

LOTF MEETING NOTICE

Monday July 27, 2009

1:00 p.m.

**UNO Advanced Technology Center
2021 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 300
New Orleans, La. 70122**

Agenda

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL of June 22, 2009 MINUTES
- III. OYSTER DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT INFORMATION
 - a. Oyster Tag Sales- (LSPMB Staff)
 - b. LOTF Financial Report-(LSPMB)
 - c. Crop Insurance Reimbursement- (Ewell Smith)
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Department of Health and Hospitals
 - a. Update on Joint Health/DWF Committee Meeting Regarding DHH Logs and LDWF Trip Tickets - *David Guilbeau*
 - b. Joint Health/DWF request to look at the variables in water temp found near the water bottom compared to water temp found near the top of the water column to see if the *Vibrio* calculator can be adjusted to reflect those differences
 - c. Update on Sabine Lake (DHH)
 - d. Update on Maps that include Areas, Seasonal Closures and Longitudes/Latitudes
 - B. Governor's Office on Coastal Affairs
 - a. Ostrica Locks construction update (Jerome Zeringue)
 - b. Annual Report on oyster leases affected by coastal restoration projects
 - C. Department of Natural Resources
 - D. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
 - a. Update on Maps that include DEQ Areas, Health Areas, Seasonal Closures and Longitudes/Latitudes
 - b. POLR Program Update
 - E. Public & Private Oyster Grounds Committee (Buddy Pausina)
 - a. Biological surveys following permitted coastal activities
 - b. Study group report on exemptions for Coastal Zone permit requirements for concrete mats
 - c. SeaGrant Legal opinion on land-water ownership
 - F. Enforcement (Keith Lacaze)
 - G. Legislative (Mike Voisin)
 - a. Set Meeting with DWF to develop harvesting rules for the "planting only" portion of public harvest season
 - H. Research- (John Supan)
 - a. Dermo Study- Waterbottoms mail-out
 - b. Educating the harvesters and dealers prior to obtaining a commercial license
 - I. Coastal Restoration (Jerome Zeringue)
 - J. Coastal Restoration Activity Impact Sub-Committee- (John Tesvich)
 - a. Plans for Myrtle Grove Large-scale River Diversion -- The effect it will have on Barataria Bay
 - K. Oyster Resource Advisory Committee (Mike Voisin)
 - a. Oyster Season Recommendations
 - L. Marketing (Mike Voisin) *NO UPDATE*
 - a. Briefing Book
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. LOTF position on Diversions, Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection, Restoration and Conservation- Their next meeting is August 20, 2009
 - B. Oyster Vessel Seed Ground Permit legislation and notifying the Oyster Community- (Mike Voisin)
 - C. Hurricane relief fund distribution among the seafood industry sectors - (Jakov Jurisic)
 - D. Operation of Caernarvon Freshwater Diversion (Kenny Fox)
 - E. Recording of Oyster Leases (Mike Voisin)
- VIII. Set Next Meeting
- IX. ADJOURN

Oyster Task Force

June 22, 2009

Present: Wilbert Collins, Dan Coulon, Keith Lacaze, Ralph Pausina, Al Sunseri, Mike Voisin, Wilson Voisin, Peter Vujnovich, Karim Belhadjali in for Jerome Zeringue.

Absent: Shane Bagala, Glenn Cambre, Leo Dyson, Jakov Jurisic, Kirk Rhinehart, Brad Robin and John Tesvich

Wilbert made motion to accept minutes, Mike Voisin second

III. Oyster tag sales, 136, 890

Report from Ewell

Mike moved to adopt the 2009/2010 budget, second by Wilbert Collins. Motion carries.

Mike suggested that each meeting they receive a budget similar to the one delivered today, outlining how much has been spent.

Mike made a motion to set up a meeting with appropriate personnel at WLF to discuss the travel budget, Buddy second. Motion carried.

Move VII. A to new business. Motion by Mike second by Wilbert.

