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Governor Bobby Jindal Announces Appointments to the Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection, Restoration & Conservation

BATON ROUGE- Today, Governor Bobby Jindal announced appointments to the Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection, Restoration and Conservation.

The Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection, Restoration and Conservation serves to advise the governor on the status of Louisiana's coastal protection and restoration program. Additionally, the commission strives to foster cooperation between federal, state and local agencies, conservation organizations and the private sector relative to coastal protection and restoration activities.

According to the statute, the commission is comprised of 36 members including the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Natural Resources, the chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, or their designees. Also, two members serving on levee boards in districts located in the coastal zone are appointed by the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana.

The remaining 28 members are gubernatorial appointments, including the following:

- Two members from the academic community;
- Two members from the business and industrial community;
- Two members from the nonprofit corporation community;
- Two members from the conservation community;

- Two members from the agricultural community;
- Two members from governing bodies of political subdivisions of the state;
- Two members from the energy production and distribution sector;
- Two members representing the fishing community, one must be from the commercial fishing industry and one must be from the recreational fishing community;
- One member from the oyster industry;
- Two members representing coastal landowners;
- Two members representing ports and related industries;
- One member representing the maritime industry; and
- Six members to be appointed at-large by the governor.

<u>Appointments to the Governors Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection, Restoration</u> <u>& Conservation</u>:

<u>Gerald E. Galloway, of College Park, MD</u>, is an engineering professor at the University of Maryland and a visiting scholar at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Institute for Water Resources. Galloway will be reappointed to serve as a member of the academic community, as required by statute.

John Costonis, of Baton Rouge, is the Chancellor Emeritus at the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Costonis will be appointed to serve as a member of the academic community, as required by statute.

David Cresson, of Baton Rouge, is the executive director and CEO of the Coastal Conservation Association of Louisiana. Cresson will be reappointed to serve as a member of the commercial fishing industry, as required by statute.

<u>Chris Macaluso, of Baton Rouge</u>, is the Coastal Outreach Coordinator for the Louisiana Wildlife Federation. In addition to his work with LWF, Macaluso also hosts a weekly hunting and fishing radio show on ESPN Radio. Macaluso will be appointed to serve as a member of the recreational fishing community, as required by statute.

<u>Al Sunseri, of New Orleans</u>, is the owner and general manager of P&J Oyster Company, Inc. in New Orleans. He is the former President of the Louisiana Oyster Dealers and Growers Association. Sunseri will be reappointed to serve as a member from the oyster industry, as required by statute.

Stacy Methvin, of Houston, TX, is the Vice President of supply strategy and portfolio for Shell Chemical LP, a petrochemical production and distribution company, and serves on the Society of Chemical Industry Board. Methvin will be reappointed to serve as a member from the energy production and distribution sector, as required by statute.

<u>Ronald Gonsoulin, of New Iberia</u>, is the President of Ulysse Gonsoulin & Son, Inc., a sugar cane, soybean, and wheat farm, and a veteran of the National Guard. Gonsoulin will be reappointed to serve as a member of the agricultural community, as required by statute.

Linda Zaunbrecher, of Gueydan, is a rice farmer and the former President of the Louisiana Rice Growers Association. Zaunbrecher is the 3rd vice-president of the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation and also serves on the Rice Research Board. Zaunbrecher will be reappointed to serve as a member of the agricultural community, as required by statute.

Jim Tripp, of New York City, NY, is the general counsel for the Environmental Defense Fund and a member of the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana. Tripp will be reappointed to serve as a member of the nonprofit corporation community, as required by statute.

<u>**Ted Falgout, of Galliano**</u>, is the Executive Director of the Port of Fourchon in Lafourche Parish and will be reappointed to represent the ports and their related industries, as required by statute.

<u>Channing Hayden, of Lake Charles</u>, is the Director of Navigation and Security for the Port of Lake Charles. Hayden will be reappointed to represent the ports and their related industries, as required by statute.

<u>Mark Piazza, of Abbeville</u>, is the Mayor of Abbeville. Piazza will be reappointed to represent governing bodies of political subdivisions of the state, as required by statute.

<u>R. King Milling, of New Orleans</u>, is the Director of Hancock Holding Company and past President of Whitney Bank in New Orleans. He is also the Chairman of the Board of the America's WETLAND's Foundation. Milling will be reappointed to represent the business and industrial community, as required by statute.

<u>**Tim Creswell, of Abbeville**</u>, is the Assistant Director of the Vermilion Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. Creswell will be appointed to serve as a representative of governing bodies of political subdivisions of the state, as required by statute.

Jody Montelaro, of Baton Rouge, is the Senior Governmental Affairs Executive for Entergy. Montelaro will be appointed to serve as a representative of the energy production and distribution sector, as required by statute.

<u>Karen Gautreaux, of Baton Rouge</u>, is the Director of Government Relations for the Louisiana Chapter of the Nature Conservancy. Gautreaux will be appointed to serve as an at-large member of the commission, as required by statute.

<u>Michel Claudet, of Houma</u>, is the current President of Terrebonne Parish. Claudet will be appointed to serve as an at-large member of the commission, as required by statute.

<u>Telley Madina, of New Orleans</u>, is a Coastal Communities Program Officer with Oxfam America, and the former Executive Director of the Louisiana Oystermen Association. Madina will be appointed to serve as an at-large member of the commission, as required by statute.

<u>Robert "Bob" Stewart, of Lafayette</u>, is retired and was the director of the USGS National Wetlands Research Center in Lafayette for 25 years; he also served as the vice president for Research at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette until the summer of 2010. He now serves as

the assistant to the president for special research projects. Stewart will be reappointed to serve as an at-large member of the commission, as required by statute.

John Williams, of New Orleans, is a principal architect at John Williams Architects. Williams will be reappointed to serve as an at-large member of the commission, as required by statute.

<u>Charles E. Allen III, of New Orleans</u>, is the Chairman of the Board of Holy Cross Neighborhood Association. Allen will be reappointed to serve as a member of the nonprofit corporation community, as required by statute.

Dwayne Bourgeois, of Raceland, is the Executive Director of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District. Bourgeois will be appointed to serve as a representative of the ports and related industries, as required by statute.

<u>**Tanner Johnson, of Baton Rouge**</u>, is the Director of Donor Services for the Baton Rouge Area Foundation. Johnson will be appointed to serve as an at-large member of the commission, as required by statute.

<u>Alan Front, of San Francisco, CA</u>, is the Senior Vice President for Federal Affairs and Public Policy with The Trust for Public Land, a national non-profit land conservation organization. Front will be reappointed to serve as a member of the conservation community, as required by statute.

<u>William Rudolf, of Metairie</u>, is the CEO and President of the Biloxi Marsh Lands Corporation, a land management company. Rudolf will be reappointed to serve as a representative of coastal landowners, as required by statute.

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