**Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program**

Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #70

9:30 a.m. – Thursday, February 5, 2015

Nicholls State University

Plantation Suite – NSU Ballroom

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - 9:30 A.M. – 9:40 A.M.
2. Welcome – Dr. Bruce Murphy, President Nicholls State University
3. Roll Call
4. Reading and Approval of Minutes – November 6, 2014 Meeting
5. **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES** - 9:40 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.
6. Personnel Changes

* Susan Testroet-Bergeron, Program Director, hired January 5, 2015

1. Presentations/Exhibits/Field Trips/ Volunteer Events

* NSU Farm Facility Improvement Day(s) – Joe Dantin(2), Matt Benoit(2), Dean Blanchard, Andrew Barron, Jenny Schexnayder, Kristy Monier
* Wetland Warriors Swamp Tour – Matt Benoit
* Quercus geminata acorn collection in Pensacola, FL – Matt Benoit
* Extreme Environmental Education Teacher Professional Development Weekend “Comparing the Barrier Islands of Louisiana and Mississippi” – Andrew Barron
* South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center’s Rougarou Fest – Alma Robichaux
* Ocean Commotion, Baton Rouge, LA – Alma Robichaux
* Yellow Rails and Rice Festival – Richard DeMay, Delaina LeBlanc, Natalie Waters
* Boy Scouts Cleanup on Highway 24 – Alma Robichaux
* Seed collection in Dulac, LA – Matt Benoit
* Thibodaux Garden Club Bird Presentation – Delaina LeBlanc
* Recycle Day at NSU – Alma Robichaux, Kristy Monier, Jenny Schexnayder
* Recycling with ED White and Vanderbilt Catholic High Schools – Alma Robichaux
* Bird Banding at Woodlands Conservancy – Delaina LeBlanc (6)
* Seed Collection – Matt Benoit
* Wetland Warriors Potting Mangrove Seeds at NSU Farm – Matt Benoit
* Thibodeauxville Fall Festival Recycling – Alma Robichaux
* Volunteer Tidal Creek Planting with LSU Environmental – Matt Benoit, Joe Dantin
* Presentation and Coastal Plant Walk, Master Naturalist Program of Greater New Orleans in Grand Isle - Andrew Barron, Natalie Waters
* Shorebird Field Trip with Casey Wright of Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fishers and Master Naturalist of Greater New Orleans – Natalie Waters
* Piping Plover Survey Caminada Headland – Delaina LeBlanc (4), Natalie Waters(5), Richard DeMay (3)
* Piping Plover Survey East Timbalier – Natalie Waters (4) Delaina LeBlanc (3)
* Future Leaders of America’s Gulf – Alma Robichaux (2)
* Site visit to Mandalay National Wildlife Refuge with National Wildlife Refuge Manager – Joe Dantin
* Diving with LUMCON – Alma Robichaux
* Wetland Warriors – Matt Benoit (2)
* Moved BTNEP storage to NSU Farm Facility – All Staff
* Volunteer Planting on Fourchon Ridge with Union College – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
* Live Oak and acorn collection on Grand Isle – Matt Benoit
* New Orleans Master Naturalist Field Trip to Lake Hermitage Marsh Creation Project (BA42) with Barry Richard of CPRA - Andrew Barron, Michael Massimi
* Terrebonne Parish Librarian Day Presentation at the Terrebonne North Branch Library – Alma Robichaux
* Christmas Bird Count Grand Isle – Delaina LeBlanc, Natalie Waters
* Field Sampling with Bayou Land RC&D – Andrew Barron
* Terrebonne Parish Science Fair Judge – Alma Robichaux
* NSU Recycling Program Presentation – Alma Robichaux
* Bird Banding at Port Fourchon – Delaina LeBlanc
* Water Quality Sampling at Lake Fields – Joe Dantin
* Site Surveys – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
* Workshop Instructor for the Louisiana Master Naturalist of Greater New Orleans Chapter – Andrew Barron

1. Media Interviews (As of January 19, 2015)

***Daily Comet*** (Thibodaux, LA)

* *“Help plan bayou cleanup,” –* November 4, 2014
* *“Coastal advocacy group names leader,” -*  November 14, 2014
* *“Cheers and Jeer; Big shoes to fill,” -*  November 15, 2014
* *“Group celebrates greenhouse,” –*November 15, 2014
* *“Wetlands Discovery Center engages students during break,” -*  November 26, 2014
* *“Invasive plants hurt wetlands,” –* December 18, 2014
* *“Plants are a growing nuisance,” –*December 21, 2014
* *“Recycling urged for the holidays,”*  - December 24, 2014
* *“Planning begins for Wetlands Day,”*  - December 26, 2014
* *“Coastal advocacy group’s director wants to increase awareness,”* – January 12, 2015

***The Courier*** (Houma, LA)

* *“Help plan bayou cleanup,” –* November 4, 2014
* *“Coastal advocacy group names leader,” -*  November 14, 2014
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* *“Coastal advocacy group’s director wants to increase awareness,”* – January 12, 2015
* *“Class trains teachers to use wetlands in lessons,” –* January 12, 2015

