



**LOTF MEETING NOTICE**  
**Monday December 7, 2009**  
**1:00 p.m.**

**UNO Advanced Technology Center**  
**2021 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 200**  
**New Orleans, La. 70122**  
**Agenda**

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- I. ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL of October 12, 2009 MINUTES & November 30, 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. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. DWF-DNR MOU relative to authorizing Oil & Gas surface activities on Public Oyster Seed Grounds & Seed Reservations (Governor's Office, DNR, DWF, Ralph Pausina)
  - b. Lake Borgne Temporary Opening (DWF)
  - c. High Salinity Treatment (HST): A new Post Harvest Treatment Initiative (John Supan)
  - d. ISSC meeting report- (David Guilbeau & Patrick Banks)
  - e. Request that DWF Secretary change Sacks Limit in Calcasieu Lake to 10 sacks per trip (Leo Dyson)
  - f. Request DWF adopt rule and regulations concerning Act 374 (DWF)
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Department of Health and Hospitals
    - a. Streamlining of Government/Oyster Program (DHH & DWF)
    - b. Update on Joint Health/DWF Committee Meeting Regarding DHH Logs and LDWF Trip Tickets - DHH and LDWF (David Guilbeau/Patrick Banks)
    - c. Update on Sabine Lake (DHH & DWF)
  - B. Governor's Office on Coastal Affairs
  - C. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
    - a. Act 417 Exemptions for oyster harvester and dealers from V.v. and V.p. guidelines (DHH&DWF)
    - b. Update on Maps that include DEQ Areas, Health Areas, Seasonal Closures and Longitudes/Latitudes
    - c. Update on non- renewal policy of oyster leases within Public Oyster Grounds & Wildlife Management Areas
    - d. Update on Request to exchange oyster lease acreage adversely affected by Coastal Restoration Projects
  - D. Public & Private Oyster Grounds Committee (Buddy Pausina)
    - a. Moratorium Lifting Committee Report
    - b. Options identified by DWF to modify existing DWF Policy regarding non-renewal of existing oyster leases located within Public Seed Grounds
    - c. Expansion of the Lake Borgne Public Seed Grounds and implications on existing lessees and future leasing
  - E. Research- (John Supan)
    - a. Education program for oyster harvesters and oyster dealers (John Supan)
  - F. Enforcement (Keith Lacaze)
  - G. Legal (Buddy Pausina)
    - a. Recording of Oyster Leases
  - H. Coastal Restoration Activity Impact Sub-Committee- (John Tesvich)
    - a. LOTF position paper on fresh water diversions for the Governor's Office on Coastal Protection, restoration, and Conservation
- VI. Set Next Meeting
- VII. ADJOURN

Oyster Task Force Meeting 10/12/09

Present: Shane Bagala, Tenney Sibley in for Glenn Cambre, Wilbert Collins, Dan Coulon, Jakov Jurisic, Steve McManus in for Keith Lacaze, Karl Morgan, Ralph Pausina, Brad Robin, Al Sunseri, John Tesvich, Peter Vujnovich, Wilson Voisin, Jerome Zeringue and Patrick Banks.

Absent: Dana Brocato, Leo Dyson, Mike Voisin

II. Wilbert motion to accept minutes

Jakov seconds, motion carries

III. OYSTER DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT INFORMATION

- a. Tag sales 938,020 tags, \$46,901
- b.
- c. Around first of month reimbursement going back to LOTF account.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ken fox presentation-

**Motion by John Tesvich for LOTF to send comments to Corp of Engineers regarding coastal restoration in Caernarvon and Davis Pond, second by Wilbert Collins. Motion carries. John will work on the comments.**

**Motion by Jakov to move section H up to new business. Second by Wilbert. Motion carries.**

**Motion by Buddy Pausina to accept committee's report. Second by Wilbert.**

**John asks for volunteers for position paper committee.**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month are costal restoration project meetings, al asked to be notified of monthly meetings.

- b. LOTF positions on ISSC proposals.

**Motion by John Tesvich to defer positions to members of OTF who are attended ISSC, second by Wilbert. Motion carries.**

- c. Streamlining of government/oyster program- report by DHH. Meeting on Oct. 27 between secretaries on whether or not streamlining molluskan shellfish sampling should be transferred from DHH to DWF.

