

Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program
Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #69
9:30 a.m. – Thursday, November 6, 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 – August 7, 2014 Meeting

2. **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES** - 9:40 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.
 - A. Personnel Changes
 - None

 - B. Presentations/Exhibits/Field Trips/ Volunteer Events
 - Summer Bird Survey – Delaina LeBlanc (2), Natalie Waters (2),
 - Oak Tree Seed Production Survey in Grand Isle – Matt Benoit
 - Volunteer Event Plant Collection from NSU Ponds with Common Grounds – Joe Dantin, Kristen Torres
 - NSU Farm Facility Improvement Day(s) – Joe Dantin(10), Matt Benoit(10), Kristen Torres(8)
 - Hercules Club Seed Collection – Matt Benoit
 - Fourchon Ridge & Tidal Creek Site Survey – Matt Benoit
 - Bird Banding at Woodlands Conservancy – Delaina LeBlanc (4)
 - Terrebonne Public Library Science Fair Day – Alma Robichaux
 - BTNEP Presentation to Dr. and Mrs. Murphy of NSU – Michael Massimi, Dean Blanchard, Alma Robichaux, Andrew Barron
 - Wetland Warriors – Matt Benoit (2)
 - Delta Waterfowl Banquet – Joe Dantin, Presenter; Dean Blanchard, Delaina LeBlanc and Michele Beary of BTEF
 - Louisiana Wetlands Presentation to Enrichment Co-Op Homeschool – Alma Robichaux
 - Estuary Artworks Celebrating National Estuaries Day – Kristy Monier and Michele Beary of BTEF
 - BTNEP Presentation to E.D. White High School Key Club – Alma Robichaux
 - Buras Boat Trip with Informal Educators to view Restoration Projects and Meet with Local Fisherman - Alma Robichaux
 - Mandalay National Refuge Project Site Visit – Joe Dantin, Kristy Monier
 - Bayou Country Children’s Museum One Year Anniversary Wetland Presentation – Alma Robichaux
 - Nicholls State University Sponsor A+ Scholar Event – Dean Blanchard, Jenny Schexnayder, Joe Dantin and Michele Beary of BTEF
 - Righteous Fur Fashion Show Presentation on Invasive Species Mini Grant in Lafayette – Michael Massimi
 - Career Day at RK Smith Middle School in St. Charles Parish grades 6-8 – Alma Robichaux, Kristy Monier
 - Plant the Coast at Port Fourchon with LSU Volunteer Event – Matt Benoit, Joe Dantin
 - Maintenance on Entergy XXI Project Property – Richard DeMay
 - Fourchon Ridge Data Collection – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Natalie Waters

- Provided photographs of the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary coastline & wildlife to the Foundation for Historical Louisiana for a fundraising event entitled “Treasures of the Louisiana Coast” – Dean Blanchard, Richard DeMay
- Grant Opportunities for Bird Monitoring meeting with Darin Lee of CPRA – Dean Blanchard, Richard DeMay
- Piping Plover Surveys on East Timbalier – Delaina LeBlanc(2), Natalie Waters(2)
- Piping Plover Surveys on Caminada Headland – Delaina LeBlanc(4), Natalie Waters(5), Richard Demay (5)
- Welcome Back Day at NSU to promote recycling program – Alma Robichaux, Jenny Schexnayder, Kristy Monier, Kristen Torres
- Served as an instructor for the subjects of Naturalism and Science, Geology, and Concepts in Biology for the Louisiana Master Naturalists Program in the Greater New Orleans Area Chapter Fall 2014 Course – Andrew Barron
- Society of Environmental Journalist Tour of CWPPRA Restoration Projects with Plaquemines Parish (Lake Hermitage and Pelican Island) – Alma Robichaux, Richard DeMay, Matt Benoit
- Fourchon Site Visit for Future Projects – Matt Benoit, Joe Dantin
- Accepted National Estuary Week Proclamation from Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government – Kristy Monier
- Spahr’s “Gulf” Tournament Kickoff Party – Dean Blanchard, Jenny Schexnayder, Alma Robichaux, Joe Dantin and Michele Beary and Earl Melancon of BTEF
- Spahr’s “Gulf” Tournament – All Staff
- Recycling at NSU Game – Alma Robichaux
- Lake Fields Water Quality Data Collection – Joe Dantin
- Proclamation for National Estuaries Week Plaquemines Parish – Kristy Monier
- Field Trip with Greg Lavaty, Professional Photographer to Caminada Headland – Richard DeMay, Dean Blanchard
- Data Collection on Fourchon Ridge – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Natalie Waters

