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Message From The Chair

I hope your summer has been great and productive. Just a few short notes to keep you more informed on the issues that PABI

has been active in and following. In our last newsletter I stated that our organization was one of several that met in hopes of forming a task force to study and give opinions on the CCC Bridge Toll. I am happy to report that legislation forming such a task force was introduced by Senator Heitmeier and passed both Senate and House and has been signed and implemented. Also PABI has a seat on that Task Force, David Pavlovich has agreed to serve and has been appointed by the governor. With a seat on the Task Force we will not only have a voice but will be up to date on the happenings of the task force, thanks David for your interest.

Another area of interest is the Railroad in our parish. PABI is again fortunate to have 2 members appointed to serve on the West Bank Rail Authority. Bart Breland and Eric Lunden will represent PABI and our parish on this Authority which will look into the issue of moving the Railroad to be more efficient and safe. Thanks Eric and Bart for your efforts.

The PABI Board has elected to purchase DVD's of all the Parish Council meetings for use by our members. Should you have a need to view any council meeting or wish to use the DVD of any meeting, please contact Bobby or Noelle at the office.

In closing please remember to visit our website to keep up on the latest actions and interest. **Our next meeting will be September 15, 2011 at Boomtown Casino. Council Chairman, Dr Stuart Guey, will be our keynote speaker. If you have a particular topic or issue that you would like Dr. Guey to address during his**

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- BP Gulf Coast Restoration Organization

presentation, please contact him directly at 394-6200 or let the PABI Office know 393-2999. Our October meeting will be our Annual Membership Drive held on October 19, 2011. Please let our Executive Director, Bobby Thomas know of any potential new members and please invite them to our meeting.

Please let us know if we can be of service.

Mike Ford
2011 Chairman

PABI Board Member Ascends to Royalty



Photo courtesy Plaquemines Parish Gazette

Borden Wallace, Executive Vice President and COO of Daybrook Fisheries and member of the PABI Board of Directors was recently elected as the 2011 Orange King. Mr. Wallace and Daybrook Fisheries are charter members of PABI and has served on the Board as Chairman of the Maritime Committee and currently as a Director. Borden is a native of Morehead City, N. C., and experienced the menhaden industry growing up by accompanying his father to Plaquemines Parish on business trips. His grandfather started

the family's first menhaden plant in 1898 and his father founded Empire Menhaden in 1950. Borden served as president of Empire Menhaden Company until it's merger with Daybrook Fisheries in 1992. Daybrook Fisheries is the largest manufacturer in Plaquemines Parish and employees nearly 300 people.

His coronation will be held on November 12 at the Buras Auditorium. Congratulations Borden!

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Parish/Base Land Use Study Completed

Submitted by Bruce Keller
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A one-year long "Joint Land Use Study" (JLUS) between Plaquemines Parish, Jefferson Parish, and the Belle Chasse Naval Air Station is now completed, and awaiting adoption by both Parish Councils. The study, requested by the Parishes, and underwritten by DOD's Office of Economic Adjustment, community leaders, parish officials, and Navy base executives, resulted in a series of eight (8) recommendations to guide future land use and development around the air station.

The 8 recommendations are:

- 1) Have a Statement of Understanding between the Naval Air Station and Plaquemines & Jefferson Parishes
- 2) Create a Bi-Parish Land-Use Advisory Board
- 3) Provide a Military Influence Planning District (MIPD) Map to the Advisory Board
- 4) Provide an Airport Imaginary Airspace Surfaces Map to the Advisory Board

- 5) Provide JLUS Implementation Tools to the Advisory Board
- 6) Provide JLUS Land Use Compatibility Matrices to the Advisory Board
- 7) Establish an MIPD Overlay Zoning District in the Zoning Ordinance
- 8) Have coordination between the Air Station's potential extension of the E-W runway with the Parish's plans for a future extension of Barriere Road

On July 14, 2011, the Plaquemines Parish Council requested that the Zoning and Development Board review the proposed JLUS recommendations, continue studying the matter, and advise the Council on adoption of the 8 recommendations and any of its own. The Zoning and Development Board will be holding public hearings on the matter and will be providing their recommendations back to the Council by December 31, 2011. PABI members are invited to participate. Additional information on JLUS can be found on its website: www.jlusneworleans.com.



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May 2011 Luncheon/Meeting

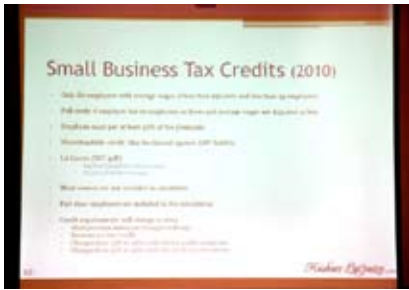
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The keynote speakers for the May meeting were Craig M. Fabacher, CPA and Richard J. Rumney, CPA from Kushner LaGraize (www.kl-cpa.com). They spoke on the Healthcare Reform Bill and its affect on business as well as the Research & Development Tax Credit. Mr. Fabacher stated that the purpose of the Healthcare Reform Bill is to provide coverage to the 32 to 54 million Americans who currently do not have coverage while making health insurance affordable for people who may not work for a large employer. The bill constitutes \$1 trillion in changes: the largest reform since Medicaid. The reform will help small business owners with tax credits but there could be penalties for larger employers. Mr. Rumney mentioned that large business owners who had a group health plan in existence as of the date of enactment (3/23/10) would be considered grandfathered and exempt from some reform requirements and penalties. He did warn that if any changes were made to current plans the company could lose their grandfather status. Mr. Fabacher spoke briefly on the Research and Development Tax Credit. One main point mentioned was that oil and

gas industries will qualify for the credit. For more information please call 504-393-2999 or email the PABI office at noelle@pabigroup.com, and we will be glad to send you a copy of the power point presentation (.pdf file).



