

**Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program**  
Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #63  
9:30 a.m. – Wednesday, May 8, 2013  
Nicholls State University  
Century Room

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - 9:30 A.M. – 9:40 A.M.
  - A. Roll Call
  - B. Reading and Approval of Minutes – January 31, 2013 Meeting
  
2. **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES** - 9:40 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.
  - A. Personnel Changes

Michele Beary replaced Helen LaFleur with the BTEF. She was hired on April 8, 2013.
  - B. Presentations/Exhibits/Field Trips/ Volunteer Events
    - Christmas Tree Project with Terrebonne Parish Government and University of Buffalo volunteers in intra-coastal waterway – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
    - Cut grass harvest in Lake Fields – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
    - Lafourche Parish Cleanup presentation to Assumption Parish Police Jury – Alma Robichaux
    - Propagation of gulf bluestem seaside paspalum at NSU Farm – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
    - Ocean Research Advisory Panel meeting in Washington, DC – Kerry St.Pé
    - Grand Isle Arbor Day – Matt Benoit
    - Piping Plover Survey (6) – Delaina LeBlanc, Richard DeMay
    - Bayou Lafourche Cleanup – Alma Robichaux, Kristy Monier, Joe Dantin
    - Seed Collection – Matt Benoit
    - Thibodaux Cleanest City Contest – Alma Robichaux
    - Auburn University Marine Extension and Research Center Rain Barrel Workshop – Alma Robichaux
    - Invasive Species specimen collection for Environmental Education Symposium – Michael Massimi, Alma Robichaux
    - Louisiana Chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects annual meeting presentation – Kerry St. Pé
    - Louisiana Master Naturalist Training Course Presentations at Jean Lafitte Barataria Preserve – Naturalism and Geology – Andrew Barron, Biology – Michael Massimi
    - “I Remember...” an Art Show of Environmental Significance – All Staff
    - Science Olympiad poster contest judge – Alma Robichaux
    - Planting on Tree Plot at Fourchon Ridge and Grand Isle State Park debris sweep on sand fencing with volunteer group from Northern Illinois University – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Andrew Barron
    - Planting (four species of trees) on Fourchon Ridge with volunteer group from Northern Illinois University
    - Seabird Compendium distribution – Richard DeMay
    - Smooth Cordgrass collection for propagation ponds at NSU with volunteers from Purdue University – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
    - Planting at NSU farm with volunteers from Purdue University and University of Northern Illinois – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
    - 2013 Eagle Expo – Richard DeMay, Delaina LeBlanc

- NSU Farm work with volunteer group from Northern Illinois
- Bird Adaptation Smart Reach presentation in Morgan City – Alma Robichaux
- Harvest and Planting on Fourche Ridge with volunteers from University of Iowa and Indiana Prep School – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
- Coastal Reference Monitoring System – Andrew Barron, Michael Massimi
- Fletcher Community College presentation to Geology 1010 classes – Andrew Barron
- Coastal Restoration presentation to New Orleans Kiwanis Group – Michael Massimi
- Tresors du Bayou (Treasures of the Bayou) demonstration at Swamp Stomp – Andrew Barron
- LA Sassafras Nutria Rodeo – Michael Massimi, Kristy Monier
- Smooth cordgrass collection on Grand Isle – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Andrew Barron, Dean Blanchard, Delaina LeBlanc, Michael Massimi
- Smooth cordgrass plug division at NSU shade house – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Delaina LeBlanc, Dean Blanchard
- Attended presentation by Craig Hood at Jean Lafitte Barataria Preserve on the preserve’s mammal inventory – Michael Massimi
- 12<sup>th</sup> annual Paddle Bayou Lafourche – All Staff
- Benthic work on Fourchon – Richard DeMay, Delaina LeBlanc
- Hackberry seed potting at NSU shade house – Matt Benoit
- LUMCON Open House – Alma Robichaux
- Bald Cypress planting with Paul Yakupsak at the Mandalay NWR – Matt Benoit
- Contacted Stephenville Crawfish Farmers for Apple Snail sightings – Michael Massimi
- Shell Oil and Bayou Children’s Museum presentation – Kerry St. Pé
- NSU Pond spartina alterniflora planting with volunteers from All Saints Episcopal & Bayou Grace Community Services – Matt Benoit, Joe Dantin
- Bitter Panicum collection from Grand Isle State Park with All Saints Episcopal & Bayou Grace Community Services – Matt Benoit, Joe Dantin
- Grand Isle Migratory Bird Festival – Richard DeMay, Delaina LeBlanc, Alma Robichaux
- Chauvin Arts Festival Blessing of the Fleet – Delaina LeBlanc, Alma Robichaux

