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**Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program**

Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #78

9:30 a.m. – Thursday, February 9, 2017

Nicholls State University

Plantation Suite, NSU Student Union

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - 9:30 A.M. – 9:40 A.M.
2. Welcome - Al Levron, BTNEP MC Chairman
3. Roll Call – Nicole Babin, BTNEP Office Coordinator
4. Reading and Approval of Minutes – November 3, 2016 Meeting
5. **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES** - 9:40 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.

* **Personnel Changes –**
* BTNEP’s Coastal Bird Coordinator, Emily Clark has resigned
* **Presentations/Exhibits/Field Trips/ Volunteer Events – October 17, 2016 thru January 22, 2017**
* Alma hosted the Thibodaux Garden Club Rain Barrel Workshop
* Susan, Dean, Seth, Michael, and Matt hosted the Field Session - Preliminary NEP Tour of CWPPRA Coastal Restoration in Barataria Bay
* Alma attended Nicholls State University Green Club to collect acorns
* Seth and Michael conducted the Grand Isle State Park Vegetation Assessment
* BTNEP Staff attended 2016 Sponsor A+ Scholar Wine & Food Tasting Extravaganza
* Seth presented at the Cajun Fly in at the Houma-Terrebonne Airport
* Alma and Susan exhibited at the Louisiana Science Teachers Conference in Baton Rouge, LA
* Siva and Andrew conducted the Watershed Sampling for Bayou Folse
* Alma exhibited at Ocean Commotion for LA Sea Grant
* Siva exhibited at the Louisiana Garden Club Federation Conference
* Alma and Seth hosted the Marine Debris Prevention Program on Elmer’s Island
* Delaina, Emily, and Richard conducted several Piping Plover Surveys
* Delaina attended the Yellow Rails and Rice Festival
* Alma, Siva and Andrew attended Swamp Stomp
* BTNEP Staff visited Wax Lake Outlet Field Trip
* Emily, Natalie and Curtis conducted East Beach Survey
* Delaina conducted Red Knot Surveys
* Natalie conducted a Prothonotary Warbler scouting trip
* Seth, Delaina, Emily, Natalie Andrew and Matt hosted Central Lafourche High School ROTC Grand Island State Park Habitat Restoration
* Emily conducted Substrate Project Construction in Grand Isle
* Seth and Matt hosted a 5-day session with Union College Ridge Planting
* BTNEP Staff attended the Association of National Estuary Programs
* Presenter at RAE Conference - Susan
* BTNEP Staff attended the RAE Conference in New Orleans
* Alma delivered Recycling bins to schools
* Alma picked up Rain Barrels from Coca-Cola
* Delaina, Natalie, and Emily hosted the Thibodaux Christmas Bird Count
* Andrew and Michael presented at the Louisiana Master Naturalist Introductory Workshop
* Seth and Alma hosted the Marine Debris Education Prevention Program with Nicholls Students
* Alma presented at the Bayou Newcomer meeting
* Media Interviews (As of January 24, 2017)

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

* *“Grants aim to control invasive species,”*  - August 16, 2016
* *“Wetlands program targets older people,”*  - September 1, 2016
* *“School Supply Drive planned,”*  - September 3, 2016
* *“Donate school supplies to flood victims,”*  - September 6, 2016
* *“Community Calendar: Estuary Artworks Event*” – September 20, 2016
* *“Donate school supplies for flood victims,”*  - September 21, 2016
* *“Community Calendar: Estuary Artworks Event*” – September 23, 2016
* *“Get a close-up look at aircraft Saturday in Houma,”*  - October 11, 2016
* *“BTNEP coordinator wins state award,”*  - October 31, 2016
* *“Estuary program hopes for more recycling bins,”*  - November 4, 2016
* *“BTNEP employee named to state bird society,”*  - November 17, 2016
* *“Attention, bird*-*watchers: Sign up for the Christmas count,” -*  December 19, 2016
* *“Christmas bird count offers ‘endless learning’”,*  - January 2, 2017