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

* *“Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program director named,”* – November 13, 2014

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

* *“BTNEP awarded grant for Bayou Lafourche Cleanup,”* – October 22, 2014

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

* *“BTNEP awarded grant for Bayou Lafourche cleanup,” –* October 23, 2014
* *“BTNEP announces Susan Testroet-Bergeron as director,”* – November 20, 2014

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

* *“BTNEP/BTEF thanks Spahr’s for 4th Annual “Gulf” Tournament,” –* October 16, 2014
* *“BTNEP Awarded Grant for Bayou Lafourche Cleanup,” –* October 23, 2014
* *“Planning to start for 2015 Bayou Lafourche Clean Up Event,”* – November 6, 2014

***The Banner-Tribune*** (Franklin, LA)

* *“New estuary director selected,” -*  November 17, 2014

***The Houma Times*** (Houma, LA)

* *“BTNEP/BTEF thanks Spahr’s for 4th Annual “Gulf” Tourney,” –* October 15, 2014
* *“Nicholls State launches on-campus recycling program,” –* November 12, 2014
* *“Testroet-Bergeron named BTNEP director; begins Jan. 5,” –* November 26, 2014
* *“BTNEP awarded money for restoration project,”*  - December 3, 2014

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

* *“BTNEP Announces Winners,” –* October 26, 2014
* *“BTNEP Partners with Mosaic Company,” –* January 2015
* *“BNTEP Announces New Director,” –*January 2015

***KATC.com*** (Lafayette, LA)

* *“10th Annual Eagle Expo and More,”*  - December 29, 2014

***Modern Farmer*** (Hudson, NY)

* *“Can Anyone Stomach this Orange-Toothed Giant Rodent?,”*  - January 14, 2015

***Louisiana Ammonia Producers*** (Hudson, NY)

* *“Can Anyone Stomach this Orange-Toothed Giant Rodent?,”*  - January 14, 2015

***Horti Daily*** (Tholen, The Netherlands)

* *“US (LA): Estuary program celebrates greenhouse,”*  - November 17, 2014

***Louisiana Lagniappe*** (LSU Ag Center)

* *“BTNEP announces new director,”*  - November 13, 2014

***Weekly Citizen*** (Gonzales, LA )

* *“BTNEP announces new director,”* - November 13, 2014

**Other Interviews:**

* KTIB, BTNEP Projects & New Director – Alma Robichaux
* KTIB, Bayou Lafourche Clean Up – Alma Robichaux and Ben Malbrough of Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District

1. Meetings

* Partnership meeting with Thad Angelloz, Public Information Officer with Lafourche Parish Government – Kristy Monier
* Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary Foundation Board Meeting – Dean Blanchard, Michele Beary of BTEF
* Water Quality Sampling Class Project meeting with Christie Landry, NSU – Andrew Barron
* Louisiana Ornithological Society meeting – Natalie Waters
* Watershed Academy Webcast on “Climate Resilience: What to Expect, How to Prepare, and What You Can Learn From Others – Alma Robichaux
* Restore America’s Estuaries/ANEP Meeting – Dean Blanchard
* Bayou Lafourche Cleanup meeting at Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District – Alma Robichaux
* Management Conference Meeting – All Staff
* South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center Board Retreat – Alma Robichaux
* Terrebonne CZM – Matt Benoit (3)
* Met with Jennifer Grigsby of Mosaic in Convent, LA and Chris Smith, Community Affairs Manager of Mosaic in Florida regarding BTNEP – Dean Blanchard, Kristy Monier, Andrew Barron
* Houma Chamber lunch meeting with Ben Malbrough of Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District presenting – Alma Robichaux
* Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District meeting – Alma Robichaux
* GOMA Conference Call – Alma Robichaux (2)
* Lafourche Parish CZM – Alma Robichaux
* Davis Pond Advisory Committee – Andrew Barron
* Restore or Retreat Non-Government Organization Meeting at NSU – Alma Robichaux
* National Wildlife Federation Focus Group – Michael Massimi
* BTNEP/BTEF meeting – Dean Blanchard, Susan Testroet-Bergeron, and Earl Melancon of BTEF
* Program Meeting – Dean Blanchard, Kerry St. Pe’, Susan Testroet-Bergeron
* EPA’s Trash Free Water Conference Call – Alma Robichaux
* Bayou Lafourche Cleanup meeting with Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District public relations person – Alma Robichaux, Kristy Monier
* Fourchon Ridge Soil Statistical Analysis meeting with Quenton Fontenot of NSU – Matt Benoit, Andrew Barron
* Bayou Lafourche Cleanup Marketing meeting with Paula Rome, Marketing Manager at Duplantis Design Group – Kristy Monier
* Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission meeting – Joe Dantin (3)
* Met with Mary Simon from Conservations from the Open Road to discuss future field trip in April – Michael Massimi, Andrew Barron
* EPA Trash Free Water meeting in Alexandria, LA hosted by Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality – Alma Robichaux
* Bayou Lafourche Cleanup Planning Meeting – Alma Robichaux
* Paddle Bayou Lafourche Contract meeting with Madewood Plantation – Kristy Monier
* Septic Tank Project in Terrebonne Parish meeting with Colleen Butler and Siva Nunna of Bayou Land RC&D – Alma Robichaux
* EPA Trash Free Water meeting in New Orleans, LA hosted by The Port of New Orleans – Alma Robichaux
* EPA Conference Call – Dean Blanchard, Richard DeMay, Michael Massimi, Andrew Barron
* Paddle Bayou Lafourche Planning meeting/field trip to secure alternative location for lunch stop / meeting with home owner – Kristy Monier, Dean Blanchard, Matt Benoit, Jenny Schexnayder
* Bayou Terrebonne Sewer Project meeting with Bayou Land RC & D, Department of Health & Hospitals, and Department of Environmental Quality – Alma Robichaux, Andrew Barron
* BTNEP Technology Meeting – Susan Testroet-Bergeron, Dean Blanchard, Jenny Schexnayder, Alma Jackson, Delaina LeBlanc, Andrew Barron, Richard DeMay, R. Dean Cooper
* Conference Call with Doug Daigle, Coordinator of the Lower Mississippi River Sub-basin Committee about hosting a Hypoxia Workshop at Nicholls State University and a Hypoxia Resolution for the next BTNEP Management Conference meeting – Susan Testroet- Bergeron, Andrew Barron
* Bayou Industrial Group - Susan Testroet-Bergeron, Alma Robichaux, Michele Beary of the BTEF
* BTNEP needs with LUMCON - Susan Testroet-Bergeron
* Louisiana Coastal Master Plan Framework Development Team Meeting – Michael Massimi, Andrew Barron
* Houma-Terrebonne Chamber Annual Banquet – Andrew Barron, Matt Benoit and Michele Beary and Leslie Suazo of BTEF
* Bayou Lafourche Cleanup meeting – Alma Robichaux
* Lafourche Parish Chamber meeting – Susan Testroet-Bergeron, Kristy Monier
* Spahr’s “Gulf” Tournament meeting - Susan Testroet-Bergeron, Kristy Monier, Jenny Schexnayder, Dean Blanchard
* Paddle Bayou Lafourche – Susan Testroet-Bergeron, Kristy Monier, Dean Blanchard
* Program MARK Workshop – Richard DeMay
* Gulf of Mexico Coastal Training Program Initiative meeting with Jacqueline Rose, Regional Coordinator, Gulf of Mexico Coastal Training Program Initiative – Susan Testroet-Bergeron, Andrew Barron

