

**Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program**  
Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #68  
9:30 a.m. – Thursday, August 7, 2014  
Nicholls State University  
Plantation Suite – NSU Ballroom

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

- A. Roll Call
- B. Reading and Approval of Minutes – May 8, 2014 Meeting

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

**A.** Personnel Changes

- Kerry St. Pé retired July 11, 2014.
- Dean Blanchard appointed Interim Director beginning July 14, 2014.

**B.** Presentations/Exhibits/Field Trips/ Volunteer Events

- Piping Plover Survey – Delaina LeBlanc (1), Natalie Waters (1), Richard DeMay (1)
- Earth Day at Zephyr’s Baseball Game – Alma Robichaux, Kristy Monier
- Terrebonne Aquatic Clinic – Alma Robichaux, Project Manager; Joe Dantin, Presenter
- CWPPRA Dedication Event – Kerry St. Pe’, Alma Robichaux, Dean Blanchard, Jenny Schexnayder
- Lockport Upper Elementary Cajun Day – Alma Robichaux, Kristy Monier
- Least Turn Breeding Survey – Delaina LeBlanc, Natalie Waters (2)
- Cleanup Bayou Petit Calliou – Alma Robichaux
- Estuary Field Trip with Dan Farrow of NOAA – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard
- Breeding Bird Survey on East Timbalier Island – Delaina LeBlanc, Natalie Waters
- Nicholls State University Graduate Program Review – Kerry St. Pé
- Bayou Vermilion Treasures Symposium guest speaker – Kerry St. Pé
- Rain Barrel Workshop – Alma Robichaux
- Wetlands Art Tour – Delaina LeBlanc, Exhibiting Artist; Michael Massimi, Panelist
- Summer Breeding Bird (Wilson’s Plover and Least Tern) Study – Delaina LeBlanc, Natalie Waters  
Richard DeMay
- Breeding Bird Survey on Caminada Headland – Natalie Waters, Richard DeMay
- Break the Plastic Habit Campaign reusable bag distribution with Walmart, Thibodaux – Alma Robichaux, Jenny Schexnayder, Michele Beary of BTEF
- Bayou Lafourche Cleanup Presentation at Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District meeting – Alma Robichaux
- Greenhouse/Farm Improvements at NSU – Joe Dantin (5), Matt Benoit (4), Kristen Torres (4)
- Diving with LUMCON – Alma Robichaux
- Site Survey for salvinia weevil release near Lake Verret swamps – Dean Blanchard, Michael Massimi
- “Funding Fisheries: Focus on the Future” Panelist for Louisiana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society at Nicholls State University – Kerry St. Pé
- Conducted Coastal Wetland Loss & Restoration Workshop for Louisiana Master Naturalist of Greater New Orleans – Andrew Barron, Michael Massimi
- Junior Master Naturalist Camp with National Park Service – Alma Robichaux
- Salvinia weevil release near Lake Verret swamps – Dean Blanchard
- Boy Scouts Presentation in Patterson, LA – Alma Robichaux

- Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve Wetlands Camps – Alma Robichaux, Project Manager; Andrew Barron, Presenter (3)
- H-2-0 Water Quality Teacher Workshop – Alma Robichaux, Project Manager; Andrew Barron, Coordinator
- Field Ornithology Course at Hog Island, Maine – Delaina LeBlanc
- Grand Isle Volunteer Planting with Rustic Pathways – Joe Dantin, Kristen Torres
- Grand Isle Volunteer Planting with Common Grounds – Joe Dantin, Kristen Torres
- Bird Surveys on islands in western Plaquemines Parish with Steven Cardiff, Donna Dittman, Matt Brady and Albertine Kimble – Richard DeMay, Natalie Waters, Dean Blanchard
- Grand Isle Volunteer Planting with Bayou Grace – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Kristen Torres
- “The Real Wild Animals of New Orleans” Zephyrs Day Camp – Alma Robichaux
- Kerry St. Pé Retirement Celebration BTNEP Scholarship Fundraiser – All Staff
- LUMCON’s Estuarine Awareness and Discovery Camp – Joe Dantin
- Lake Fields Project – Joe Dantin
- Seed Collection (Hercules Club) Lake Charles, LA – Matt Benoit
- 2014 Louisiana Wetland Teacher Workshop (WETSHOP) Alma Robichaux, Project Manager; Andrew Barron, Matt Benoit, and Delaina LeBlanc, Presenters
- Audubon Zoo Rehabilitated Snapping Turtle release at Mandalay National Wildlife Reserve – Andrew Barron, Michael Massimi
- Storm Drain Marking with New Orleans School for Science & Math – Alma Robichaux
- South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center Rougarou Ball – Alma Robichaux; Kerry St. Pé, The John W. Woodard Award Recipient