C. Media Interviews (As of October 21, 2014)

Daily Comet (Thibodaux, LA)

- *“Scholarship honors alum,”* - June 30, 2014
- *“Beach Bummer – State’s shores rank low in water quality,”* - July 8, 2014
- *“Editorial -Monitoring a recurring problem,”* – July 10, 2014
- *“Get a close-up look at wetland critters – teacher workshop,”* – July 14, 2014
- *“Beach restoration project will benefit birds,”* – July 16, 2014
- *“Home to Roost – Beach restoration project will benefit birds,”* - July 17, 2014
- *“Nicholls scholarship honors longtime coastal advocate,”* – July 29, 2014
- *“Two-day summit teaches high school students about wetlands,”* - August 4, 2014
- *“Wetlands Warrior - Coastal activist retires after 40 years,”* – August 6, 2014
- *“Sponsors needed for golf tourney,”* - August 8, 2014
- *“Play golf, help estuary,”* - August 8, 2014
- *“Cheers and Jeers: Leaving a Legacy,”* - August 9, 2014

- *"Growing Problem - Experts discuss apple snail threat,"* - August 14, 2014
- *"Deadline approaching for BTNEP director applications,"* – August 14, 2014
- *"Estuary program seeks director,"* - August 15, 2014
- *"Water Waste – Local bayous serve as illegal dump sites,"* – August 21, 2014
- *"Cheers and Jeers: Stop Littering,"* - August 23, 2014
- *"Going Nowhere - No solution in sight for Gulf dead zone,"* – August 28, 2014
- *"Play golf, help estuary,"* - August 30, 2014
- *"Changing Landscape – Boudreaux Basin to be enclosed by levees,"*- September 1, 2014
- *"Spahr's 'Gulf' tourney planned,"* – September 11, 2014
- *"Estuary artwork program planned,"* - September 13, 2014
- *"Share a photo; toast the coast,"* – September 15, 2014
- *"Winners chosen for estuary art,"* – October 9, 2014

The Courier (Houma, LA)

- *"Scholarship honors alum,"* - June 30, 2014
- *"Beach Bummer – State's shores rank low in water quality,"* - July 8, 2014
- *"Editorial -Monitoring a recurring problem,"* – July 10, 2014
- *"Get a close-up look at wetland critters – teacher workshop,"* – July 13, 2014
- *"Home to Roost – Beach restoration project will benefit birds,"* - July 17, 2014
- *"Two-day summit teaches high school students about wetlands,"* - August 3, 2014
- *"Wetlands Warrior - Coastal activist retires after 40 years,"* – August 6, 2014
- *"Play golf, help estuary,"* - August 8, 2014
- *"Sponsors needed for golf tourney,"* - August 8, 2014
- *"Cheers and Jeers: Leaving a Legacy,"* - August 10, 2014
- *"Growing Problem - Experts discuss apple snail threat,"* - August 13, 2014
- *"Estuary program seeks director,"* - August 15, 2014
- *"Local bayous serve as illegal dumpsites,"* - August 20, 2014
- *"Water Waste – Local bayous serve as illegal dump sites,"* – August 21, 2014
- *"Estuary group receives grant,"* – August 25, 2014
- *"Going Nowhere - No solution in sight for Gulf dead zone,"* – August 28, 2014
- *"Play golf, help estuary,"* - August 30, 2014
- *"Changing Landscape – Boudreaux Basin to be enclosed by levees,"*- September 2, 2014
- *"Outdoor organization to host banquet,"* - September 5, 2014
- *"Waterfowl group to host banquet,"* - September 6, 2014
- *"Spahr's 'Gulf' tourney planned,"* – September 11, 2014
- *"Estuary artwork program planned,"* - September 13, 2014
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The Lafourche Gazette (Larose, LA)

