

**Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program**  
Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #62  
9:30 a.m. – Thursday, January 31, 2013  
Nicholls State University  
Multi-Purpose Room – Ellender Memorial Library

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - 9:30 A.M. – 9:40 A.M.
  - A. Roll Call
  - B. Reading and Approval of Minutes – September 11, 2012 Meeting
  
2. **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES** - 9:40 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.
  - A. Personnel Changes

Delaina LeBlanc, Migratory Bird Coordinator was hired January 7, 2013.
  - B. Presentations/Exhibits/Field Trips/ Volunteer Events
    - Nicholls State University Welcome Back Day – Alma Robichaux, Kerry St. Pé
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Gulf” Tournament – All Staff
    - Collection of Persimmon seeds at NSU – Matt Benoit
    - Nicholls State University class presentation on Louisiana for Shana Walton – Alma Robichaux
    - Collection of Red-bellied Pacu – Joe Dantin, Michael Massimi
    - Roughleaf dogwood seed collection – Matt Benoit
    - Bitter Panicum Harvest for Volunteer Event – Matt Benoit, Joe Dantin
    - Birding tour of Trinity Island for Bird Curriculum Workshop on Migratory Birds – Joe Dantin
    - Volunteer planting and monitoring program on West Raccoon Island with LUMCON, NSU and various community volunteers – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
    - Oil spill presentation/activity at St. Francis Episcopal in Houma – Alma Robichaux
    - Terrebonne Bird Club presentation – Richard DeMay
    - St. Joseph Elementary School presentation, dissection of Hyacinths and art project with plant painting – Alma Robichaux, Kristy Monier
    - Piping Plover survey along Caminada Headland – Richard DeMay
    - Rio Grande Cichlid Rodeo in New Orleans City Park with LDWF – Michael Massimi
    - Nicholls State University Biology Society presentation – Joe Dantin
    - 17<sup>th</sup> annual Sponsor A+ Wine & Food Tasting Extravaganza at Nicholls State University – Kerry St. Pé, Andrew Barron, Joe Dantin, Jenny Schexnayder
    - Soil Sampling at Fourchon – Matt Benoit, Joe Dantin
    - Fletcher Community College presentation to Geology 1010 classes – Andrew Barron
    - Collection of Live Sand Oak in Apalachicola, FL – Matt Benoit
    - St. Charles Women’s Club presentation and distribution of material – Andrew Barron
    - Chauvin Arts Festival presentation and distribution of material – Alma Robichaux
    - Collection of Growth and Erosion Data on Fourchon Ridge – Joe Dantin
    - LSU Taxonomy & Ecology of Wetland Plants – Michael Massimi
    - LUMCON education day on the Acadiana – Joe Dantin
    - Keep Louisiana Beautiful Conference – Alma Robichaux
    - South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center’s Rougarou Festival – Alma Robichaux
    - Collection of apple snails with E.D. White students – Michael Massimi, Alma Robichaux
    - Ocean Commotion – Alma Robichaux

- Three Piping Plover Surveys (Grand Isle) – Richard DeMay
- Second Summit on Coastal Restoration in Lafourche and Terrebonne for Non-Governmental Organizations Panelist - Andrew Barron
- Wetlands Class at St. Joseph Elementary – Alma Robichaux
- NSU Green Club Presentation– Alma Robichaux
- *Sun Come Up* documentary screening and facilitated discussion – Kerry St.Pé
- Audubon Aquarium of the Americas native plants collection – Andrew Barron, Michael Massimi, Matt Benoit
- LaFete d’Ecology – All Staff
- Recycle Day with NSU Green Club – Kristy Monier, Jenny Schexnayder
- Ecosystem Based Management case study – Kerry St. Pé
- Cat Island Field Trip – Kerry St. Pé
- Oil Spill Play – Kerry St. Pé, Alma Robichaux
- Louisiana Master Naturalist Certification Training – Andrew Barron
- Grand Isle Dune Creation volunteer event - Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Dean Blanchard, Kerry St. Pé, Kristy Monier, Jenny Schexnayder
- Mandalay Wildlife Refuge – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
- New Orleans, Lake Pontchartrain, St. Bernard Delta Session of Master Naturalist Program – Andrew Barron
- Central Lafourche High School– Joe Dantin
- Larose/Cut Off Elementary – Alma Robichaux
- Plant Collection in Lake Fields – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Dean Blanchard
- Center for Bioenvironmental Research at Tulane/Xavier Universities – Michael Massimi
- Louisiana Master Naturalist Program pilot course – Andrew Barron (6 workshops), Michael Massimi (4 workshops)

