The **Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program** will host its quarterly public Management Conference (MC) meeting. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Agenda is below.

**Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program**  
Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #74  
Thursday, February 4, 2016  
9:30 a.m. to 12 noon  
Nicholls State University  
Plantation Suite, NSU Student Union  
Thibodaux, LA

1. **Call To Order** 9:30 a.m. to 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 –November 5, 2015 Meeting
2. **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES** 9:40 A.M. – 9:50 A. M. - BTNEP Staff

Personnel Changes: Ms. Emily Clark, BTNEP Coastal Bird Coordinator, hired January 18, 2016.

* 1. **Presentations/Exhibits/Field Trips/ Volunteer Events**
* 2015 State of the Estuary Breakfast - All Staff
* LSTA/LATM and presentation on estuaries and rivers – Alma Robichaux
* Louisiana Master Naturalist Presentations and Field Sessions including topics such as coastal restoration, birding, and urban ecology – Andrew Barron, Michael Massimi, Delaina LeBlanc Dean Blanchard, Seth Moncrief, and Natalie Waters
* Youth Marine Debris Prevention with 11th and 12th grade students from Terrebonne and Lafourche Parish – Alma Robichaux, Seth Moncrief, Megan Varvaro
* St. Francis Episcopal School Presentation – Alma Robichaux
* GIS Day at Nicholls State University – Seth Moncrief, Matt Benoit
* Bayou Industrial Group (BIG) luncheon – Susan Testroet-Bergeron
* Louisiana Public Broadcasting (LPB) Family Fun Fest – Alma Robichaux
* Ducks Unlimited Lost Lake Shoreline Protection Dedication – Andrew Barron and Matt Benoit
* Field Collections of Swallow wort and visit to Fourchon Ridge – Matt Benoit, Michael Massimi, Chris Reid LDWF staff
* Woodlands Trail Bird Banding- Delaina LeBlanc
* Piping Plover Surveys on Caminda Headland (every two weeks ) Delaina LeBlanc, Natalie Waters, Richard DeMay
* Red Knot Surveys - Delaina LeBlanc
* Creole Christmas Bird Count (CBC) – Delaina LeBlanc
* Grand Isle Christmas Bird Count (CBC) – Natalie Waters and Delaina LeBlanc
* Judge at BCA Science Fair – Alma Robichaux
* Wetland Warriors Farm Day – Matt Benoit
* Lake Fields with Nicholls State University – Matt Benoit
* Bayou Grace Home Schoolers Terrebonne Properties Planting – Seth Moncrief and Matt Benoit
* The Nature Conservancy Planting GISP- Matt Benoit and Seth Moncrief
* E-waste program setup at EDW – Alma Robichaux
* University of Buffalo Five Day Volunteer Activities - LUMCON Education Visit, Christmas Tree Fencing, tree plantings, work on farm
  1. Media Interviews Report (as of January 15, 2016)

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

* *“Five local museums to visit,” Alma Robichaux featured in picture for the Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum, -* October 7, 2015
* *“Art winners named,” –* October 8, 2015
* *“Two candidates vie for Terrebonne Parish Council District 9,” -*  October 17, 2015
* *“Estuary program to update comprehensive plan”-* November 6, 2015
* “*5 Places to see before they vanish,” –* November 18, 2015
* *“Estuary program is Tuesday,” –* December 7, 2015
* *“Estuary program marks 25 years of existence,” -*  December 9, 2015
* *“Thibodaux bird count set for January”-* December 25, 2015
* *“BTNEP seeks input for Bayou Lafourche Cleanup,” – January 8, 2016*

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

* *“Council to review proposed budget for 2016,” -* October 4,2015
* *“Five local museums to visit,” Alma Robichaux featured in picture for the Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum, -* October 7, 2015
* *“Art winners named,” –* October, 8, 2015
* *“Two candidates vie for Terrebonne Parish Council District 9,” -*  October 17, 2015
* *“Estuary program to update comprehensive plan”-* November 6, 2015
* *“Estuary program is Tuesday,” –* December 6, 2015
* *“Estuary program marks 25 years of existence,” -*  December 9, 2015
* *“Thibodaux bird count set for January”-* December 25, 2015
* *“Enthusiasts flock to Thibodaux area for Christmas bird count”*- January 3, 2016

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

* *“BTNEP announces winners for ‘Estuary Artworks’ event,” –* October 25, 2015
* *“BTNEP to host State of the Estuary Breakfast”-* November 22, 2015
* *“BTNEP starts up Marine Debris Prevention Program with help of local high school students”-* November 22, 2015

