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**Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program**

Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #83

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 pm Thursday, May 3, 2018

Nicholls State University

Century Room, Nicholls Campus (Under the Stadium)

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - 9:30 A.M. – 9:40 A.M.
2. Welcome – Quenton Fontenot, BTNEP MC Chairman
3. Roll Call – Nicole Babin, BTNEP Office Coordinator
4. Reading and Approval of Minutes – February 2, 2018 Meeting
5. **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES** - 9:40 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.
6. Personnel Changes **–** Quinn Lapeyrouse, Student Worker resigned
7. BTNEP Meeting Report – January 8, 2018 thru April 15, 2018

* Natalie, Delaina, and Richard attended a meeting with Paul Leberg to discuss bird data analysis
* Susan attended a meeting with Kimberly Cooke and Angela Rathle with National Park Services
* Susan, Dean and Richard attended a meeting with Osprey Platform to discuss construction and installation contract
* Alma attended the Louisiana Recycle Coalition meeting
* Susan and Dean attended a meeting with the new Nicholls State University President, Dr. Clune
* Susan attended the CPRA Draft Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Plan Public Hearing
* Susan and Alma attended a meeting with the Bayou Country Children’s Museum
* Earl Melancon, BTEF attended the meeting on behalf of BTNEP with LA Sea Grant and BTNEP Louisiana Direct Seafood Fisherman & micro-processors
* Alma attended the Lafourche Parish Coastal Zone Management meetings
* Susan attended a PE call with EPA
* Natalie and Richard attended a meeting with Tim Allen to discuss Osprey Nest platforms
* Alma attended the Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District meetings
* Susan attended The Water Institute of the Gulf collaboration opportunities meeting
* Susan and Andrew attended a meeting with Lafourche Parish Council Resolution for the BTNEP Clean Water Project
* Susan attended a phone meeting with Embrace the Gulf-GOMA
* Susan and Dean attended the BTNEP/Shell SMART Project meeting
* Natalie, Delaina, and Richard hosted the Bird Action Plan Team meeting
* Susan attended the EPA/BTNEP Semi-annual report phone call
* Susan, Kristy and Seth attended the Louisiana Folklore Society and Cultural Summit in Spring 2019 Field Session Discussion meeting with Shana Walton
* Matt attended the Terrebonne Coastal Zone Management meetings
* Alma attended a meeting with Nicholls State University interns for Louisiana Recycling Coalition
* Alma attended the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber Education Committee Meeting
* Alma attended the Sea Grant Outreach/Education meeting
* Alma hosted the Education Action Plan Team meeting
* Delaina attended a meeting with Kimberly Cooke at NPS Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center
* Alma attended the Louisiana Environmental Education State Symposium
* Natalie attended a meeting with Kimberly Cooke with NPA, National Park Service
* Susan and Dean attended the annual EPA NEP meeting in Washington D.C.
* Susan and Dean visited federal senators and congressmens to give annual BTNEP updates -Offices of Sen. Cassidy, Sen. Kennedy, Congressman Scalise, Congressman Graves, Congressman Richmond, Congressman Higgins
* Alma attended the National Park Service Long Range Interpretive Planning meeting
* Susan, Dean, Kristy and Seth attended a meeting with Lenny and Marcia about the Adaptation Video
* Michael and Andrew attended a meeting with Murt Conover at LUMCON
* Kristy attended a meeting with Donald Sphar’s about Paddle Bayou Lafourche
* Susan attended a meeting with Paige Breaux, Nicholls State University
* Alma attended the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber Education Committee Meeting
* Michael hosted the Invasive Species Action Plan Team meeting
* Dean and Earl attended the Fisheries Direct Meeting with LA Sea Grant and Port Commission of Delcambre
* Susan and Dean attended a meeting with the North Lafourche Levee District
* Kristy attended a meeting with Jackie McCreary, Mosaic
* Andrew, Siva, Dean and Susan attended a meeting to discuss the next phase of LDEQ contract
* Andrew hosted The Water Quality Action Plan Team meeting
* Susan and Dean attended the ANEP Board meeting
* Susan and Dean attended the BTNEP MC Chairman meetings
* Delaina, Richard, Natalie hosted the Migratory Bird Action Plan Team meeting
* Susan attended a meeting with Morgan Crutcher, Gov. Office of Coastal Activities
* Michael attended a meeting with Audubon Nature Institute
* Susan attended a Shell meeting

