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**Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program**

Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #79

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 pm Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Jean Lafitte National Historical Park & Preserve

U.S. National Park Service

314 St Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA 70301

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

1. Welcome - Al Levron, BTNEP MC Chairman
2. Roll Call – Nicole Babin, BTNEP Office Coordinator
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes – February 5, 2017 Meeting

* **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES** - 9:40 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.
* **Personnel Changes –**
* 2 Summer Interns – June 5 thru July 31, 2017
* **Presentations/Exhibits/Field Trips/ Volunteer Events – January 23, 2017 thru April 3, 2017**
* Delaina, Richard, Natalie, and Emily conducted Piping Plover Survey
* Seth and Matt hosted the Field trip with University of Buffalo at LUMCON
* Seth and Matt attended the Terrebonne Parish Christmas Tree Recycling
* Alma attended the Terrebonne Parish Science and Engineering Fair
* Delaina attended the Terrebonne Bird Club meeting and giving a presentation
* Seth attended the Citizen Science Training at WACC
* Siva and Andrew conducted the watershed sampling for Bayou Folse
* Matt hosted the Seed collection in Grand Isle
* Alma and Siva attended the World Wetland Day at South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center
* Alma, Natalie attended the Eagle Tour with EE Symposium
* Delaina conducted the Red Knot Survey
* Alma and Seth hosted the Marine Debris Prevention Program at Elmer’s Island
* Matt hosted the Grand Isle Arbor Day Tree Giveaway
* Alma attended the Green Schools Network Luncheon
* Delaina attended the Eagle Expo
* Delaina conducted the Ghost Crab Survey on the Caminada Headland, Port Fourchon
* Natalie conducted the event to install predator guards at Brownell Memorial Park
* Michael attended a site visit to Salvinia crowding project
* Alma and Siva attended the National Park Service and Teaching
* Natalie, Richard and Curtis attended the Grand Isle VHF Tower setup and the East Timbalier VHF Tower setup
* Alma attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge Modification
* Alma attended the West Jefferson School to do a Sustainability Presentation
* Kristy attended the Donaldsonville Rotary Club meeting to do a Presentation on Paddle Bayou Lafourche
* Seth attended Hahnville High School Environmental Day
* Siva attended Creating a Culture of Clean Water: Residential Engagement for Ecosystem Impact
* Alma and BTNEP Staff attended 2017 Bayou Lafourche Clean up
* Seth and Matt hosted Northern Illinois Volunteers with Bayou Grace
* Alma hosted the Marine Debris Education Prevention Program with Northern Illinois Volunteers with Bayou Grace on Elmer’s Island
* Natalie and Curtis conducted installing nest boxes along Mandalay National Wildlife Refuge Trail
* Kristy and Nicole conducted the shopping for Paddle Bayou Lafourche Event
* Delaina, Richard, Natalie, Seth, Matt and Curtis attended The Caminada Ribbon Cutting and Planting
* Andrew and Siva attended A Water Quality Presentation for La Terre Garden Club
* Siva conducted the Nicholls Biology Society to do a Presentation on Water Quality
* Delaina conducted the Baton Rouge Audubon Society to do a Red Knot Presentation
* BTNEP Staff attended 2017 Paddle Bayou Lafourche
* Alma attended the Louisiana Green Schools Youth Summit
* Natalie conducted the Prothonotary Warbler Monitoring
* SMART Project Planting with Shell Oil Company at Port Fourchon – BTNEP Staff
* Media Interviews (As of April 6, 2017)