- *"Discovery Center to host Wetlands Youth Summit,"* – August 6, 2014
- *"Thousands to Toast the Coast nationwide,"* - September 14, 2014
- *"BTNEP hosting annual Estuary Artworks event,"* – September 14, 2014

The Donaldsonville Chief (Donaldsonville, LA)

- *"BTEF awarded grant from GNOF,"* – August 20, 2014
- *"Thousands to 'Toast the Coast' nationwide,"* – September 10, 2014
- *"BTNEP announces winners for 'Estuary Artworks' event,"* – October 13, 2014

The Thibodaux Chamber Insight (Thibodaux, LA)

- “Spahr’s Seafood to host ‘Gulf’ Tournament,” – July 24, 2014
- “What an exciting summer for the BTNEP education staff,” - August 28, 2014
- “Spahr’s Seafood to host 4th annual ‘Gulf’ Tournament,” - August 28, 2014

The Assumption Pioneer (Napoleonville, LA)

- “Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program BTNEP Hosting Kid’s ‘Estuary Artworks’ Event,” – September 25, 2014

The Daily Review (Morgan City, LA)

- “Estuary Director to retire Friday,” - July 9, 2014
- “Junky bayou raising concerns,” - September 1, 2014

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

- “Spahr’s Seafood to host ‘Gulf’ Tournament benefitting BTNEP,” – July/August 2014
- “BTNEP Announces Endowed Scholarship,” - August 24, 2014
- “BTEF Awarded Grant from the Greater New Orleans Foundation,” – September 28, 2014

The Tri-Parish Times (Houma, LA)

- “BCF grants \$110K to nonprofits,” - July 2, 2014
- “Fighting Back –Students gather to call action for area’s marshes,” - August 27, 2014

The Banner-Tribune (Franklin, LA)

- “Bull shark caught near MC,” - July 4, 2014
- “Longtime estuary director, St. Pé, to retire Friday,” - July 10, 2014
- “Wetlands Youth event set for high schoolers,” – August 14, 2014

Jefferson Parish Chamber of Commerce (Jefferson Parish, LA)

- “BTNEP announces endowed scholarship in honor of retired program director, Kerry St. Pé,” – July 24, 2014

What Now Magazine (Thibodaux, LA)

- “Raising Awareness for the Future,” – August, 2014
- “Putting for the Wetlands,” – September 2014

The Plaquemines Gazette (Belle Chase, LA)

- “Kerry St. Pé retires as BTNEP Director,” – July 15, 2014

The Crowley Post-Signal (Crowley, LA)

- “Editorial - Monitoring a recurring problem,” – July 11, 2014

Bayou Journal (Pierre Part, LA)

- “Bull shark caught near Morgan City,” – July 15, 2014

HTV 10 (Houma, LA)

- “Thousands to Toast the Coast Nationwide,” – September 9, 2014

The News-Star (Monroe, LA)

- “Junky bayou raising concerns,” – September 1, 2014

The Advocate (Baton Rouge, LA)

- “Junky bayou raising concerns,” – September 2, 2014
- “Fur Real – Designers make case for environment with nutria apparel,” – October 5, 2014

Picayune Street Edition (New Orleans, LA)

- “Junky bayou raising concerns,” – September 1, 2014

The Advertiser (Lafayette, LA)

- “Nutria-themed fashion show headed for Lafayette,” – September 26, 2014
- “Meet Becky Schexnayder of Nutria-Palooza,” – October 4, 2014

The Daily Iberian (New Iberia, LA)

- “Junky bayou is raising concern,” – September 2, 2014

IND Media (LA)

- “Nutria-palooza Fashion Show,” – October 3, 2014

Blog.nola.com (Houma, LA)

