Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program
Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #64
9:30 a.m. – Thursday, August 22, 2013
Nicholls State University
Ellender Memorial Library - Multipurpose Room

1. CALL TO ORDER - 9:30 A.M. – 9:40 A.M.
   A. Roll Call
   B. Reading and Approval of Minutes – May 8, 2013 Meeting

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

   A. Presentations/Exhibits/Field Trips/ Volunteer Events
      • Terrebonne Aquatic Clinic – Alma Robichaux
      • Larose Cut Off Middle School presentation “Native/Nonnative Species and Adaptation to Environments” – Alma Robichaux
      • Banding Least Terns at Exxon Field shorebird nesting site – Delaina LeBlanc, Richard DeMay (weekly)
      • Louisiana Master Naturalist Board Meeting – Michael Massimi, Andrew Barron
      • Mulberry Middle School Pointe Aux Chene Wildlife Management Area Planting – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Kristen Torres
      • Terrebonne Parish Library Watershed Mapping on National Geography Map of North America with St. Bernadette School – Alma Robichaux, Joe Dantin
      • “Save Night” Restoration discussion at Montegut Middle School – Alma Robichaux
      • Cleanest City Thibodaux State Competition – Alma Robichaux
      • Children’s Activity - Invasive Species Shoot Out at the Terrebonne Foundation for Academic Excellence’s Run for Excellence – Alma Robichaux
      • Farm days with volunteer groups from Loyola University Chicago, University of Louisiana Lafayette, and AmeriCorps – Joe Dantin – Matt Benoit, Delaina LeBlanc, Kristen Torres
      • North American Map - Bird Migration & Mississippi River Watershed project with St. Bernadette School – Alma Robichaux
      • Grand Caillou Elementary School Map Program – Alma Robichaux
      • BioBlitz and Biodiversity Festival at the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve hosted by National Geographic and the National Park Service – Alma Robichaux, Michael Massimi, Andrew Barron
      • Breeding bird survey from East Grand Terre to Chaland Headland – Delaina LeBlanc, Joe Dantin
      • Coteau Bayou Blue Elementary Map Program – Alma Robichaux
      • Gulf of Mexico Regional Workshops Cooperative Conservation for Marine Mammals in the Gulf of Mexico: Developing a Plan for Action
      • Panel discussion on the condition and restoration of the Louisiana coast hosted by “The Lens” with Bob Marshall as moderator – Kerry served as panelist and Kristy Monier attended
      • Breeding Bird survey on Grand Isle route – Delaina LeBlanc
      • Map Program presentation to home-schooled children at Terrebonne Library – Alma Robichaux
      • Breeding bird survey from East Grand Terre to Chaland Headland – Delaina LeBlanc
• Pointe-Aux-Chenes Wildlife Management Area tree planting and maintenance – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
• Plant Collection with Bayou Native Americans at NSU Farm to identify and gather native plants that were once important to the Bayou Native Americans for both medicinal and food uses – Andrew Barron
• H2O Workshop for teachers – Alma Robichaux, Andrew Barron
• Louisiana Master Naturalist Greater New Orleans Coastal Restoration Workshop in Belle Chasse and Bayou Dupont Long Distance Pipeline Sediment Delivery Project site for the Spring 2013 Training Course – Michael Massimi presented and Andrew Barron participated.
• Barrier Island Workshop – Joe Dantin
• Crab presentation at National Park Service Wetlands Camp – Alma Robichaux
• Ag Extension Group presentation in Grand Isle – Richard DeMay
• Storm Drain Marker Presentation Presbyterian Church in Houma – Alma Robichaux
• Storm Drain Marking with AmeriCorps (2)
• Assumption Area Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast – Kerry St. Pé, Alma Robichaux, Kristy Monier, Michele Beary
• Planting on Grand Isle State Park with National Park Service Wetland Summer Camp – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Kristen Torres
• Breeding Bird Survey Bay Chaland Island – Joe Dantin, Delaina LeBlanc
• Planting Project with Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Kristen Torres, Delaina LeBlanc
• Land Loss Presentation to Traci Birch’s Coastal Zone Planning and Administration Class (MURP 4145) at University of New Orleans – Michael Massimi
• LEAD Camp Fish Identification – Joe Dantin
• Planting at NSU Pond with Rustic Pathways Volunteer Group - Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Kristen Torres
• South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center summer camps beach sweep on Grand Isle State Park - Alma Robichaux, Kristy Monier
• Presentation to Tyler Edgar, National Council of Churches, Eco-Justice Program and the Bayou Blue St. Louis Presbyterian church community about Coastal Land loss, State Master Plan and programs and projects that are supported by BTNEP – Andrew Barron
• Sand Fence Removal Project with Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries on Elmer’s Island - Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Kristen Torres
• Coastal Wetland/Land Loss Over flight at Houma Airfield as part of the LUMCON LEAD summer camp; Cultural presentation to the LUMCON LEAD camp in Cocodrie – Andrew Barron
• NSU Farm Days (3) – Matt Benoit, Joe Dantin, Kristen Torres
• Volunteer planting at Lake Fields with Seattle Academy - Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Kristen Torres
• Art Spot Production’s “Cry You One” preview – Michael Massimi
• NSU Farm Days with Seattle Academy – Matt Benoit, Joe Dantin, Kristen Torres
• WETSHOP teacher workshop on Grand Isle – Alma Robichaux
• Plant ID, uses and edibility walk through Nature Conservancy Maritime Forest property at WETSHOP – Andrew Barron
- WETSHOP – Kerry St. Pé, Kristy Monier
- Barataria Preserve Bio Control Insect Survey – Michael Massimi
- Volunteer planting at Lake Fields and construction of shade house addition at NSU Farm with Rustic Pathways - Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit, Kristen Torres
- Manning Passing Academy – Jenny Schexnayder, Kristy Monier, Michele Beary
- South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center Youth Summit – Alma Robichaux

