



The **Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program** will host its quarterly public Management Conference (MC) meeting. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Agenda is below.

Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program

Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #74

Thursday, February 4, 2016

9:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Nicholls State University

Plantation Suite, NSU Student Union

Thibodaux, LA

1. Call To Order 9:30 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.

- a. Welcome – Al Levron, BTNEP MC Chairman
- b. Roll Call – Nicole Babin, BTNEP Office Coordinator
- c. Reading and Approval of Minutes –November 5, 2015 Meeting

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

Personnel Changes: Ms. Emily Clark, BTNEP Coastal Bird Coordinator, hired January 18, 2016.

a. Presentations/Exhibits/Field Trips/ Volunteer Events

- 2015 State of the Estuary Breakfast - All Staff
- LSTA/LATM and presentation on estuaries and rivers – Alma Robichaux
- Louisiana Master Naturalist Presentations and Field Sessions including topics such as coastal restoration, birding, and urban ecology – Andrew Barron, Michael Massimi, Delaina LeBlanc Dean Blanchard, Seth Moncrief, and Natalie Waters
- Youth Marine Debris Prevention with 11th and 12th grade students from Terrebonne and Lafourche Parish – Alma Robichaux, Seth Moncrief, Megan Varvaro
- St. Francis Episcopal School Presentation – Alma Robichaux
- GIS Day at Nicholls State University – Seth Moncrief, Matt Benoit
- Bayou Industrial Group (BIG) luncheon – Susan Testroet-Bergeron
- Louisiana Public Broadcasting (LPB) Family Fun Fest – Alma Robichaux
- Ducks Unlimited Lost Lake Shoreline Protection Dedication – Andrew Barron and Matt Benoit

- Field Collections of Swallow wort and visit to Fourchon Ridge – Matt Benoit, Michael Massimi, Chris Reid LDWF staff
- Woodlands Trail Bird Banding- Delaina LeBlanc
- Piping Plover Surveys on Caminda Headland (every two weeks) Delaina LeBlanc, Natalie Waters, Richard DeMay
- Red Knot Surveys - Delaina LeBlanc
- Creole Christmas Bird Count (CBC) – Delaina LeBlanc
- Grand Isle Christmas Bird Count (CBC) – Natalie Waters and Delaina LeBlanc
- Judge at BCA Science Fair – Alma Robichaux
- Wetland Warriors Farm Day – Matt Benoit
- Lake Fields with Nicholls State University – Matt Benoit
- Bayou Grace Home Schoolers Terrebonne Properties Planting – Seth Moncrief and Matt Benoit
- The Nature Conservancy Planting GISP- Matt Benoit and Seth Moncrief
- E-waste program setup at EDW – Alma Robichaux
- University of Buffalo Five Day Volunteer Activities - LUMCON Education Visit, Christmas Tree Fencing, tree plantings, work on farm

b. Media Interviews Report (as of January 15, 2016)

Daily Comet (Thibodaux, LA)

- “Five local museums to visit,” *Alma Robichaux featured in picture for the Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum*, - October 7, 2015
- “Art winners named,” – October 8, 2015
- “Two candidates vie for Terrebonne Parish Council District 9,” - October 17, 2015
- “Estuary program to update comprehensive plan” - November 6, 2015
- “5 Places to see before they vanish,” – November 18, 2015
- “Estuary program is Tuesday,” – December 7, 2015
- “Estuary program marks 25 years of existence,” - December 9, 2015
- “Thibodaux bird count set for January”- December 25, 2015
- “BTNEP seeks input for Bayou Lafourche Cleanup,” – January 8, 2016

The Courier (Houma, LA)

- “Council to review proposed budget for 2016,” - October 4,2015
- “Five local museums to visit,” *Alma Robichaux featured in picture for the Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum*, - October 7, 2015
- “Art winners named,” – October, 8, 2015
- “Two candidates vie for Terrebonne Parish Council District 9,” - October 17, 2015
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- “Thibodaux bird count set for January”- December 25, 2015

- “*Enthusiasts flock to Thibodaux area for Christmas bird count*”- January 3, 2016

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

- “*BTNEP announces winners for ‘Estuary Artworks’ event,*” – October 25, 2015
- “*BTNEP to host State of the Estuary Breakfast*”- November 22, 2015
- “*BTNEP starts up Marine Debris Prevention Program with help of local high school students*”- November 22, 2015

Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce (Thibodaux, LA)

- “*Holiday Greetings to the Friends of the Estuary*”- December 17, 2015

The Times (Houma, LA)