Motion by Mike Voisin to LSPMB to expend federal grants to fund 2010 oyster festival, up to \$12,500 to cover video cost and related expenses, second by Wilbert.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Dept. Health and Hospitals

a. Draft of combined Trip ticket and DHH log sheet passed out.

B. Governor's Office on Coastal Affairs

b. they can come to the august meeting and talk about upcoming projects.

C. Department of Natural Resources

a. Update from Karl Morgan about concrete maps

Mike made a motion that Mr. Buddy be the representative from the board to discuss HCR 105. Second by Wilbert. Motion carries.

D. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

E. Public and Private Oyster Grounds Committee

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G. House Bill 191 by Dove passed both houses, signed by speaker
HB 390 by Henderson was signed by speaker, HB 542 is waiting on house
concurrence, HB 702 is now 105, HB 102 is pending house concurrence,

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J.

K.

VII. a. moved to beginning

Moratorium lifting committee is setting a meeting in July, Mike requested the OTF members show up.

Mike made a motion that we request sea grant legal provide us with an opinion on what is considered water bottoms. Second by Mr. Pausina. Motion carries. Mr. Buddy will make the request to Jim Wilkins at LSU Sea grant.

VIII. Next meeting will be July 27, Monday @ 1 p.m. here.

Mike made a motion to adjourn

Wilbert second the motion.

Health Committee Meeting

July 21, 2009

Tenney Sibley
Michelle Kasprzak
John Roussel
David Guilbeau
Merri Schneider (P&J Oyster)
Karen Foot
Gordon LeBlanc
Patrick Banks
Keith LeCaze
Christopher Lemaire
Amy Courtney

The main topic discussed is the trip ticket.

Patrick explained the form suggested by Wilson was being reviewed by the employees in the field.

Keith sent the information to Steve McManus and he stated that there are 5 issues that need to be reviewed.

5 issues:

- 1 During the course of our enforcement patrols, OSF and other patrol agents seize the DHH log sheets routinely because the sheet was not filled out, filled out incorrectly or it was incomplete. The DHH form, which was seized as evidence, is then copied with agent's comments and forwarded with the agents report. The original is kept for trial. Because these sheets would now include a numbered trip ticket, this might cause a problem with the tracking of trip tickets for the dealer/department.
- 2 Because it is required to fill out a log sheet for bedding by DHH rule, the harvester log sheet should have a designated section for bedding listed on the form. This might also help us control the illegal activity that occurred during the bedding only season when some fishermen were making sacks on the seed ground areas.
- 3 It was my understanding some time back that DHH was going to make Post Harvest Treatment oysters fall under the same time temperature requirement as Shucking. Unless I am missing something, it still is unclear which category they would fall under; therefore, it might be a good idea to have a designated section that identifies For Post Harvest Treatment. If the time temp requirement for Post Harvest Treatment is the same as Shucking, we could

change the section that designates shucking to read the same as the new green tag which states (FOR SHUCKING BY A CERTIFIED DEALER OR POST HARVEST TREATMENT)

- 4 A copy of the form would have to remain on the boat for 15 days to be in compliance with DHH Rule
- 5 If the fishermen were the ones that filled out both sections on the form on behalf of the dealer (I'm not sure if that is the intention), there would predictably be some confusion because the harvest areas on the log sheets are different than the trip ticket.

These issues will be taken into consideration when preparing the new form.

David stated that if the forms are merged there will have to be rulemaking for DHH.

Merri Schneider with industry created her own trip ticket (see attached scanned document, Merri will be emailing this to Wildlife and Fisheries). The main issue that she sees now is the redundancy of what has to be written it is overwhelming. Fishermen don't know how to complete tickets more lines need to be added for when mistakes happen.

Patrick explained that it is not the responsibility of the fisherman to complete the forms.

John suggested the idea that taking the trip ticket tracking number and using it on the time temperature log sheet.

Merri suggested that the new form be color coded to the oyster tags.

Patrick informed the committee that the new suggested form will be reviewed.