#### A. Media Interviews (As of January 11, 2013)

##### **Daily Comet** (Thibodaux, LA)

- *“Rat Bastards: New show highlights serious problem”* - July 31, 2012
- *“Officials aim to stop invasive species’ growth”* – August 8, 2012
- *“Mudbug Mischief: La. Crawfish wreaking havoc around the world”* – August 18, 2012
- *“Workshop educates teachers on Terrebonne’s coastal birds”* – August 22, 2012
- *“Hundreds of dead fish beset bayous”* - September 6, 2012
- *“Estuary program hopes to rehabilitate islands”* – September 15, 2012
- *“Local area tops nutria harvest”* - September 17, 2012
- *“Diversion present flood of concerns”* – September 18, 2012
- *“River projects present flood of concerns”* – September 19, 2012
- *“Bayou cleanup gets state grant money”* – October 1, 2012
- *“Help clean up Bayou Lafourche”* - October 13, 2012
- *“Climate change documentary to hit home for coastal residents”* - October 22, 2012
- *“Festival showcases Louisiana’s culture and environment”* - November 5, 2012
- *“Groups ask Congress not to cut restoration”* - November 22, 2012

- *"Father, son share competition success"* – November 26, 2012
- *"Fiscal cliff threatens coastal agency"* – November 30, 2012
- *"Volunteers sought for restoration"* – November 30, 2012
- *"Trying to restore 2 Cat Islands for bird nests"* - December 3, 2012
- *"Design a poster for bayou cleanup"* – December 11, 2012
- *"Treat your dog to nutria snacks"* - December 18, 2012
- *"Barrier Island project awaiting approval from BP"* – December 22, 2012
- *"Birds, people helped by work"* - December 26, 2012

**The Courier** (Houma, LA)

- *"Rat Bastards: New show highlights serious problem"* - July 31, 2012
- *"Officials target invasive species"* - August 8, 2012
- *"Mudbug Mischief: La. Crawfish wreaking havoc around the world"* – August 18, 2012
- *"Local workshop educates teachers about coastal birds"* – August 22, 2012
- *"Why should we restore the coast"* – August 24, 2012
- *"Dead fish beset Terrebonne, Lafourche bayous"* - September 6, 2012
- *"Estuary program hopes to rehabilitate islands"* – September 15, 2012
- *"Rat Race: Local area tops nutria harvest"* - September 17, 2012
- *"Diversion present flood of concerns"* – September 18, 2012
- *"River projects present flood of concerns"* – September 19, 2012
- *"Bayou Lafourche cleanup gets state grant money"* – September 29, 2012
- *"Help clean up Bayou Lafourche"* - October 14, 2012
- *"Climate change documentary to hit home for coastal residents"* - October 22, 2012
- *"Festival showcases Louisiana's culture and environment"* - November 5, 2012
- *"Groups ask Congress not to cut restoration"* - November 22, 2012
- *"Volunteers sought for restoration"* – November 30, 2012
- *"Design a poster for bayou cleanup"* – December 11, 2012
- *"Treat your dog, save the wetlands"* - December 17, 2012
- *"Barrier Island project awaiting approval"* – December 22, 2012
- *"Bayou cleanup gets state grant money"* – September 30, 2012
- *"Traditional south LA. Fishing techniques you can practice"* – December 23, 2012

