

Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program
Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #67
9:30 a.m. – Thursday, May 8, 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 – February 6, 2014 Meeting

2. **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES** - 9:40 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.
 - A. Personnel Changes
 - None
 - B. Presentations/Exhibits/Field Trips/ Volunteer Events
 - Piping Plover Survey – Delaina LeBlanc (7), Natalie Waters (7), Richard DeMay (6), Michael Massimi (6), Dean Blanchard (1)
 - Grand Isle Arbor Day – Matt Benoit, Natalie Waters
 - Bird Banding at The Woodlands Conservancy – Delaina LeBlanc (2)
 - Louisiana Master Naturalist Workshop – Andrew Barron
 - NSU Farm Improvements – Joe Dantin (3), Matt Benoit (3), Andrew Barron (2), Dean Blanchard (2)
 - Filming with Future Leaders of Americas Gulf in Bayou Blue – Alma Robichaux
 - Scouting for Red Knot trapping locations with David Newstead in Fourchon and Grand Isle – Delaina LeBlanc
 - Adaptations Presentation to (36) 5th grade students at St. Charles Elementary School - Alma Robichaux
 - Bird Banding at Palmetto Island State Park – Delaina LeBlanc
 - Banding Nelson’s Sparrow (NESP) in Port Fourchon – Delaina LeBlanc
 - Vegetative Survey in Lake Fields with Vince Guillory – Joe Dantin
 - Rain Barrel Workshop – Alma Robichaux, Kerry St. Pé
 - South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center World Wetland Day at Water Life Museum – Alma Robichaux, Kristy Monier
 - Shorebird Survey in Grand Isle – Delaina LeBlanc
 - Calendar Presentation to Longue Vue House and Gardens Lunchtime Brown Bag Series: “Naturalists of Louisiana” – Andrew Barron
 - Adaptations Presentation to St. Charles Elementary 5th Graders – Alma Robichaux
 - Diving with LUMCON – Alma Robichaux
 - Seed Collection in Cameron Parish – Matt Benoit
 - Bird Skin Preparation Training at LSU Museum of Natural Sciences – Delaina LeBlanc (4)
 - Presentation to Biology 560 Marine and Environmental Biology regulation, Law & Policy Workshop at NSU – Kerry St. Pé
 - 2014 Eagle Expo – Alma Robichaux, Delaina LeBlanc, Natalie Waters
 - Louisiana Wildlife Federation Governor’s Award for Conservation Judge – Joe Dantin
 - HTV with Future Leaders of America’s Gulf – Matt Benoit
 - Accompany photographer and document Piping Plover on Caminada Headlands – Delaina LeBlanc, Natalie Waters

- Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Crab Trap Removal – Joe Dantin
- Air Potato Removal Volunteer Event on Grand Isle – Alma Robichaux, Natalie Waters
- Piping Plover Survey Timbalier Island – Delaina LeBlanc, Natalie Waters (3)
- Drain Marker Project New Orleans School for Math and Science – Alma Robichaux
- Nicholls State University Poster Contest Judge – Alma Robichaux
- Invasive Species presentation to South Korean Environmental Ministry Biologist regarding coast wide Nutria Control Program at LDWF Headquarters in Baton Rouge with Edmond Mouton – Michael Massimi
- Bayou Lafourche Cleanup – Alma Robichaux, Jenny Schexnayder, Joe Dantin
- Swamp Stomp Tressors Du Bayou – Alma Robichaux, Jenny Schexnayder
- Attended “Spill” at LSU – Kerry St. Pé, Delaina LeBlanc
- Guided Plant Walk and Presentation to Master Gardner’s of Greater New Orleans – Michael Massimi
- Volunteer Planting with Wetland Warriors, Audubon Zoo Keepers and Future Leaders of America’s Gulf – Matt Benoit
- Volunteer Ridge Planting with University of Iowa – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit (2)
- Paddle Bayou Lafourche – All Staff
- Grand Isle Migratory Bird Celebration – Delaina LeBlanc, Richard DeMay, Natalie Waters
- Rain Barrel Workshop at the Grand Isle Migratory Bird Celebration – Alma Robichaux
- Benthic Collection on Caminada Headland – Delaina LeBlanc, Richard DeMay, Natalie Waters
- Red Knot Banding on Caminada Headland – Delaina LeBlanc
- Larose Cutoff Middle School Presentation – Alma Robichaux
- Study of “Bayou Farwell” Bus Trip with Becky LeBlanc’s English 102 Class of NSU – Alma Robichaux