- “*Christmas trees used to preserve La. coast*”- December 23, 2015

The Assumption Pioneer (Napoleonville, LA)

- “*BTNEP announces winners for ‘Estuary Artworks’ event,*” – October 15, 2015
- “*BTNEP starts up Marine Debris Prevention Program with help of local high school students*”- October 29, 2015

The Lafourche Gazette (Larose, LA)

- “*BTNEP starts up marine debris prevention program with help of local high school students*”- November 1, 2015

The Daily Review (Morgan City, LA)

- “*Estuary program to update comprehensive plan*”- November 6, 2015

The Alexandria Town Talk (Alexandria, LA)

- “*Estuary program to update plan,*” – November 7, 2015
- “*Thibodaux bird count set*”- December 27, 2015

Opelousas Daily World (Opelousas, LA)

- “*Thibodaux bird count set*”- December 27, 2015

The Daily Advertiser (Lafayette, LA)

- “*Estuary program to update plan,*” - November 7, 2015
- “*Thibodaux bird count set*”- December 27, 2015

The Times (Shreveport, LA)

- “*Estuary program to update plan,*” - November 7, 2015
- “*Thibodaux bird count*”- December 27, 2015

- The News-Star*** (Monroe, LA)

 - “*Thibodaux bird count set*”- December 27, 2015

- The Daily Iberian*** (New Iberia, LA)

 - “*Thibodaux bird count is Jan. 2*”- December 27, 2015

- Louisiana Municipal Review***

 - “*Bayou Lafourche Cleanup: Microwaves, TVs and Tires, OH MY*”- January 2016

- The Republic*** (Columbus, IN)

 - “*Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program to plans on programs that preserve estuaries,*” – November 11, 2015
 - “*Several bird enthusiasts participate in National Audubon Society’s bird count in Thibodaux,*” – January 5, 2016

- Katc.com*** (Denham Springs, LA)

 - “*Thibodaux bird count set for January,*” – December 2015
 - “*Bird enthusiasts participate in Thibodaux bird count*”- January 5, 2016

- PerfScience.com*** (Cleveland, OH)

 - “*Christmas Bird Count: Travel around Thibodaux to see Winged visitors*”- January 4, 2016

- Washingtontimes.com*** (Washington, DC)

 - “*Thibodaux bird count set for January*”- December 26, 2015

- St. Charles Herald-Guide*** (Boutte, LA)

 - “*What’s Happening: State of the Estuary Breakfast*”- November 19, 2015

- Ruston Daily Leader*** (Ruston, LA)

 - “*Estuary program to update comprehensive plan*”- November 6, 2015

- The Daily Reveille*** (LSU, Baton Rouge, LA)

 - “*Local company helps Louisiana ecosystem with dog treats*”- November 18, 2015

- Jennings Daily News*** (Jennings, LA)

 - “*Yellow Rails and Rice Festival underway*”- October 30, 2015

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

 - “*Sewage treatment system maintenance class being offered by Nicholls State*”- October 2, 2015

- Nola.com*** (New Orleans, LA)

 - “*Sewage treatment system maintenance class offered*”- October 28, 2015

Donaldsonville Chief (Donaldsonville, LA)

- “Sewage treatment system maintenance class being offered at Nicholls State”- November 1, 2015

Other Interviews:

- John Upton, Climate Central – Army Corps uses material from its dredging operations for beneficial use– Michael Massimi
- Kylie Dixon, WBRZ (Baton Rouge) – Marsh Dog for a segment called “Made in Louisiana” – Michael Massimi
- Melissa Duet, The Times Newspaper – Union College students planting event – Matt Benoit
- John Upton, Climate Central – Restoration strategies and locations– Michael Massimi

c. BTNEP Meetings Report

- Cultural Diversity, University of Arizona, Dr. D. Austin – Susan Testroet-Bergeron
- ANEP Conference Calls – Susan Testroet-Bergeron and Dean Blanchard
- BTEF Meetings (Various)- Susan Testroet-Bergeron
- LUMCON Camp Discussion – Joe Malbrough, Susan Testroet-Bergeron, Dean Blanchard, Joni Tuck, Allyse Ferrara, Quenton Fontenot, Gary LaFleur
- Bayou Lafourche Cleanup meetings (various) – Alma Robichaux, Seth Moncrief, Susan Testroet-Bergeron, Kristy Monier
- North Lake Boudreaux Basin Freshwater Introduction and Hydrologic Management Public Meeting (CWPRPA TE-32a) – Susan Testroet-Bergeron, Ronnie Paille, USFWS, Al Levron, CPRA staff, TB Smith staff
- DEQ Watershed Coordinator Planning Meetings – Andrew Barron, Dean Blanchard, Susan Testroet-Bergeron
- BTNEP/Shell Oil Co. – Richard DeMay, Dean Blanchard, and Susan Testroet-Bergeron
- Wetlands Youth Summit Planning Meetings – Alma Robichaux and Jonathon Foret
- Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District Meetings – Alma Robichaux
- Terrebonne Parish CZM meetings – Matt Benoit
- Lafourche Parish CZM meetings – Alma Robichaux
- Davis Pond Advisory Panel – Michael Massimi

