

Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program
Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #64
9:30 a.m. – Thursday, August 22, 2013
Nicholls State University
Ellender Memorial Library - Multipurpose Room

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - 9:30 A.M. – 9:40 A.M.

- A. Roll Call
- B. Reading and Approval of Minutes – May 8, 2013 Meeting

2. **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES** - 9:40 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.

A. Presentations/Exhibits/Field Trips/ Volunteer Events

- Terrebonne Aquatic Clinic – Alma Robichaux
- Larose Cut Off Middle School presentation “Native/Nonnative Species and Adaptation to Environments” – Alma Robichaux
- Banding Least Terns at Exxon Field shorebird nesting site – Delaina LeBlanc, Richard DeMay (weekly)
- Louisiana Master Naturalist Board Meeting – Michael Massimi, Andrew Barron
- Mulberry Middle School Pointe Aux Chene Wildlife Management Area Planting – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Kristen Torres
- Terrebonne Parish Library Watershed Mapping on National Geography Map of North America with St. Bernadette School – Alma Robichaux, Joe Dantin
- “Save Night” Restoration discussion at Montegut Middle School – Alma Robichaux
- Cleanest City Thibodaux State Competition – Alma Robichaux
- Children’s Activity - Invasive Species Shoot Out at the Terrebonne Foundation for Academic Excellence’s Run for Excellence – Alma Robichaux
- Farm days with volunteer groups from Loyola University Chicago, University of Louisiana Lafayette, and AmeriCorps – Joe Dantin – Matt Benoit, Delaina LeBlanc, Kristen Torres
- North American Map - Bird Migration & Mississippi River Watershed project with St. Bernadette School – Alma Robichaux
- Grand Cailou Elementary School Map Program – Alma Robichaux
- BioBlitz and Biodiversity Festival at the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve hosted by National Geographic and the National Park Service – Alma Robichaux, Michael Massimi, Andrew Barron
- Breeding bird survey from East Grand Terre to Chaland Headland – Delaina LeBlanc, Joe Dantin
- Coteau Bayou Blue Elementary Map Program – Alma Robichaux
- Gulf of Mexico Regional Workshops Cooperative Conservation for Marine Mammals in the Gulf of Mexico: Developing a Plan for Action
- Panel discussion on the condition and restoration of the Louisiana coast hosted by “The Lens” with Bob Marshall as moderator – Kerry served as panelist and Kristy Monier attended
- Breeding Bird survey on Grand Isle route – Delaina LeBlanc
- Map Program presentation to home-schooled children at Terrebonne Library – Alma Robichaux
- Breeding bird survey from East Grand Terre to Chaland Headland – Delaina LeBlanc

- Pointe-Aux-Chenes Wildlife Management Area tree planting and maintenance – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
- Plant Collection with Bayou Native Americans at NSU Farm to identify and gather native plants that were once important to the Bayou Native Americans for both medicinal and food uses – Andrew Barron
- H2O Workshop for teachers – Alma Robichaux, Andrew Barron
- Louisiana Master Naturalist Greater New Orleans Coastal Restoration Workshop in Belle Chasse and Bayou Dupont Long Distance Pipeline Sediment Delivery Project site for the Spring 2013 Training Course – Michael Massimi presented and Andrew Barron participated.
- Barrier Island Workshop – Joe Dantin
- Crab presentation at National Park Service Wetlands Camp – Alma Robichaux
- Ag Extension Group presentation in Grand Isle – Richard DeMay
- Storm Drain Marker Presentation Presbyterian Church in Houma – Alma Robichaux
- Storm Drain Marking with AmeriCorps (2)
- Assumption Area Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast – Kerry St. Pé, Alma Robichaux, Kristy Monier, Michele Beary
- Planting on Grand Isle State Park with National Park Service Wetland Summer Camp – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Kristen Torres
- Breeding Bird Survey Bay Chaland Island – Joe Dantin, Delaina LeBlanc
- Planting Project with Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Kristen Torres, Delaina LeBlanc
- Land Loss Presentation to Traci Birch’s Coastal Zone Planning and Administration Class (MURP 4145) at University of New Orleans – Michael Massimi
- LEAD Camp Fish Identification – Joe Dantin
- Planting at NSU Pond with Rustic Pathways Volunteer Group - Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Kristen Torres
- South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center summer camps beach sweep on Grand Isle State Park - Alma Robichaux, Kristy Monier
- Presentation to Tyler Edgar, National Council of Churches, Eco-Justice Program and the Bayou Blue St. Louis Presbyterian church community about Coastal Land loss, State Master Plan and programs and projects that are supported by BTNEP – Andrew Barron
- Sand Fence Removal Project with Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries on Elmer’s Island - Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Kristen Torres
- Coastal Wetland/Land Loss Over flight at Houma Airfield as part of the LUMCON LEAD summer camp; Cultural presentation to the LUMCON LEAD camp in Cocodrie – Andrew Barron
- NSU Farm Days (3) – Matt Benoit, Joe Dantin, Kristen Torres
- Volunteer planting at Lake Fields with Seattle Academy - Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Kristen Torres
- Art Spot Production’s “Cry You One” preview – Michael Massimi
- NSU Farm Days with Seattle Academy – Matt Benoit, Joe Dantin, Kristen Torres
- WETSHOP teacher workshop on Grand Isle – Alma Robichaux
- Plant ID, uses and edibility walk through Nature Conservancy Maritime Forest property at WETSHOP – Andrew Barron