1. Presentations/Exhibits/Field Trips/ Volunteer Events – October 19, 2017 thru January 7, 2018

* Delaina conducted the Red Knot Surveys at Grand Isle State Park
* Natalie, Delaina, and Richard conducted the Piping Plover Surveys
* Seth and Matt hosted the volunteer event with Common Ground for the Fourchon Marsh Planting
* Siva and Andrew conducted the Bayou Folse Water Samplings
* Michael and Andrew attended the Louisiana Master Naturalist Workshops
* Seth and Matt hosted the University of Buffalo Students
* Alma attended the Terrebonne Parish Science Fair as a Judge
* Matt attended the Maritime Ridge Soil Sample Collection
* Alma hosted the Marine Debris Education Prevention Program Elmer’s Island
* Matt hosted The Grand Isle Arbor Day Tree Giveaway
* Alma attended the World Wetlands Day at South Louisiana Wetland Discovery Center
* Andrew and Michael attended Ecological Indicators for an Ecosystem Assessment of Barataria Basin, Louisiana Workshop
* Alma presented at the EDW Ecology Club on Microplastics
* Alma attended Nicholls State University Regional Science Fair as a Judge
* Siva attended the EPA Watershed Academy Webcast
* Delaina attended the Great Backyard Bird Count – NPS, Jean Lafitte State Park
* Alma and Andrew attended the World Wetlands Day at the Audubon Zoo
* Natalie participated in the Osprey Nest Platform Installation
* Delaina presented at the Eagle Expo
* Andrew and Alma attended the Environmental Science Day at Hahnville High School
* Seth spoke at the Louisiana Folklore Society Tour
* Alma hosted the Bayou Lafourche Cleanup
* Susan and Dean attended the EPA NEP Workshop in Washington DC
* Natalie conducted the Prothonotary Warbler Nest Box Clean out and Predator Guard Installation with Wendy Billiot
* Natalie attended the Osprey Nest check with Tim Allen
* Alma hosted the Waste Expo in Lafayette on Recycling
* Seth and Matt hosted a volunteer event with The University of Illinois at the Nicholls Farm
* Natalie conducted the Prothonotary Warbler Field Work
* Seth participated in the Derelict Crab Trap Rodeo at LUMCON
* Alma attended the Green Schools Workshop
* Delaina, Richard and Natalie conducted the benthic sampling on Caminada Headland
* Susan attended the Coastal Day at the Louisiana Legislature
* BTNEP Staff hosted The Paddle Bayou Lafourche event, April 5-8, 2018
* Seth and Matt hosted the Port Fourchon Ridge work with LDNR
* Matt hosted the Bayou Dupont Ridge Filed trip with CPRA members
* Susan presented at April 18 CPRA Board meeting BTNEP CCMP Revision open to Public Comment

1. MEDIA INTERVIEWS (As of April 18, 2018)

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

* *“Christmas Bird Count helps tell species’ stories,”*  - January 1, 2018
* *“Group hopes new deal will help shrink Gulf dead zone,”*  - January 3, 2018
* *“Students on winter break help with coastal restoration,”*  - January 27, 2018
* *“Tired of Trash? Register for Bayou Lafourche Cleanup,”*  - January 30, 2018
* *“World Wetlands Day to focus on urban influences,” -*  February 1, 2018
* *“Students get face to face with wetland creatures,”*  - February 3, 2018
* *“Terrebonne and Lafourche gear up for bayou spring cleaning,” –* March 1, 2018
* *“Organizations gear up for cleanup of local bayous,” –* March 2, 2018
* *“Paddle trip teaches heritage of bayou,” –* March 2, 2018
* *“Cheers –* *View from the water,” -*  March 3, 2018
* *“Bayou Lafourche Cleanup includes tires, TVs and inflatable pool,”*  - March 12, 2018