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

* *“Bird count volunteers wanted,”* - December 26, 2016
* *“Terrebonne to start tree recycling next week”* - December 29, 2016
* *“Nonprofit works to preserve wetlands, culture,”* January 26, 2017
* *“Register for 16th annual Paddle Bayou Lafourche,”* - February 2, 2017
* *“Plans to save the coast discussed,”*- February 10, 2017
* *“Cheers and Jeers: Cheers- Public Hearing,”*- February 11, 2017
* *“Community Calendar* – *Paddle Bayou Lafourche, “*- February 15, 2017
* *“From Buffalo to the Bayou,”*- February 20, 2017
* *“Registration still open for Paddle Bayou Lafourche,”*- February 24, 2017
* *“You can help clean up Bayou Lafourche,”*- March 1, 2017
* *“Community Calendar* – *Paddle Bayou Lafourche, “*- March 1, 2017
* *“Here’s your chance to paddle Bayou Lafourche,”*- March 1, 2017
* *“Bayou Lafourche Cleanup set for March 11,”* – March 6, 2017
* *“Strong turnout helps Bayou Lafourche Cleanup,”*- March 12, 2017
* *“Paddle Bayou Lafourche: About saving coast and culture,”*- March 26, 2017

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

* *“Bird count volunteers wanted,”*- December 26, 2016
* *“Bird Count offers endless learning,”*- January 3, 2017
* *“Nonprofit Spotlight*: *Bayou Grace works to preserve local wetlands, culture,”* - January 25,2017
* *“Planning meeting set for Bayou Lafourche Cleanup event,” –* January 27, 2017
* *“Wetlands Center to celebrate World Wetlands Day,”*- January 29, 2017
* *“Bayou Lafourche Cleanup set for March 11,”* – March 6, 2017
* *“Strong turnout helps Bayou Lafourche Cleanup,”* - March 12, 2017
* *“Cajun music society to celebrate with concert,”*- March 28, 2017
* *“Bayou Lafourche Cleanup making slow progress,”*- March 30, 2017

***USAbreakingnews.net***

* “*Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program among EPA Funding cuts”* – April 5, 2017

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

* “*EPA funding cuts would hit these Louisiana programs”* – April 4, 2017
* *“BTNEP to host third annual ‘Estuary Artworks’”*- September 15, 2016
* *“BTNEP coordinator wins’ award,”*- November 7, 2016

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

* *“Planning meeting scheduled for 2017 Bayou Lafourche Cleanup Event,”*- February 2, 2017
* *“University of Buffalo Student Volunteer to Restore Louisiana’s Coast,”* – February 16, 2017
* *“Registration Open for BTNEP’s 16th Annual Paddle Bayou Lafourche,”*- February 9, 2017
* “*Paddle Bayou Lafourche Registration Still Open”* – March 2, 2017

***Gumbo Entertainment Guide*** (Houma, LA)

* “*Community Calendar – Bayou Lafourche Cleanup”* – March 1, 2017

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

* “*Registration open for BTNEP’s annual Paddle Bayou Lafourche”* – March 1, 2017
* *“Paddlers prepare for the four-day paddling trip down the bayou!”*  - March 22, 2017

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

* “*16th Annual Paddle Bayou Lafourche pushes off from Donaldsonville”* – March 29, 2017

***Anchoragepress.com*** (Anchorage, AK)

* “*16th Annual Paddle Bayou Lafourche pushes off from Donaldsonville”* – March 30, 2017

***Elpasoinc.com*** (El Paso, TX)

* “*16th Annual Paddle Bayou Lafourche pushes off from Donaldsonville”* – March 30, 2017

***L’Observateur*** (Laplace, LA)

* “*Plans to save the coast discussed”* – February 15, 2017

***Louisiana Geographic Education Alliance*** (Baton Rouge, LA)

* “*LaGEA Member secures funds to print giant traveling map”* – March 29, 2017

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

* “*Paddle Bayou Lafourche to kick off this weekend”* – March 23, 2017

***Thibodaux Chamber Insight*** (Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce, Thibodaux, LA)

* “*Registration open for BTNEP’s 16th Annual Paddle Bayou Lafourche”* – February 23, 2017

***Pointe Coupee Reporter*** (Pointe Coupee Parish)

* “*Pointe Coupee bluebird trail expands into Livonia and Morganza”* – March 6, 2017

