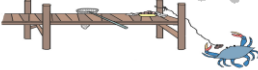


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Dear Friends of the Estuary,

The Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program and Vision Communications invite you to the premiere of *Down the Bayou*, BTNEP's newest film. During Louisiana's 2008 brown shrimp season, a two person documentary crew traveled the waters of the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary with several shrimpers to document their ways of work and life. Coastal land loss, among other factors, has threatened Louisiana's shrimping industry and this way of life. The loss of either would prove disastrous not only to the people living here, but the nation as a whole. *Down the Bayou* presents an accurate account of a unique and endangered livelihood through the language, dialect, food, music and tradition of a truly singular culture.

Please join us for a reception beginning at 6:30 pm and the film screening at 7:00 pm (film run time is 52 minutes), on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at the Jean Lafitte Wetlands Cultural Center, 314 St. Mary St., Thibodaux, LA 70301. If you plan to attend this film premiere, please RSVP to Sandra Helmuth at 1-800-259-0869, or sandra@btnep.org with the names of those in your party. **Space is limited.**

You can watch the film trailer here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAoHxuFmT7g>

An official invitation is below. Thank you for your time and please forward this invitation to any interested parties.

Merci,
Shelley S. Sparks

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