C. Media Interviews (As of July 16, 2014)

**Daily Comet** (Thibodaux, LA)

- *“BP ends oil spill cleanup,”* – April 16, 2014
- *“Search for oil scaled back but not over,”* – April 21, 2014
- *“Researchers only ‘scratching surface’ of long-term effects,”* – April 21, 2014
- *“Sink or Swim-Dispersants sink oil, keep industry’s head above water,”* – May 17, 2014
- *“Group’s director to be honored,”* - May 29, 2014
- *“Group honors conservationist,”* – June 10, 2014
- *“Marking a Milestone – Morganza wins president’s backing,”* - June 11, 2014
- *“Hitting the Beach? Fourchon closed: Elmer’s Island open,”* - June 20, 2014
- *“Species Survival – Researchers study coastal nesting bird productivity,”* - June 30, 2014

**The Courier** (Houma, LA)

- *“BP ends oil spill cleanup,”* – April 16, 2014
- *“Researchers only ‘scratching surface’ of long-term effects,”* – April 20, 2014
- *“Search for oil scaled back but not over,”* – April 20, 2014
- *“Oil Industry thrives after spill,”* – April 21, 2014
- *“Build a rain barrel,”* - May 5, 2014
- *“Sink or Swim-Dispersants sink oil, keep industry’s head above water,”* – May 17, 2014
- *“Group’s director to be honored,”* - May 29, 2014
- *“Greenhouse to solve erosion,”* – June 2, 2014
- *“Group honors conservationist,”* – June 10, 2014
- *“Marking a Milestone – Morganza wins president’s backing,”* - June 11, 2014
- *“Hitting the Beach? Fourchon closed: Elmer’s Island open,”* - June 20, 2014

- *“Species Survival – Researchers study coastal nesting bird productivity,”* - June 29, 2014

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

- *“BTEF receives grant for waterfowl habitat restoration projects,”* – May 7, 2014
- *“Rain barrel workshop slated for Saturday,”* – May 7, 2014
- *“BTNEP has another successful Paddle Bayou Lafourche event,”* – May 7, 2014
- *“Retirement celebration set for BTNEP director,”* - June 18, 2014

**The Abbeville Meridional** (Abbeville, LA)

- *“Bull shark caught near Morgan City,”* - July 6, 2014

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

- *“Retirement celebration set for BTNEP Director,”* – June 5, 2014

**The B.R. Advocate N.O. Edition** (Baton Rouge, LA)

- *“Coastal restoration advocate Kerry St. Pé honored,”* – June 9, 2014

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

- *“The Great Qualities of Bayou Lafourche,”* – April 24, 2014

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

- *“Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program BTEF Awarded Grant,”* – May 8, 2014
- *Retirement Celebration set for BTNEP Director, Kerry St. Pé,”* - June 19, 2014
- *“Spahr’s Seafood Set to Host 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “Gulf” Tournament Benefitting BTNEP & Its Foundation,”* – June 26, 2014

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

- *“Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program director to retire,”* - June 13, 2014
- *“Bull shark caught near Morgan City,”* - July 3, 2014

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

- *“BTNEP has Successful 2014 Paddle Bayou Lafourche,”* – May 25, 2014
- *“St. Pé Announces Retirement,”* – June 22, 2014

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

- *“St. Pé event planned,”* - June 18, 2014

**The Advocate** (Baton Rouge, LA)

- *“Business Honors Around South Louisiana – Kerry St.Pé,”* - June 22, 2014

**The Jena Times** (Jena, LA)

- *“Teachers can register for Wetshop 2014,”* – May 28, 2014

**KTIB Radio**

- *General Issues of BTNEP – April 21, 2014*
- *General Issues of BTNEP – May 19, 2014*
- *General Issues of BTNEP – June 16, 2014*

## **HTV**

- *Wetlands Youth Summit and Rougarou Ball – May 22, 2014*
- *Future Leaders of America's Gulf with LUMCON – June 12, 2014*

## **Other Interviews:**

- WGSO (Bob Thomas), Invasive Species – Why be concern? Type of invasives in Louisiana, Animal Invasives, Prognoses of Invasives – Michael Massimi
- Wishcraft Productions Inc. (Stephanie Kovac), Filming project on BP oil Spill and the wetlands – Kerry St. Pé
- Washington Spectator (Lou Dubose), Loss of coastal wetland in our area – Kerry St. Pé