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

* *“N.Y. Students on winter break help with coastal restoration,”*  - January 26, 2018
* *“Students get face to face with wetland creatures,”*  - February 3, 2018
* *“Clune to focus on new recruitment, retention,”*  - February 20, 2018
* *“Organizations gear up for cleanup of local bayous,”* – February 28, 2018
* *“Terrebonne and Lafourche gear up for bayou spring cleaning,” –* March 1, 2018
* *“Our opinion: We must be better stewards of our waterways,”*  - March 2, 2018
* *“Cheers –* *View from the water,” -*  March 3, 2018
* *“Bayou Lafourche Cleanup includes tires, TVs and inflatable pool,”*  - March 12, 2018

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

* *“La. Travels: Explore bayou in canoe, spot an eagle in Morgan City,”*  - February 17, 2018
* “*Shorty tells two tall tales,” –* March 24, 2018

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

* *“Bayou Lafourche Cleanup scheduled for March,”*  - January 28, 2018
* *“BTNEP gearing up for 2018 Bayou Lafourche Cleanup event,”*  - February 2, 2018
* *“Register now for BTNEP’S Bayou Cleanup March 10,”*  - February 11, 2018
* *“BTNEP gearing up for annual Bayou Lafourche Cleanup,”* – February 25, 2018
* *“BTNEP gearing up for annual Bayou Lafourche Cleanup,”* – February 28, 2018
* *“BTNEP gearing up for 2018 Bayou Lafourche Cleanup,”*  - March 4, 2018
* *“Registration continuing for BTNEP’s 17th Annual Paddle Bayou Lafourche –* March 7, 2018
* “*Registration open for BTNEP’s 17th Annual Paddle Bayou Lafourche,” –* March 14, 2018
* *Pictures – Bayou Lafourche Cleanup -*  March 18, 2018
* *“Registration now open to teachers for WETSHOP 2018,” –*March 21,2018

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

* *“BTNEP gearing up for 2018 Bayou Lafourche cleanup event,”*  - January 25, 2018
* *“17th annual Paddle Lafourche registration open,”*  - March 8, 2018
* “*2018 Paddle Bayou Lafourche leaves Donaldsonville,” –* April 10, 2018

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

* *“BTNEP works with Minnesota on more pollution prevention,” –* January 25, 2018
* *“BTNEP gearing up for 2018n Bayou Lafourche Clean Up event,” –*February 22, 2018
* *“Registration open for BTNEP’s 17th annual Paddle Bayou Lafourche,” –*February 22, 2018
* “*Registration still open for BTNEP’s 17th Annual Paddle Bayou Lafourche,” –* March 22, 2018
* *“2018 marks the centennial of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act,”*  - March 22, 2018

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

* *“BTNEP gearing up for 2018 Bayou Lafourche clean up event,”* – January 25, 2018
* “*17th annual Paddle Lafourche registration open,” –* March 8, 2018
* *“Volunteers needed for Bayou Lafourche Cleanup,”*  - March 8, 2018

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

* *Pictures – A new kind of Eagle Expo weekend -*  February 26, 2018

***WBRZ*** (Baton Rouge, LA)

* *“Volunteers needed to help clean up Bayou Lafourche” -*  March 6, 2018

***Gambit*** (New Orleans, LA)

* *“Paddle Bayou Lafourche,” -*  March 13, 2018

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

* *“Bayou Lafourche paddle trip highlights restoration, Cajun culture,” -*  March 16, 2018

***What Now*** (Thibodaux, LA)

* *“The beauty of the bayou,” -*  March 2018

***KATC*** (Denham Springs, LA)

* *“BTNEP looking for volunteers for 2018 Bayou Lafourche cleanup event,”*  - February 28, 2018
* *“LDWF: Workshop registration open for science, history and social studies teachers,” -*  March 13, 2018

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

* *“Registration open for BTNEP’s 17th annual Paddle Bayou Lafourche,” -* February 22, 2018

***Sierra Sun Times*** (Mariposa, CA)

* *“Audubon reports on how birds would fare under the White House budget and infrastructure proposals,” -* February 15, 2018