### C. Media Interviews (As of April 23, 2013)

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

- *“Building more solid ground,”* - December 27, 2012
- *“Teens learn about restoration at youth summit,”* – January 29, 2013
- *“Help needed to clean up local bayou,”* - February 6, 2013
- *“Registration open for Bayou Lafourche canoe trip,”* - February 9, 2013
- *“Tough Birds – Scientists say pelicans can be fearsome mascot,”* - February 16, 2013
- *“Local coastal advocates honored,”* – February 18, 2013
- *“How should BP oil-spill fines be spent?”* – February 20, 2013
- *“Local exhibit tells story of the coast through art and history,”* – March 4, 2013
- *“Bayou Cleanup,”* (photos featured in paper) - March 4, 2013
- *“Exhibit focuses on past, present,”* –March 14, 2013
- *“Locals scientists, outdoor enthusiasts help train naturalists,”* – March 18, 2013
- *“Bayou Lafourche – Trip shows off historic waterway,”* - April 5, 2013
- *“Nation’s waterways in poor health,”* – April 6, 2013
- *“Local nonprofit leader honored by White House,”* – April 10, 2013

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

- *"BTNEP invites you to join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Bayou Lafourche Clean Up,"* – February 21, 2013
- *"BTNEP hosts second annual Bayou Lafourche Clean up,"* - February 28, 2013
- *"BTNEP asks Bayou Lafourche Residents to welcome paddlers for 2013 Paddle Bayou Lafourche,"* - April 4, 2013

**The Courier** (Houma, LA)

- *"Birds, people helped by restoration work,"* – December 26, 2012
- *"Building more solid ground,"* - December 27, 2012
- *"Want to help clean Bayou Lafourche?"* - January 27, 2013
- *"Teens learn about restoration at youth summit,"* – January 29, 2013
- *"Volunteers needed to clean up local bayou,"* - February 6, 2013
- *"Registration open for Bayou Lafourche canoe trip,"* - February 9, 2013
- *"Tough Birds – Scientists say pelicans can be fearsome mascot,"* - February 16, 2013
- *"Local coastal advocates honored,"* – February 18, 2013
- *"How should BP oil-spill fines be spent?"* – February 20, 2013
- *"Local exhibit tells story of the coast through art and history,"* – March 4, 2013
- *"Bayou Cleanup,"* (photos featured in paper) - March 4, 2013
- *"Exhibit focuses on past, present,"* –March 14, 2013
- *"Locals help train naturalists,"* – March 18, 2013
- *"Community Calendar-The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual four-day Paddle Bayou Lafourche,"* –April 4, 2013
- *"Canoe trip shows off historic Bayou Lafourche,"* - April 5, 2013
- *"Nation's waterways in poor health,"* – April 6, 2013
- *"White House honors activist,"* – April 10, 2013
- *"Celebrate birding on Grand Isle this weekend,"* - April 16, 2013
- *"Asian carp could threaten La. Fishery,"* - April 17, 2013

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

- *"Registration opens for Bayou Lafourche trip,"* – February 12, 2013
- *"Eagle Expo begins Thursday,"* - February 25, 2013
- *"Eagles cooperate with Eagle Expo,"* – March 4, 2013

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

- *"Fishing techniques graph calendar now available,"* - December 26, 2012
- *"Association donates over \$97,000 to local schools and organizations,"* – December 30, 2012
- *"Documentary featuring Lafourche residents screens at Bayou Playhouse Friday,"* - January 23, 2013
- *"G.I. State Park dune creation project hosted by BTNEP,"* – January 30, 2013
- *"Volunteers needed for the Bayou Lafourche annual cleanup effort,"* - February 20, 2013
- *"Volunteers needed Saturday for Lafourche Cleanup,"* - February 27, 2013
- *"Lafourche residents asked to welcome bayou paddlers" –April 3, 2013*
- *"BTNEP, other Lafourche areas to be featured on television" - April 21, 2013*
- *"Bayou cleanup nets over 14 tons of trash,"* – April 21, 2013

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

- *“NY students join the fight – Christmas trees used to slow erosion process,”* - January 16, 2013
- *“Bayou Lafourche Clean Up set for March 2,”* - February 20, 2013
- *“Goings On – Bayou Lafourche Cleanup,”* - February 27, 2013
- *“The Backroads – Paddle Bayou Lafourche,”* - March 27, 2013
- *“Enjoying the mission to preserve,”* – April 3, 2013
- *“Receding resources immortalized,”* - April 10, 2013