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

* “*D’ville gearing up for 2017 Bayou Lafourche cleanup Saturday”* – March 6, 2017
* “*Registration still open for 16th Annual Paddle Bayou Lafourche event,”*- March 2, 2017

***Town Talk*** (Alexandria, LA)

* “*Christmas Bird Count offers endless learning”* – January 8, 2017

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

* “Annual *Christmas Bird Count offers endless learning”* – January 8, 2017

***Daily Advertiser*** (Lafayette, LA)

* “*Watchers track 101 species during annual bird count”* – January 8, 2017

***Beauregard Daily News*** (DeRidder, LA)

* “*Bayou Lafourche Cleanup meeting scheduled”* – February 1, 2017
* **BTNEP Meeting Report**
* Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District meeting - Alma
* CPRA’s 2017 Draft Coastal Master Plan and the Fiscal Year 2018 Draft Annual Plan meeting - Susan
* The State of Louisiana Science Standards Committee meeting - Susan
* Met with Lee Melancon of Donaldsonville regarding Paddle - Kristy
* Budmat Schedule to reach Construction Award Conference call – Seth and Susan
* Recycling meeting - Alma
* Met with DEQ about Hydrolab Maintenance – Siva and Andrew
* Donation meeting with BTEF/LUMCON – Susan and Dean
* Met with Andy Wellbaum, Shell - Susan
* Webinar about Plastics in the Aquatic Environment - Alma
* Met with Marcia Kavanaugh - Susan
* CWPPRA Regional Planning Team meeting - Susan
* Met with New Hires for BTNEP/BTEF/NPS project support – Susan, Dean and Seth
* CCMP Revision meeting with Dr. Keri Turner - Susan
* Met with Lockport Mayor regarding Paddle Bayou Lafourche - Kristy
* Louisiana Environmental Education Symposiums - Alma
* CPRA’s 2017 Draft Coastal Master Plan and the Fiscal Year 2018 Draft Annual Plan meeting - Susan
* EPA Semi Annual Conference call - Susan
* ANEP Executive Committee Phone Conference – Susan and Dean
* The State of Louisiana Science Standards Committee meeting - Susan
* Terrebonne Coastal Zone Management meeting - Alma
* Thibodaux Garden Club meeting - Alma
* EPA/ANEP Meeting - Susan
* Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board Meeting – Susan and Dean
* Conference call with KLB and LDWF about WETSHOP - Alma
* Terrebonne Coastal Zone Management Subcommittee meeting - Matt
* Met with Vinnie's Smokehouse for Possible Catering for Paddle Bayou Lafourche - Kristy
* Met with Phyllis Lear and Jannah for CCMP Revision Graphic Design and Layout – Susan, Nicole and Kristy
* Met with Heidi Boudreaux at LUMCON – Susan and Dean
* Coastal Zone Management meeting - Alma
* Bayou Lafourche Clean up meeting - Alma
* Lafourche Parish Town Hall meeting with Guest Speaker Senator Cassidy - Susan
* 2017 Coastal Master Plan – Framework Development Team meeting #10 – Susan and Andrew
* BESE State Science - Susan
* ANEP EC Phone Conference - Susan
* Year of the Gulf call - Susan
* Met with Mel Landry NOAA Diversion Discussion – BTNEP Staff
* Phone Conference to Discuss Potential Piping Plover and REKN Projects in Louisiana - Delaina
* Met with Dr. Tenney about Paddle Bayou Lafourche - Kristy
* Met with Dwayne Bourgeois, North Lafourche Levee District and Aimee Preau, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality to discuss work that the North Lafourche Levee District is doing within the Bayou Folse Watershed on levees and waterway dredging for drainage – Siva and Andrew
* State of the Gulf GOMA All Hands Meeting - Alma
* Budmat Pre-meeting and Shell – Seth, Susan, Dean, Matt, and Kristy
* Met to discuss Grants for Community Sewage in Bayou Folse Watershed – Siva, Andrew, and Susan
* Invasive Species Action Plan Team meeting – Michael and Susan
* Water Quality Action Plan Team meeting – Siva, Andrew, and Susan
* Nicholls State University Coastal Connections Meeting - Alma
* Migratory Bird Action Plan meeting – Richard, Delaina, Natalie, and Susan
* ANEP EC Call – Susan and Dean
* LA Safe meeting – Seth
* Met with Dean Cooper, and Amy Manabat to discuss the BTNEP Website – Kristy, Susan
* Salvinia Weevil Clinic, LSU Ag, St. Gabriel – Michael
* Education Action Plan meeting - Alma
* BTNEP Workplan meeting – BTNEP Staff