- “BTNEP Wetland Warriors,” – October, 2014

The Gumbo Entertainment (New Orleans, LA)

- “Common Ground Relief opens wetlands center in New Orleans,” – October 10, 2014

St. Genevieve School News (Thibodaux, LA)

- “Winners chosen for estuary art,” – October 10, 2014

Other Interviews:

- KWBJ (Phillip), Apple Snails found in Patterson – Michael Massimi
- MACO 401 (student Harmony Hamilton), About BTNEP and what they do – Michael Massimi
- Art & Design Magazine (Lucy Stratton), Righteous Fur Project & Invasive Species – Michael Massimi

D. Meetings

- 5th Annual NOAA/NGI Gulf Hypoxia Research Coordination Workshop – Michael Massimi
- NOAA Conference Call – Michael Massimi
- EPA Conference Call – Dean Blanchard, Richard DeMay, Jenny Schexnayder, Kristy Monier, Andrew Barron, Joe Dantin
- Bayou Industrial Group meeting – Dean Blanchard
- Conference on Ecological and Ecosystem Restoration – Alma Robichaux
- Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District meeting – Alma Robichaux
- NSU Farm Project meeting with Quenton Fontenot – Dean Blanchard, Joe Dantin
- Apple Snail Workshop at NSU – Michael Massimi, Dean Blanchard
- Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission – Joe Dantin
- Lafourche Parish Council meeting – Joe Dantin
- Southland Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center Board meeting – Alma Robichaux (3)

- Wetlands Youth Summit Planning meeting – Alma Robichaux
- Invasive Species Documentary Film meeting with Andy Elliot and Jim Fields – Michael Massimi, Dean Blanchard, Andrew Barron
- Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District meeting – Alma Robichaux (2)
- Video Teleconference with Louisiana Sea Grant NGO Advisory Council meeting – Michael Massimi, Dean Blanchard
- Thibodaux Chamber’s Quarterly Luncheon with Secretary of State Tom Schedler as guest speaker – Alma Robichaux, Jenny Schexnayder, Michele Beary of BTEF
- Swamp Stomp Planning meeting – Alma Robichaux
- Restore Act Grant Proposal meeting with Alton James of NRCS – Dean Blanchard, Andrew Barron, Matt Benoit, Richard DeMay
- America Recycles Day Webinar – Alma Robichaux, Kristy Monier
- Louisiana Association of Professional Biologist Symposium – Michael Massimi, Delaina LeBlanc
- Phone Meeting with Dave Wilson of Maryland Coastal Bays Program regarding Estuary Road Signage Project – Kristy Monier
- National Estuary Day Project meeting with Stephanie Donaldson of Purple Penguin Art Studio – Kristy Monier
- Terrebonne Parish CZM – Matt Benoit
- Met with Presbytery of South Louisiana: Young Volunteer (YAV) Program Coordinators Coordinators Katherine Norwood and Bennett Alldredge – Andrew Barron
- Spahr’s “Gulf” Tournament Planning meeting – Dean Blanchard, Kristy Monier, Jenny Schexnayder, and Michele Beary of BTEF
- Louisiana Master Naturalist Program Nominating Committee meeting – Michael Massimi
- Louisiana Master Naturalist of Greater New Orleans Board meeting – Andrew Barron, Michael Massimi
- LA Native Plant Initiative meeting – Dean Blanchard, Matt Benoit, Andrew Barron, Michael Massimi
- RESTORE Act Proposal meeting with Scott Edwards – Dean Blanchard, Andrew Barron
- CPRA RESTORE Public meeting – Alma Robichaux, Joe Dantin
- NSU & Farmer’s Market Recycling Program meeting with Kylee Brown – Alma Robichaux
- CWPPRA Technical Committee meeting – Michael Massimi
- Conference call with John Ettinger regarding RESTORE Act Proposal Process – Dean Blanchard, Richard DeMay, Matt Benoit, Alma Robichaux, Andrew Barron, and Michael Massimi
- Attended USDA APHIS Snail Identification Training – Michael Massimi
- Audubon Institute Wilderness Park Plans with Katie Brasted of The Woodlands Conservancy – Michael Massimi
- Recycling meeting with NSU Housing and Andy Simoncelli, Faculty Advisor for NSU Green Club – Alma Robichaux
- Lafourche Parish CZM – Alma Robichaux
- Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce Luncheon – Alma Robichaux and Michele Beary of BTEF
- America’s Recycle Day Webinar – Alma Robichaux, Kristy Monier
- Piping Plovers Map meeting with Blaire Hutchinson – Richard DeMay
- Keep Louisiana Beautiful Grant Briefing Conference Call – Alma Robichaux
- Conference on Coastal Restoration hosted by City of New Orleans and The National Wildlife Federation – Joe Dantin
- Attended Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee meeting at Houma Chamber Office where Houma Navigation Canal Lock Project update given by Reggie Dupre, Executive Director of the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District – Alma Robichaux