**The La Conservationist** (Baton Rouge, LA)

- *"Ghost Wranglin, A look inside the 2012 Derelict Crab Trap Rodeo"* – Spring 2012

**The Plaquemines Gazette** (Belle Chase, LA)

- *"It's time to make a move"* – December 25, 2012

**The Lafourche Gazette** (Larose, LA)

- *"BTNEP looking for folklife artist for upcoming La Fete d'Ecologie"* – August 19, 2012
- *"Teachers educated on coastal issues"* - September 23, 2012
- *"Planning begins for next year's bayou cleanup event"* - October 14, 2012
- *"Volunteers sought for Grand Isle State Park fencing and planting event"* - December 2, 2012
- *"Wild nutria dog biscuits hit local markets"* – December 19, 2012

**The Assumption Pioneer** (Napoleonville, LA)

- *"Volunteers needed for Grand Isle State Park Fencing and Planting event"* – December 6,

2012

**The Daily Iberian** (New Iberia, LA)

- *"Teaching the teachers about La.'s coastal wetland resources"* – July 29, 2012
- *"Isaac leaves behind dead fish in bayous"* - September 9, 2012
- *"Try to restore Cat Island for bird nests"* – December 3, 2012

**The Daily Review** (Morgan City, LA)

- *"Folklife Artists Announcement"* - August 22, 2012
- *"Tiger Shrimp invade Gulf of Mexico waters"* – August 31, 2012
- *"Folklife Artists Announcement"* - September 13, 2012
- *"Folklife Artists Announcement"* - September 14, 2012
- *"La Fete d'Ecologie set at Lake End Park Saturday"* - November 9, 2012
- *"Festival celebrates culture, awareness of imperiled wetlands"* – November 12, 2012
- *Picture of Andrew Barron demonstrating at La Fete d'Ecologie* – November 13, 2012
- *"Cat Island bird habitat steadily eroding"* – December 5, 2012

**The News-Star** (Monroe, LA)

- *"Isaac leaves behind dead fish in bayous"* - September 9, 2012
- *"Trying to restore Cat Islands for bird nests"* – December 3, 2012

**The Nicholls Worth** (Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA)

- *"2013 Clean Bayou Lafourche Event"* – October 18, 2012
- *"Nicholls Stays Green"* – November 15, 2012
- *"Effects of Earth's climate change noticeable in Louisiana"* - November 15, 2012

**Louisiana Sportsman** (Boutte, LA)

- *"Barrier islands take hit after Hurricane Isaac, coastal restoration group says"* – September 28, 2012
- *"Hurricane Isaac damage to barrier islands severe"* – November 2012

**The Times-Picayune (NOLA.com)** (New Orleans, LA)

- *"Louisiana wins federal approval to use offshore sand for coastal restoration"* – August 20, 2012
- *"La. Farmer is featured in BP initiative video"* – December 19, 2012

**The Tri-Parish Times** (Houma, LA)

- *"Goings On – La Fete d'Ecologie"* – November 7, 2012
- *"Morgan City fest targets sobering threat"* – November 7, 2012

**The Banner-Tribune** (Franklin, LA)

- *"Festival celebrates culture of Louisiana's vanishing wetlands"* – November 14, 2012
- *"Efforts are under way to restore two Cat Islands for birds"* – November 29, 2012

**The Saint Mary Journal** (Morgan City, LA)

- *Picture of Andrew Barron demonstrating at La Fete d'Ecologie* – November 25, 2012
- *"Morgan City fest targets sobering threat"* – November 7, 2012