## **D. Meetings**

- “Environmental and Public Health” lecture by Dr. Portier, Director of CDC – Andrew Barron
- Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District meeting – Alma Robichaux (2)
- Nicholls State University Farm Bridge Project meeting with Dr. Quenton Fontenot and Archie Chiasson of Lafourche Parish Government – Dean Blanchard
- Hydro Coast Map meeting with Darin Lee of CPRA – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Andrew Barron
- Promoting BTNEP meeting Nicholls State University Mass Communication Students – Kristy Monier (2)
- Annual Louisiana Oyster Industry Convention – Kerry St. Pé
- Wetland Warriors meeting – Matt Benoit (2)
- Terrebonne CZM – Matt Benoit (4)
- CWPPRA Outreach meeting – Kristy Monier
- Future Leaders of America's Gulf – Alma Robichaux
- Bayou Industrial Group – Kerry St. Pé (2)
- Gulf Research Program Environmental Monitoring Working Group Teleconference – Kerry St. Pé
- Nicholls State University Greenhouse Project & Tour meeting with Jennifer Grigsby of Mosaic Corp. – Kristy Monier
- 2015 Bird Calendar meeting with Bill Fontenot – Richard DeMay
- South Louisiana Discovery Center Board meeting – Alma Robichaux (2)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “Gulf” Tournament Planning meeting with Donald Spahr and Brent Roger – Kristy Monier, Jenny Schexnayder and Michele Beary of BTEF
- Sparrow publication meeting – Diane Baker
- BTNEP Director Search Committee meeting – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard (2)
- WRDA Conference Call with Senator David Vitter – Kerry St. Pé
- Lafourche CZM meeting – Kerry St. Pé
- 2015 Bird Calendar meeting with Acadia and St. Landry Parish Convention and Visitors Bureaus – Richard DeMay
- Swamp Stomp – Tresors du Bayou Education Program partnership with Nicholls State University meeting with Brenda Haskins of NSU – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Alma Robichaux, Kristy Monier, Jenny Schexnayder
- Land Usage/Partnership meeting with Dr. Justin Tenney and Michele Beary of the BTEF – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Kristy Monier
- Leadership Terrebonne – Andrew Barron
- Land Usage/Partnership meeting with Dr. Justin Tenney, Lafourche Parish – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard

- John Tesvich Management Conference Representative for Commercial Fisheries – Kerry St. Pé
- Keep Louisiana Beautiful Recycling Conference – Alma Robichaux
- South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Youth Summit planning meeting – Alma Robichaux
- Piping Plover Project on Caminada Headland meeting with Darin Lee of CPRA and submission of final deliverables – Richard DeMay
- Agricultural Wetland Assimilation Project meeting with NRCS – Dean Blanchard, Andrew Barron
- TM Map Project meeting with John Sheehan of Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality – Andrew Barron
- Community Engagement Workshop meeting with Darrin Dantin and Richard Fulford of EPA Gulf Ecology Division – All Staff
- Chris Hallowell, Professor at City University of New York and author of “Holding Back the Sea: The struggle on the Gulf Coast to Save America” – Kerry St. Pé
- Gulf of Mexico Alliance conference call – Alma Robichaux
- LUMCON Summer Seminar Series – Alma Robichaux
- CWPPRA Outreach meeting – Alma Robichaux
- Louisiana Sea Grant NGO Advisory Council meeting – Andrew Barron
- CPRA Board Meeting at Nicholls State University – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Alma Robichaux
- Homeowner Septic System meeting with DEQ/DHH – Alma Robichaux
- EPA’s Trash Free Waters meeting – Alma Robichaux
- Cat Island Initiative meeting with Jerome Zeringue of CPRA, P.J. Hahn of Plaquemines Parish – Dean Blanchard, Richard DeMay
- ANEP Board Actions conference call – Kerry St. Pé
- Louisiana Master Naturalist meeting in New Orleans – Andrew Barron
- Establishment of the Kerry St. Pé Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program Scholarship in Marine Biology meeting with NSU Foundation - Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Jenny Schexnayder, Michele Beary of the BTEF
- Field Opportunities and Wetland Warriors meeting with Carrie Gros, Director of Enrichment Co-op for Homeschoolers – Andrew Barron, Matt Benoit
- 2017 State Master Plan meeting – Michael Massimi
- Piping Plover Survey Maps meeting with Blaire Hutchison – Richard DeMay
- Shell Island, Scofield Island, and Pelican Island Survey Data meeting with Donna Dittmann – Richard DeMay
- Cost Saving Initiative meeting with AT&T & LUMCON – Dean Blanchard, Jenny Schexnayder

#### **E. Projects Initiated**

- 2014-23            Submitted amended contract “Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve  
2011-45            Wetlands Camps” contract to include “Louisiana Junior Master Naturalist  
Program”

#### **Projects Completed (submitted deliverables)**

- 2011-42            Development of and Production of the Folklife and Wetlands Cultural Day in  
Conjunction with other Jubilee Festivities 2014

- 2014-19 Bayou French Tent-Education Component of NSU's Louisiana Swamp Stomp
- 2011-39 NSU Jubilee 2013
- 2014-17-S Bayou Lafourche Cleanup Supplies
- 2013-12 Paddle Bayou Lafourche

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

- Reminders – November 6, 2014 – Plantation Suite @ NSU Student Union
- Approval – February 5, 2015 – Plantation Suite @ NSU Student Union  
 May 7, 2015 – Plantation Suite @ NSU Student Union  
 August 6, 2015 – Plantation Suite @ NSU Student Union  
 November 5, 2015 – Plantation Suite @ NSU Student Union

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

- A. Bayou Corne Sinkhole Update – John Boudreaux, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for Assumption Parish (45 minutes)
- B. “Atchafalaya Long Distance Sediment Pipeline Feasibility Study – Identification of Borrow Sites” – Maarten Kluijver, Moffatt & Nichol (45 minutes)

5. **New Business**

6. **Adjourn**