- Estuary Artworks meeting with Stephanie Donaldson of Purple Penguin Art Company to finalize National Estuary Day event – Kristy Monier and Michele Beary of BTEF
- RESTORE Act Proposal EPA conference call – Dean Blanchard
- US Army Corps of Engineers NGO Partnership meeting – Michael Massimi
- Conference call with Darin Lee of CPRA regarding Barrier Island Bird Enhancement Project – Dean Blanchard, Richard DeMay
- Conference call with Gulf NEPs about RESTORE Act Proposal – Dean Blanchard
- Keep Louisiana Beautiful Conference – Alma Robichaux
- Grand Isle Entergy XXI Property Habitat Restoration meeting with Robin Anderson and Dan Gary – Richard DeMay
- RESTORE Act Projects Meeting Scott, Alton James NRCS and Jennifer Roberts of Bayouland RC&D and Sean Graham, Assistant Professor of Biology at NSU – Dean Blanchard, Richard DeMay, Andrew Barron
- Bayou Industrial Group meeting – Alma Robichaux and Michele Beary of BTEF
- Keep Louisiana Beautiful conference call – Alma Robichaux
- Kerry St. Pé Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program Scholarship in Marine Biology Selection Committee meeting with Earl Melancon, Quenton Fontenot of NSU to interview candidates and select recipient – Dean Blanchard, Andrew Barron, Alma Robichaux, Michele Beary of BTEF
- Lafourche Parish Chamber of Commerce Breakfast meeting – Alma Robichaux, Michele Beary of BTEF
- RESTORE Act meeting with Nic Matherne of Terrebonne Parish Government – Andrew Barron, Dean Blanchard
- General Restoration discussion with Joe Cancienne of Tetra Technologies, Inc. and Robert Nairn of Baird and Associates – Dean Blanchard, Michael Massimi
- Green House Dedication meeting with Jennifer Grigsby of Mosaic Corp. – Dean Blanchard, Kristy Monier, and Michele Beary of BTEF
- Statewide Master Naturalist meeting – Andrew Barron
- Thesis Defense of Michelle Felterman at NSU – Andrew Barron
- Swamp Stomp Partnership Organization meeting with NSU – Alma Robichaux
- NSU Bridge Project with Mike Davis, Dr. Allyse Ferrara, Dr. Bruce Murphy of Nicholls State University – Joe Dantin
- Meet and Greet with Dr. and Mrs. Murphy of Nicholls State University, South Louisiana Economic Council, Restore or Retreat, LA 1 Coalition – Dean Blanchard, Alma Robichaux, Matt Benoit, Michael Massimi, Delaina LeBlanc, Kristy Monier, Jenny Schexnayder
- Future Maritime Forest Opportunities meeting with Joni Tuck, Grants Administrator for Greater Lafourche Port Commission – Dean Blanchard, Richard DeMay, Matt Benoit, Joe Dantin
- NSU Recycling Program meeting with Andy Simoncelli, Advisor for the NSU Green Club – Alma Robichaux (2)
- Nicholls State University Welcome Back Day to promote recycling for dormitories – Alma Robichaux, Kristy Monier, Kristen Torres
- Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission Lake Fields Project meeting and Site Visit – Joe Dantin
- Editing of Invasive Species Documentary Film draft – Michael Massimi, Dean Blanchard, Kristy Monier, Andrew Barron, Matt Benoit