- d. Act 417 exemptions for oyster harvesters and dealers from Vv and Vp guidelines (DHH and DWF)

- e. Crop Insurance Update

## V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Department of Health and Hospitals

- a. regarding trip tickets-----not meeting till after they get back from NH
- b. checked vessels for refrigeration and 5 or 6 that were checked had excellent temps
- c. sanitary survey done, turned over to FDA.
- d. will be discussed at next health committee mtg

Motion by Karl Morgan to move item D to before B. Wilbert second.

### D. Public and Private Oyster Grounds Committee (Buddy)

- a. exceptions include.... after one year oyster lease holder can request oyster lease assessment be updated, updated assessment need not be a full assessment, if lease holder has never given permission then they cannot request an updated assessment
- b. nothing to report
- c. copy of opinion sent to AI and task force members
- d. request to dwf legal to get an opinion prior to the planting only season this year, no opinion given.

### B. Governor's Office on Coastal Affairs

- a. Ostrica locks-still in construction phase...waiting for FEMA funds. Contractor has been instructed to leave the gates open as much as possible.
- b. Marsh Island -project in orange bay public seed grounds, project to create wetlands will impact oyster grounds, they are trying to work together to not have to impact the northern area of the seed grounds.

### C. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

- a. update on maps that include DEQ areas, health areas, seasonal closures and longitude and latitude.-
- b. Update on non-renewal policy of oyster leases within public oyster grounds and wildlife management areas- letter from Sec. Barham said that there policy remains the same, but Secretary Barham is looking at it very closely.
- c. Update on request to exchange oyster lease acreage adversely affected by coastal restoration projects.-

### E. Research- John Supan

### F. Enforcement- nothing

### G. Legal (Buddy Pausina)

- a. recording of leases-

VI. next meeting is December 7 @ 1 p.m.

OT F meeting 11/30/2009

Present: Brocato, Coulon, Morgan, Pausina, Robin, Tesvich, Vujnovich, Banks

- I. Public and Private Grounds Committee. Recommend temporary opening of Lake Bourne area (until Spring 2010). Sacking only, 60 sack limit. Would start immediately, but end in Spring 2010. Motion by Vujnovich , second by Brocato.

Mr. Buddy will represent task force at Thursday meeting.

- II. Motion by Buddy to send letter to LDWF and DNR and Governor for the opportunity for OTF to look at MOU revisions before they approve it. Second by Brad.

Motion by John for OTF to work with legislators submit a bill in next legislation for protection of critical oyster areas and protected reefs and create a moratorium that would prohibit all drilling and related activities in those areas. Second by Vujnovich. Motion approved.

Motion by Pausina to ask OCPR for update on parish review for pending applications. Jerome is the task force member on OCPR, second by Brad. Motion approved.

Coulon brought up a point about thanking legislators and restaurant association and others to thank them for their assistance in the oyster/fda issue.

Motion to adjourn by buddy second by Brad Robin

**SEAFOOD PROMOTION AND MARKETING BOARD**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT OYSTER DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT (W18)**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010**  
**AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2009**

Reporting Category - 2005	BUDGET	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	PRE ENCUMBERED	REMAINING BALANCE
<b>EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES:</b>					
Salaries	38,000.00	11,934.61			26,065.39
Other Compensation					-
Related Benefits	15,000.00	2,304.43			12,695.57
Travel	56,218.00	5,463.58			50,754.42
Operating Services	20,148.00	7,614.84			12,533.16
Supplies	200.00	-			200.00
Professional Services	46,300.00	1,975.00			44,325.00
Other Charges		10,000.00			(10,000.00)
Acquisitions	-	-			-
Interagency Transfers	-	-			-
<b>Total</b>	<b>175,866.00</b>	<b>39,292.46</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>136,573.54</b>
<b>Fund Balance Available</b>					<b>64,251.33</b>

State Oyster Account

7/1/2009 through 12/10/2009 (Cash Basis)

