

Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program
Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #65
9:30 a.m. – Tuesday, November 5, 2013
Nicholls State University
Century Room - NSU Stadium

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

- A. Roll Call
- B. Reading and Approval of Minutes – August 22, 2013 Meeting

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

A. Presentations/Exhibits/Field Trips/ Volunteer Events

- Banding Least Terns at Exxon Field shorebird nesting site – Delaina LeBlanc
- NSU Farm Days – Matt Benoit, Joe Dantin, Kristen Torres (8)
- Bayou Country Children’s Museum presentation – Alma Robichaux
- Caminada Headland Bird Survey – Delaina LeBlanc, Michael Massimi
- LUMCON Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Program Panel – Andrew Barron
- Lafitte Environmental Studies School Orientation – Michael Massimi
- Grand Isle Tarpon Rodeo – Matt Benoit, Richard DeMay, Joe Dantin
- Grand Isle State Park Volunteer Planting with Rustic Pathways – Matt Benoit, Joe Dantin
- Piping Plover Survey – Delaina LeBlanc, Richard DeMay, Michael Massimi (5)
- Wetlands Workshop for Teachers at Terrebonne Public Library – Alma Robichaux
- Banding Wilson’s Plover in Port Fourchon/Grand Isle – Delaina LeBlanc
- Diving with LUMCON – Alma Robichaux (4)
- Seed Collection in Cameron Parish – Matt Benoit
- Seed Collection in Grand Isle – Matt Benoit, Joe Dantin
- Lafitte Environmental Studies School Course Instructor – Michael Massimi
- Grand Isle Ridge Work – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
- Lake Fields Planting – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
- Seed Collection in Lake Charles – Matt Benoit
- Bayou Interfaith Shared Community Organizing (BISCO) Community Forum “The Impact on Lafourche Parish and Future Diversion Plans”- Kerry St. Pé, Alma Robichaux
- Spahr’s “Gulf Tournament – All Staff
- Elmer’s Island Piping Plover Foraging Study – Delaina LeBlanc (3)
- Lake Fields Planting with Common Grounds and Ag and Forestry – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Kristen Torres
- Review of invasive species section of Louisiana Wildlife Action Plan – Michael Massimi
- Shorebird Identification Training with Erik Johnson of Audubon – Richard DeMay, Michael Massimi
- Fall 2013 Course and Field Trip for Louisiana Master Naturalist of Greater New Orleans – Michael Massimi
- Mississippi River presentation to St. Joseph Elementary 7th Grade – Alma Robichaux
- Development of contest on aquatic plant and animal identification for State Future Farmers of America with David Carlino of Assumption High School – Michael Massimi
- Sponsor A+ Event at Nicholls State University – Kerry St. Pé, Delaina LeBlanc, Joe Dantin, Kristen Torres

B. Media Interviews (As of October 24, 2013)

Daily Comet (Thibodaux, LA)

- *"Wine Island may be wiped off map," - August 13, 2013*
- *"Analyst: Wetlands plan doesn't have enough money," - August 23, 2013*
- *"Join in for Toast the Coast," – September 15, 2013*
- *"Beach cleanup seeks volunteers," – September 16, 2013*
- *"BTNEP secures bayou cleanup grant," - October 1, 2013*
- *"Government Shutdown – Libraries, Social Security and other areas affected," - October 2, 2013*
- *"Want to build a rain barrel?" - October 5, 2013*
- *"La Fête is set for Oct. 19," - October 5, 2013*
- *"Build your own rain barrel?" - October 9, 2013*
- *"Beach cleanup rescheduled," – October 10, 2013*
- *"Teaching Teachers,"(picture) - October 11, 2013*

The Courier (Houma, LA)

- *"Play golf for the Gulf," - July 31, 2013*
- *"Houma resident has his ducks in a row," - August 4, 2013*
- *"Wine Island may be wiped off map," - August 13, 2013*
- *"Analyst: Wetlands plan doesn't have enough money," - August 23, 2013*
- *"Join in for Toast the Coast," – September 15, 2013*
- *"Beach cleanup seeks volunteers," – September 16, 2013*
- *"Government Shutdown – Libraries, Social Security and other areas affected," - October 2, 2013*
- *"La Fête fest set for Oct. 19," - October 6, 2013*
- *"Beach cleanup rescheduled," - October 10, 2013*
- *"Want to build a rain barrel?" - October 5, 2013*
- *"Build your own rain barrel?" - October 9, 2013*

The Lafourche Gazette (Larose, LA)

- *"BTNEP to benefit from "Gulf" Tournament," – August 28, 2013*
- *"Volunteers needed for upcoming Grand Isle Beach cleanup," – September 15, 2013*
- *"Thousands to Toast the Coast nationwide," - September 18, 2013*
- *"BTNEP to conduct a rain barrel building workshop," - October 6, 2013*