C. Media Interviews (As of April 18, 2014)

Daily Comet (Thibodaux, LA)

- *“Grand Isle Beach cleaned up,”* - January 13, 2014
- *“Ocean Conservancy to study Grand Isle trash,”* - January 20, 2014
- *“Who’s the boss over oil waste?, Concerns linger after legal fight ends,”* – January 20, 2014
- *“Gulf area leads nation in wetland loss,”* - January 20, 2014
- *“Group seeks help for its annual cleanup of Bayou Lafourche,”* - February 3, 2014
- *“Paddle down the bayou,”* - February 5, 2014
- *“Estuary program chief to retire,”* - February 8, 2014
- *“Students create video series targeting litterbugs,”* - March 7, 2014
- *“Volunteers to clean local bayou, you can help too,”* - March 11, 2014
- *“Paddle the bayou next month,”* - March 13, 2014
- *“Bayou cleanup,” Photo feature* – March 14, 2014
- *“Bayou cleanup,” Photo feature* – March 17, 2014
- *“Wastewater may help wetlands,”* - March 18, 2014
- *“Local bird-watchers spring into migration mode,”* – March 27, 2014
- *“Migration Elation – Bird-watchers’ favorite time of year is here,”* - March 28, 2014
- *“Paddle Bayou Lafourche- Picture feature of Kerry St.Pé in kayak”* – April 5, 2014

The Courier (Houma, LA)

- *“Dying marsh on central Louisiana coast draws scrutiny,”* - January 11, 2014
- *“Grand Isle Beach cleaned up,”* - January 12, 2014

- *"Oilfield Waste, Concerns linger after legal fight ends,"* - January 19, 2014
- *"Land Loss, Gulf Coast loses most wetlands in nation,"* - January 20, 2014
- *"Stopping our loses takes money,"* - January 27, 2014
- *"Group seeks help for its annual cleanup of Bayou Lafourche,"* - February 2, 2014
- *"Paddle down the bayou,"* - February 5, 2014
- *"Hog Wild, Feral swine invade, damage wetlands,"* - February 6, 2014
- *"Estuary program chief to retire,"* - February 8, 2014
- *"Paddle down the bayou,"* - February 28, 2014
- *"Students create video series targeting litterbugs,"* - March 7, 2014
- *"Volunteers to clean local bayou, you can help too,"* - March 11, 2014
- *"Paddle the bayou next month,"* - March 13, 2014
- *"Bayou cleanup," Photo feature* – March 14, 2014
- *"Bayou cleanup," Photo feature* – March 16, 2014
- *"Helping the Wetlands – Project would reroute wastewater,"* – March 18, 2014
- *"Wastewater could help wetlands,"* – March 25, 2014
- *"Migration Elation – Bird-watchers' favorite time of year is here,"* - March 28, 2014
- *"Community Calendar – The 13th Annual four-day Paddle Bayou Lafourche,"* - April 3, 2014

The Lafourche Gazette (Larose, LA)

- *"BTNEP to once again sponsor Bayou Lafourche cleanup,"* – January 8, 2014
- *"Grand Isle cleanup results in 700 tons of trash,"* - January 19, 2014
- *"Site captains needed for upcoming Bayou Lafourche cleanup event March 15,"* - January 26, 2014
- *"BTNEP to conduct second 'build a rain barrel' workshop,"* - January 26, 2014
- *"Paddle Bayou Lafourche returning in early April,"* - February 19, 2014
- *"BTNEP gearing up for 2014 Paddle Bayou Lafourche,"* – March 5, 2014
- *"Volunteers sought for Bayou cleanup event,"* – March 9, 2014
- *"Volunteers sought for cleanup even on Saturday,"* - March 12, 2014
- *"Household hazardous material collection day set for Saturday,"* – March 12, 2014
- *"BTNEP conducting registration for Paddle Bayou Lafourche,"* - March 12, 2014
- *"Cleaning up," Photo feature* – March 19, 2014
- *"NSU hosting Swamp Stomp Festival this weekend,"* – March 19, 2014
- *"Residents urged to welcome paddlers along Bayou Lafourche,"* – March 30, 2014

The Plaquemines Gazette (Belle Chase, LA)