7/27/09

2009/2010 Oyster Season Proposal

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OTF Committee Recommendations

LDWF proposal as of 7/23/09

Public Oyster Area

<u>Public Oyster Area</u>	<u>LDWF proposal as of 7/23/09</u>	<u>OTF Committee Recommendations</u>
CSA I - Primary Public Grounds north of MRGO	Sept 9 -23 Nov 2 - April 1 (2009 cultch plant CLOSED)	Sept 9 - 23 Oct 28 - April 1 (2009 cultch plant CLOSED)
CSA II - Bay Gardene - Black Bay, Breton Sound Sacking Only Area Primary Public Grounds south of MRGO	Same as CSA I (2009 cultch plant CLOSED)	Same as CSA I (2009 cultch plant CLOSED)
CSA III - Hackberry Bay (except cultch plant) - Barataria Bay - Little Lake	All 2009 Cultch Plants CLOSED: 3-Mile Pass, Black Bay, Sister Lake Calcasieu Lake Nov 2-9; 2008 CP: Nov 2-5 Sept 9-23 Same as CSA I/II	Statewide <u>Daily Sack Limit</u> : 50 sacks Statewide <u>Possession Limit</u> : 100 sacks (with the exception of Calcasieu Lake) Oct 28 - Nov. 4; 2008 CP: ? Sept 9 - 30 Same as CSA I/II
CSA IV - Lake Chien, Lake Felicity - Deep Lake, Lake Tambour	CLOSED CLOSED	CLOSED CLOSED
CSA V - Sister Lake (except cultch plant) - Bay Junop - Lake Mechant (except cultch plant)	Nov 2-16; (2009 CP: CLOSED) CLOSED CLOSED	Oct 28 - Nov. 13 (2009 CP: CLOSED) CLOSED CLOSED
CSA VI - Vermilion Bay	Sept 9 - April 30	Sept 9 - April 30
CSA VII - Calcasieu Lake (east and west side) - Sabine Lake	Oct 15 - April 30; 20-sack limit CLOSED	Oct 15 - April 30; 20-sack limit Open when DHH allows; 20-sack limit

2009 DERMO RESULTS
EAST OF RIVER & HACKBERRY BAY

	Seed		Market	
	Prevalance	Weighted Incidence	Prevalance	Weighted Incidence
Bay Gardene	73%	0.4	93%	0.5
Lonesome I.	53%	0.4	80%	0.4
Mozambique Pt.	60%	0.6	92%	0.5
N. Black Bay	20%	0.1	53%	0.3
S. Black Bay	93%	0.5	100%	0.5
Bay Crabe	73%	0.4	93%	1.0
Telegraph Pt.	80%	0.4	100%	0.8
Grand Pass	60%	0.3	100%	1.2
Three Mile	96%	0.4	93%	0.5
Hackberry Bay	60%	0.3	47%	0.2

Mackin Scale used to determine incidence.

2009 Louisiana Oyster Task Force Roll Call

Last Name	First Name	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Bagala	Shane							27 th					
Banks	Patrick							✓					
Cambre	Glenn							✓					
Collins	Wilbert							✓					
Coulon	Dan							✓					
Dyson	Leo							✓					
Jurisc	Jakov							✓					
Lacaze	Keith							✓					
Pausina	Ralph							✓					
Paton	Dora Dennis							✓					
Rhinghart	Kirk							✓					
Robin	Brad							✓					
Sunseri	Al							✓					
Tesvich	John							✓					
Voisin	Mike							✓					
Voisin	Wilson							✓					
Vujnovich	Peter							✓					
Zeringue	Kevin Jerome							✓					

Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection,
Restoration and Conservation
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON COASTAL
PROTECTION, RESTORATION AND CONSERVATION**

The next meeting of the Governor's Advisory Commission on
Coastal Protection, Restoration and Conservation has been
scheduled for:

Thursday, August 20, 2009

9:00 am

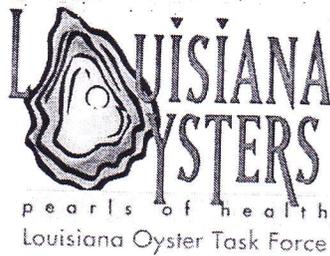
State Capitol

4th Floor Press Conference Room

900 North 3rd Street

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

If you need further information, please call
The Office of Coastal Activities at (225) 342-3968



April 22, 2009

Mr. Robert Barham
Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
2000 Quail Drive
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808

RE: Law Change Request During Bedding Only Portion of the Oyster Season on Public Seed Grounds

Dear Secretary Barham,

At the last Louisiana Oyster Task Force, (LOTF), meeting we discussed some issues that cause concerns to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, (DWF), enforcement agents during the bedding only portion of the oyster season on the public seed grounds. We've learned that these concerns have handicapped the DWF enforcement agents from properly determining if an individual is in violation of this law while working on the public seed grounds.

The following are the changes to the law that the DWF enforcement agents discussed at the last LOTF meeting that may correct their concerns:

- A) Preclude an oyster harvester from having any sacks or containers which may be used to hold oysters on board that vessel while harvesting during the bedding only portion of the oyster season on the public seed grounds.
- B) All oysters on board an oyster harvest vessel in the public seed grounds during the bedding only portion of the oyster season shall be determined to have been harvested from the public seed grounds.
- C) Establish that no oyster harvester shall have a record of a sale for oysters on the same day that he has harvested oysters from the public seed grounds during the bedding only portion of the oyster season.

The LOTF would like to meet with the DWF officials to draft legislation that would correct the concerns listed above.

Sincerely,

Alfred R. Sunseri
Chairman
Louisiana Oyster Task Force



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GOVERNOR

State of Louisiana

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
OFFICE OF FISHERIES

ROBERT J. BARHAM
SECRETARY
RANDY PAUSINA
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

July 13, 2009

Al Sunseri, Chairman
Louisiana Oyster Task Force
2021 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 300
New Orleans, LA 70122

RE: Law change request during bedding only portion of the oyster season on public seed grounds

Dear Mr. Sunseri:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 22, 2009, requesting to meet with the Department regarding possible legislation to strengthen the enforceability of the bedding only season on portions of the Public Seed Grounds.

We would welcome such a meeting, and suggest that you use the OTF Seed Ground Committee as the forum to accomplish this. Enforcement and Marine Fisheries divisions would participate. The concepts that you have listed include a prohibition on sacks or containers during the bedding season, presumption that any oysters on board on during a bedding only season are from the restricted seed ground and a prohibition on same day sales of oysters when the harvester has taken seed oysters from a bedding only area. Other concepts may come up during the discussion.

Sincerely,

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Robert J. Barham
Secretary



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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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July 16, 2009

Al Sunseri, Chairman
Louisiana Oyster Task Force
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RE: Overlaying of DHH maps with DEQ trip ticket maps