The Assumption Pioneer (Napoleonville, LA)

- *"La Fête d'Ecologie 2013," - August 1, 2013*
- *"La Fête d'Ecologie 2013," - August 8, 2013*
- *"Spahr's Seafood set to host 3rd Annual "Gulf" Tournament benefitting BTNEP," - August 8, 2013*
- *"La Fête d'Ecologie 2013," - August 29, 2013*
- *"La Fête d'Ecologie 2013," - September 5, 2013*
- *"BTNEP Awarded Keep Louisiana Beautiful Grant for Bayou Lafourche Cleanup," – October 10, 2013*

The Daily Review (Morgan City, LA)

- *"Atchafalaya River provides for St. Mary Parish," - August 30, 2013*

Bayou Journal (Pierre Part, LA)

- *“Invasive animals, plants threaten La habitat,” - October 15, 2013*

The Advocate (Baton Rouge, LA)

- *“Alien Invaders – Creatures, critters, weeds threaten Louisiana habitat,” - October 7, 2013*

The Tri-Parish Times (Houma, LA)

- *“Invasion: Apple snails find a new hold,” - August 21, 2013*
- *“15 Years in the works, BCCM open Saturday,” - September 25, 2013*
- *“Rebuilding Louisiana –BTNEP lends coast a helping hand,” - September 25, 2013*

The News-Examiner (Lutcher, LA)

- *“Toast to the Coast – St. James Parish Government Picture,” - September 26, 2013*

The Vacherie Enterprise (Vacherie, LA)

- *“Toast to the Coast – St. James Parish Government Picture,” - September 25, 2013*

The Cameron Parish Pilot (Cameron, LA)

- *“4-H students participate in Marsh Maneuvers ,” - August 1, 2013*

Post/South (Plaquemine, LA)

- *“Iberville Parish Visitor’s Center hosts Third Annual Swamp Life Expo,” - October 10, 2013*

The Gumbo Entertainment (Houma, LA)

- *“Long-awaited children’s museum opens this month,” - September, 2013*
- *“Golf Tournament,” - September, 2013*

Chamber Focus – Houma Chamber of Commerce (Houma, LA)

- *“Toast to the Coast,” - September, 2013*
- *“Neighborhood Project: Prevent Flooding, Provide Clean Water,” - September, 2013*

Chamber Insight – Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce (Thibodaux, LA)

- *“The Importance of Our Estuary,” - August, 2013*

St. MaryNow.com (St. Mary Parish, LA)

- *“La Fête d’Ecologie set Saturday at Lake End Park,” – October 15, 2013*
- *“La Fête d’Ecologie Saturday at Lake End Park,” - October 18, 2013*

KTBS.com (Shreveport, LA)

- *“Environment festival set October 19,” – October 13, 2013*

KLRZ.com (Larose, LA)

- *“BTNEP Neighborhood Project looking to prevent flooding and provide clean water,” – September 1, 2013*

Other Interviews:

- *Gulf Aid Acadiana (Michel Varisco/Zachary Richard), extent of wetland loss and why this is important – Kerry St. Pé*

- *KCIL Radio (Larry Hyatt), La Fête d'Ecologie promotion – Kerry St. Pé & Kristy Monier*
- *KQKI Radio (JJ Starbuck), La Fête d'Ecologie remote promotion – Kristy Monier*
- *HTV, La Fête d'Ecologie on location promotion – Kerry St. Pé*
- *KTIB, general BTNEP information – Alma Robichaux*
- *LPB (Charles Whinham), Tiger Shrimp that has made its way in the Gulf – Michael Massimi*
- *FLAG on HTV, La Fête d'Ecologie – Kerry St. Pé & Kristy Monier*
- *HTV, Spahr's Golf Tournament – Kerry St. Pé and Spahr's*

