

Louisiana Oyster Task Force Meeting
Mitch Jurisich, Chairman
Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
New Orleans Lakefront Airport
6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70126

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

III. Approval of May 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes and the August 19, 2026 Agenda

IV. Treasury Report

- A. LOTF Financial Report & Oyster Tag Sales

V. Committee Reports

- A. Public and Private Oyster Grounds Committee (Mitch Jurisich)
- B. Enforcement (Captain Joey Thompson)
- C. Legislative (Brad Robin)
- D. Legal (Brad Robin/Jakov Jurisic)
- E. Research (Earl Melancon)
- F. Coastal Restoration (Capt. George Ricks)
- G. Marketing (BMF)
- H. Health (LDH)
- I. Aquaculture (Steve Pollock)
- J. Joint Task Force Working Group (Mitch Jurisich)

VI. New Business

- A. To Hear the 2026 Oyster Stock Assessment Results and Consider the 2026/27 Oyster Season Recommendations – LDWF
- B. To Hear an Update on the 2020/2021 Hurricane Disaster Grant Funding – LDWF
- C. To Consider Funding for the 2027 Louisiana Live Event in Washington, DC. - OTF
- D. To Consider Funding for a 2026/2027 Beuerman Miller Fitzgerald (BMF) PR Contract – OTF
- E. To Hear an Update from the Seafood Safety Taskforce- LDAF
- F. To Hear a Presentation on Market Information and the Importance of Testing for Imports – David Williams, SeaD Consulting
- G. To Hear a Presentation on the Dredging of the Barataria Waterway – Brent Duet, Coastal Engineering Solutions
- H. To Discuss and Consider Funding for Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference (ISSC) Membership Dues and Conference Expenses – OTF
- I. To Discuss the Oyster Damage and Evaluation Board Process- OTF

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Set Next Meeting

IX. Adjourn

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