

Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program
Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #66
9:30 a.m. – Thursday, February 6, 2014
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 – November 5, 2013 Meeting

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

A. Presentations/Exhibits/Field Trips/ Volunteer Events

- Elmer's Isle photographing Piping Plover – Delaina LeBlanc
- Louisiana Science Teachers Association Conference Presentation – Alma Robichaux
- University of Mississippi class presentation "Ecology of the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program and the archeology at the Barataria Preserve" – Andrew Barron
- 2012 State Master Plan Presentation to Houma Kiwanis Club – Alma Robichaux
- LSU Ag Center Students volunteer event – Matt Benoit
- Piping Plover Survey – Delaina LeBlanc, Richard DeMay (4) Michael Massimi (1)
- NSU Biology Club Storm Drain Marking volunteer event – Alma Robichaux
- Algiers Welcome Neighbors in English Turn Presentation on Coastal Restoration – Michael Massimi
- NEP Driving Tour of the Estuary – Kerry St. Pé, Alma Robichaux, Andrew Barron, Matt Benoit, Delaina LeBlanc, Kristy Monier, Jenny Schexnayder
- Nicholls State University Farm Work/Projects – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Kristen Torres (4)
- 2013 Youth Ocean Conservation Summit with Jonathan Foret of SLWDC, Cheri Andrepont and Jen Hamilton of Terrebonne Library, Michele Beary of the BTEF and students from ED White, South Terrebonne, HL Bourgeois, Terrebonne and Evergreen High Schools – Alma Robichaux
- Planting preparation volunteer event with LSU Honor Society – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Andrew Barron, and Kristen Torres
- Piping Plover presentation at Fall 2013 ANEP meeting – Delaina LeBlanc
- Round Table Discussion following "Cry You One" performance – Michael Massimi
- Planting volunteer event with LSU Honor Society – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Andrew Barron, Delaina LeBlanc, Delaina LeBlanc and Kristen Torres
- Site visits for La Fete locations – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Kristy Monier, Jenny Schexnayder
- Chris Reid's Wetlands Plant Class presentation – Michael Massimi
- Vegetative Survey on North Lafourche levee District Terraces in Lake Fields – Joe Dantin, Andrew Barron
- Grand Isle Cleanup – Alma Robichaux
- Fourchon Ridge Planting – Joe Dantin, Andrew Barron
- Soil Sampling at Fourchon Ridge – Joe Dantin (2), Andrew Barron, Kristen Torres
- Biology Seminar "Louisiana Offshore Secondary Production and Food webs on Platforms and Natural Reefs" Dr. Jim Cowan of LSU – Andrew Barron

- Larose Cut Off Middle School presentation to 8th Grade Class – Alma Robichaux
- Terrebonne Science Fair Judge – Alma Robichaux
- Fourchon Oilman’s Association Grant Reception – Joe Dantin
- CPRA Caminada Headland Media Site visit – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Richard DeMay
- Bayou Grace Presentation – Joe Dantin, Delaina LeBlanc
- Water Works that work Webinar – Alma Robichaux, Kristy Monier
- Teaching LA Master Naturalist Workshops Land Loss and Restoration - Andrew Barron, Michael Massimi, Delaina LeBlanc
- Wetland Warriors Volunteer Planting – Matt Benoit
- Houma’s Town and Country presentation on Mississippi River – Alma Robichaux
- Raccoon Island benthic collection – Delaina LeBlanc
- Diving with LUMCON – Alma Robichaux
- Designing a Successful Restoration Strategy – Forests as a Solution for Gulf Heath & Prosperity Workshop – Andrew Barron
- Introduction to Bird Banding Workshop at The Woodlands Conservancy Center – Delaina LeBlanc
- Land Loss Presentation to University of Buffalo volunteer group – Joe Dantin
- NSU Farm Day volunteer event with University of Buffalo – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Kristen Torres
- *“Proposed Diversions in the 2012 Master Plan – Caveats and Questions”* presentation at the Expert Panel on Diversion Planning and Implementation meeting – Michael Massimi presented, Andrew Barron attended
- Terrebonne Parish Christmas Tree Crib Project volunteer event with University of Buffalo and 4-H Junior Leaders – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
- Fourchon planting volunteer event with University of Buffalo – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
- Bird Banding at Woodlands Conservancy – Delaina LeBlanc

