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**Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program**

Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #80

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 pm Tuesday, August 3, 2017

Nicholls State University

Plantation Suite, NSU Student Union

* **CALL TO ORDER** - 9:30 A.M. – 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 – April 25, 2017 Meeting

* **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES** - 9:40 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.
* **Personnel Changes –**  None
* **Presentations/Exhibits/Field Trips/ Volunteer Events – April 10, 2017 thru July 16, 2017**
* Delaina conducted Ghost Crab Surveys related to the Shorebird Substrate project
* Natalie conducted the Prothonotary Warbler Monitoring
* Natalie, Richard and Delaina attended the CPRA Caminada Headlands Dedication Event
* Alma presented at the 4H Junior Leaders
* Delaina conducted Red Knot Surveys
* Delaina, Natalie, and Richard conducted Piping Plover Surveys
* Siva presented a Water Quality Presentation at the Thibodaux Public Library
* Alma attended the Trash Free Waters Webinar
* Siva and Andrew conducted the watershed sampling for Bayou Folse twice per month
* Matt, Seth, Susan and Dean attended the BTNEP/Shell Planting at Port Fourchon
* Natalie attended the Grand Isle Migratory Bird Festival
* Delaina attended the Master Naturalists in Grand Isle
* Alma attended the Trash Free Waters Webinar
* Michael attended a Webinar on Phargmites Scale
* Matt collected Red Mulberry seed at Woodlands Conservancy
* Siva attended EPA’s Beta Water Finance Clearinghouse Webinar
* Alma presented at Leadership Terrebonne
* Siva attended the Chauvin Folk Art Festival
* Alma attended the Master Garden Plant Sale
* Delaina conducted the Shorebird Substrate project
* Alma presented at the Louisiana Recycling Coalition in New Orleans
* Alma presented at Cajun Day at the Larose/Cut Off School
* Richard, Natalie and Delaina conducted Coastal Breeding Bird Surveys
* Alma and Siva presented at the Terrebonne Aquatic Clinic for 5th Graders in Terrebonne Parish
* Seth hosted the Gunston School at Nicholls State University Farm
* Alma presented at Lockport Middle School Teaching Water Quality
* Seth and Matt hosted the LDNR Tidal Creek Planting
* Michael was the key note speaker the Louisiana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
* Andrew and Siva hosted and presented at the H-2-O Teacher Workshop at LUMCON
* Michael and Andrew presented at the Louisiana Master Naturalist of Greater New Orleans Workshops
* Alma and Seth conducted the Marine Debris Education Prevention Program on Elmer’s Island
* Alma presented at Ocean Friends Forever Day
* Michael presented at the Grand Isle Garden Club meeting on the use of native plants for landscaping and wildlife habitat
* Susan attended the Tillamook Bay NEP Review with EPA and TEP
* Andrew and Siva presented at the Water Quality Education Summer Science camp at Nicholls
* Alma and Delaina presented at the Grand Isle WETSHOP
* Seth presented at the Conoco Phillips Wetland Discovery Camp
* Alma attended NOAA Marine Debris Workshop at Nicholls State University
* Michael and Matt attended the Coastal Day Open House at Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center
* Seth presented at the Bayou Grace Christ and Holy Trinity Church
* Susan attended the Lafourche Chamber Legislative Breakfast
* Alma attended the TREC
* Susan and Dean attended the SCIA BIG’s Legislative Luncheon
* Andrew participated in the Bio-blitz City Park New Orleans
* Media Interviews (As of July 10, 2017)

*Daily Comet* (Thibodaux, LA)