**The Bayou Journal** (Pierre Part, LA)

- *“La Fete d’Ecologie at Lake End Park”* - November 20, 2012

**The Advocate** (Baton Rouge, LA)

- *“Bird nesting habitat fades away”* - November 26, 2012

**The Crowley Post-Signal** (Crowley, LA)

- *“EPA awards over \$1.1 million to La., Texas”* – September 4, 2012

**Opelousas Daily World** (Opelousas, LA)

- *“Isaac leaves dead fish in bayous”* - September 9, 2012

**The Plaquemines Gazette** (Belle Chase, LA)

- *“LDWF educates teachers about Louisiana’s coastal resources”* – July 31, 2012

**The Natchitoches Times** (Natchitoches, LA)

- *“WETSHOP 2012 Educates Teachers on Issues Facing Louisiana’s Coastal Resources”* – August 2, 2012

**The Donaldsonville Chief** (Donaldsonville, LA)

- *“Environmental festival to be held in November”* – August 9, 2012

**KATC.com** (St. Mary Parish, LA)

- *“8<sup>th</sup> Annual Eagle Expo”* – January 8, 2013

**Kfolkjun.com (HTV)** (Houma, LA)

- *“BTNEP Volunteer Program holds Raccoon Island Restoration Project”* – October 1, 2012
- *“BTNEP Announces Entertainment Line-Up for 16<sup>th</sup> Annual La Fete d’Ecologie”* – October 24, 2012

**Arkansas Online, Arkansas Democrat Gazette** (Little Rock, AR)

- *“Isaac leaves behind dead fish in bayous”* – September 8, 2012

**Digitrad.com (WFMY News 2)** (Greensboro, NC)

- *“In Louisiana, Who gets to live behind levees?”* – August 31, 2012

**Other Interviews:**

- Photographer Dee Rogers, assistance in illustrating the loss of land for “Losing Ground” project – Kerry St. Pe’
- Daily Comet, Maritime Forest Ridge Project – Kerry St. Pe’
- Charlie Whinham of LPB, nutria, mini-grants and Marsh Dog – Michael Massimi
- WWLTV (Channel 4 News), Coastal Restoration projects and the fiscal cliff budget - Kerry St. Pe’
- KQKI (Morgan City), La Fete d’Ecologie - Kerry St. Pe’ & Kristy Monier
- KBZE (Morgan City), La Fete d’Ecologie - Kerry St. Pe’ & Kristy Monier
- KCIL/KXOR (Houma, LA) La Fete d’Ecologie - Kerry St. Pe’ & Kristy Monier

- David L. Dahlquist Associates, LLC, Participation and input in the development of an Interpretive Master Plan for newly-initiated Wetlands Cultural Scenic Byways - Kerry St. Pe', Kristy Monier & Jenny Schexnayder
- Gumbo Entertainment, La Fete d'Ecologie – Kristy Monier
- Houma Courier, thoughts on presentation given by USACE on Freshwater Diversion - Kerry St. Pe'
- WWL Radio, Recap after the storm Isaac - Kerry St. Pe' (3 interviews)
- USA Today, Discussion regarding Hurricane Isaac - Kerry St. Pe'

#### C. Meetings

- Terrebonne Coastal Zone Management & Restoration Advisory Committee – Matt Benoit
- Brown Marsh meeting Grand Isle and Fourchon – Joe Dantin
- Climate Change Workshop sponsored by Sea Grant – Alma Robichaux
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Gulf Tournament” meeting – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Alma Robichaux, Jenny Schexnayder
- Bayou Grace’s “Why Should We Save Our Coastal Louisiana” - Kerry St. Pé, Alma Robichaux
- The Water Institute of the Gulf open house– Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Alma Robichaux
- Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission – Joe Dantin
- CWPPRA Technical Meeting – Kerry St. Pé
- ORAP Conference Call – Kerry St. Pé
- Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District meeting – Alma Robichaux
- Expansion of Planting Facility meeting/tour of facility with NSU– Dean Blanchard, Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
- National Geographic Invasive Species Series meeting with Brook Lee of Hoosick Falls Production – Michael Massimi
- CPRA meeting – Kerry St.Pé
- North Lafourche Levee District meeting – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
- Bird curriculum workshop on migratory birds – Alma Robichaux
- Illustration and Design meeting for 2013 Tidal Graph Calendar – Andrew Barron
- USGS National Wetlands Research Center ‘s “Conservation of Water Birds Using Dredged-material Islands and Protected Beaches” – Richard Demay
- Louisiana Master Naturalist steering committee meetings – Andrew Barron, Michael Massimi
- Shell Oil – Kerry St. Pé
- Sustainability Project meeting with E.D. White High School - Alma Robichaux
- Wild Birds Unlimited meeting – Richard DeMay
- South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center Board Meeting – Alma Robichaux
- Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District Meeting – Almas Robichaux
- Coastal Zone Management Advisory Committee Meeting – Kerry St. Pé
- Bayou Lafourche Clean Up Meetings – Alma Robichaux
- LSTA Conference Planning meeting with CWPPRA – Alma Robichaux

