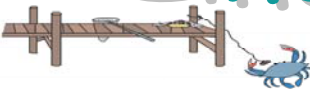


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Dear Friends of the Estuary,

The Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary (BTNEP) urges you to voice your opinions at the *Louisiana Speaks*, Regional Plan Stakeholder Workshop listed below. The workshop is being hosted by the Louisiana Recovery Authority as part of an ongoing initiative within the hurricane-affected parishes to establish a long-term, comprehensive plan for storm protection, coastal restoration, economic growth and development, quality of community and culture. The workshop will be facilitated by Calthorpe Associates and is a continuation of other stakeholder workshops being conducted around the state.

As you know, BTNEP's Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (the CCMP) was developed over 10 years ago with intense stakeholder involvement. The BTNEP is one of 28 congressionally-mandated National Estuary Programs created to reach agreement on restoring the Barataria and Terrebonne basins. Our agreement, the CCMP, was approved by the State of Louisiana and the United States government in 1996.

Louisiana Speaks meetings have been held in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lafayette and Lake Charles. An additional meeting was requested for Lafourche and Terrebonne, which they agreed to provide. With this in mind, we are urging your participation in the planning program since it is going to be a guiding force for federal and state funding.

LA Speaks Meeting
Friday, August 4, 2006
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
The Cypress Columns
157 Tourist Drive
Gray, Louisiana

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