B. Media Interviews (As of January 15, 2014)

Daily Comet (Thibodaux, LA)

- *“La Fête d’Ecologie 2013 insert,”* - October 14, 2013
- *“Volunteers will clean up Grand Isle Beach,”* - November 12, 2013
- *“Calendar features those that love Louisiana,”* - December 23, 2013
- *“Restoration work may help the birds,”* - December 23, 2014
- *“Bayou Community Foundation seeking grant applicants,”* - December 24, 2013
- *“Tidal calendar available,”* - December 28, 2013

The Courier (Houma, LA)

- *“Teaching teachers (photo),”* - October 12, 2013
- *“La Fête d’Ecologie 2013 insert,”* - October 13, 2013
- *“Beach cleanup set for Nov. 23,”* – November 10, 2013
- *“Five volunteer efforts that need your time (Beach Cleaning),”* - November 16, 2013
- *“Teens can help save wetlands,”* – December 1, 2013
- *“Meeting set for bayou cleanup,”* - December 12, 2013
- *“Fourchon Oilman’s Assoc. donates more than \$1000,000 to schools, organizations,”* – December 25, 2013
- *“Tidal calendar available,”* – December 18, 2013

- *“Calendar features those that love Louisiana,”* - December 22, 2013
- *“Restoration work may help the birds,”* - December 23, 2014
- *“Bayou Community Foundation seeking grant applicants,”* - December 24, 2013
- *“Tidal calendar available,”* - December 28, 2013
- *“Grand Isle Beach cleaned up,”* – January 11, 2014

The Lafourche Gazette (Larose, LA)

- *“Grand Isle beach cleanup event rescheduled due to T.S. Karen,”* – October 16, 2013
- *“G.I. Beach Cleanup rescheduled,”* - November 10, 2013
- *“Oilman’s Assoc. donates more than \$1000,000 to schools, organizations,”* – December 25, 2013
- *“BTNEP produces Louisiana-themed calendar focusing on naturalist,”* December 29, 2013
- *“BTNEP to once again sponsor Bayou Lafourche cleanup,”* – January 8, 2014

The Advocate (Baton Rouge, LA)

- *“Experts discuss impact of river diversion in La.,”* - January 9, 2013

What Now (Houma, LA)

- *“La Fête d’Ecologie 2013 listing,”* - October, 2013

Voilà! (Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA)

- *BTNEP advertisement* - Fall 2013

Gumbo Entertainment Guide (Houma, LA)

- *“La Fête d’Ecologie 2013 advertisement,”* - October 2013
- *“La Fête d’Ecologie 2013 listing,”* – October 2013
- *“La Fête d’Ecologie 2013 article,”* – October 2013

The Donaldsonville Chief (Donaldsonville, LA)

- *“Planning to start for 2014 Bayou Lafourche clean up event,”* - December 5, 2013

The Gonzales Weekly Citizen (Gonzales, LA)

- *“Planning to start for 2014 Bayou Lafourche clean up event,”* - December 5, 2013

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

- *“Celebrating Culture, Heritage and Ecology,”* - December, 2013

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

- *“Local Students Attend Youth Ocean Conservation Summit,”* – December 2013
- *“Neighborhood Project: Prevent Flooding, Provide Clean Water,”* - September, 2013

The Daily Review (Morgan City, LA)

- *“La Fête d’Ecologie Saturday set at Lake End Park,”* - October 15, 2013
- *“La Fête d’Ecologie 2013 insert,”* - October 17, 2013
- *“La Fête d’Ecologie Saturday at Lake End Park,”* - October 18, 2013
- *“La Fête d’Ecologie educates public about wetlands importance,”* – October 21, 2013
- *“Volunteers will clean up Grand Isle Beach,”* - November 12, 2013

Ruston Daily Leader (Ruston, LA)

- *“Invasive animals, plants threatening Louisiana habitat,”* - October 13, 2013

The News-Star (Monroe, LA)

- *“Invasive snails threaten Louisiana habitat,”* - October 13, 2013

Invasive animals, plants threaten La. habitat (Lake Charles, LA)

- *“Invasive animals, plants threatening Louisiana habitat,”* - October 13, 2013

Tri-Parish Times (Houma, LA)

- *“La Fête d’Ecologie 2013 article,”* – October 16, 2013

The Times of Acadia (Lafayette, LA)