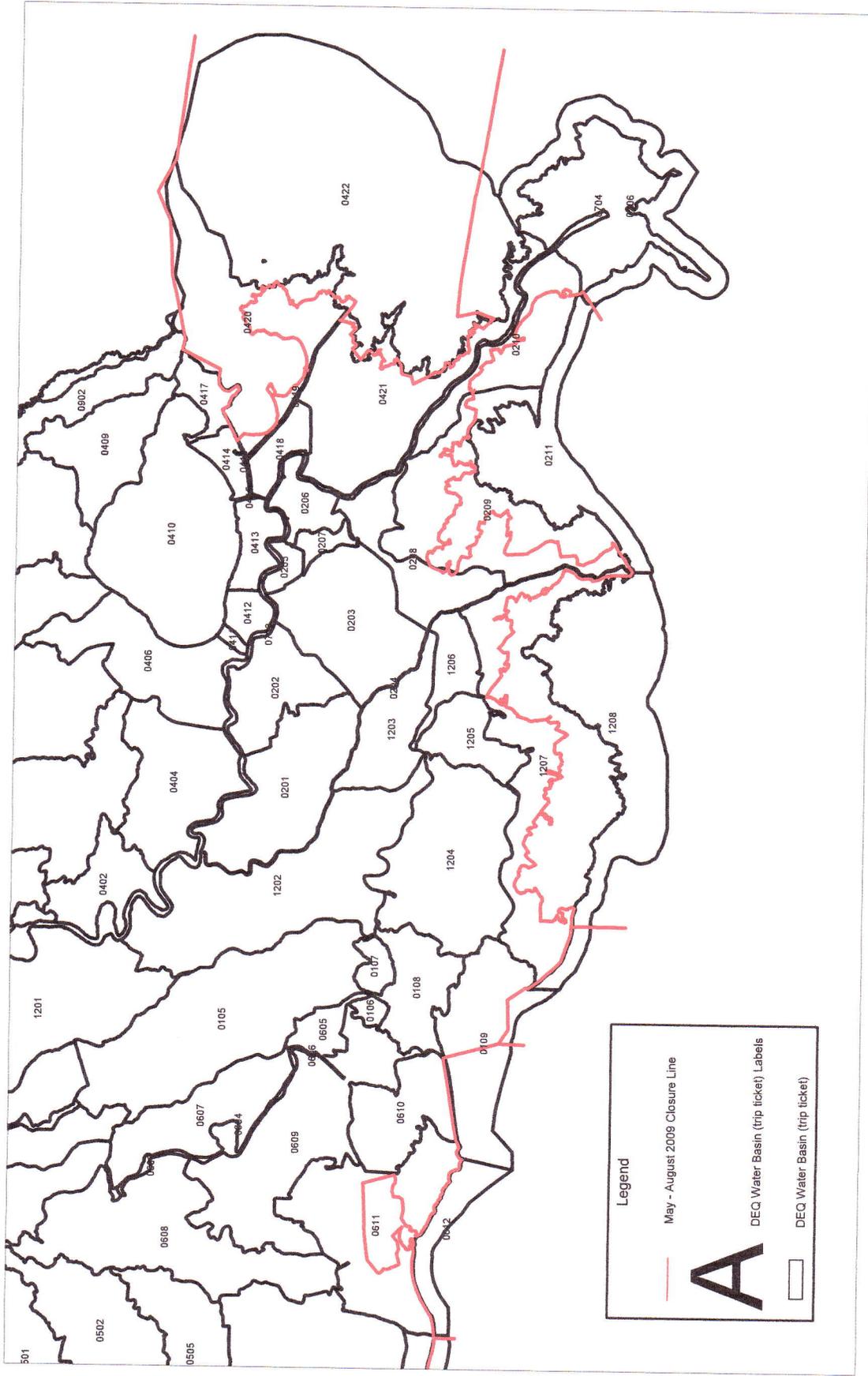
Dear Mr. Sunseri:

I am in receipt of your letter dated April 15, 2009, requesting that the Department develop an overlay for the DEQ water basin maps used for LDWF trip tickets with the DHH seasonal closure maps. I understand that you would also like to have a map that shows both the DHH harvest areas and the LDWF trip ticket map.

We have just received the geo-referenced DHH harvest area map and have the geo-referenced map that we use for trip tickets (from DEQ). The survey section is in the process of developing an overlay map of both of those and we will post on the Survey Section website when complete.

