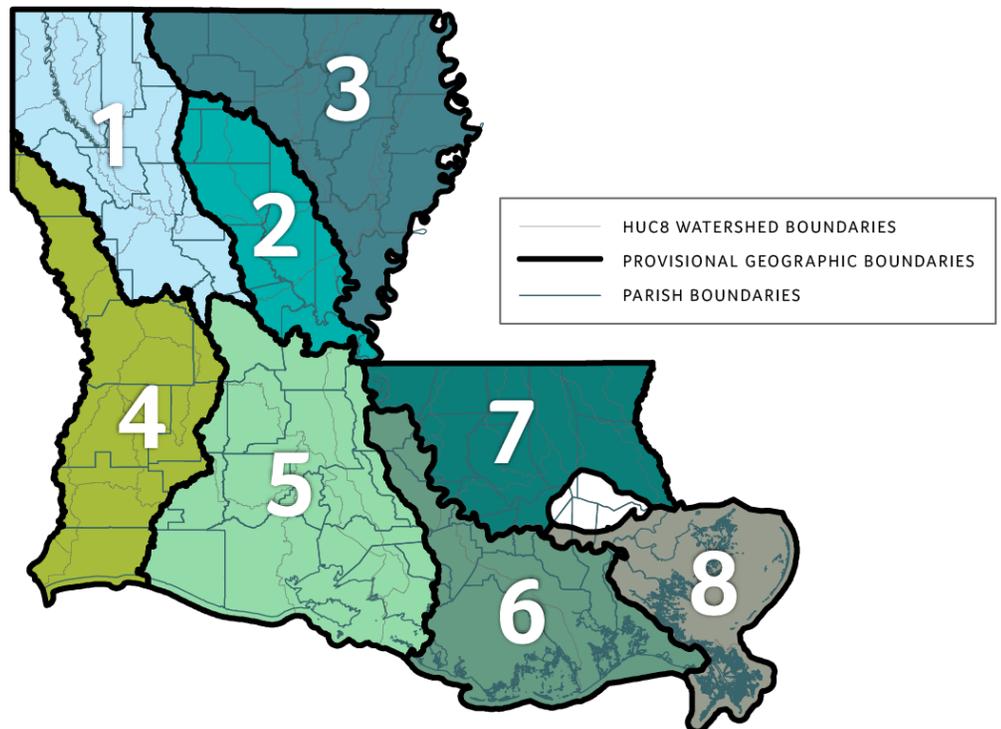
PROVISIONAL WATERSHED REGIONS

COUNCIL ON WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

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Louisiana Watershed Initiative state agencies, assembled in response to Gov. John Bel Edwards' executive order, recognize the depicted delineation of provisional watershed regions to enable successful implementation and coordination of Louisiana Watershed Initiative program activities. These provisional watershed regions will immediately provide the following:

1. A **'point of beginning'** to address the geographic scale and boundary for watershed-based planning, modeling and management in Louisiana
2. A **framework for regional and local stakeholder input** (regional steering committees) to determine more fixed, long-term watershed regional boundaries and organizational structures (coalitions) throughout 2020
3. **Regional and local support and resources** for short- and long-term watershed management in the form of the LWI Regional Capacity Building Grant Program
4. Watershed boundaries to **facilitate distribution of program funds**



Further, regional steering committees will review existing research and provide meaningful input into the provisional geographic scale and boundaries, as well as associated decision-making processes. The LWI will design a **living watershed boundary** that can be amended through the coordinated support of both regional and state watershed entities. These boundaries will acknowledge the changing environment each is designed to manage and may be amended to reflect changing risk profiles clarified by the LWI modeling effort and resulting from project impacts, climate change, land development standards and more.