- *“La Fête d’Ecologie 2013 listing,”* – October 17, 2013

Daily Iberian (New Iberia, LA)

- *“Invasive animals, plants threaten habitat,”* - October 16, 2013

Opelousas Daily World (Opelousas, LA)

- *“Invasive animals, plants threaten state habitat,”* - October 13, 2013

The Banner-Tribune (Franklin, LA)

- *“Invasive animals, plants threaten Louisiana habitat,”* - October 17, 2013
- *“La Fête d’Ecologie event educates public about wetlands importance,”* – October 25, 2013

Bayou Journal (Pierre Part, LA)

- *“BTNEP hold 17th Annual La Fete d’Ecologie at Lake End Park,”* - November 5, 2013

The Assumption Pioneer (Assumption, LA)

- *“La Fête d’Ecologie 2013 advertisement,”* - October 17, 2013

WHLT22 (Hattiesburg, MS)

- *“Volunteers will clean up Grand Isle Beach,”* - November 12, 2013

Other Interviews:

- KTIB (Gene Richard), coastal restoration diversions, pipeline sediment, volunteer plantings – Andrew Barron
- Fox 8 News (John Snell), Caminada Headlines – Kerry St. Pé
- KTIB, general BTNEP information – Alma Robichaux
- The Daily Review (Preston Gill), Brown Marsh - Kerry St. Pé and Andrew Barron
- University of Kansas, Department of Geography (Dr. So-Min Cheong, Courtney Schwartzbeck & Kourtney Welch), BP oil spill community impact, general BTNEP interest and community interest - Kerry St. Pé

C. Meetings

- Nicholls State University Recycling meeting – Alma Robichaux
- ED White Recycling meeting – Alma Robichaux
- Terrebonne Parish CZM meeting – Matt Benoit (3)
- Fall ANEP Meeting – Kerry St. Pé

- South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center Board Meeting – Alma Robichaux
- 2014 Tidal Graph Calendar meeting Angela deGravelles and Associates – Andrew Barron
- 2013 Youth Ocean Conservation Summit meeting with Jonathan Foret of SLWDC, Cheri Andrepont and Jen Hamilton of Terrebonne Library, Michele Beary of the BTEF and students from ED White, South Terrebonne, HL Bourgeois, Terrebonne and Evergreen High Schools – Alma Robichaux
- Lafourche Parish CZM meeting – Kerry St. Pé
- Louisiana Master Naturalist General Meeting – Michael Massimi, Andrew Barron
- Wetland Warrior meeting at Terrebonne Public Library – Matt Benoit
- Paddle Bayou Lafourche Planning Meeting with Madewood Plantation – Kristy Monier
- Davis Pond Advisory Meeting – Andrew Barron
- Ad Hoc Committee Meeting in Baton Rouge – Kerry St. Pé
- South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Board Meeting – Alma Robichaux
- Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District meeting – Alma Robichaux
- LSU Seagrant Meeting – Alma Robichaux

D. Projects Initiated

- 2014 Eagle Expo Student Educational Program
- Production of Paddle Bayou Lafourche 2014
- Wetlands Youth Summit
- Layout and Design of the Sparrow Publication
- Bird Monitoring and Public Education at Woodlands Conservancy Managed Properties

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

- Reminders – February 6, 2014 - Century Room @ NSU Stadium
– May 8, 2014 - Century Room @ NSU Stadium
- Approvals – August 7, 2014 – Plantation Suite @ NSU Student Union
– November 6, 2014 – Plantation Suite @ NSU Student Union

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

- A. "A USACE Perspective on Mississippi River Diversions." – Dr. Barbara Kleiss, Director, Louisiana Coastal Area Science and Technology Office, USACE, Mississippi Valley Division and Mark Wingate, P.E., Chief, Projects and Restoration Brand, USACE New Orleans District (30 minutes)
- B. "Proposed Diversions in the 2012 Master Plan – Caveats and Questions" – Michael Massimi, BTNEP Invasive Species Coordinator (30 Minutes)
- C. "Mississippi River Sediment Delivery System – Bayou Dupont (BA-39) Construction and Monitoring" - Danielle Richardi and Peter Hopkins, CPRA, New Orleans Field Office (30 Minutes)

5. New Business

6. Adjourn