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CPRA Seeks Public Input on Oyster Lease Acquisition and Compensation Program Draft Recommendations

BATON ROUGE, LA – The Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) seeks the views and recommendations of all coastal stakeholders regarding its draft recommendations for 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.

CPRA hosted two public meetings on September 21 and 23 in order to obtain a range of concerns and ideas for CPRA to evaluate in developing recommendations to improve OLACP. Those recommendations may be found [here](#).

CPRA will now host a second round of public meetings via WebEx and telephone. During both of these meetings, CPRA will explain its draft recommendations and request participants' views as to the draft recommendations.

November 17, 2020 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Link: <https://cpra.webex.com/cpra/j.php?MTID=m8bf66e1228c689bf72aca535b34153c8>

Password: OLACPWeb03

Join by phone: (408) 418-9388

Access code: 146 874 7924

November 18, 2020 from 9:00 - 11:00 am

Link: <https://cp.ra.webex.com/cpra/j.php?MTID=m6744f3a233bbcf8e89cc49a417072b97>

Password: OLACPWeb04

Join by phone: (408) 418-9388

Access code: 146 169 2467

St. Bernard, Plaquemines, and Lafourche Parishes plan to host viewing sessions for 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 submitted by December 4, 2020. CPRA will then prepare a written report and submit it to the CPRA Board by January 11, 2021, stating CPRA's findings pursuant to this study, evaluating the views and recommendations submitted, and making specific recommendations to the Board for improving OLACP. CPRA will provide the report to all participants via email and make it available to the public on CPRA's website at <https://coastal.la.gov/calendar/> on the same day.

Views regarding the draft recommendations may be submitted at any time through December 4, 2020. Views may be submitted via email to coastal@la.gov, via telephone voicemail message to (225) 342-4968, or during the meetings via chat on WebEx.

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