Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program
Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #63
9:30 a.m. – Wednesday, May 8, 2013
Nicholls State University
Century Room

1. CALL TO ORDER - 9:30 A.M. – 9:40 A.M.
   A. Roll Call
   B. Reading and Approval of Minutes – January 31, 2013 Meeting

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES - 9:40 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.
   A. Personnel Changes
      Michele Beary replaced Helen LaFleur with the BTEF. She was hired on April 8, 2013.
   B. Presentations/Exhibits/Field Trips/ Volunteer Events
      • Christmas Tree Project with Terrebonne Parish Government and University of Buffalo volunteers in intra-coastal waterway – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
      • Cut grass harvest in Lake Fields – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
      • Lafourche Parish Cleanup presentation to Assumption Parish Police Jury – Alma Robichaux
      • Propagation of gulf bluestem seaside paspalum at NSU Farm – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
      • Ocean Research Advisory Panel meeting in Washington, DC – Kerry St.Pé
      • Grand Isle Arbor Day – Matt Benoit
      • Piping Plover Survey (6) – Delaina LeBlanc, Richard DeMay
      • Bayou Lafourche Cleanup – Alma Robichaux, Kristy Monier, Joe Dantin
      • Seed Collection – Matt Benoit
      • Thibodaux Cleanest City Contest – Alma Robichaux
      • Auburn University Marine Extension and Research Center Rain Barrel Workshop – Alma Robichaux
      • Invasive Species specimen collection for Environmental Education Symposium – Michael Massimi, Alma Robichaux
      • Louisiana Chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects annual meeting presentation – Kerry St. Pé
      • Louisiana Master Naturalist Training Course Presentations at Jean Lafitte Barataria Preserve – Naturalism and Geology – Andrew Barron, Biology – Michael Massimi
      • “I Remember...” an Art Show of Environmental Significance – All Staff
      • Science Olympiad poster contest judge – Alma Robichaux
      • Planting on Tree Plot at Fourchon Ridge and Grand Isle State Park debris sweep on sand fencing with volunteer group from Northern Illinois University – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Andrew Barron
      • Planting (four species of trees) on Fourchon Ridge with volunteer group from Northern Illinois University
      • Seabird Compendium distribution – Richard DeMay
      • Smooth Cordgrass collection for propagation ponds at NSU with volunteers from Purdue University – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
      • Planting at NSU farm with volunteers from Purdue University and University of Northern Illinois – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
      • 2013 Eagle Expo – Richard DeMay, Delaina LeBlanc
• NSU Farm work with volunteer group from Northern Illinois
• Bird Adaptation Smart Reach presentation in Morgan City – Alma Robichaux
• Harvest and Planting on Fourche Ridge with volunteers from University of Iowa and Indiana Prep School – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
• Coastal Reference Monitoring System – Andrew Barron, Michael Massimi
• Fletcher Community College presentation to Geology 1010 classes – Andrew Barron
• Coastal Restoration presentation to New Orleans Kiwanis Group – Michael Massimi
• Tresors du Bayou (Treasures of the Bayou) demonstration at Swamp Stomp – Andrew Barron
• LA Sassafras Nutria Rodeo – Michael Massimi, Kristy Monier
• Smooth cordgrass collection on Grand Isle – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Andrew Barron, Dean Blanchard, Delaina LeBlanc, Michael Massimi
• Smooth cordgrass plug division at NSU shade house – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Delaina LeBlanc, Dean Blanchard
• Attended presentation by Craig Hood at Jean Lafitte Barataria Preserve on the preserve’s mammal inventory – Michael Massimi
• 12th annual Paddle Bayou Lafourche – All Staff
• Benthic work on Fourchon – Richard DeMay, Delaina LeBlanc
• Hackberry seed potting at NSU shade house – Matt Benoit
• LUMCON Open House – Alma Robichaux
• Bald Cypress planting with Paul Yakupsak at the Mandalay NWR – Matt Benoit
• Contacted Stephensville Crawfish Farmers for Apple Snail sightings – Michael Massimi
• Shell Oil and Bayou Children’s Museum presentation – Kerry St. Pé
• NSU Pond spartina alterniflora planting with volunteers from All Saints Episcopal & Bayou Grace Community Services – Matt Benoit, Joe Dantin
• Bitter Panicum collection from Grand Isle State Park with All Saints Episcopal & Bayou Grace Community Services – Matt Benoit, Joe Dantin
• Grand Isle Migratory Bird Festival – Richard DeMay, Delaina LeBlanc, Alma Robichaux
• Chauvin Arts Festival Blessing of the Fleet – Delaina LeBlanc, Alma Robichaux