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

* *“Wetlands program targets older people,”*  - September 1, 2016
* *“School Supply Drive planned,”*  - September 3, 2016
* *“Community Calendar: Estuary Artworks Event,”*  - September 14, 2016
* *“Second Annual BTEF White Boot Gala,”*  - September 14, 2016
* *“Community Calendar: Estuary Artworks Event*” – September 20, 2016
* *“Community Calendar: Estuary Artworks Event*” – September 21 2016
* *“Donate school supplies for flood victims,”*  - September 21, 2016
* *“Community Calendar: Estuary Artworks Event*” – September 22, 2016
* *“Community Calendar: Estuary Artworks Event*” – September 24, 2016
* *“BTNEP meeting scheduled for Nov*. 3” – October 22, 2016
* *“BTNEP coordinator wins state award,”*  - October 30, 2016
* *“Scientist to focus on local water quality,”*  - November 6, 2016
* *“BTNEP employee named to state bird society,”*  - November 16, 2016
* *“Terrebonne to start Christmas tree recycling,”*  - December 28, 2016
* *“Attention, bird*-*watchers: Sign up for the Christmas count,” -*  December 19, 2016
* *“Christmas bird count offers ‘endless learning’”,*  - January 2, 2017
* *“Local congressman gets drone demonstration,”*  - January 17, 2017

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

* “*School supply drive for flood-affected students, hosted by BTNEP, to be held through Sept. 20”* – September 15, 2016

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

* “S*upply drive for flood-affected students held through Sept. 20”* – September 15, 2016
* *“BTNEP to host third annual ‘Estuary Artworks’”*  - September 15, 2016
* *“BTNEP coordinator wins award,”*  - November 7, 2016

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

* *“Nunna new addition to BTNEP water quality program”* – November 27, 2016

***BIC*** (Baton Rouge, LA)

* “*Estuary program hopes to get more recycling bins”* – November 4, 2016

**Other Interviews:**

* Denis Paquette, RealWorld Media, Inc. – Coastal erosion/threats and its impact on Native American communities in LA – Susan Testroet-Bergeron – October 17, 2016
* Rachel Rathle, LSU School of Journalism/Mass Communications – Invasive Species – Michael Massimi – November 21, 2016
* **BTNEP Meeting Report**
* Met Wendy Billiot to discuss Prothonotary Warbler partnership – Susan, Nataie and Richard
* Wetland Warriors meeting - Matt
* Louisiana Master Naturalist Board meeting – Andrew and Michael
* Met with USFWS, Anne Hecht - Delaina
* Bayou Folse kickoff conference call – Susan and Andrew
* Spanish Pass-US Army Corps of Engineers Meeting – Susan, Dean, Seth and Matt
* EPA Program Evaluation Preliminary Discussion – BTNEP Staff
* Angela DeGravelles BTNEP 2017 Tidal Graph Calendar - Andrew
* Pre-Construction Meeting regarding the BA-45 Substrate Project Bid and to discuss the work plan – Emily and Richard
* Project Briefing/PR Discussion – Susan, Dean, Andrew and Siva
* Met with Executive Director Dr. Craig McClain, LUMCON - Susan
* Presented Piping Plover Work at Louisiana Ornithological Society meeting - Delaina
* Met with JoAnna Jones - Susan
* Conference call with ANEP EC - Susan
* Shell-BTNEP Bi-monthly summary calls on Saving Marshes & Ridges Together (SMART) project – Susan, Dean, Seth, Matt, and Kristy
* Met with Adam Ledet, CPRA - Emily
* Substrate Project Construction - Emily
* EPA HQ meeting on NEP’s phone conference- Susan
* Governor's Office of Coastal Activities and LA Dept. of Education Meeting - Susan
* Met with Gary LaFleur to discuss scope of services for upcoming apple snail project - Michael
* Blue Carbon call with Stefanie Simpson, RAE - Susan
* CWPPRA Outreach meeting - Alma
* Conference call with Doug Jacobson and Michael Carghan for EPA Program Evaluation - Susan
* Louisiana Master Naturalists of New Orleans meeting on Urban Ecology and Invasive Species in City Park - Michael
* CWPPRA Task Force Committee meeting - Susan
* Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District meeting - Alma
* Met with Nicholls Partnership Development - Seth
* CPRA Framework Development Team meeting - Susan
* Conference call with GOMA Special EE Team - Alma
* Met with Aimee Preau about drainage, dischargers and steps moving forward – Siva and Andrew
* Met with Kevin Clement and Archie Chaisson to discuss sign location for Stormwater Petanque Terrain Project in Peltier Park – Andrew and Matt
* U.S.A.C.E Tiger Pass / Spanish Pass teleconference - Seth
* Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District meeting to discuss the Paddle Trip and Bayou Lafourche Clean up - Susan
* Bayou Industrial Group Luncheon – Alma
* ANEP Conference call - Susan
* Paddle Bayou Lafourche Meeting with Ben Malbrough and Reps from Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District and Friends of Bayou Lafourche – Susan, Dean, Kristy and Nicole
* EPA Program Evaluation Preparation meeting – BTNEP Staff
* Coastal Zone Management meeting - Alma
* Conference call with CPRA about BTNEP Permits – Susan, Dean and Richard
* Met with Lane Lefort – Susan and Kristy