B. Media Interviews (As of August 1, 2013)

**Daily Comet** (Thibodaux, LA)
- “Still Recovering – Suffering remains 3 years after BP Spill,” - April 17, 2013
- “Asian carp could threaten La. Fisheries,” – April 18, 2013
- “Project aims to improve Lake Fields,” – April 24, 2013
- “Invading Snail – Scientists team up to stop fist-sized snails’ spread,” - May 10, 2013
- “Snapping turtle unearthed,” – May 15, 2013
- “Cleanup nets 10 million pounds of trash,” – May 17, 2013
- “Thanks for all the help – Columnist Brenda Gautreaux,” - May 29, 2013
- “Gelatinous bayou blobs worry Chauvin resident,” – June 7, 2013
- “Local man selected to help outline the future of the gulf,” – June 8, 2013
- “Foundation awards its first grants to agencies,” - July 8, 2013
- “Play golf for the Gulf,” - July 31, 2013

**The Courier** (Houma, LA)
- “Still Recovering – Suffering remains 3 years after BP Spill,” - April 17, 2013
- “Invasive Asian carp could threaten Louisiana Fisheries,” – April 18, 2013
- “Project aims to improve Lake Fields’ water quality, fishing habitat,” - April 24, 2013
- “Invading Snail – Scientists team up to stop fist-sized snails’ spread,” - May 10, 2013
- “Snapping turtle unearthed,” – May 15, 2013
- “Cleanup nets 10 million pounds of trash,” – May 17, 2013
- “Thanks for all the help – Columnist Brenda Gautreaux,” - May 29, 2013
- “Gooey bayou blobs worry Chauvin resident,” – June 7, 2013
- “Local man selected to help outline the future of the gulf,” – June 8, 2013
- “Researchers to study feral hogs,” - July 7, 2013
- “Foundation awards its first grants to agencies,” - July 8, 2013
- “Where did it come from?” - July 23, 2013