C. Media Interviews (As of April 23, 2013)

Daily Comet (Thibodaux, LA)
• “Building more solid ground,” – December 27, 2012
• “Teens learn about restoration at youth summit,” – January 29, 2013
• “Help needed to clean up local bayou,” – February 6, 2013
• “Registration open for Bayou Lafourche canoe trip,” – February 9, 2013
• “Tough Birds – Scientists say pelicans can be fearsome mascot,” – February 16, 2013
• “Local coastal advocates honored,” – February 18, 2013
• “How should BP oil-spill fines be spent?” – February 20, 2013
• “Local exhibit tells story of the coast through art and history,” – March 4, 2013
• “Bayou Cleanup,” (photos featured in paper) – March 4, 2013
• “Exhibit focuses on past, present,” –March 14, 2013
• “Locals scientists, outdoor enthusiasts help train naturalists,” – March 18, 2013
• “Bayou Lafourche – Trip shows off historic waterway,” – April 5, 2013
• “Nation’s waterways in poor health,” – April 6, 2013
• “Local nonprofit leader honored by White House,” – April 10, 2013
**The Donaldsonville Chief** (Donaldsonville, LA)
- “BTNEP invites you to join us for our 2nd annual Bayou Lafourche Clean Up,” – February 21, 2013
- “BTNEP hosts second annual Bayou Lafourche Clean up,” - February 28, 2013
- “BTNEP asks Bayou Lafourche Residents to welcome paddlers for 2013 Paddle Bayou Lafourche,” – April 4, 2013

**The Courier** (Houma, LA)
- “Birds, people helped by restoration work,” – December 26, 2012
- “Building more solid ground,” - December 27, 2012
- “Want to help clean Bayou Lafourche?” - January 27, 2013
- “Volunteers needed to clean up local bayou,” - February 6, 2013
- “Registration open for Bayou Lafourche canoe trip,” - February 9, 2013
- “Tough Birds – Scientists say pelicans can be fearsome mascot,” - February 16, 2013
- “Local coastal advocates honored,” – February 18, 2013
- “How should BP oil-spill fines be spent?” – February 20, 2013
- “Local exhibit tells story of the coast through art and history,” – March 4, 2013
- “Bayou Cleanup,” (photos featured in paper) - March 4, 2013
- “Exhibit focuses on past, present,” –March 14, 2013
- “Locals help train naturalists,” – March 18, 2013
- “Community Calendar-The 12th Annual four-day Paddle Bayou Lafourche,” –April 4, 2013
- “Canoe trip shows off historic Bayou Lafourche,” - April 5, 2013
- “Nation’s waterways in poor health,” – April 6, 2013
- “White House honors activist,” – April 10, 2013
- “Celebrate birding on Grand Isle this weekend,” - April 16, 2013

**The Daily Review** (Morgan City, LA)
- “Registration opens for Bayou Lafourche trip,” – February 12, 2013

**The Lafourche Gazette** (Larose, LA)
- “Fishing techniques graph calendar now available,” - December 26, 2012
- “Association donates over $97,000 to local schools and organizations,” – December 30, 2012
- “Documentary featuring Lafourche residents screens at Bayou Playhouse Friday,” - January 23, 2013
- “G.I. State Park dune creation project hosted by BTNEP,” – January 30, 2013
- “Volunteers needed for the Bayou Lafourche annual cleanup effort,” - February 20, 2013
- “Volunteers needed Saturday for Lafourche Cleanup,” – February 27, 2013
- “Lafourche residents asked to welcome bayou paddlers” –April 3, 2013
- “BTNEP, other Lafourche areas to be featured on television” – April 21, 2013
- “Bayou cleanup nets over 14 tons of trash,” – April 21, 2013

**Tri-Parish Times** (Houma, LA)
• “NY students join the fight – Christmas trees used to slow erosion process,” - January 16, 2013
• “Bayou Lafourche Clean Up set for March 2,” - February 20, 2013
• “Goings On – Bayou Lafourche Cleanup,” - February 27, 2013
• “The Backroads – Paddle Bayou Lafourche,” - March 27, 2013
• “Enjoying the mission to preserve,” – April 3, 2013
• “Receding resources immortalized,” - April 10, 2013

The Saint Mary Journal (Morgan City, LA)
• “Eagles cooperate with Eagle Expo,” – March 24, 2013

The Assumption Pioneer (Napoleonville, LA)
• Mention of Bayou Lafourche Clean up in community article – February 21, 2013
• “Volunteers needed for Bayou Lafourche clean up event,” - February 28, 2013
• “Bayou Lafourche Gets Needed Face-Lift,” - March 14, 2013

