



## **Fall 2013 meeting agenda New Orleans, LA**

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**October 28, 2013:**

***Breakfast is on your own.***

### **Meeting of the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council**

Location: Omni Royal Orleans  
621 St. Louis Street  
New Orleans, LA

8:30 a.m. **CONVENE**

**Welcome & Introductions**

*- Thom Dammrich, SFBPC Chair*

8:35 a.m. **Welcome from the Department of the Interior and the Office of Governor Bobby Jindal**

- Rachel Jacobson - *Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, U.S. Department of the Interior*
- Garret Graves - *Chair of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana and Executive Assistant to Governor Bobby Jindal for Coastal Activities*

9:05 a.m. **Welcome to Louisiana & New Orleans**

- Overview of Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries activities and recreational fishing and boating in Louisiana  
*- Randy Pausina, Assistant Secretary, Office of Fisheries, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries*
- Bayou Sauvage & Big Branch Marsh: Overview of National Wildlife Refuges in the New Orleans area  
*- Kenneth Litzenberger, Refuge Complex Manager*

9:45 a.m. **BREAK**

- 10:00 a.m. **Federal / State fisheries management in Louisiana and the Gulf Region**  
 - Randy Pausina, Assistant Secretary, Office of Fisheries, LDWF  
 - Doug Boyd, Chair, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council  
 - Jeff Angers, Center for Coastal Conservation
- 11:00 a.m. **Gulf Restoration / RESTORE Act update**  
 - Rachel Jacobson, Acting Assistant Secretary, DOI  
 - Garret Graves, Executive Assistant to Governor Jindal for Coastal Activities  
 - Chris Macaluso, Director, Center for Marine Fisheries, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- 12:00 a.m. **LUNCH (Lunch is on your own. There are many restaurants within walking distance. Please back prior to 1:15 so that we can stay on schedule.)**
- 1:15 p.m. **National Ocean Policy implementation Update**  
 - Deerin Babb-Brott, Director, National Ocean Council  
 - Garrett Graves, Executive Assistant to Governor Jindal for Coastal Activities  
 - Laura Bowie, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Alliance
- 2:00 p.m. **Update on the Implementation of the DOI Idle Iron policy and the Rigs to Reefs Program**  
 - Herb Leedy, Chief, Environmental Review Unit, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior  
 - Douglas Peter, Artificial Reef Coordinator, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior  
 - Mike McDonough, Rigs to Reefs Program manager, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
- 2:30 p.m. **Implications of Federal shutdown on boating, hunting, and angling**  
 - John Arway, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission & SFBPC member
- 2:45 p.m. **Refuge Vision Implementation Plan update**  
 - Anna Harris, Division of Visitor Services & Communications, National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- 3:00 p.m. **BREAK**
- 3:15 p.m. **Outreach and Communications Committee**  
 - Scott Kovarovics, Chair
- RBF assessment: Update and project scoping  
 - Scott Kovarovics  
 - Doug Hobbs, SFBPC Coordinator  
 - Phil Seng, D.J. Case and Associates

4:30 p.m. **ADJOURN** (*Dinner plans TBD*)

## **October 29, 2013**

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8:30 a.m. **CONVENE** – *Thom Dammrich, SFBPC Chair*  
- *Welcome and introductions*

8:35 a.m. **Outreach and Communications Committee**  
- *Scott Kovarovics, Chair*

- Update on the activities of the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF)  
- *Frank Peterson, President, RBFF*
- Discuss follow-up to Council letter to Secretary Jewell regarding issue priorities  
- *Scott Kovarovics,*  
- *Doug Hobbs, SFBPC Coordinator*

9:05 a.m. **Fisheries Issues Committee**  
- *Mike Nussman, Committee Chair*

- FWS update on status of Fish and Aquatic Conservation Program (15 minutes)  
- *David Hoskins, Assistant Director, Fish and Aquatic Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*
- SFBPC Fish & Aquatic Resource Conservation Strategic Vision and Needs Assessment: Status update and report back from FWS (45 minutes)  
- *Hoskins, Nussman, Hobbs*
- Update on the activities of the National Fish Habitat Partnership (10 minutes)  
- *Ron Regan, Executive Director, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies*
- Update on Susquehanna River smallmouth bass disease (10 minutes)  
- *John Arway, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission & SFBPC member*
- Mass marking of salmonids in the Great Lakes and reauthorization of the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act (15 minutes)  
- *John Arway, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission & SFBPC member*  
- *James Dexter, Fisheries Division Chief, Michigan Department of Natural Resources*  
- *Leroy Young, Jr., Director, Bureau of Fisheries, PA Fish and Boat Commission*

- Update on NOAA Fisheries activities & issues (10 minutes)  
- *Russell Dunn, National Policy Advisor for Recreational Fisheries, NOAA Fisheries*

11:00 a.m.     **Boating Issues Committee**

- *John Sprague, Committee Chair*

- Wildlife & Sport Fish Restoration program Update (15 minutes)  
- *Lisa Van Alstyne, Acting Chief, Division of Policy and Programs, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*
- Trust Fund reauthorization update (10 minutes)  
- *Lisa Van Alstyne, FWS*  
- *Ron Regan, AFWA*  
- *SFBPC members*
- E-15 and the federal Renewable Fuel Standard (15 minutes)  
- *Ron Regan, Thom Dammrich, John Arway*
- Update of the National Boating Access Assessment being conducted by the States Organization for Boating Access (SOBA) (10 minutes)  
- *James Adams, SFBPC member & SOBA President*
- Update on Ad Hoc team to options for increasing participation in both the Boating Infrastructure and Clean Vessel Act Grant Programs (10 minutes)  
- *Ryck Lydecker, Ad Hoc Team Chair*

12:15 p.m.     Public comment / new business

12:30 p.m.     **ADJOURN**

**\*\*NOTE: Meeting minutes will be made available 90 days after the meeting date.**