- Association of National Estuary Programs meeting in Tampa, FL – Alma Robichaux
- Fastland Map meeting with Lafourche Parish Office of Coastal Zone Management/Planning and Permitting
- Pelican Island meet with Shell Oil , Plaquemines Parish, and CPRA – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Richard DeMay
- Website Content/Management – Alma Robichaux, Jenny Schexnayder
- Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries – Joe Dantin
- CWPPRA Outreach – Alma Robichaux
- Louisiana Science Teachers Association Conference – Alma Robichaux
- Moran Printing – Andrew Barron
- Lafourche Parish School Board Academically Gifted Program – Alma Robichaux
- Lafourche Parish Coastal Zone Management Board Meeting – Kerry St. Pé
- CPRA meeting – Kerry St. Pé
- Sewage Pollution Project meeting with Louisiana DEQ – Alma Robichaux, Andrew Barron
- NSU Farm Project – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard
- Water Quality Coordination meeting – Andrew Barron
- Oyster Habitat Paper – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard
- Rouses Supermarket Grant Proposal – Alma Robichaux, Jenny Schexnayder
- Bayou Industrial Group – Kerry St. Pé
- Lafourche Parish Game & Fish Commission – Joe Dantin
- Bayou Folse meeting Watershed Plan for TMDLs meeting with Bayouland Resource Conservation and Development Council – Andrew Barron
- Bayou Grace Community Services/Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government – Joe Dantin
- NSU Farm Project – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Matt Benoit, Joe Dantin
- Davis Pond Advisory Committee - Kerry St. Pé, Andrew Barron
- Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District meeting – Kerry St. Pé
- *I Remember* Planning meeting – Kerry St. Pé, Alma Robichaux, Kristy Monier, Jenny Schexnayder
- South Central Industrial Association – Alma Robichaux
- Fourchon Oilmen’s Association – Joe Dantin

D. Projects Initiated

- Protecting Coastal Breeding Sites for Colonial Nesting Seabirds
- Piping Plover and Nesting Bird Surveys and Pre-Construction Benthic Invertebrate Sampling

3. **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE** – 9:50 A.M. – 9:55 A.M.

- Suggested Date – May 8, 2013, Nicholls State University Century Room

4. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** – 10:00 A.M. – 11:50 A.M.

- A. Cat Island Project – F. Ryan Clark, PGeol, ARCADIS U.S., Inc. (30 minutes)

- B. BioBlitz – Angela Rathle, Supervisory Park Ranger, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve (15 minutes)
- C. Long-Distance Sediment Pipeline Project update – Kenneth Bahlinger, CPRA (30 minutes)
- D. *I Remember* – Susan Testroet-Bergeron, Education Specialist CWPPRA (15 minutes)
- E. Louisiana Master Naturalist Program – Bob Thomas (20 minutes)

**5. New Business**

- A. Bayou Lafourche Cleanup – Alma Robichaux
- B. Paddle Bayou Lafourche - Kristy Monier
- C. Statewide Nutrient Management Strategy for Louisiana – Richard Raynie of CPRA

**6. Adjourn**