**The Daily Review** (Morgan City, LA)
- “Grand Isle Migratory Bird Celebration is this weekend,” – April 17, 2013

**The Lafourche Gazette** (Larose, LA)
- “BTNEP, other Lafourche areas to be featured on television,” - April 21, 2013
- “Bayou cleanup nets over 14 tons of trash,” - April 21, 2013
- “Paddlers enjoy another successful journey down Bayou Lafourche,” – May 1, 2013
- “NLLD’s Company Canal project taking shape,” - May 29, 2013
- “Bayou Community Foundation awards $115,000 in grants to local agencies,” - July 10, 2013
- **Tri-Parish Times** (Houma, LA)
  - “Birders prep for migratory sights,” - April 17, 2013

- **The DailyAdvertiser** (Lafayette, LA)
  - “ULM researcher to study feral hogs,” - July 7, 2013

- **The Advocate** (Baton Rouge, LA)
  - “Birds return to island nesting spot,” – June 9, 2013

- **The Assumption Pioneer** (Napoleonville, LA)
  - “Paddle Bayou Lafourche picture,” – April 18, 2013
  - “BTNEP has successful 2013 Paddle Bayou Lafourche,” - May 2, 2013

- **Picayune Street Edition** (New Orleans, LA)
  - “ULM researcher to study feral hogs in marshes,” - July 8, 2013

- **The News-Star** (Monroe, LA)
  - “Gulf birds scour vanishing land for nests,” - June 17, 2013

- **Opelousas Daily World** (Opelousas, LA)
  - “Gulf birds scour deteriorating interior ‘Bird Islands’ for nests,” - June 23, 2013

- **The Banner-Tribune** (Franklin, LA)
  - “Gulf birds scour vanishing land spits for nests,” - June 12, 2013

- **The Thibodaux Chamber Insight** (Thibodaux, LA)
  - “The Great Qualities of Bayou Lafourche,” - April, 2013

- **The Gumbo Entertainment** (Houma, LA)
  - “Receding resources immortalized in Thibodaux,” - April, 2013
  - “Enjoying the mission to preserve,” - April, 2013

- **The Inquisitor** (Shreveport, LA)

- **The Donaldsonville Chief** (Donaldsonville, LA)
  - “BTNEP’s Bayou Lafourche Clean Up Successful from Donaldsonville to Leeville,” - April 25, 2013

- **WWNO 89.9** (New Orleans, LA)
  - “The Louisiana Coast: Last call- the shape we’re in now, “ – Kerry featured from a previous interview, - May 13, 2013

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

- **Northjersey.com** (Woodland Park, NJ)
**Bayou Bluebird Nest News** (Delhi, LA)

**Klfy.com** (Lafayette, LA)
- “ULM researcher to study feral hogs,” – July 6, 2013

**The Republic** (Columbus, IN)
- “ULM researcher to study feral hogs in LA. coastal marshes,” – July 6, 2013

**Knoe.com** (Monroe, LA)
- “ULM biology professor awarded grant to study feral hogs,” – June 13, 2013

**Wwltv.com** (New Orleans, LA)
- “Gelatinous bayou blobs worry Chauvin resident,” – June 7, 2013

**Other Interviews:**
- National Geographic (Tim Folger), Coastal Restoration - Kerry St. Pe’
- KTIB (Gene Richard), Coastal Land Loss – Kerry St. Pe’
- The Lens (Ann Mueller/Bob Marshall), Is it “Last Call” for Louisiana’s coast? - Kerry St. Pe’ on panel
- The Daily Comet (Niki Buskey), Bryozoans – Andrew Barron
- Times Picayune (Ben Alexander-Bloch) Understanding of data received concerning seafood and the effects of the oil spill. – Kerry St. Pe’
- Brown University Environmental Studies Student (Rowan Sharp), Science, history and politics of land loss and restoration - Kerry St. Pe’
- The Daily Review (Jean Kaess), Coastal erosion specifically along St. Mary Parish – article for Shrimp & Petroleum Festival edition - Kerry St. Pe’