11/30/2009

Date	Description	Memo	Amount
	<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>-38,423.95</b>
	<b>A (SALARIES) ***OBJ 2100-2150</b>		<b>-11,865.38</b>
	Other A (SALARIES) ***OBJ 2100-2150		-11,865.38
7/31/2009		YTD	-11,865.38
	<b>C (RELATED BENEFITS) RC 2300 - 2410</b>		<b>-3,025.34</b>
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7/31/2009		YTD	-3,025.34
	<b>D (TRAVEL) OBJ 2500 -2690</b>		<b>-3,943.39</b>
	***2530*** BOARD MEMBER		-277.68
7/31/2009		Mileage Reimbursement	-72.80
7/31/2009		Mileage Reimbursement	-62.40
8/31/2009		Mileage Reimbursement May - July 2009	-142.48
	***2630*** BOARD MEMBERS		-3,665.71
8/31/2009		Airline Tickets (Al Sunseri & Wilbert) ISSC	-611.01
10/6/2009		Board member travel	-520.90
10/6/2009		Carlson Wag service fee	-24.00
10/15/2009		Airline Ticket/Al Sunseri/LA Alive/2010)	-453.20
10/20/2009		Board member travel	-386.20
10/20/2009		Carlson Wag service fee	-24.00
11/2/2009		Board travel to DC	-799.20
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11/2/2009		Carlson Wag Service Fee	-24.00
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	<b>E (OPERATING SERVICES) OBJ 2700 - 3091</b>		<b>-7,614.84</b>
	***2710*** PRINTING		-114.84
8/31/2009		Oyster Lease Moratorium Printing	-114.84
	***2870*** OTHER RENTALS		-7,500.00
8/31/2009		2010 BOOTH SPACE RENTAL	-7,500.00
	<b>G (PROFESSIONAL SVCS.) RC 3400 - 3460</b>		<b>-1,975.00</b>
	***3460*** OTHER		-1,975.00
7/31/2009		SUMMER 2009 DERMO STUDY	-1,975.00
	<b>H (OTHER CHARGES)</b>		<b>-10,000.00</b>
	***3650*** MISCELLANEOUS		-10,000.00
8/31/2009		LSU/Accounting Services/S... Perkinsus Marinus Evaluation/John Supam/2008	-5,000.00
9/30/2009		LSU/Accounting Services/S... Perkinsus Marinus Evaluation/John Supam/2009	-5,000.00
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November 19, 2009

To: Secretary, Department of Natural Resources

Scott Angelle, Sec

Secretary, Depart of Wildlife and Fisheries

Robert Barham, Sec

From: La Oyster Task Force

Public Grounds Management Plan Committee

Ralph V Pausina ,Chair

Gentlemen we in the Oyster Industry have been aware of an effort to revise and update the existing MOU between your respective Departments. We understand that some of the language in the existing MOU has become unnecessary because of recent legislation. We further were under the impression that the updating was the main reason for revising the MOU.

We were able to obtain a copy of some of revisions proposed as of Nov 06 of this year. In reading these revisions we are of the opinion that there is a misunderstanding of the two Departments roll in Government. We believe that DNR should handle policy pertaining to all matters related to NON Renewable Natural Resources and DWF should handle policy pertaining to all matters related to Renewable Natural Resources.

We are seriously concerned with the possibility of damages which could occur to the heart of Louisiana's Oyster Farming Industry, OUR SEED SUPPLY, from Oil and Gas operations in these most important zones. We therefore immediately called for a Committee meeting on Nov 12, 2009 to try to study the revisions. At this meeting we determined that we have to seek input in this revision process. The Committee recommend that the full OTF meet as soon as possible to address this threat to our reserve supply of oyster seed. A special OTF meeting is set for Nov 30, 2009 ,immediately after the Thanksgiving demand for Oysters. Any action we may

determine to advance with at this meeting may be after the fact, as we realize that these revisions may be finalized prior to that time.

We therefore ask both Secretaries to please delay any action on the MOU until we the OTF have an opportunity to confer on some serious problems in the revision as they pertain to the continued and adequate supply of seed oysters for Louisiana's Oyster Farmers.

One of our concerns has to deal with the provision in the revision to allow Oil & Gas Operations in the Oyster Seed Ground Reservations. These special areas were created as a reserve to be used when needed. They are not opened for use every year. Sometimes they are opened only for a limited time. These areas are a small portion of the overall acreage available for Oil & Gas Activities. They are described in the revision as Tier I, totaling only 37,000 acres. This is only 2% of the total areas available to Oil & Gas. The Question here is whether these prime reserve supplies of seed for Louisiana's Oyster Industry should have some protection. We think that they deserve consideration.

We are willing to meet and expedite the revision process along with the Departments and the Governor's Office. I am sending this request NOW only because of constraints of time on the part of your schedules and the holiday demand for our fine product. This letter is part of the recommendation of the PGMP Committee to the full Task Force and will be presented at its Nov 30, 2009 special meeting and again at the Dec 7, 2009 regular Task Force meeting

Sincerely, Ralph "Buddy" Pausina  
Chair, Public Ground Management Plan Committee.