- Pan Am Communications- Kristy Monier, Susan Testroet-Bergeron, Kerry St. Pé, Steve Mathies, Richard DeMay, Dean Blanchard, Delaina LeBlanc
- Giant Salvinia management webinar with USACE – Michael Massimi
- La Sea Grant Advisory Panel – Alma Robichaux
- OAA decision on Marine Debris Education Grant – Alma Robichaux
- CPRA Framework Development Team Meeting #5 – Michael Massimi and Susan Testroet-Bergeron
- Gulf of Mexico Alliance Environmental Education Team – Alma Robichaux
- Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Crab Trap Removal Meetings – Susan Testroet-Bergeron, Dean Blanchard, Matt Benoit, Seth Moncrief, Julia Lightner, Jeff Marx
- CWPPRA Technical Committee Meeting – Susan Testroet-Bergeron
- Bayou Industrial Group & South Central Industrial Association - Susan Testroet-Bergeron
- Tierra Resources - Possible Mangrove Volunteer Partnership Opportunity - Susan Testroet-Bergeron, Dean Blanchard, Seth Moncrief
- Lowlanders Center meeting with Kris Peterson – Susan Testroet-Bergeron
- Keeping Terrebonne Beautiful – Seth Moncrief, Susan Testroet-Bergeron
- Meeting with Richard Kay to investigate two possible paddle routes near Paradis, LA to feature in the upcoming paddle guide – Michael Massimi
- LUMCON/BTNEP Elder Volunteer Activities meeting with Jennifer Conover – Susan Testroet-Bergeron, Seth Moncrief

d. EPA Project Status Report

- 2014-15 - Content Development of Bird Calendar – Complete BTNEP Project Manager Richard DeMay
- 2015-18 LA Jr. Master Naturalist and Summer Camps (NPS)- Complete
BTNEP Project Manager Alma Robichaux
- 2015-16 - 2015 Louisiana Wetlands Teacher Workshop (WETSHOP)– Complete
BTNEP Project Manager Alma Robichaux
- 2015-13- 2015 From H2O: A Water Quality Workshop for Teachers- Complete
BTNEP Project Manager Andrew Barron
- 2014-26 - BTNEP Paddle Brochure- Contract Initiated
BTNEP Project Manager Michael Massimi
- 2016-21 - LA Environmental Education Symposium –Request for Contract
BTNEP Project Manager Alma Robichaux
- 2016-22 - 2016 Eagle Expo- Request for Contract BTNEP Project Manager Alma Robichaux

3. SCHEDULE NEXT BTNEP MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE MEETING DATES

May 5, 2016; August 4, 2016; November 3, 2016

4. OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES –

- Grand Isle Arbor Day Tree Giveaway- February 12 - 13, 2016
- Derelict Crab Trap Removal February 20, 2016
- LA Environmental Education Symposium – February 19-20, 2016
- Eagle Expo -February 25-27, 2016
- Wetlands Youth Summit – March 5, 2016
- Bayou Lafourche Cleanup/Terrebonne Parish Bayou Cleanup –Saturday, March 12, 2016
- Lafourche Parish Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day – March 12, 2016
- City of Thibodaux Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day – March 13, 2016
- Leeville Arts and Heritage Festival – March 19, 2016
- Challenges in Natural Resource Economics and Policy (CNREP) – March 20 to 23, 2016
- Paddle Bayou Lafourche – March 31 to April 3, 2016
- Grand Isle Migratory Bird Festival and Black Bear Festival – April 15 to 17, 2016

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS- 10:00AM to 12 Noon

- a. Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) 2017 Annual Plan – Jason Lanclos, CPRA (30 minutes)
- b. Derelict Crab Trap Removal – Barataria Bay – Jeff Marx, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (10 minutes)
- c. CCMP Committee Structure – Susan Testroet-Bergeron, BTNEP (20 minutes)
- d. RESTORE (Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States) Act Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council Presentation- Justin Ehrenwerth and John Ettinger (45 minutes)

6. New Business

7. Adjourn