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

* *“Holiday Greetings to the Friends of the Estuary”-* December 17, 2015

***The Times*** (Houma, LA)

* *“Christmas trees used to preserve La. coast*”- December 23, 2015

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

* *“BTNEP announces winners for ‘Estuary Artworks’ event,” –* October 15, 2015
* *“BTNEP starts up Marine Debris Prevention Program with help of local high school students*”- October 29, 2015

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

* *“BTNEP starts up marine debris prevention program with help of local high school students”-* November 1, 2015

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

* *“Estuary program to update comprehensive plan”-* November 6, 2015

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

* *“Estuary program to update plan,” –* November 7, 2015
* *“Thibodaux bird count set”- December 27*, 2015

***Opelousas Daily World*** (Opelousas, LA)

* *“Thibodaux bird count set”- December 27*, 2015

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

* *“Estuary program to update plan,”*  - November 7, 2015
* *“Thibodaux bird count set”- December 27*, 2015

***The Times*** (Shreveport, LA)

* *“Estuary program to update plan,” -*  November 7, 2015
* *“Thibodaux bird count”- December 27*, 2015

***The News-Star*** (Monroe, LA)

* *“Thibodaux bird count set”- December 27*, 2015

***The Daily Iberian*** (New Iberia, LA)

* *“Thibodaux bird count is Jan. 2”- December 27*, 2015

***Louisiana Municipal Review***

* *“Bayou Lafourche Cleanup: Microwaves, TVs and Tires, OH MY”- January 2016*

***The Republic*** (Columbus, IN)

* *“Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program to plans on programs that preserve estuaries,” –* November 11, 2015
* *“Several bird enthusiasts participate in National Audubon Society’s bird count in Thibodaux,”* – January 5, 2016

***Katc.com*** (Denham Springs, LA)

* *“Thibodaux bird count set for January,”* – December 2015
* *“Bird enthusiasts participate in Thibodaux bird count”-* January 5, 2016

***PerfScience.com*** (Cleveland, OH)

* *“Christmas Bird Count: Travel around Thibodaux to see Winged visitors”-* January 4, 2016

***Washingtontimes.com*** (Washington, DC)

* *“Thibodaux bird count set for January”-* December 26, 2015

***St. Charles Herald-Guide*** (Boutte, LA)

* *“What’s Happening: State of the Estuary Breakfast”-* November 19, 2015

***Ruston Daily Leader*** (Ruston, LA)

* *“Estuary program to update comprehensive plan”-* November 6, 2015

***The Daily Reveille*** (LSU, Baton Rouge, LA)

* *“Local company helps Louisiana ecosystem with dog treats”-* November 18, 2015

***Jennings Daily News*** (Jennings, LA)

* *“Yellow Rails and Rice Festival underway”-* October 30, 2015

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

* *“Sewage treatment system maintenance class being offered by Nicholls State*”- October 2, 2015

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

* *“Sewage treatment system maintenance class offered*”- October 28, 2015

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

* *“Sewage treatment system maintenance class being offered at Nicholls State*”- November 1, 2015