Sincerely,

Karen Foote
Biologist Administrator
Marine Fisheries Division



LDWF Trip Ticket Map and DHH Closure Map

Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection,
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STATE OF LOUISIANA

Mr. Garret Graves
Office of the Governor-Coastal Activities
900 North 3rd Street
State Capitol-4th Floor
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Brig. Gen. Michael J. Walsh
Division Commander
1400 Walnut Street
Vicksburg, MS 39180

Dear Sirs;

It is the mission of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection, Restoration and Conservation (hereafter "commission") as prescribed in statute, "to foster cooperation on coastal protection, preservation and restoration issues among federal, state, and local governmental agencies, conservation organizations, and the private sector." It is with respect to this mandate, that we request that the State of Louisiana and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers develop an active and coequal process to address the many issues directly and indirectly involved with the advancements of river diversion projects authorized in the Water Resources and Development Act of 2007. It is the view of the commission that the U.S. Congress has expressed its intent that the Corps of Engineers, with the State of Louisiana as a true partner, work together to implement the authorized diversions now.

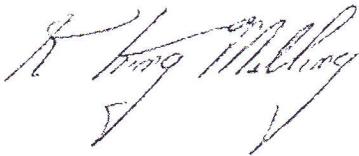
To this end, it is incredibly important that a substantive and actionable response be offered by the Corps of Engineers and the State of Louisiana to the testimony given at the March 2007 Diversion Summit, the response that was promised at the end of that very important gathering of coastal advocates. The summit resulted in the consensus that stakeholder issues, such as those of navigation and fisheries, should be addressed with the understanding that diversions must and will be put into place in order for Louisiana to have a sustainable coast. It should be clear to both the State and the Corps that the guaranteed consequences of not undertaking diversions will be catastrophic to the citizens of Louisiana.

At the July 1st 2009 commission meeting several members expressed that a true "Path Forward" requires both the State and the Corps to commit to working on these objectives collaboratively, from a programmatic perspective guided by leadership. It is this commission's view that the current "Path Forward" document offered to the State leadership for signature is, at this point, woefully inadequate in its attempt to truly move diversion implementation forward. Additionally distressing is the recent dismissal of the State's revision attempts to the original draft, comments that were made in earnest to attempt to improve the report, comments that included suggestions of summit speakers among others.

This issue of diversions in the Mississippi River, arguably the most complex challenge facing decision-makers, is but one hurdle that we will face as we attempt to achieve a sustainable coastal Louisiana. It is imperative that at this critical juncture the state and the corps show leadership in crafting this report properly, with a final offering that is palatable to all involved parties, not only as the vision and schedule for intended progress in the arena of implementation of diversions, but equally important, as the result of a functional and capable partnership.

It is in the spirit of progress that we ask both parties to come together in a working meeting as soon as possible to resolve the outstanding issues remaining in the "Path Forward" document, both those identified by the State in its revised draft and any remaining disputed items. The time to move forward is now, and this report should be the evident culmination of the State and the Corps' prioritization of those actionable items that will ultimately lead to implementation of the authorized diversion projects listed in WRDA 2007 at a minimum. The time for resolution is upon us and we must all agree to fulfill the charge of service placed upon us all.

Sincerely,

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R. King Milling
Chairman, Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection,
Restoration and Conservation

Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection,
Restoration and Conservation
STATE OF LOUISIANA

July 2, 2009

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: It is widely recognized by wetlands experts and coastal scientists throughout the world that diversions of sediments and water from the Mississippi River are a necessary component of any worthwhile restoration effort of Louisiana's coastal wetlands, which have been eroding at an alarming rate for nearly a century leading to the loss of more than 2300 square miles of the state's coastal area.

WHEREAS: Because of that recognition and because of the urgency needed in designing and building sediment and water diversion in order to slow the erosion rate along Louisiana's coast, the United States Army Corps of Engineers hosted the "Mississippi River Freshwater Diversion Summit" (referred to as "diversion summit" from this point on) in New Orleans in March of 2009 in order to gather input and discuss a path forward in designing and building diversions from state, federal and non-governmental officials and representatives.

WHEREAS: The information and ideas shared by all parties during the diversion summit were supposed to be included in a document to be written by the Corps of Engineers after the diversion summit that summarized the ideas and outlined future steps that would be taken by the State of Louisiana, the Corps of Engineers and other federal agencies and outlined a path forward for the urgent design and implementation of freshwater and sediment diversions from the Mississippi River in South Louisiana.

