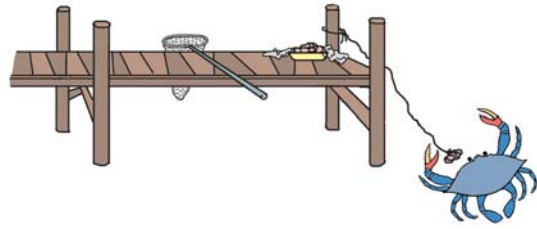


# Crab Lines



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As our Estuary and our people deal with the impacts of Hurricane Katrina, the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program would like our friends, partners, and supporters to know that we remain committed to working toward a sustainable coastline, culture, and ecosystem.

In light of this recent disaster within our own estuary, the Program and its Foundation have decided to cancel this year's La Fete d'Ecologie, which was scheduled for Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> in Thibodaux.

Our Management Conference Meeting, which was originally scheduled for September 1<sup>st</sup>, has been postponed at least until the end of October. A definite date will be set closer to that time.

We have launched "**Operation A.B.C. – All Barataria's Children**" to provide school supplies and uniform items to those students who are beginning school over again as evacuees. We are currently in Phase One of this two-phase mission to re-supply the students of our Estuary. We would greatly appreciate cash donations to our Foundation, the Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary Foundation, for this first phase. These monies will be given to school systems based on the number of evacuee students they have taken in, and the need of these students for school supplies and uniform items in this difficult time of transition. If you would rather donate physical items to the parish of your choice, visit the BTNEP's "**Operation A.B.C.**" website at <http://www.btnep.org/default.asp?id=166> for an updated list of needs by parish. To donate, please make checks payable to BTEF, and send them the BTNEP office, or contact your local school system to see what supplies they are in need of.

As we continue to work to be a conduit of information about the state of our estuary in this time of crisis, we invite you to visit our website, at [www.btnep.org](http://www.btnep.org) to get the latest information regarding Hurricane Katrina and its impacts on our system, our people, and our way of life. See our Hurricane Katrina page for updated photos, hurricane information, and scientific and technical information on the damage to our ecosystem.

We thank you for your continued support and concern for our Program, our estuarine system, and our people during this catastrophic time, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to deliver factual, scientific information in a timely manner in the wake of this disaster.