Bayou Journal (Pierre Part, LA)
• “Registration opens for Bayou Lafourche trip,” - February 19, 2013
• “Volunteers needed for Bayou Lafourche Cleanup,” – February 26, 2013
• “Bayou Lafourche cleaned from D’ville to Port Fourchon,” - March 12, 2013

The Creole.com (Prairieville, LA)
• “Registration open for Paddle Bayou Lafourche,” – February 18, 2013
• “2013 Paddle Bayou Lafourche,” – April 2, 2013
• “Bayou Lafourche paddlers arrive in Donaldsonville,” - April 4, 2013

The Advocate Ascension Section (Baton Rouge/Gonzales, LA)
• “Paddle Lafourche event set for April,” – March 7, 2013
• “Paddlers get taste of bayou hospitality,” – April 11, 2013

The Gumbo Entertainment (Houma, LA)

Country Roads (St. Francisville, LA)
• “Knowing Nature, Paddle Bayou Lafourche,” - April, 2013

CentralSpeaks.com (Central, LA)
• “Central Residents Study Native Hummingbirds,” - March 21, 2013

The Banner-Tribune (Franklin, LA)
• “Eagle Expo starts Thursday in Morgan City,” - February 27, 2013
• “Expo visitors view eagles and other wildlife Saturday,” – March 5, 2013

The Nicholls Worth (Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA)
• “Planning meeting for Bayou Lafourche cleanup event,” – January 31, 2013
• “Community Cleanup, 106 miles of bayou to be cleaned up on March 2,” – February 28, 2013
The Daily Iberian (New Iberia, LA)
  • “Registration open for trip,” - February 10, 2013

Thibodaux Chamber Insight (Thibodaux, LA)
  • “Bayou Lafourche Cleanup Event,” - March, 2013

KATC.com (Lafayette, LA)
  • “Grand Isle Hosts 15th Annual Migratory Bird Celebration This Weekend,” - April 15, 2013

NOLA.com (New Orleans, LA)
  • “Grand Isle Migratory Bird Celebration is April 19-21,” - April 15, 2013

Bayou Region Family and Kids Digest (Houma, LA)
  • “2013 Paddle Bayou Lafourche,” - April 10, 2013

louisianapaddle.com

usatoday.com
  • “Leeville: A look at the real world beyond the levees,” - February 23, 2013

ksla.com (Shreveport, LA)
  • “Registrations open for Bayou Lafourche trip,” - February 9, 2013

wafb.com (Baton Rouge, LA)
  • “Registrations open for Bayou Lafourche trip,” - February 9, 2013

kalb.com (Alexandria, LA)
  • “Registrations open for Bayou Lafourche trip,” - February 9, 2013

The Daily Reporter (Greenfield, IN)
  • Registrations open for Bayou Lafourche trip,” - February 9, 2013

WWLTV (New Orleans, LA)
  • “Calendar of Events - Paddle Bayou Lafourche,” – April 5, 2013

What Now (Houma, LA)
  • “Paddle Bayou Lafourche 2013,”

Fox8 News (New Orleans, LA)
  • “Five months later Isaac, marsh grass debris still litters Plaquemines Parish “ – February 5, 2013

Other Interviews:
  • WLAE-TV/PBS/LPB (Tom Gregory), Bayou Lafourche episode for travel series GO COAST: LOUISIANA, aired Sunday, April 21, 2013 - Kerry St. Pe’
  • USA Today (Rick Jervais), Beast of the Southern Wild – Kerry St. Pe’
• Media Lab – Pacific University (Courtney Stroger), Global water issues, sediment reduction & loss - Kerry St. Pe’
• Freelance writer for National Geographic (Tim Folger), How coastal regions in the U.S. & Europe will confront the challenge of rising sea levels in decades ahead? How Louisiana will be affected? - Kerry St. Pe’
• NPR (Bob Marshall), General discussion on restoration, land loss, why things are happening, diversion, etc. - Kerry St. Pe’
• Fox8 News (Nicondra Norwood), Marsh grass in Plaquemines Parish and where it is coming from - Kerry St. Pe’
• KTIB (Jerry), Bayou Lafourche Cleanup, Paddle Bayou Lafourche, Coastal Restoration, etc. - Kerry St. Pe’ & Alma Robichaux
• USA Today (Rick Jervais), Leeville being out of hurricane protection area – Kerry St. Pe’
• KLRZ (Ken Friedlander), Bayou Lafourche Cleanup – Joe Doucet (site captain)
• Freelance Writer (Ben Dubroc), Coastal Land Loss - USA Today (Rick Jervais), Beast of the Southern Wild – Kerry St. Pe’
• WWL Radio (Garland Robinette), Big water diversions - Kerry St. Pe’