WHEREAS: The State of Louisiana as well as a host of non-governmental organizations evaluated the first draft of this document and found it to be grossly deficient in its inclusion of ideas presented by the State of Louisiana and others who participated in the sharing of ideas at the diversion summit and lacked a clear path forward for federal, state and non-governmental entities to take when designing and building these urgently needed freshwater and sediment diversions.

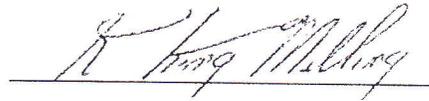
WHEREAS: Officials with the State of Louisiana's Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration and Governor's Office of Coastal Activities as well as representatives from several non-governmental organizations expressed their concerns about the lack of information and the lack of a clear path forward for freshwater diversions in the draft document with the expectations that these concerns would be addressed and included in the final document prepared by the Corps of Engineers.

WHEREAS: The Corps of Engineers did not seriously consider the concerns and suggestions of the State of Louisiana and the non-governmental organizations when preparing the final document regarding the diversion summit despite assuring the State of Louisiana and the non-governmental organizations those concerns and ideas would be addressed and included.

WHEREAS: The Corps of Engineers presented a document to the State of Louisiana to be signed by the Chairman of the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, Mr. Garret Graves, that is what the Corps of Engineers considers a final document regarding the diversion summit despite not including a clear path forward nor the concerns and ideas of the State of Louisiana and the non-governmental organizations.

WHEREAS: The signature of Mr. Garret Graves is needed in order for the document to be considered final and submitted to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

BE IT RESOLVED: The Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection, Restoration and Conservation urges Mr. Graves to not sign the document prepared by the Corps of Engineers until the concerns and ideas expressed by the State of Louisiana and the non-governmental organizations are taken seriously by the Corps of Engineers and an honest and earnest effort to write a final document regarding the diversion summit is written that includes a path forward in designing and implementing freshwater and sediment diversions from the Mississippi River that truly reflects the urgent need to restore Louisiana's coastal wetlands.

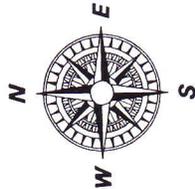
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R. King Milling, Chairman



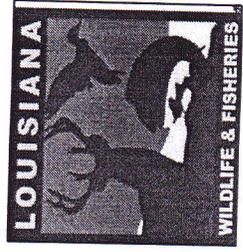
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Notes: Latitudes and Longitudes refer to North American Datum 1983

Louisiana Mississippi State Line



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Al Sunseri, Chairman
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RE: Provide Louisiana/Mississippi boundary information for oyster harvesters

Dear Mr. Sunseri:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 23, 2009 to Secretary Barham, requesting that the Department provide further information on the MS/LA boundary line that Enforcement uses. Attached please find a copy of the map and coordinates that the Enforcement Division uses in these matters. We will also email you an electronic version and it will be posted on the Survey Section website.

Regarding the enforcement of this line, please note that current GPS equipment technology is more than adequate for determining boundaries. In addition, as a matter of standard operating procedure, Enforcement applies an abundance of caution when addressing line or boundary infractions. I would ask to be provided with individual names and cases of anyone who feels they may have been issued citations as a result of an error on the part of Enforcement in determining a line or location.

Sincerely,

Keith LaCaze
Lieutenant Colonel

cc: Secretary Robert Barham

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Activity: _____

Meeting Date: _____

Location: _____

If you provided transportation to this meeting, you are entitled to travel reimbursement.

Beginning Mileage _____

Ending Mileage _____

Time Departed _____

Time Returned _____

Travel incurred: ___ Round Trip Miles @ .52 cents per mile \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

OTF Member's Signature _____

Date _____

Approved By _____

Date _____

Approved By _____

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OTF Member's Signature _____

Date _____

TOTAL

\$ _____

Travel incurred: ___ Round Trip Miles @ .52 cents per mile \$ _____

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