**C. Meetings**
- Filming of Lake Fields Project - Joe Dantin
- Kim Waddel of National Academies of Sciences – Kerry St. Pé
- Farm Bridge Project meeting with Nicholls State University – Joe Dantin
- Terrebonne Library Bird Curriculum – Alma Robichaux
- Raccoon Island planting site survey Cassidy Lejeune and Mike Carloss of LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Mel Landry, and PJ Hahn – Matt Benoit
- Susan Bergeron regarding de-authorization of projects – Michael Massimi
- Walk through with Art Spot Productions for “Cry You One” play – Michael Massimi
- Bayou Industrial Group meeting – Alma Robichaux
- South Louisiana Discovery Center Board meeting – Alma Robichaux
- Lafourche Parish Game and & Fish Committee meeting – Joe Dantin (3)
- Farm Bridge Project meeting with Nicholls State University – Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
- ORAP conference call – Kerry St. Pé
- NEP conference call - Kerry St. Pé
- Phone interview with Tim Folger of National Geographic regarding coastal restoration – Kerry St. Pé
- Master Plan Report Card Focus Group meeting at Water Institute of the Gulf “TWIG” – Michael Massimi
• USGS, Blaire Hutchison regarding maps – Richard DeMay
• GIS Ridge Work with Sheila Rohwer – Richard DeMay
• Lafourche Parish CZM – Kerry St. Pé (2)
• Acadia Land Surveying regarding NSU Farm Project – Dean Blanchard, Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit
• Nicholls State University regarding farm project – Kerry St. Pé, Joe Dantin, Matt Benoit (2)
• Bayou Industrial Group meeting – Joe Dantin
• Wetland Cultural Byway meeting at Bayou Lafourche Area Convention & Visitors Bureau – Alma Robichaux
• CWPPRA Task Force meeting in Lafayette – Alma Robichaux
• Exxon Property in Grand Isle with Conservation Fund, Exxon, American Bird Conservancy – Richard DeMay
• Restoration strategy with Susan Testroet-Bergeron of CWPPRA and Shelley Sparks of Ocean Conservancy – Michael Massimi
• International Coastal Cleanup – Alma Robichaux
• Louisiana Master Naturalist Board Meeting – Andrew Barron, Michael Massimi (2)
• South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Board Meeting – Alma Robichaux
• Gulf Coast Restoration Council meeting – Alma Robichaux
• Ben Scaggs, Director of EPA Gulf of Mexico Program – Kerry St. Pé
• Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District meeting – Alma Robichaux
• Rio Grande Cichlid contract with Martin O’Connel and Tom Lorenz of University of New Orleans – Michael Massimi
• Gulf of Mexico Alliance All Hands Meeting & Gulf Guardian Awards Ceremony – Kerry St. Pé
• Bayou Grace: review of Bayou Grace partnership with BTNEP for the representative of the McKnight Foundation – Andrew Barron
• Development of 2014 Bird Calendar with Bill Fontenot – Richard DeMay
• Bayou Industrial Group – Kerry St. Pé
• 2014 Tidal Graph Calendar Layout – Dean Blanchard, Andrew Barron

D. Projects Initiated
• 17th Annual “La Fete D’Ecologie”
• Design and Layout of the 2014 Tidal Graph Calendar
• Design and Layout of the 2014 Bird Calendar
• Layout and Design of the Sparrow Publication
• Winter and Summer Bird Atlas Project
• “Monitoring the Avifauna of a Newly Restored Maritime Forest Ridge and Adjacent March and Open Water Habitats”

3. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE – 9:50 A.M. – 9:55 A.M.
• Approved Date – Tuesday, November 5, 2013 - Century Room @NSU Stadium
• Tentative – February 6, 2014 - Century Room @ NSU Stadium
• Tentative – May 8, 2014 - Century Room @ NSU Stadium

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS – 10:00 A.M. – Noon
A. “An Examination of Fisheries and Water Level Impact from Diversion Models” – Pat Fitzpatrick (30 minutes)
B. “Oil Spill Restoration Planning – NFWF Proposal No.1” - Bren Haase (30 Minutes)
C. “Cry You One”, a sharing of this new work by ArtSpot Productions and Mondo Bizarro – Kathy Randels from ArtSpot Productions (30 Minutes)
D. “Louisiana’s Comprehensive Master Plan – The Need for Funding” - John Driscoll, Corporate Planning Resources, LLC (30 Minutes)

5. New Business

6. Adjourn