D. Meetings
• Feral Hog Aerial Survey meeting with Kim Tolson, Ph.D. of University of Louisiana at Monroe – Michael Massimi
• Myrtle Grove Diversion PDT Teleconference (3)– Andrew Barron
• Louisiana Master Naturalist Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting (2) – Andrew Barron, Michael Massimi
• Bayou Industrial Group (2)– Alma Robichaux
• South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center Board Meeting (4) – Alma Robichaux
• Lafourche Parish Game & Fish Commission meeting (3)– Joe Dantin
• Communication, Education and Outreach Webinar – Alma Robichaux, Kristy Monier
• Louisiana Master Naturalist Steering Committee meeting (3)– Andrew Barron, Michael Massimi
• Louisiana Master Naturalist Steering Committee meeting – Andrew Barron
• Matt Brady, LA Bird Atlas Coordinator – Richard Demay
• Terrebonne CZM meeting (2) – Matt Benoit
• Vegetation Plan for the Plaquemines Parish Vegetative Ridge Project with Garret Thomassie, NRCS Plant Materials Center; Joel Gilliam, Planner with GCR Inc.; Mark Roberts of Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc.; William Bane of Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc.; William Guste of GCR Inc. – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Matt Benoit, Joe Dantin
• Nicholls State University affiliation agreement meeting (2)– Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard
• Framework Development Team meeting – Michael Massimi
• Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District meeting (3)– Alma Robichaux
• Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council public meeting – Kerry St. Pé
• Nicholls State University – Kerry St. Pé
• Wes Kungel, Congressional Staffer for Senator Mary Landrieu – Kerry St. Pé
• AMPHIBEX 400 degree demo in Golden Meadow- Matt Benoit, Joe Dantin
• Barrier Island presentation by Greg Grandy – Kerry St. Pé
• Septic System Meeting with DEQ in Gonzales, LA – Alma Robichaux
• Septic System Meeting with DHH in Gonzales, LA – Alma Robichaux
• Fourchon Port Commission meeting – Joe Dantin
• Myrtle Grove Diversion Teleconference (2) – Andrew Barron
• Teacher Expo Conference – Alma Robichaux
• ASLO 2013 – Aquatic Sciences meeting – Alma Robichaux
• Sustainability Workshops meeting with Richard Fulford, EPA Research Ecologist – Kerry St. Pé, Andrew Barron
• Nicholls State University Biology Department project meeting – Kerry St. Pé, Joe Dantin
• Lafourche Parish EOC meeting – Joe Dantin
• Louisiana Environmental Education Symposium – Alma Robichaux
• 2013 Spring NEP and ANEP Board Meeting in Washington, DC – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard
• Piping Plover Project Map meeting – Richard DeMay
• Bayou Industrial Group Annual Banquet – Joe Dantin
• Bird Island meeting with P.J. Hahn, Plaquemines Parish Director of Coastal Zone Management; Darrin Lee, CPRA – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Richard DeMay, Delaina LeBlanc
• Adaptive Management Guidance Panel meeting with CPRA – Michael Massimi
• Lafourche Parish Coastal Zone Management meeting (2) – Kerry St. Pé
• Bayou Folse Next Steps Monitoring meeting – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard, Andrew Barron, Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
• Benthic Work meeting with Darin Lee of CPRA – Delaina LeBlanc
• Bird Island Meeting with P.J. Hahn, Director of Coastal Zone Management; Kenny Ferachi, P.E. of Manchac Consulting Group, Inc; Ryan Clark, Project Scientist with Arcadis; and Darin Lee from CPRA – Kerry St. Pé, Dean Blanchard
• Action Team meeting – Richard DeMay, Delaina LeBlanc
• Wetshop Planning meeting – Alma Robichaux
• ArtSpot Productions meeting to discuss theater production – Michael Massimi

E. Projects Initiated

3. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE – 9:50 A.M. – 9:55 A.M.
   • Suggested Date – Wednesday, November 6, 2013 Nicholls State University Century Room

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS – 10:00 A.M. – 11:50 A.M.
   
   A. Assumption Parish Sink Hole Update – John Boudreaux (30 minutes)
   B. Work Plan (30 minutes)
   C. Bayou Lafourche Cleanup Update (15 minutes)
   D. Paddle Bayou Lafourche (15 minutes)

5. New Business

6. Adjourn