- *"PABI Luncheon – Fresh water diversions vs Pumping Sediment," blurb and ad featuring Kerry St. Pé* - March 11, 2014
- *"PABI Luncheon – Fresh water diversions vs Pumping Sediment," blurb and ad featuring Kerry St. Pé* - March 18, 2014
- *"St. Pé gives academic take on diversions,"* - March 25, 2014

The Donaldsonville Chief (Donaldsonville, LA)

- *"BTNEP to conduct second 'build a rain barrel' workshop,"* - January 30, 2014
- *"Registration open for 2014 Paddle Bayou Lafourche,"* - February 6, 2014
- *"Bayou Lafourche clean up event,"* - March 6, 2014
- *"Registration still open for 2014 Paddle Bayou Lafourche,"* – March 12, 2014

The Advocate (Baton Rouge, LA)

- *"Experts discuss impact of river diversion in La.,"* – January 9, 2014
- *"Volunteers sought for Bayou Lafourche cleanup,"* - February 10, 2014

- “BP disaster play to premiere at Reilly Theatre,” - February 23, 2014
- “Big litter in bayou,” - March 15, 2014

The Thibodaux Chamber Insight (Thibodaux, LA)

- “Member News- Paddle Lafourche,” - March 27, 2014

The Assumption Pioneer (Napoleonville, LA)

- “Louisiana Swamp Stomp Scheduled for March 21-23, “ – March 13, 2014
- “Registration still open for 2014 Paddle Bayou Lafourche,” – March 13, 2014
- “Volunteers gather for Bayou Lafourche cleanup,” - March 20, 2014
- “Paddle Bayou Lafourche This Weekend,” - April 3, 2014

The Daily Review (Morgan City, LA)

- “Parish escaping episodes of dying marsh,” – January 16, 2014
- “Eagle Expo, Birdwatchers visit parish, eagle a bit shy this year,” - February 24, 2014
- “Volunteers sought for bayou cleanup,” - February 12, 2014
- “Volunteers clean Bayou Lafourche Saturday,” - March 11, 2014

Country Roads Magazine (St. Francisville, LA)

- “Louisiana Naturally,” Introduction to what will be featured throughout the year from BTNEP – April, 2014

What Now Magazine (Houma, LA)

- “Born to Fly, The annual Grand Isle Migratory Bird Celebration takes place April 11-13,” Photo feature on cover, photo feature in table of contents and article – April, 2014

The City Social Magazine (Baton Rouge, LA)

- “Flying South, The Gulf States a top destination for snow birds,” mention of Grand Isle Migratory Bird Celebration – March, 2014

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

- “Birdwatchers visit parish, eagles a bit shy this year,” Photo feature and article, – March 2, 2014

Gambit, Best of New Orleans. com (New Orleans, LA)

- “New Orleans Festival Guide April 2014 – Paddle Bayou Lafourche,” – April, 2014

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

- “Last day to sign up for BTNEP cleanup program,” Campus Briefs – February 13, 2014
- “BTNEP set to clean up Bayou Lafourche next month,” - February 13, 2014

The Banner-Tribune (Franklin, LA)

- “Parish spared episodes of dying marsh on coast,” – January 17, 2014
- “Bird watchers visit St. Mary Parish for ninth Eagle Expo,” – February 25, 2014

Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce Focus (Houma, LA)

- “Captains needed for cleanup,” – February 23, 2014

The Tri-Parish Times (Houma, LA)

- “Philanthropic foundation doles out more grants,” - January 8, 2014
- “St. Pé announces retirement from BTNEP top job,” – February 12, 2014

- “Volunteers needed for bayou cleanup,” - February 12, 2014
- “World Wetlands Day celebrates local move,” - February 12, 2014

Bayou Journal (Pierre Part, LA)

- “Dying marsh on central La. coast draws scrutiny,” - January 14, 2014
- “Volunteers sought for Bayou Lafourche sweep,” – February 11, 2014

The Times-Picayune (New Orleans, LA)

- “Inside Info – Naturalists of Louisiana Presentation,” – January 31, 2014

The News-Star (Monroe, LA)

- “Dying marsh on central La. coast draws scrutiny,” – January 12, 2014

The Crowley Post - Signal (Crowley, LA)

- “Stopping the loss of our wetlands takes money,” – January 29, 2014

Washingtontimes.com

- “Volunteers sought for Bayou Lafourche sweep,” – February 9, 2014

WWL.com (New Orleans, LA)

- “Volunteers sought for Bayou Lafourche sweep,” – February 9, 2014

The Republic (Columbus, IN)