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

- *“Eagles cooperate with Eagle Expo,”* – March 24, 2013

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

- *Mention of Bayou Lafourche Clean up in community article* – February 21, 2013
- *“Volunteers needed for Bayou Lafourche clean up event,”* - February 28, 2013
- *“Bayou Lafourche Gets Needed Face-Lift,”* - March 14, 2013

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

- *“Registration opens for Bayou Lafourche trip,”* - February 19, 2013
- *“Volunteers needed for Bayou Lafourche Cleanup,”* – February 26, 2013
- *“Bayou Lafourche cleaned from D’ville to Port Fourchon,”* - March 12, 2013

**The Creole.com** (Prairieville, LA)

- *“Registration open for Paddle Bayou Lafourche,”* – February 18, 2013
- *“2013 Paddle Bayou Lafourche,”* – April 2, 2013
- *“Bayou Lafourche paddlers arrive in Donaldsonville,”* - April 4, 2013

**The Advocate Ascension Section** (Baton Rouge/Gonzales, LA)

- *“Paddle Lafourche event set for April,”* – March 7, 2013
- *“Paddlers get taste of bayou hospitality,”* – April 11, 2013

**The Gumbo Entertainment** (Houma, LA)

- *“The Backroads – Paddle Bayou Lafourche,”* - March, 2013

**Country Roads** (St. Francisville, LA)

- *“Knowing Nature, Paddle Bayou Lafourche,”* - April, 2013

**CentralSpeaks.com** (Central, LA)

- *“Central Residents Study Native Hummingbirds,”* - March 21, 2013

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

- *“Eagle Expo starts Thursday in Morgan City,”* - February 27, 2013
- *“Expo visitors view eagles and other wildlife Saturday,”* – March 5, 2013

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

- *“Planning meeting for Bayou Lafourche cleanup event,”* – January 31, 2013
- *“Community Cleanup, 106 miles of bayou to be cleaned up on March 2,”* – February 28, 2013

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

- *“Registration open for trip,”* - February 10, 2013

**Thibodaux Chamber Insight** (Thibodaux, LA)

- *“Bayou Lafourche Cleanup Event,”* - March, 2013

**KATC.com** (Lafayette, LA)

- *“Grand Isle Hosts 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Migratory Bird Celebration This Weekend,”* - April 15, 2013

**NOLA.com** (New Orleans, LA)

- *“Grand Isle Migratory Bird Celebration is April 19-21,”* - April 15, 2013

**Bayou Region Family and Kids Digest** (Houma, LA)

- *“2013 Paddle Bayou Lafourche,”* - April 10, 2013

**louisianapaddle.com**

- *“2013 Paddle Bayou Lafourche,”* -March 25, 2013

**usatoday.com**

- *“Leeville: A look at the real world beyond the levees,”* - February 23, 2013

**ksla.com** (Shreveport, LA)

- *“Registrations opens for Bayou Lafourche trip,”* - February 9, 2013

**wafb.com** (Baton Rouge, LA)

- *“Registrations opens for Bayou Lafourche trip,”* - February 9, 2013

**kalb.com** (Alexandria, LA)

- *“Registrations opens for Bayou Lafourche trip,”* - February 9, 2013

**The Daily Reporter** (Greenfield, IN)

- *Registrations opens for Bayou Lafourche trip,”* - February 9, 2013

**WWLTV** (New Orleans, LA)

- *“Calendar of Events - Paddle Bayou Lafourche,”* – April 5, 2013

**What Now** (Houma, LA)

- *“Paddle Bayou Lafourche 2013,”*

**Fox8 News** (New Orleans, LA)

- *“Five months later Isaac, marsh grass debris still litters Plaquemines Parish ”* – February 5, 2013

**Other Interviews:**

- WLAE-TV/PBS/LPB (Tom Gregory), Bayou Lafourche episode for travel series GO COAST: LOUISIANA, aired Sunday, April 21, 2013 - Kerry St. Pe’
- USA Today (Rick Jervais), Beast of the Southern Wild – Kerry St. Pe’

- Media Lab – Pacific University (Courtney Stroger), Global water issues, sediment reduction & loss - Kerry St. Pe'
- Freelance writer for National Geographic (Tim Folger), How coastal regions in the U.S. & Europe will confront the challenge of rising sea levels in decades ahead? How Louisiana will be affected? - Kerry St. Pe'
- NPR (Bob Marshall), General discussion on restoration, land loss, why things are happening, diversion, etc. - Kerry St. Pe'
- Fox8 News (Nicondra Norwood), Marsh grass in Plaquemines Parish and where it is coming from - Kerry St. Pe'
- KTIB (Jerry), Bayou Lafourche Cleanup, Paddle Bayou Lafourche, Coastal Restoration, etc. - Kerry St. Pe' & Alma Robichaux
- USA Today (Rick Jervais), Leeville being out of hurricane protection area – Kerry St. Pe'
- KLRZ (Ken Friedlander), Bayou Lafourche Cleanup – Joe Doucet (site captain)
- Freelance Writer (Ben Dubroc), Coastal Land Loss - USA Today (Rick Jervais), Beast of the Southern Wild – Kerry St. Pe'
- WWL Radio (Garland Robinette), Big water diversions - Kerry St. Pe'