**Other Interviews:**

* John Upton, Climate Central – Army Corps uses material from its dredging operations for beneficial use– Michael Massimi
* Kylie Dixon, WBRZ (Baton Rouge) – Marsh Dog for a segment called “Made in Louisiana” – Michael Massimi
* Melissa Duet, The Times Newspaper – Union College students planting event – Matt Benoit
* John Upton, Climate Central – Restoration strategies and locations– Michael Massimi
  1. **BTNEP Meetings Report**
* Cultural Diversity, University of Arizona, Dr. D. Austin – Susan Testroet-Bergeron
* ANEP Conference Calls – Susan Testroet-Bergeron and Dean Blanchard
* BTEF Meetings (Various)- Susan Testroet-Bergeron
* LUMCON Camp Discussion – Joe Malbrough, Susan Testroet-Bergeron, Dean Blanchard, Joni Tuck, Allyse Ferrara, Quenton Fontenot, Gary LaFleur
* Bayou Lafourche Cleanup meetings (various) – Alma Robichaux, Seth Moncrief, Susan Testroet-Bergeron, Kristy Monier
* North Lake Boudreaux Basin Freshwater Introduction and Hydrologic Management Public Meeting (CWPRPA TE-32a) – Susan Testroet-Bergeron, Ronnie Paille, USFWS, Al Levron, CPRA staff, TB Smith staff
* DEQ Watershed Coordinator Planning Meetings – Andrew Barron, Dean Blanchard, Susan Testroet-Bergeron
* BTNEP/Shell Oil Co. – Richard DeMay, Dean Blanchard, and Susan Testroet-Bergeron
* Wetlands Youth Summit Planning Meetings – Alma Robichaux and Jonathon Foret
* Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District Meetings – Alma Robichaux
* Terrebonne Parish CZM meetings – Matt Benoit
* Lafourche Parish CZM meetings – Alma Robichaux
* Davis Pond Advisory Panel – Michael Massimi
* Pan Am Communications- Kristy Monier, Susan Testroet-Bergeron, Kerry St. Pé, Steve Mathies, Richard DeMay, Dean Blanchard, Delaina LeBlanc
* Giant Salvinia management webinar with USACE – Michael Massimi
* La Sea Grant Advisory Panel – Alma Robichaux
* OAA decision on Marine Debris Education Grant – Alma Robichaux
* CPRA Framework Development Team Meeting #5 – Michael Massimi and Susan Testroet-Bergeron
* Gulf of Mexico Alliance Environmental Education Team – Alma Robichaux
* Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Crab Trap Removal Meetings – Susan Testroet-Bergeron, Dean Blanchard, Matt Benoit, Seth Moncrief, Julia Lightner, Jeff Marx
* CWPPRA Technical Committee Meeting – Susan Testroet-Bergeron
* Bayou Industrial Group & South Central Industrial Association - Susan Testroet-Bergeron
* Tierra Resources - Possible Mangrove Volunteer Partnership Opportunity - Susan Testroet-Bergeron, Dean Blanchard, Seth Moncrief
* Lowlanders Center meeting with Kris Peterson – Susan Testroet-Bergeron
* Keeping Terrebonne Beautiful – Seth Moncrief, Susan Testroet-Bergeron
* Meeting with Richard Kay to investigate two possible paddle routes near Paradis, LA to feature in the upcoming paddle guide – Michael Massimi
* LUMCON/BTNEP Elder Volunteer Activities meeting with Jennifer Conover – Susan Testroet-Bergeron, Seth Moncrief
  1. EPA Project Status Report
* 2014-15 - Content Development of Bird Calendar – Complete BTNEP Project Manager Richard DeMay
* 2015-18 LA Jr. Master Naturalist and Summer Camps (NPS)-Complete

BTNEP Project Manager Alma Robichaux

* 2015-16 - 2015 Louisiana Wetlands Teacher Workshop (WETSHOP)– Complete

BTNEP Project Manager Alma Robichaux

* 2015-13- 2015 From H2O: A Water Quality Workshop for Teachers-Complete

BTNEP Project Manager Andrew Barron

* 2014-26 - BTNEP Paddle Brochure- Contract Initiated

BTNEP Project Manager Michael Massimi

* 2016-21 - LA Environmental Education Symposium –Request for Contract

BTNEP Project Manager Alma Robichaux

* 2016-22 - 2016 Eagle Expo- Request for Contract BTNEP Project Manager Alma Robichaux

1. **SCHEDULE NEXT BTNEP MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE MEETING DATES**

May 5, 2016; August 4, 2016; November 3, 2016

1. **OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES –**

* Grand Isle Arbor Day Tree Giveaway- February 12 - 13, 2016
* Derelict Crab Trap Removal February 20, 2016
* LA Environmental Education Symposium – February 19-20, 2016
* Eagle Expo -February 25-27, 2016
* Wetlands Youth Summit – March 5, 2016
* Bayou Lafourche Cleanup/Terrebonne Parish Bayou Cleanup –Saturday, March 12, 2016
* Lafourche Parish Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day – March 12, 2016
* City of Thibodaux Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day – March 13, 2016
* Leeville Arts and Heritage Festival – March 19, 2016
* Challenges in Natural Resource Economics and Policy (CNREP) – March 20 to 23, 2016
* Paddle Bayou Lafourche – March 31 to April 3, 2016
* Grand Isle Migratory Bird Festival and Black Bear Festival – April 15 to 17, 2016

1. **DISCUSSION ITEMS-**10:00AM to 12 Noon
   * 1. Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) 2017 Annual Plan – Jason Lanclos, CPRA ( 30 minutes)
     2. Derelict Crab Trap Removal – Barataria Bay – Jeff Marx, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (10 minutes)
     3. CCMP Committee Structure – Susan Testroet-Bergeron, BTNEP (20 minutes)
     4. RESTORE (Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States) Act Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council Presentation- Justin Ehrenwerth and John Ettinger (45 minutes)
2. **New Business**
3. **Adjourn**