1. **Project Status**

* Initiated CE-00666011 (2015-19) Terrebonne Aquatic Clinic – Alma Robichaux
* Initiated CE-00666011 (2015-20) Louisiana Environmental Education State Symposium – Alma Robichaux
* Initiated CE-00666011 (2015-16) 2015 WETSHOP: Louisiana Wetland Teacher Workshop – Alma Robichaux
* Sent Deliverables for CE-00666010 (2014-23) 2014 Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve Wetlands Camps CE-00F21101-0 (2011-45) - Louisiana Junior Master Naturalist – Alma Robichaux
* Submitted request for contract CE-00666011 (2015-21) 2015 Eagle Expo – Alma Robichaux
* Submitted request for contract CE-00666011 (2015-22) Jubilee: Festival of the Arts and Humanities – Alma Robichaux
* Submitted Final Deliverables for CE-00666010-0 (2014-22) 2014 Louisiana Wetland Teacher Workshop (WETSHOP) – Alma Robichaux
* Submitted Final Deliverables for CE-00666010-0 (2014-20) South Louisiana Discovery Center Wetlands Youth Summit – Alma Robichaux
* Submitted Request for Contract CE-00666011 (2015-18) Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve Wetlands Camps and Louisiana Junior Master Naturalist – Alma Robichaux
* Submitted Final Deliverables for CE-00666010-0 (2014-09) Layout and Content of the 2014 Tidal Graph Calendar – Andrew Barron

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

* Save the Date – May 7, 2015 – Plantation Suite @ NSU Student Union

August 6, 2015 – Plantation Suite @ NSU Student Union

November 5, 2015 – Plantation Suite @ NSU Student Union

1. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** – 10:00 A.M. – 12:50 PM
2. "Update on Development of the 2017 State Master Plan for Coastal Restoration” - Karim Belhadjali, CPRA Master Plan Delivery Team (40 minutes)
3. “Mississippi River Reintroduction into Bayou Lafourche Phase II – Ben Malbrough, Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District (30 minutes)
4. “The Cajun Music Preservation Society’s Role in Promoting Our Culture” – Quenton Fontenot (25 minutes)
5. “Caminada Headland Beach and Dune Restoration” - Brad Miller, CPRA (35 minutes)
6. “Bayou Lafourche Fecal Coliform Project” – Mary Gentry, Geologist from DEQ, Alma Robichaux, Andrew Barron (40 minutes)
7. **New Business**
8. Resolution - Doug Daigle
9. Information on CWPPRA Phase II - Project Allocation #BA-164 Bayou Dupont Sediment Delivery – Marsh Creation #3– Susan Testroet-Bergeron
10. **Adjourn**