***Times of Acadiana*** (Lafayette, LA)

* *“BTNEP gearing up for annual Bayou Lafourche Cleanup event,” -* January 24, 2018

***Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia website***

* *“Group hopes new deal will help shrink Gulf dead zone,” -* January 2, 2018

**Other Interviews:**

* Simone Maloz with Restore or Retreat/WGSO 990AM – Bayou Lafourche Cleanup – Alma Robichaux
* Brunella Falgout with Louisiana Today with Joey Sanders, KTIB 640 - Bayou Lafourche Cleanup – Alma Robichaux
* Monthly Radio Interviewa with KTIB – Alma, Andrew, and Michael

1. **PROJECT STATUS**

* Request for Payment - “Development of a Bluebird Trail in Upper BTNEP Year 3” EPA Grant Number CE-00666014 EPA Tracking 2018-08 – Richard DeMay
* Final Deliverable for the project entitled “Layout and Design of the Waterfowl Publication” EPA Tracking Number: 2015-14; EPA Grant Number CE-00666011 – Richard DeMay
* Final Deliverable for the project entitled “Barataria-Terrebonne Paddle Brochure” EPA Tracking Number: 2014-26; EPA Grant Number CE-00666010 – Michael Massimi
* Final Deliverable for the project entitled “Evaluation of Crowding as a Management Strategy for Improving Giant Salvinia Biological Control Performance” EPA Tracking Number: 2017-17; EPA Grant Number CE-00666013 – Michael Massimi
* Request for Payment - “Assessment of Feral Hog Damage in Marshes of Louisiana”

EPA Grant Number CE-00666011 EPA Tracking 2015-23 – Michael Massimi

* Request for Contract - “Establishment of a Passive Network of VHF Telemetry Towers in Lower BTNEP” EPA Grant Number CE-00666013 EPA Tracking 2017-10 – Richard DeMay
* Request for Payment - “BTNEP CCMP Revision Visual Artwork and Computer Graphics” EPA Grant Number CE-00666013 EPA Tracking 2017-07-3 – Susan Testroet-Bergeron
* Request for Payment “CCMP Text Revision” EPA Grant Number CE-00666013 EPA Tracking 2017-07-01– Susan Testroet-Bergeron
* Request for Payment “BTNEP CCMP Graphic Design and Layout” EPA Grant Number CE-00666013 EPA Tracking 2017-07-02– Susan Testroet-Bergeron

1. **SCHEDULE NEXT BTNEP MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE MEETING DATE** –

9:50 A.M. – 9:55 A.M.

* Save the Date - August 2, 2018 - Plantation Suite @ NSU Student Union
* Save the Date – November 1, 2018 – Location TBD
* Save the Date – February 7, 2019 – Location TBD
* Save the Date – May 2, 2019 – Location TBD
* Save the Date – August 1, 2019 – Location TBD
* Save the Date – November 1, 2019 – Location TBD

1. **OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING BTNEP/BTEF AND RELATED DATES** –
2. CCMP Public Review “April 18 - May 23, 2018”
3. State of Coastal Conference “May 30 – June 1, 2018”
4. WETSHOP “July 8 – 13, 2018”
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** – 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon
6. BTNEP Annual Workplan – Dean Blanchard, BTNEP Deputy Director & BTNEP staff (30 minutes)
7. Agricultural Assistance in the Bayou Folse Watershed – Samuel Terry, NRCS (20-30 minutes)
8. The Process of Treating Water in Lafourche Parish from Intake to Finished Drinking Water – Dirk Barrios, Lafourche Parish Water District (20-30 minutes)
9. Prothonotary Warbler Conservation and Monitoring – Natalie Waters, BTNEP Bird Conservation Coordinator (20-30 minutes)
10. **New Business -**
11. Planning for future implementation of Non-Structural projects in Houma, LA – Monica Barra, The Water Institute of the Gulf
12. A resolution re-affirming BTNEP's 2014 resolution supporting the Land & Water Conservation Fund – Doug Daigle
13. **Announcements**
14. **Adjourn**

***Crawfish will be served for lunch. Please RSVP***