#### D. Meetings

- Feral Hog Aerial Survey meeting with Kim Tolson, Ph.D. of University of Louisiana at Monroe – Michael Massimi
- Myrtle Grove Diversion PDT Teleconference (3)– Andrew Barron
- Louisiana Master Naturalist Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting (2) – Andrew Barron, Michael Massimi
- Bayou Industrial Group (2)– Alma Robichaux
- South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center Board Meeting (4) – Alma Robichaux
- Lafourche Parish Game & Fish Commission meeting (3)– Joe Dantin
- Communication, Education and Outreach Webinar – Alma Robichaux, Kristy Monier
- Louisiana Master Naturalist Steering Committee meeting (3)– Andrew Barron, Michael Massimi
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- Matt Brady, LA Bird Atlas Coordinator – Richard Demay
- Terrebonne CZM meeting (2) – Matt Benoit
- Vegetation Plan for the Plaquemines Parish Vegetative Ridge Project with Garret Thomassie, NRCS Plant Materials Center; Joel Gilliam, Planner with GCR Inc.; Mark Roberts of Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc.; William Bane of Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc.; William Guste of GCR Inc. – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Matt Benoit, Joe Dantin
- Nicholls State University affiliation agreement meeting (2)– Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard
- Framework Development Team meeting – Michael Massimi
- Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District meeting (3)– Alma Robichaux
- Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council public meeting – Kerry St. Pé
- Nicholls State University – Kerry St. Pé
- Wes Kungel, Congressional Staffer for Senator Mary Landrieu – Kerry St. Pé
- AMPHIBEX 400 degree demo in Golden Meadow- Matt Benoit, Joe Dantin
- Barrier Island presentation by Greg Grandy – Kerry St. Pé
- Septic System Meeting with DEQ in Gonzales, LA – Alma Robichaux
- Septic System Meeting with DHH in Gonzales, LA – Alma Robichaux
- Fourchon Port Commission meeting – Joe Dantin
- Myrtle Grove Diversion Teleconference (2) – Andrew Barron

- Teacher Expo Conference – Alma Robichaux
- ASLO 2013 – Aquatic Sciences meeting – Alma Robichaux
- Sustainability Workshops meeting with Richard Fulford, EPA Research Ecologist – Kerry St. Pé, Andrew Barron
- Nicholls State University Biology Department project meeting – Kerry St. Pé, Joe Dantin
- Lafourche Parish EOC meeting – Joe Dantin
- Louisiana Environmental Education Symposium – Alma Robichaux
- 2013 Spring NEP and ANEP Board Meeting in Washington, DC – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard
- Piping Plover Project Map meeting – Richard DeMay
- Bayou Industrial Group Annual Banquet – Joe Dantin
- Bird Island meeting with P.J. Hahn, Plaquemines Parish Director of Coastal Zone Management; Darrin Lee, CPRA – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Richard DeMay, Delaina LeBlanc
- Adaptive Management Guidance Panel meeting with CPRA – Michael Massimi
- Lafourche Parish Coastal Zone Management meeting (2) – Kerry St. Pé
- Bayou Folsé Next Steps Monitoring meeting – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Andrew Barron, Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
- Benthic Work meeting with Darin Lee of CPRA – Delaina LeBlanc
- Bird Island Meeting with P.J. Hahn, Director of Coastal Zone Management; Kenny Ferachi, P.E. of Manchac Consulting Group, Inc; Ryan Clark, Project Scientist with Arcadis; and Darin Lee from CPRA – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard
- Action Team meeting – Richard DeMay, Delaina LeBlanc
- Wetshop Planning meeting – Alma Robichaux
- ArtSpot Productions meeting to discuss theater production – Michael Massimi

E. Projects Initiated

3. **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE** – 9:50 A.M. – 9:55 A.M.
  - Suggested Date – Wednesday, November 6, 2013 Nicholls State University Century Room
4. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** – 10:00 A.M. – 11:50 A.M.
  - A. Assumption Parish Sink Hole Update – John Boudreaux (30 minutes)
  - B. Work Plan (30 minutes)
  - C. Bayou Lafourche Cleanup Update (15 minutes)
  - D. Paddle Bayou Lafourche (15 minutes)
5. **New Business**
6. **Adjourn**