* *“From Buffalo to the Bayou,”* - February 20, 2017
* *“Registration still open for Paddle Bayou Lafourche,”* - February 25, 2017
* *“Community Calendar, Paddle Bayou Lafourche,” –* March 14, 2017
* *“Community Calendar, Paddle Bayou Lafourche,” –* March 23, 2018
* *“Cajun music society to celebrate with concert,”* – March 29, 2017
* *“Slow progress, Bayou Lafourche Cleanup collects over 20 tons of trash,”* - March 31, 2017
* *“EPA cuts slash funds for estuary program,”* - April 12, 2017
* *“This celebration is for the birds,” -*  April 18, 2017
* “*Estuary program ponders budget cuts,”* - April 19, 2017
* *“Coastal Louisiana celebrates Earth Day,”* April 21, 2017
* *“Local wetlands group braces for program cuts,”* - April 26, 2017
* *“Creating a Culture for Clean Water,”* - April 27, 2017
* *“BTNEP’s Bayou Lafourche Clean Up Results are in,”* - April 27, 2017
* *“On our Radar: 5 Stories We’re Watching This Week – Is there support for environmental budget cutting?”* – May 1, 2017

*Houma Courier* (Houma, LA)

* *“Coastal Louisiana celebrates Earth Day,”* April 21, 2017

*Thibodaux Chamber Insight* (Thibodaux, LA)

* *“Creating a Culture for clean water,” –* April 27, 2017
* *“BTNEP’s Bayou Lafourche Clean Up results are in,”* - April 27, 2017
* *“Shell Volunteers Join BTNEP in Fourchon Ridge and Marsh Project”* – May 25, 2017

*Pointe Coupee Banner* (New Roads, LA)

* *“Pointe Coupee’s Bluebird trail adopts Valverda Elementary as a site”* – May 18, 2017

*Times-Picayune* (New Orleans, LA)

* *“On Louisiana’s coast, new land – and trees – rise from open water,”* - April 21, 2017

*Bastrop Daily Enterprise* (Bastrop, LA)

* *“Shell Volunteers Join BTNEP in Fourchon Ridge and Marsh Project”* – April 24, 2017

*Gonzales Weekly Citizen* (Gonzales, LA)

* *“Shell Volunteers Join BTNEP in Fourchon Ridge and Marsh Project”* – April 24, 2017
* *“Registration still open for 16th Annual Paddle Bayou Lafourche event,”* - March 9, 2017

*Lafourche Gazette* (Larose, LA)

* *“Registration open for annual Paddle Bayou Lafourche event,”* - March 5, 2017
* *“Volunteers sought for Bayou Cleanup Saturday,”* - March 8, 2017
* *“BTNEP gearing up for Bayou Lafourche Cleanup this Saturday,”* - March 8, 2017
* *“BTNEP’s Bayou Lafourche Cleanup results are in,”* April 5, 2017

*Advocate* (Baton Rouge, LA)

* *“Federal help still key for saving Gulf,”* April 22, 2017

*Nicholls Worth* (Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA)

* *“Faculty and students discuss Governor’s coastal erosion plan,”* April 6, 2017

*Shell Oil Company Newsletter*

* *“Shell Volunteers and BTNEP, Saving Marshes and Ridges Together,”*

Other Interviews:

* Juan Sanchez, WDSU, New Orleans, Channel 6 – Highlighting BTNEP’s Conservation Coordinator – Natalie Waters – May 31, 2017
* Sharon Coogle, Koupal Communications, CWPPRA Watermarks – Invasive species: a threat to the wetlands, a concern for restoration – Michael Massimi – May 31, 2017
* Jason Brown, Plaquemines Gazette – the uptick in muskrat sightings in Barataria – Michael Massimi – June 15, 2017
* BTNEP Meeting Report
* Gulf of Mexico Avian Monitoring Network (GOMAMN) meeting in Lafayette - Delaina
* Budmat schedule to reach Construction Award – Seth and Susan
* CWPPRA Outreach meeting - Alma
* ORD-NEP Webinar - Susan
* Water Quality meeting about the Lake Fields Proposal - Andrew, Susan, Siva, Seth, and Dean
* Louisiana Recycle Coalition Board Meeting in Baton Rouge - Alma
* Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District meeting - Alma
* Lafourche Parish Coastal Zone Management meeting - Alma
* Port Fourchon/BTNEP/Shell SMART Planning meeting - Susan
* Jeremy Grassman reference to BTNEP Video – Kristy and Susan
* Conference call with EPA Headquarters Michael Craghan - BTNEP Programmatic Review – Susan and Dean
* ANEP, EPA and Congressional Visits in Washington, D.C. – Susan and Dean
* Terrebonne Parish Coastal Zone Management - Matt
* Gulf of Mexico Alliance Conference call - Alma
* Tillamook Program Evaluation Conference call with Nancy Laurson, Susan, and Joel
* Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District meeting - Alma
* Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District meeting with Ben Malbrough - Michael
* BTNEP Program Evaluation planning call – Susan and Dean, Doug and Michael Craghan
* CPRA Board meeting - Susan
* Tillamook PE Team Conference call with Lisa Phipps - Susan
* Ocean Acidification Conference call - Alma
* WETSHOP Planning meeting - Alma
* Lafourche Parish Government on Bayou Folse Project - Andrew, Siva, Susan and Dean
* Lauren Averill, Jefferson Parish Coastal Zone Coordinator meeting - Susan
* Conference call with Shall/SMART – Seth, Matt, Susan, Dean and Kristy
* Kicking Off Hurricane Preparedness Sean Symposium – Susan
* CCMP Design and Layout meeting – Kristy, Susan and Nicole
* Webinar for Marine Debris - Alma
* ANEP Conference call – Susan and Dean
* Meeting with Animator Joey Blake to view the latest work on animation of the geographic history of the Mississippi River – Kristy and Susan
* Meeting with Christie Landry to discuss doing a presentation for Summer Science Camp at Nicholls State University - Siva
* LA Safe meeting - Seth
* Program Evaluation – BTNEP Staff, BTNEP Management Conference Members
* ANEP Executive Committee call – Susan and Dean
* Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission meeting – Andrew
* CPRA Governor’s Advisory’s Commission Meeting – Susan, Matt, and Michael
* Phone Conference with Adam Saslow reference to Trash Free Waters - Alma

**Project Status**

* Request for Payment “Louisiana Estuary Photos” EPA Grant CE-00666009 – EPA Tracking No. 2013-28 – Kristy Monier
* Request for Contract “Monitoring, Enumeration, and Natural Depredation Assessment of Maculata Apple Snails in the BTES” EPA Grant No. #CE-00666010 – EPA Tracking No. 2014-24
* Request for Payment “Evaluation of Crowding as a Management Strategy for Improving Giant Salvinia Biological Control Performance” EPA Grant No. #CE-00666013 – EPA Tracking No. 2017-17
* Request for Contract “Design and Layout of the 2018 Tidal Graph Calendar” EPA Grant No. #CE-00666013 – EPA Tracking No. 2017-08
* **SCHEDULE NEXT BTNEP MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE MEETING DATE –**

9:50 A.M. – 9:55 A.M.

* Save the Date – November 2, 2017 - Plantation Suite @ NSU Student Union
* Save the Date – February 1, 2018 – Plantation Suite @ NSU Student Union
* Save the Date – May 3, 2018 – Plantation Suite @ NSU Student Union
* Save the Date – August 2, 2018 – Plantation Suite @ NSU Student Union
* **OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING BTNEP/BTEF DATES –**
* Estuary Artwork Drawing Opens September 1-15, 2017
* National Estuaries Week September 17-23, 2017
* BTEF White Boot Gala – September 19, 2017
* National Science Teachers Association in New Orleans November 30 – December 2, 2017
* **DISCUSSION ITEMS –** 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon
* Louisiana Student Standards for Science (LSSS) – “The New Standards”

Nathan Cotten; Louisiana Science Teachers Association (LSTA) - (15 minutes)

* Update on Phragmites Scale Invasion Dr. Rodrigo Diaz; Louisiana State University LSU Ag Center - (30 minutes)
* LA Safe – Louisiana Strategic Adaptations for Future Environments Nick Matherne; CBI - (30 minutes)
* Terracing Program and Freshwater Enhancement Projects of Ducks Unlimited Leslie Suazo; Coastal Restoration Coordinator Ducks Unlimited/Conoco Phillips Partnership - (20 minutes)
* **New Business Resolution**
  + Hypoxia in the Gulf - Doug Daigle, Dr. Nancy Rabalais & Andrew Barron
* **Adjourn**