**CCMP REVISION ACTIVITY Meeting since November 3rd, 2016**

* CCMP Committee 1, Coordinated Planning & Implementation - one meeting during this reporting period 12/1/2016
* CCMP Committee 2, Ecological Management – Restoration – has been exchanging emails during this reporting period
* CCMP Committee 3, Ecological Management – Water Quality – three meeting during this reporting period 10/27/2016 and 11/18/2016 and 12/1/2016
* CCMP Committee 4, Ecological Management – Living Resources – has been exchanging emails during this reporting period
* CCMP Committee 5, Sustained Recognition & Citizen Involvement – Citizens – completed drafts
* CCMP Committee 6, Sustained Recognition & Citizen Involvement – Cultural Heritage – one meeting during this reporting period 1/11/2017
* CCMP Committee 7, Sustained Recognition & Citizen Involvement – completed drafts
* CCMP Committee 8, Sustained Recognition & Citizen Involvement - Education – completed drafts
* CCMP Committee 9, Economics - has been exchanging emails during this reporting period
* **Project Status**
* Request for Contract “Brechtel Memorial Park Invasive Species Removal” – EPA Grant No. CE-00666009-1 – 2013-15-3 - Michael Massimi
* Request for Contract “Salvinia Weevil Distribution to Coastal Marshes” – EPA Grant NO. CE-00666009-1 – 2013-15-1 – Michael Massimi
* Request for Contract “Habitat Enhancement for Native Wildlife and Migratory Birds at Woodlands Conservancy” – EPA Grant No. CE-00666009-1 – 2013-15-2 - Michael Massimi
* Request for Contract “Parc des Familles Chinese Tallow Control” – EPA Grant NO. CE-00666009-1 – 2013-15-4 – Michael Massimi
* Request for Contract “Evaluation of Crowding as a Management Strategy for Improving Giant Salvinia Biological Control Performance” – EPA Grant No. CE-00666013 -2017-17 - Michael Massimi
* Final Deliverable: “Homeowner’s Guide to Improving Water Quality”, EPA Tracking 2012-32, Andrew Barron
* Final Deliverable: “Residents Guide to Managing Invasive Species”, EPA Tracking 2012-30, Michael Massisi
* Final Deliverable: “Recreation Surface and Rainwater Retention/Infiltration Basin”, EPA Tracking 2012-36, Andrew Barron

1. **SCHEDULE NEXT BTNEP MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE MEETING DATE** – 9:50 A.M. – 9:55 A.M.

* Save the Date - May 4, 2017 - Cotillion Ballroom @ NSU Student Union
* Save the Date - August 3, 2017 - Plantation Suite @ NSU Student Union
* Save the Date – November 2, 2017 - Plantation Suite @ NSU Student Union

1. **OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING BTNEP/BTEF DATES** –

* Bayou Lafourche Cleanup 2017 – Saturday, March 11, 2017 (8am – 12pm)
* 2017 Paddle Bayou Lafourche – Thursday, March 23 thru Sunday, March 26, 2017

1. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** – 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

* BTENP CCMP Update – BTNEP Staff - (1 hour)
  + Coordinated Planning and Implementation – Dean Blanchard and Susan Testroet-Bergeron
  + Ecological Management- Michael Massimi, Andrew Barron, Matt Benoit, Richard DeMay, and Alma Robichaux
  + Sustained Recognition and Citizen Involvement – Seth Moncrief, Kristy Monier, and Alma Robichaux
  + Economic Growth – Susan Testroet-Bergeron and Dean Blanchard
* CPRA 2017 Coastal Master Plan – Bren Hasse
  + Presentation (30 minutes)
    - Discusion (30 Minutes)

1. **New Business**
2. **Adjourn**