- “Volunteers sought for 106-mile sweep of Bayou Lafourche,” – February 9, 2014

Jennings Daily News (Jennings, LA)

- “Ocean Conservancy to study Grand Isle trash,” – January 19, 2014

The American Press (Lake Charles, LA)

- “Dying marsh on La. coast draws scrutiny,” - January 13, 2014

Opelousas Daily World (Opelousas, LA)

- “Dying marsh on La. coast draws scrutiny,” - January 12, 2014

Ubspectrum.com (University at Buffalo)

- “To the bayou and back,” - January 28, 2014

Other Interviews:

- WWL-870AM (Garland Robinette), pipeline sediment restoration – Kerry St. Pé
- Film Department of Savanna College of Arts & Design (Caroline Nead), Nutria documentary – Michael Massimi
- KTIB (Gene Richard), Bayou Lafourche Cleanup – Alma Robichaux
- HTV, Bayou Lafourche Cleanup – Alma Robichaux
- FLAG @ HTV (FLAG members), Bayou Lafourche Cleanup – Alma Robichaux

D. Meetings

- Louisiana Master Naturalist meeting – Andrew Barron
- Lafourche Parish Game & Fish Commission – Joe Dantin (3)
- Louisiana Master Naturalist of Greater New Orleans Spring 2014 Orientation – Michael Massimi
- Lafourche Parish Council, update on Lake Fields – Joe Dantin

- Bayou Lafourche Cleanup/Paddle Bayou Lafourche Boat Tour prep meeting with Ben Malbrough of Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District, Angela Rathle of National Park Service, Henry Templet of Bayou Roughing and Anka Tonn of NSU – Alma Robichaux, Kerry St. Pe’, Dean Blanchard, Kristy Monier, Jenny Schexnayder
- BP Oil Spill meeting with Liz Hazelwood of University of Kansas
- Bayou Lafourche Cleanup/Paddle Bayou Lafourche Boat Tour prep meeting with Ben Malbrough of Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District, Anka Tonn of NSU, Donald Spahr and Alvin Landry from the planning committee – Alma Robichaux, Kerry St. Pe’, Dean Blanchard
- CWPPRA Task Force Meeting – Kerry St. Pé
- Swamp Stomp Planning Committee – Alma Robichaux (2), Kristy Monier (1)
- Caroline Nead of Savannah College of Art and Design regarding Nutria Documentary – Michael Massimi
- Donna Dittman and Steve Cardiff of the LSU Museum of Natural Sciences and Katie Brastead of The Woodlands Conservancy for facility tour and initiate training to study skin preparation – Delaina LeBlanc
- Lafourche Parish CZM – Kerry St. Pé (3)
- Michele Beary of the Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary Foundation regarding Paddle Bayou Lafourche – Kristy Monier, Dean Blanchard
- Bayou Lafourche Cleanup planning meeting – Alma Robichaux (2)
- 2014 Bird Surveys Meeting with John Weib – Richard DeMay
- 2015 Bird Calendar Planning Meeting Bill Fontenot – Richard DeMay
- South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center Board Meeting – Alma Robichaux (4)
- CWPPRA, Susan Testroet-Bergeron – Michael Massimi
- Michele Beary of the Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary Foundation – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Jenny Schexnayder (2)
- Bayou Grace and US Fish & Wildlife Presentation – Joe Dantin
- ED White Recycling Club – Alma Robichaux
- Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District Meeting – Alma Robichaux
- Youth Wetland Summit Planning Meeting – Alma Robichaux (3)
- Shorebird Study meeting with Darin Lee of CPRA – Richard DeMay, Delaina LeBlanc
- Wetland Warriors – Matt Benoit
- Terrebonne Parish Coastal Zone Management and Restoration Advisory meeting – Matt Benoit (3)
- Gulf State Conference Call – Kerry St. Pé
- “Wetland Assimilation of Agricultural Runoff” meeting with Scott Edward of NRCS – Dean Blanchard, Andrew Barron and Kerry St. Pé
- Recycling Survey with NSU Marketing Class – Alma Robichaux
- ANEP/EPA Spring Meeting in Washington, DC – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Andrew Barron
- CWPPRA Outreach Task Force Meeting – Alma Robichaux
- Paddle Bayou Lafourche Planning Meeting with Virginia Plaisance – Kristy Monier
- Paddle Bayou Lafourche Planning Meeting with Brenda Robichaux - Kristy Monier
- Future Leaders of America’s Gulf – Alma Robichaux (3)
- Harvest of Apple Snails for Human Consumption at University of New Orleans with LDWF and Khanh Troung – Michael Massimi
- NOLA Area Committee Community Outreach Subcommittee Meeting – Kerry St. Pé, Andrew Barron
- BTNEP Internet / Website meeting with NSU and R. Dean Cooper – Kerry St. Pe’, Dean Blanchard, Jenny Schexnayder, Kristy Monier