- WETSHOP – Kerry St. Pé, Kristy Monier
- Barataria Preserve Bio Control Insect Survey – Michael Massimi
- Volunteer planting at Lake Fields and construction of shade house addition at NSU Farm with Rustic Pathways - Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Kristen Torres
- Manning Passing Academy – Jenny Schexnayder, Kristy Monier, Michele Beary
- South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center Youth Summit – Alma Robichaux

B. Media Interviews (As of August 1, 2013)

Daily Comet (Thibodaux, LA)

- “*Still Recovering – Suffering remains 3 years after BP Spill,*” - April 17, 2013
- “*Asian carp could threaten La. Fisheries,*” – April 18, 2013
- “*Project aims to improve Lake Fields,*” – April 24, 2013
- “*Invading Snail – Scientists team up to stop fist-sized snails’ spread,*” - May 10, 2013
- “*Snapping turtle unearthed,*” – May 15, 2013
- “*Cleanup nets 10 million pounds of trash,*” – May 17, 2013
- “*Thanks for all the help – Columnist Brenda Gautreaux,*” - May 29, 2013
- “*Gelatinous bayou blobs worry Chauvin resident,*” – June 7, 2013
- “*Local man selected to help outline the future of the gulf,*” – June 8, 2013
- “*Foundation awards its first grants to agencies,*” - July 8, 2013
- “*Play golf for the Gulf,*” - July 31, 2013

The Courier (Houma, LA)

- “*Still Recovering – Suffering remains 3 years after BP Spill,*” - April 17, 2013
- “*Invasive Asian carp could threaten Louisiana Fisheries,*” – April 18, 2013
- “*Community Calendar – The 15th Annual Grand Isle Migratory Bird Celebration.*” – April 18, 2013
- “*Project aims to improve Lake Fields’ water quality, fishing habitat,* - April 24, 2013
- “*Invading Snail – Scientists team up to stop fist-sized snails’ spread,*” - May 10, 2013
- “*Snapping turtle unearthed,*” – May 15, 2013
- “*Cleanup nets 10 million pounds of trash,*” – May 17, 2013
- “*Thanks for all the help – Columnist Brenda Gautreaux,*” - May 29, 2013
- “*Goopy bayou blobs worry Chauvin resident,*” – June 7, 2013
- “*Local man selected to help outline the future of the gulf,*” – June 8, 2013
- “*Researcher to study feral hogs,*” - July 7, 2013
- “*Foundation awards its first grants to agencies,*” - July 8, 2013
- “*Where did it come from?*” - July 23, 2013

The Daily Review (Morgan City, LA)

- “*Grand Isle Migratory Bird Celebration is this weekend,*” – April 17, 2013

The Lafourche Gazette (Larose, LA)

- “*BTNEP, other Lafourche areas to be featured on television,*” - April 21, 2013
- “*Bayou cleanup nets over 14 tons of trash,*” - April 21, 2013
- “*Paddlers enjoy another successful journey down Bayou Lafourche,*” – May 1, 2013
- “*NLLD’s Company Canal project taking shape,*” - May 29, 2013
- “*Bayou Community Foundation awards \$115,000 in grants to local agencies,*” - July 10, 2013

