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CPRA Seeking Recommendations for Oyster Lease Acquisition and Compensation Program

BATON ROUGE — The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) seeks the views and recommendations of all coastal stakeholders regarding potential improvements to the Oyster Lease Acquisition and Compensation Program (OLACP).

OLACP authorizes compensation to oyster lessees when state oyster leases are acquired for dredging, direct placement of materials, or other activities necessary for construction or maintenance of integrated coastal protection projects. The Louisiana Legislature enacted OLACP in 2006 to assist in reconciling potential conflicts between the State's oyster leasing and coastal restoration programs. CPRA administers OLACP.

For the first round, CPRA will host two public meetings via WebEx and telephone:

September 21, 2020 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Link: <https://cp.ra.webex.com/cpra/j.php?MTID=ma2330a3c8664a464d0801134f040ef4e>

Password: OLACPweb01

Join by phone: (408) 418-9388

Access code: 146 253 7351

September 23, 2020 from 9:00 - 11:00 am

Link: <https://cp.ra.webex.com/cpra/j.php?MTID=m5b7578a72dc7fdefd72a7d04b858f4d8>

Password: OLACPweb02

Join by phone: (408) 418-9388

Access code: 146 847 8792

During these meetings, CPRA will explain the existing OLACP law and regulations; explain issues with the Program of which CPRA is aware that have arisen over the last 15 years; identify issues,

difficulties, and solutions raised submitted before the meeting or raised by participants during the meeting; and request stakeholders' views and recommendations as to solutions or improvements regarding the Program.

St. Bernard, Plaquemines, and Lafourche Parishes plan to host viewing sessions for all four of these public meetings in order to assist those without adequate internet access. CPRA will post additional information regarding these sessions as it becomes available on its website at <https://coastal.la.gov/calendar/> or you may contact the Parishes' coastal programs directly.

CPRA will assemble and consider the views and recommendations submitted by October 7, 2020. CPRA will then prepare a draft set of recommendations for improving the program by November 6, 2020. CPRA will provide these draft recommendations to all participants via email and make them available to the public on CPRA's website at <https://coastal.la.gov/calendar/> on the same day.

CPRA asks that views regarding the draft recommendations be submitted via email to coastal@la.gov, via telephone voicemail message to (225) 342-4968, or during the meetings only, via chat on WebEx.

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