- Met with Betsy Brien of Conoco Phillips. She is over the land based holdings here in Louisiana for ConocoPhillips and met to discuss the possibility of submitting a project to their philanthropic arm for consideration – Richard DeMay
- Ridge Vegetative Analysis meeting with Mike Materne and Sheila Rohwer as part of the CIAP grant and discuss the final report that accompanies that data – Richard DeMay
- Met with Angela deGravelles to provide her with final photograph and the dates for the various bird festivals that happen in the state for 2015 – Richard DeMay
- National Estuary Roadway Signage meeting with Sharon Alford of Houma Area Convention and Visitors Bureau – Kristy Monier
- Conference call with Susan Testroet-Bergeron, CWPPRA, to discuss SciTEK project and possible presentation to BTNEP Management Conference meeting – Michael Massimi
- Bayou Lafourche Cleanup Meeting John Deere – Alma Robichaux, Michele Beary of BTEF

E. Project Status

- Submitted Deliverables for CE-00F40801 (2012-20) Sparrow Publication Layout – Richard DeMay, Project Manager
- Working on Budget for CE-00666010 (2010-42) 2015 Duck Calendar – Richard DeMay
- Layout Meeting with Angela DeGravelles and Cathy Zilinski on CE-00666010 (2010-42) 2015 Duck Calendar – Richard DeMay
- Working on 2015 Tidal Graph Calendar CE-00666010 (2014-09) – Layout and Content of the 2015 Tidal Graph Calendar – Andrew Barron
- Request for payment submitted for CD-00F21101-0 (2011-45) – Louisiana Master Naturalist Program for Task 3 – Alma Robichaux
- Met with Chris Adams of Cultural Research Institute of Acadiana regarding CE-00666010 (2014-12) – Seeds & Culture – Andrew Barron
- Submitted request for payment and final deliverables for CE-00F21101-0 (2011-44) Assessment of Feral Hog Damage in Marshes of Louisiana – Michael Massimi
- Initiated Contract for CE-00666010 (2014-27) Illustrations for Waterfowl ID/Fish Guide – Joe Dantin
- Sparrow Publication meeting with Diane Baker – for CE-00F40801 (2012-20) Sparrow Publication Layout - Richard DeMay
- South Louisiana Discovery Center Wetlands Youth Summit CE-00666010 (2014-20) – Alma Robichaux
- Submitted deliverable and Invoice for CE-00F05001-0 (2010-26) Surveying and Tracking of Rio Grande Cichlids – Michael Massimi
- Bird Banding at the Woodlands Conservancy CE-00666010 (2014-16) Bird Monitoring and Education at Woodland Conservancy – Delaina LeBlanc
- Submitted deliverables for CE00666010 2014-21 From H-2-0: A Water Quality Workshop for Teachers – Alma Robichaux
- Met with Angella deGravelles and Cathy Zelinski to discuss changes to the 2015 Bird Calendar CE-00666010 (2010-42) Content Development of 2015 Bird Calendar – Richard DeMay
- Submitted articles for CE-00666010 (2014-09) Layout and Content of the 2015 Tidal Graph Calendar to editor – Andrew Barron
- Met with Chris Adams of Cultural Resources Institute of Acadiana regarding CE-00666010 (2014-12) Seeds and Culture – Andrew Barron

- From H2O with Lafourche Parish Teachers CE-00666010 (2014-21) – Alma Robichaux

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

- Reminders – 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. “RIO Grande Cichlid Project Update ” – Martin O’Connell of UNO Nekton Research Lab (45 minutes)
- B. “Implications of Controlling the Mississippi River for Restoring the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands – Chris McLindon (45 minutes)
- C. NSU Farm Facilities Improvements – Matt Benoit (15 minutes)

5. **New Business**

6. **Adjourn**