- **Tri-Parish Times** (Houma, LA)
 - “Birders prep for migratory sights,” - April 17, 2013
- **The Daily Advertiser** (Lafayette, LA)
 - “ULM researcher to study feral hogs,” - July 7, 2013
- **The Advocate** (Baton Rouge, LA)
 - “Birds return to island nesting spot,” – June 9, 2013
- **The Assumption Pioneer** (Napoleonville, LA)
 - “Paddle Bayou Lafourche picture,” – April 18, 2013
 - “BTNEP has successful 2013 Paddle Bayou Lafourche,” - May 2, 2013
 - “La Fete d’Ecologie 2013 Information,” – June 27, 2013
 - “La Fete d’Ecologie 2013 Information,” – July 4, 2013
- **Picayune Street Edition** (New Orleans, LA)
 - “ULM researcher to study feral hogs in marshes,” - July 8, 2013
- **The News-Star** (Monroe, LA)
 - “Gulf birds scour vanishing land for nests,” - June 17, 2013
- **Opelousas Daily World** (Opelousas, LA)
 - “Gulf birds scour deteriorating interior ‘Bird Islands’ for nests,” - June 23, 2013
- **The Banner-Tribune** (Franklin, LA)
 - “Gulf birds scour vanishing land spits for nests,” - June 12, 2013
- **The Thibodaux Chamber Insight** (Thibodaux, LA)
 - “The Great Qualities of Bayou Lafourche,” - April, 2013
- **The Gumbo Entertainment** (Houma, LA)
 - “Receding resources immortalized in Thibodaux,” - April, 2013
 - “Enjoying the mission to preserve,” - April, 2013
- **The Inquisitor** (Shreveport, LA)
 - “Grand Isle hosts 15th Annual Migratory Bird Celebration,” - April 19, 2013
- **The Donaldsonville Chief** (Donaldsonville, LA)
 - “BTNEP’s Bayou Lafourche Clean Up Successful from Donaldsonville to Leeville,” - April 25, 2013
- **WWNO 89.9** (New Orleans, LA)
 - “The Louisiana Coast: Last call- the shape we’re in now, “ – Kerry featured from a previous interview, - May 13, 2013
- **NOLA.com** (New Orleans, LA)
 - “Migratory Bird Celebration, “ – April 25, 2013
- **Northjersey.com** (Woodland Park, NJ)
 - “Gulf Birds scour vanishing land spits for nests, “ – June 16, 2013

- **Bayou Bluebird Nest News** (Delhi, LA)
 - “New Roads Bluebird Trail, “ – June, 2013
- **Klfy.com** (Lafayette, LA)
 - “ULM researcher to study feral hogs, “ – July 6, 2013
- **The Republic** (Columbus, IN)
 - “ULM researcher to study feral hogs in LA. coastal marshes , “ – July 6, 2013
- **Knoe.com** (Monroe, LA)
 - “ULM biology professor awarded grant to study feral hogs, “ – June 13, 2013
- **Wwltv.com** (New Orleans, LA)
 - “Gelatinous bayou blobs worry Chauvin resident,” – June 7, 2013

Other Interviews:

- National Geographic (Tim Folger), Coastal Restoration - Kerry St. Pe'
- KTIB (Gene Richard), Coastal Land Loss – Kerry St. Pe'
- The Lens (Ann Mueller/Bob Marshall), Is it “Last Call” for Louisiana’s coast? - Kerry St. Pe' on panel
- The Daily Comet (Niki Buskey), Bryozoans – Andrew Barron
- Times Picayune (Ben Alexander-Bloch) Understanding of data received concerning seafood and the effects of the oil spill. – Kerry St. Pe'
- Brown University Environmental Studies Student (Rowan Sharp), Science, history and politics of land loss and restoration - Kerry St. Pe'
- The Daily Review (Jean Kaess), Coastal erosion specifically along St. Mary Parish – article for Shrimp & Petroleum Festival edition - Kerry St. Pe'