**Project Status**

* Request for Contract “Professional Website Design” EPA Grant #671EP13 – 2013-26, Kristy Monier
* Request for Contract-SEG Environmental “Support of Bird Surveys as it Relates to the Caminada Headland Restoration Project Phase VI”- CPRA Interagency Agreement 2502-15-02, PPNB – Richard DeMay
* Request for Contract-Casey Wright “Support of Bird Surveys as it Relates to the Caminada Headland Restoration Project Phase VI”- CPRA Interagency Agreement 2502-15-02, PPNB – Richard DeMay
* Request for Payment – “2016 Wetland Youth Summit” EPA Grant #CE-00666012, EPA Tracking # 2016-19, Alma Robichaux-Jackson
* Final Deliverable – “2016 Wetland Youth Summit” EPA Grant #CE-00666012, EPA Tracking # 2016-19, Alma Robichaux-Jackson
* Final Deliverable - “Eastern Bluebird Trail Project in New Roads, Louisiana” BTNEP 16-13, Richard DeMay
* Request for Contract “Establishment of a Passive Network of VHF Telemetery Tower in Lower BTNEP” – Richard DeMay
* Request for Contract “Development of a Bluebird Trail in Upper BTNEP Year 2” – Richard DeMay
* Request for Contract “Professional Louisiana Estuary Photos from: Lane Lefort” – Kristy Monier
* Request for Payment - Bertucci Contracting Corporation
* Final Deliverable for the project entitled “2016 H-2-O Teacher Workshop” EPA Tracking Number: 2016-13; EPA Grant Number: Grant #CE00666012 – Andrew Barron
* Cancellation of Contract “Seeds and Culture: Stewardship of South Louisiana’s Agrarian Heritage” EPA Grant No. # CE-00666010 – EPA Tracking No. 2014-12 – Andrew Barron
* Cancellation of Contract “BTNEP Land Use Map” EPA Grant No. # CE-00666010 – EPA Tracking No. 2014-13 – Andrew Barron
* Request for Payment “Brechtel Memorial Park Invasive Species Removal” EPA Grant No. # CE-00666009-1 – EPA Tracking No. 2013-15-3 – Michael Massimi
* Request for Payment “Barataria-Terrebonne Paddle Brochure” EPA Grant No. # CE-00666010 – EPA Tracking No. 2014-26 – Michael Massimi
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* **SCHEDULE NEXT BTNEP MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE MEETING DATE** –

9:50 A.M. – 9:55 A.M.

* Save the Date - August 3, 2017 - Plantation Suite @ NSU Student Union
* Save the Date – November 2, 2017 - Plantation Suite @ NSU Student Union
* Save the Date – February 2018 – Location and Date TBD
* Save the Date – May 2018 – Location and Date TBD
* **OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING BTNEP/BTEF DATES** –
* Chavuin Folk Art Festival – April 30, 2017
* Terrebonne Aquatic Clinic – May 8-12 & 15-19, 2017
* WETSHOP – July 9 – 14, 2017
* H2O Water Quality Training
* EPA Program Evaluation
* **DISCUSSION ITEMS** – 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon
* BTNEP Workplan – BTNEP Staff (1-Hour)
* DEQ Water Quality Improvement Project Related to Bayou Folse – Andrew Barron and Siva Nunna (30-Minutes)
* **New Business**
  + BTNEP Program Evaluation –
  + NEW BTNEP Map Review
* **Adjourn**