C. Meetings

- Habitat Reporting Meeting with O CPR – Dean Blanchard
- "Gulf" Tournament Planning Meeting with Spahr's – Kristy Monier
- National Marine Educators Association Conference – Alma Robichaux
- National Academy of Sciences Gulf of Mexico Program Meeting – Kerry St. Pé (4)
- Nicholls State University Farm Improvement Meeting – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard
- Myrtle Grove Diversion Teleconference Meeting – Andrew Barron
- Urban Waters Learning Network Webinar: Creative Partnership in Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring – Andrew Barron
- Diane Austin regarding report on Offshore Oil and the Deepwater Horizon: Social Effects on Gulf Coast Communities – Kerry St. Pé
- Kyle Graham of CPRA and Mike Parr of American Bird Conservancy – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Richard DeMay
- Jennifer Grigsby of Mosaic Company – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Kristy Monier
- Gerald Ford of BP – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard
- Oyster Reef Workshop at University of New Orleans – Kerry St. Pé, Alma Robichaux
- Bayou Children's Museum Kiosk – Kristy Monier
- Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District Meeting - Kerry St. Pé (1), Alma Robichaux (2)
- Lafourche Parish Coastal Zone Management Meeting – Kerry St. Pé
- Terrebonne Parish Coastal Zone Management Meeting – Matt Benoit
- Restoring Wetlands Costs and Oil Companies Meeting with Paul Templet and John Carmouche – Kerry St. Pé
- Terrebonne Water Quality Task Force Meeting – Andrew Barron
- CWPPRA Dedication Conference Call Meeting – Alma Robichaux
- Institute for Seafood Studies – Kerry St. Pé
- Coastal Priorities Conference Call - Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard
- America's Wetlands – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
- LUMCON's Strategic Plan with David Boudreaux – Kerry St. Pé
- LA Master Naturalist General Membership Meeting – Andrew Barron, Michael Massimi
- Conference Call with Dr. Edward Buskey regarding Our Global Estuary – Kerry St. Pé
- Spahr's "Gulf" Tournament – All Staff
- LPB's Charlie Windham regarding Tiger Shrimp Story – Michael Massimi
- 2014 Bird Calendar with de Gravelles & Associates – Richard DeMay
- LOSCO and LDWF regarding data and impacts of oil spill - Richard DeMay
- Blaire Hutchinson regarding map of piping plover data – Richard DeMay
- Lake Fields Meeting with North Lafourche Levee District and Lafourche Game & Fish – Joe Dantin
- ED White High School regarding initiating CARDS Recycling Program – Alma Robichaux (3)
- Future Leaders of America's Gulf for Terrebonne Parish – Alma Robichaux

- Brandon Middleton, Staffer for U.S. Senator David Vitter and Anna-Maria Laura, Staff for U.S. Senator Whitehouse NEP reauthorization Bill – S.1313 and verbiage conference call – Kerry St. Pé
- Patrick Barnes of Limitless Vistas At Risk Youth Environmental Job Training Corps – Kerry St. Pé, Joe Dantin
- South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center Executive Board Meeting – Alma Robichaux
- Julia Lightner regarding Bayou St. John – Matt Benoit
- Chris Peterson of UNO CHART and NRCS – Kerry St. Pé
- Ocean Conservancy International Cleanup Coordination with Grand Isle and The Nature Conservancy – Alma Robichaux
- Bayou Industrial Group – Kerry St. Pé
- Gina Bledsoe of NSU Biology Society regarding La Fete – Kristy Monier
- Louisiana Master Naturalist Board Meeting – Michael Massimi
- Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission – Joe Dantin
- Corporate Marketing – Kristy Monier
- Lafourche Parish Central Budgeting Authority – Joe Dantin
- CPRA regarding R.A.M. Coal Plant on the Myrtle Grove Diversion – Kerry St. Pé
- The Nature Conservancy regarding Water Feature – Richard DeMay, Delaina LeBlanc
- Keep Louisiana Beautiful Conference – Alma Robichaux
- Chris Adams of Cultural Resource Institute of Acadiana regarding heritage seeds and cultural interview – Andrew Barron

D. Projects Initiated

- Development of and Production of Folklife and Wetlands Cultural Days in Conjunction with other Jubilee Festivities - 2014
- 2014 Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve Wetlands Camps
- 2014 WETSHOP Teacher Workshop
- 2014 Eagle Expo Student Educational Program
- The Louisiana Swamp Stomp Festival: Tresors du Bayou – 2014
- Wetlands Youth Summit
- From H2O – A Water Quality Workshop for Teachers from BTNEP
- Assessment and Evaluation of Soil Physical and Chemical Properties of Dredged Material in Constructed Wetland

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

- Approved – February 6, 2014 - Century Room @ NSU Stadium
- Approved – May 8, 2014 - Century Room @ NSU Stadium

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

- Feral Hog Presentation – Dr. Kim Tolson (10:00 – 10:30)
- Piping Plovers Surveys on the Caminada Headland Beach and Dune Restoration Project in Port Fourchon, LA – Delaina LeBlanc (10:30 – 11:00)
- La Fete d'Ecologie (11:00 – 11:15)
- Updates on BTNEP Education Activities – Alma Robichaux (11:15 – 11:45)
 1. Tools for Teacher Workshops
 2. Keep Louisiana Beautiful Grant – Bayou Lafourche Cleanup
 3. Recycle Activities at ED White and Nicholls State University

4. BTNEP Rain Barrel Workshop

5. **New Business**

6. **Adjourn**