- Shelley Sparks of Royal Engineering regarding Oil Spill and Bayou Lafourche reintroduction – Kerry St. Pé, Andrew Barron, Dean Blanchard
- Paddle Bayou Lafourche Planning Meeting with Angela Rathle of National Park Service – Kristy Monier
- 2014 Farm Bill with USDA/NRCS – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Andrew Barron
- National Academy of Sciences Gulf of Mexico Program Houston, TX – Kerry St. Pé
- Education Steering Committee for GOMA conference call – Alma Robichaux
- Paddle Bayou Lafourche planning meeting with Michel Beary and Jones Insurance Agency – Kristy Monier
- Lafourche Parish Budget Authority Meeting – Joe Dantin
- Louisiana Master Naturalist General Meeting – Andrew Barron
- Tour of Queen Bess Island with Ed Landgraf of Shell Oil – Dean Blanchard, Richard DeMay
- Bayou Industrial Group Meeting – Kerry St. Pé
- Louisiana Master Naturalist Board Meeting at New Orleans Botanical Gardens – Andrew Barron, Michael Massimi
- BTNEP website / Bird Blog – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Jenny Schexnayder, Kristy Monier, Delaina LeBlanc, Natalie Waters, Jaken Frazier, and Dean Cooper
- Assumption Parish Police Jury – Alma Robichaux
- Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District Meeting – Alma Robichaux, Kerry St. Pé
- State Of The Coast Meeting – Delaina LeBlanc, Alma Robichaux
- CIAP Meeting – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Richard DeMay, Matt Benoit
- Plaquemines Parish Association of Business & Industry Meeting – Kerry St. Pé presented, Jenny Schexnayder, Kristy Monier
- Acadiana Seed Project meeting with Chris Adams of Cultural Resources Institute of Acadiana (CRIA) – Andrew Barron
- Gulf of Mexico State of the Gulf Meeting – Alma Robichaux
- State of Gulf of Mexico Summit 2014 – Alma Robichaux
- Andrew Lyons of Lyon Productions LLC – Kerry St. Pé
- Delta Waterfowl Check Presentation/Meeting – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard
- Mass Communication Students Class Project – Kristy Monier
- Oil Spill Ad Hoc Committee Meeting – Kerry St. Pé
- Lee Fondakowski of “Spill” – Kerry St. Pé
- Louisiana Environmental Education Commission (LEEC) Grant Review
- Action Team Plan Meeting – Delaina LeBlanc, Richard DeMay, Natalie Waters
- Bayouland RC&D meeting with Nic Matherne, Executive Board President and Brad Lanute, Executive Director – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Andrew Barron
- GOMA Priorities Alliance Priority Issue Teams (PITs) conference call – Alma Robichaux
- Wetshop meeting in Baton Rouge
- Education Action Team Meeting – Alma Robichaux, Kerry St. Pé, Kristy Monier, Joe Dantin
- Lamar Advertising regarding possible billboards – Kristy Monier
- NSU Farm Improvements meeting with Quenton Fontenot – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard
- Delta Waterfowl Project meeting – Joe Dantin, Dean Blanchard

E. Projects Initiated

- “Caminada Headland Beach Benthic Organism Survey”
- “Caminada Headland Beach Benthic Organism Survey – Year 2”
- “Support of Bird Surveys as it Relates to the Caminada Headland Restoration Project”
- “Seeds and Culture: Stewardship of South Louisiana’s Agrarian Heritage”

- “Design and Layout of the 2015 Bird Calendar and 2015 Tidal Graph Calendar
- “Development of the 2015 Bird Calendar Text”
- “Layout and Design of the Sparrow Publication”

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

- Reminders – 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. BTNEP Work Plan (45 minutes)
- B. Long Distance Sediment Pipeline Delivery Project (45 minutes)
- C. Bayou Lafourche Cleanup (15 minutes)
- D. Paddle Bayou Lafourche (15 minutes)

5. **New Business**

6. **Adjourn**