

Oyster Tag Sales By Type

7/1/10 -6/30/11

	July	August	September			
Generic Blk/Wht		1,000				
Personalized Blk/Wht		58,000				
Generic Green	5,000	10,000	10,000			
Laser Blue	18,000	6,000	12,000			
Personalized Laser Blk/Wht	<u>18,000</u>					
Total	41,000	75,000	22,000	0	0	0

State Oyster 2005 - Transaction Report 2010 - ETD

6/30/2009 through 10/8/2010

Date	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
10/8/2010	EXPENSES			-880.94
	D (TRAVEL) OBJ 2500 -2690			-880.94
	2610 OUT OF STATE			-880.94
	9/2/2010	LUCIEN GUNTER		-880.94
	Balance Forward	Oyster Event travel (DC)		165,000.00
	FY_11_RC_2005_State Oyster			165,000.00
	6/30/2009	Opening Balance		165,000.00
			OVERALL TOTAL	164,119.06

SEAFOOD PROMOTION AND MARKETING BOARD
 FINANCIAL REPORT OYSTER DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT (W18)
 FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011
 AS OF October 11, 2010

Reporting Category - 2005	BUDGET	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	PRE ENCUMBERED	REMAINING BALANCE
EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES:					
Salaries	38,000.00	19,288.46			18,711.54
Other Compensation					
Related Benefits	11,464.00	5,544.76			5,919.24
Travel	43,736.00	853.82			42,882.18
Operating Services	31,000.00				31,000.00
Supplies	200.00				200.00
Professional Services	40,600.00				40,600.00
Other Charges					
Acquisitions					
Interagency Transfers					
Total	165,000.00	25,687.04	-	-	139,312.96
Fund Balance Available					40,421.95



September 9, 2010

Senator Landrieu
328 Hart Senate Office
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Landrieu,

We wish to express our appreciation for your work toward restoring our coastal fisheries in the aftermath of the BP oil spill. It is especially great to realize that we can join together to solve the serious challenges facing Louisiana's oyster industry.

One issue that we would like to bring to your attention relates to income tax on funds received for oil spill damages. Damage compensation for many of the small businesses, including oystermen, will likely be based on the length of time (multiple years) that it may take for full recovery. Damage settlements, however, will most often be a lump sum payment, and our understanding is that current IRS rules would tax the total damage settlement in the year it is received. This would cause an abnormally high tax cost for the damaged business.

We would like to point out that it would be extremely beneficial to the affected businesses, if provisions were made through Congress, to have the IRS allow the income from the BP damage compensation payment to be averaged over multiple years. By spreading the tax liability over multiple years, businesses would have more time to invest the funds in rebuilding their business and would have a lower tax liability as a result.

We hope that you can help us solve this very serious issue that will affect thousands of businesses on the Gulf Coast. We thank you for your efforts in helping small businesses, and in particular for being a friend of Louisiana's oyster industry. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

John Tesvich
Chairman
Louisiana Oyster Task Force



September 9, 2010

Honorable Bobby Jindal, Governor
P.O.Box 94004
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9004

Dear Governor Jindal,

Due to the effects of the BP oil spill on oyster harvests, the Louisiana Oyster Task Force is realizing a severe revenue shortfall. We are asking for some short-term financial assistance in order that the LOTF can meet its normal financial obligations.

The Oyster Development Fund is funded by a 5 cent fee added to oyster tags under the auspices of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Normally the development account receives about \$160,000 annually. On behalf of the LOTF, the monies are administered by the office of the Louisiana Seafood Marketing and Promotion Board, as authorized by the LDWF.

The effects of oil spill has severely limited oyster harvesting in our state, and as such we are expecting that revenue to the Oyster Development Fund will be nearly \$100,000 less than on normal years. We ask for your assistance in funding this shortfall during this extraordinary period and until such time that oyster harvests can be expected to return to normal levels.

We thank you for your kind consideration of this matter.

Sincerely Yours,

John A. Tesvich, Chairman

cc:

Robert Barham, Secretary DWF
Sec. House Appropriations Committee
Sec. Senate Appropriations Committee



September 9, 2010

Robert Barham
LA Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries
P.O.Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898

Dear Secretary Barham,

At their August 27th 2010 meeting members of the Louisiana Oyster Task Force unanimously recommended to request that the Department provide assistance to oyster lease owners in assessing damages to oyster crops that were directly or indirectly impacted by the BP oil spill, the preventative measures taken, and/or clean-up work which ensued.

The widespread resource damages across the Gulf Coast have made it a challenge for oyster lease-owners to find certified marine biologists to document their losses. For this reason it would be extremely beneficial if the DWLF staff biologists were made available to provide assistance to the oyster industry to document the extent of crop losses by regions, if not by specific lease. This information along with the public seed ground damage assessments, would give the "whole picture" of the extent of the total resource damage, which would help in documenting requests for mitigation.

We want to work together in the recovery effort and we greatly appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely Yours,

John A. Tesvich, Chairman

cc Randy Pausina, Deputy Secretary



BOBBY JINDAL
GOVERNOR

State of Louisiana

ROBERT J. BARHAM
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
OFFICE OF SECRETARY

October 14, 2010

Mr. John Tesvich, Chairman
Louisiana Oyster Task Force
2021 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 300
New Orleans, LA 70122

Dear Chairman Tesvich:

I am in receipt of your letters, dated September 9 and October 13, 2010, from the Louisiana Oyster Task Force, which requested assistance in assessing damages to our state's oyster resources. The Department is in the process of conducting regional assessments of both public and private oyster growing areas. Once this process has been completed, we will provide the information obtained to you and the other Task Force members. We may also present that information to the Task Force at a later date. I regret that we will be unable to present our findings at the upcoming meeting on October 19.

In response to your request for a Department biologist to report on individual leases, we are unfortunately not staffed to conduct such a large-scale effort. However, we are confident that our regional assessment will provide sufficient detail to allow individual lease holders to estimate mortalities that occurred throughout the event.

We are dedicated to continuing to work with your group, as well as all of our industry partners, to assess any impacts caused by the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The Department is continuing to work with industry to conduct basin-wide assessments and will report those findings to the industry and your Task Force as they become available.

Thank you so much for reaching out to us to let us know what the needs of the industry are. We will continue to work to provide as much detailed information as possible and are grateful for your partnership in those efforts.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Barham
Secretary

I. Resolution

Subject: Oyster Leases to be exchanged

Proposal: To send to Committee for the study and recommendation to the Oyster Task Force for action!!!

- A.** Moving the Red Line ~~East of the Mississippi river~~ allowing lease holders to exchange for more suitable leases that can sustain oysters due to the fresh water diversions both present and future.

- B.** Studies should include the creation of inner and outer Red Line areas which may allow the expansion of the Seed Ground area. This allows maximum use of resources when available.

- C.** Committee should have public hearings that would allow input from the industry and those affected by any recommendations proposed to Wild Life & Fisheries by the Oyster Task Force on these matters.



Louisiana Oyster Task Force Enforcement Committee

Tuesday Oct 19, 2010 11:00 AM

UNO Advanced Technology Center, 2021 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 210

AGENDA

The Louisiana Oyster Task Force Legislative Committee will meet at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 19, prior to the 1 p.m. Oyster Task Force Board Meeting.

Items for discussion are:

- I. Possible legislation and current laws related to the enforcement of a standard sack measurement on board vessels and dockside.