



**Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program**  
**Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #108**  
Thursday, August 8, 2024 | 9:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Nicholls State University Ballroom in the Student Union

**Call to Order**

- Welcome and Opening Remarks from the Management Conference Chair  
Dr. Quenton Fontenot
- Roll Call - Nicole Babin, BTNEP Office Manager/Director's Assistant
- Approval of the Minutes from MC #107 from May 9, 2024

**Chairman Remarks** – Dr. Quenton Fontenot

**Director's Report** – Bren Haase, BTNEP Director

**Report from Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary Foundation (BTEF)**

- Dr. Gary LaFleur – Foundation President

**Presentations**

- Dr. Erik Johnson, Audubon Delta - *Urban Native Greens – Community Science Nest Monitoring*
- David Illgen, Jefferson Parish Coastal Resources Specialist - *Unintended Consequences: Restoring the Sole of Louisiana Film*

**Project Spotlight**

- Matt Benoit, BTNEP Habitat Restoration Manager & Ashleigh Lambiotte, BTNEP Native Plant Nursery Coordinator - *BTNEP Fourchon Planting*

**Upcoming Scheduled BTNEP Management Conference Meetings**

- Save the Date – November 7, 2024 – Location TBD
- Save the Date – February 13, 2025 – Location: TBD
- Save the Date – May 8, 2025 - Location: TBD
- Save the Date – August 7, 2025 – Location: TBD
- Save the Date – November 6, 2025 – Location: TBD

**Upcoming BTNEP Events**

- Farm Friday | September 6, 2024 | 9 am - 12 pm | Location: BTNEP Native Plant Nursery/Nicholls Farm
- Native Plant Giveaway | September 14, 2024 | 8 am - 12 pm | Location: BTNEP Native Plant Nursery/Nicholls Farm
- International Coastal Cleanup | September 21, 2024 | 10 am - 12 pm | Location: Elmer's Island
- White Boot Gala | September 24, 2024 | 6 pm - 9 pm | Location: Spahr's Des Allemands Hwy 90
- Paddle Bayou Lafourche | October 12, 2024 | Napoleonville to Thibodaux

### Media Coverage – May 1 - July 31, 2024

- May 22, 2024 | Country Roads Magazine  
[Avian Odyssey](#)
- June 17, 2024 | The Times-Picayune  
[Top Louisiana coastal official leaving state agency for new role. Departure comes at critical time.](#)
- June 20, 2024 | HTV10  
[Bayou Time: New BTNEP Director](#)
- July 3, 2024 | WYES  
[Challenges & Opportunities](#)
- July 27, 2024 | Houma Today  
[Crews rush to clean Bayou Lafourche oil spill, preserve water supply](#)

### Other Business

- Estuary Updates Newsletter: send your submissions to the monthly newsletter by the 25th of the preceding month to [info@btnep.org](mailto:info@btnep.org).
- Mark your calendars! Join us at the BTNEP Native Plant Nursery, located at the Nicholls Farm (104 Thoroughbred Park Drive, Thibodaux), on Saturday, September 14th, from 8 am to 12 pm to pick up FREE native plants and view our facility! We will have pollinator plants available, as well as large native shrubs and trees.
- BTNEP, Nicholls, and LDWF are hosting a beach sweep at Elmer's Island Wildlife Refuge to coincide with the Ocean Conservancy's annual International Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 21, 2024.
- White Boot Gala will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at Spahr's in Des Allemands. Limited sponsorship opportunities and tickets are now available, please contact Nicole Babin at [nicole@btnep.org](mailto:nicole@btnep.org) or 985.447.0868 for more information or to purchase.
- BTNEP's Paddle Bayou Lafourche will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2024. Registration is open and sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact the BTNEP office for more information at [info@btnep.org](mailto:info@btnep.org) or 985.447.0868.

### New Business

- Dustin Rabalais, Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District - " Bayou Lafourche Oil Spill Update"
- Doug Daigle, Louisiana State University - "Upper Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary System Workshop Update"

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