C. Meetings

- Filming of Lake Fields Project - Joe Dantin
- Kim Waddel of National Academies of Sciences – Kerry St. Pé
- Farm Bridge Project meeting with Nicholls State University – Joe Dantin
- Terrebonne Library Bird Curriculum – Alma Robichaux
- Raccoon Island planting site survey Cassidy Lejeune and Mike Carloss of LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Mel Landry, and PJ Hahn – Matt Benoit
- Susan Bergeron regarding de-authorization of projects – Michael Massimi
- Walk through with Art Spot Productions for “Cry You One” play – Michael Massimi
- Bayou Industrial Group meeting – Alma Robichaux
- South Louisiana Discovery Center Board meeting – Alma Robichaux
- Lafourche Parish Game and & Fish Committee meeting – Joe Dantin (3)
- Farm Bridge Project meeting with Nicholls State University – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
- ORAP conference call – Kerry St. Pé
- NEP conference call - Kerry St. Pé
- Phone interview with Tim Folger of National Geographic regarding coastal restoration – Kerry St. Pé
- Master Plan Report Card Focus Group meeting at Water Institute of the Gulf “TWIG” – Michael Massimi

- USGS, Blaire Hutchison regarding maps – Richard DeMay
- GIS Ridge Work with Sheila Rohwer – Richard DeMay
- Lafourche Parish CZM – Kerry St. Pé (2)
- Acadia Land Surveying regarding NSU Farm Project – Dean Blanchard, Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
- Nicholls State University regarding farm project – Kerry St. Pé, Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit (2)
- Bayou Industrial Group meeting – Joe Dantin
- Wetland Cultural Byway meeting at Bayou Lafourche Area Convention & Visitors Bureau – Alma Robichaux
- CWPPRA Task Force meeting in Lafayette – Alma Robichaux
- Exxon Property in Grand Isle with Conservation Fund, Exxon, American Bird Conservancy – Richard DeMay
- Restoration strategy with Susan Testroet-Bergeron of CWPPRA and Shelley Sparks of Ocean Conservancy – Michael Massimi
- International Coastal Cleanup – Alma Robichaux
- Louisiana Master Naturalist Board Meeting – Andrew Barron, Michael Massimi (2)
- South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Board Meeting – Alma Robichaux
- Gulf Coast Restoration Council meeting – Alma Robichaux
- Ben Scaggs, Director of EPA Gulf of Mexico Program – Kerry St. Pé
- Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District meeting – Alma Robichaux
- Rio Grande Cichlid contract with Martin O’Connel and Tom Lorenz of University of New Orleans – Michael Massimi
- Gulf of Mexico Alliance All Hands Meeting & Gulf Guardian Awards Ceremony – Kerry St. Pé
- Bayou Grace: review of Bayou Grace partnership with BTNEP for the representative of the McKnight Foundation – Andrew Barron
- Development of 2014 Bird Calendar with Bill Fontenot – Richard DeMay
- Bayou Industrial Group – Kerry St. Pé
- 2014 Tidal Graph Calendar Layout – Dean Blanchard, Andrew Barron

D. Projects Initiated

- 17th Annual “La Fete D’Ecologie”
- Design and Layout of the 2014 Tidal Graph Calendar
- Design and Layout of the 2014 Bird Calendar
- Layout and Design of the Sparrow Publication
- Winter and Summer Bird Atlas Project
- “Monitoring the Avifauna of a Newly Restored Maritime Forest Ridge and Adjacent March and Open Water Habitats”

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

- Approved Date – Tuesday, November 5, 2013 - Century Room @ NSU Stadium
- Tentative – February 6, 2014 - Century Room @ NSU Stadium
- Tentative – May 8, 2014 - Century Room @ NSU Stadium

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS – 10:00 A.M. – Noon

- A. "An Examination of Fisheries and Water Level Impact from Diversion Models"– Pat Fitzpatrick (30 minutes)
- B. "Oil Spill Restoration Planning – NFWF Proposal No.1" - Bren Haase (30 Minutes)
- C. "Cry You One", a sharing of this new work by ArtSpot Productions and Mondo Bizarro – Kathy Randels from ArtSpot Productions (30 Minutes)
- D. "Louisiana's Comprehensive Master Plan – The Need for Funding" - John Driscoll, Corporate Planning Resources, LLC (30 Minutes)

5. New Business

6. Adjourn