Photos by Zu Carpenter Photography



Public Forums on Courthouse Referendum

The Plaquemines Association of Business and Industry (PABI), Moving Plaquemines Forward (MPF), and the Courthouse Commission will host three public forums with the goal of educating voters on the proposed parish seat relocation vote in October.

The firm GCR was hired by the Courthouse Commission to study and receive input from Plaquemines residents regarding the current East Point-a-la-Hache location vs. the proposed F. Edward Hebert location in Belle Chasse. GCR will explain their research and findings as a result of this study. Questions will be allowed at the end of the presentation. The forums will be moderated by Mike Ford, 2011 PABI Chairman, and Bill Bubrig, President of MPF.

The meeting times and locations are as follows:

- Tuesday September 13th, 6:00 p.m. at the Port Sulphur Community Center
- Wednesday September 14th, 6:00 p.m. at the Davant Community Center
- Wednesday September 21st, 6:00 p.m. at the Belle Chasse Auditorium

Please spread the word as this is an extremely important issue which will affect Plaquemines Parish residents for many years to come.

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June 2011 Dinner

Cajun Fishing Adventures, Buras, LA

The June 2011 PABI meeting was held the evening of the 21st at Cajun Fishing Adventures in Buras, LA. It was a networking event that gave members a chance to visit with one another. CFA catered the event and offered a variety of delicious cajun and seafood dishes. The guest speaker for the night was Captain Tom Luscher, Commanding Officer of NAS JRB in Belle Chasse. He spoke on the many changes taking place on the base, including their effort to aide with Belle Chasse traffic issues. The base continues to expand and as such will be providing an opportunity for more jobs in the area as well.



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GPI – Gulf Permit Index – as of August 9

Deep water and shallow water permit issuance levels still lag historical averages

NEW ORLEANS -- Greater New Orleans, Inc. has released the sixteenth installment of the Gulf Permit Index (GPI) to the public. When the federal government announced that it would lift the Deep Water Drilling Moratorium on Tuesday,

October 12, 2010, the Business Council of Greater New Orleans and the River Region, and GNO, Inc. pledged to track and report on shallow- and deep-water permit issuance.

The GPI

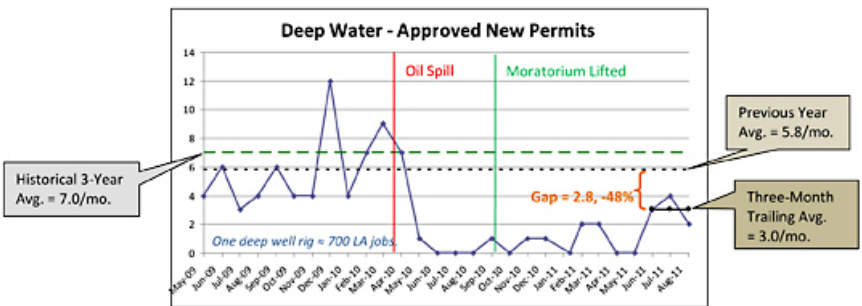
The Gulf Permit Index: A Report on New Well Permit Issuance from BOEMRE

The GPI is provided by GNO, Inc., and its parish partners¹ in collaboration with the Business Council of New Orleans & the River Region, Jefferson Business Council, and Northshore Business Council

GPI as of August 9, 2011

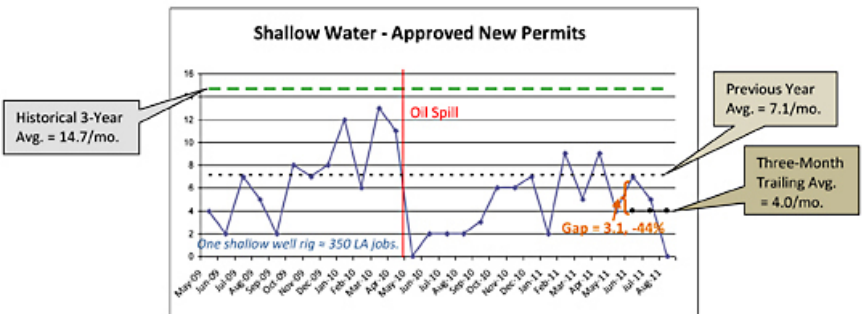
Deep Water

Over the past three months, only 3.0 deep water permits are being issued per month, representing a decrease of 48% from the previous year's average, and a decrease of 57% from the historical average of new deep water well permit issuance



Shallow Water

Shallow water permitting issuance levels are still below the historical average of 14.7, with the current three-month trailing average at 4.0 permits issued per month, representing a decrease of 44% from the previous year's average, and a decrease of 73% from the historical average



GPI 2011.08.10 FINAL9

Source: BOEMRE, GNO, Inc. Analysis

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Geaux Fish to reel in up to \$275,000 in cash and prizes

Fish waters from Calcasieu to Breton Sound July 2–Sept. 5 to win big.



NEW ORLEANS— June 23, 2011—Calling all anglers: prepare to cast your line for the fishing event of the season. The Louisiana Charter Boat Association (LCBA) and BP are proud to announce Geaux Fish, your chance to reel in up to \$275,000 in cash and other prizes while doing what anglers do best—fishing—from July 2 to Sept. 5, 2011.

Geaux Fish, with the help of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), is tagging 50 speckled trout in waters from Lake Calcasieu to Breton Sound, and each one is a winner. One fish is tagged as the grand prize, worth up to \$250,000. Five other major prizes include a new 2011 Ford F-150 Supercab, a 2011 Blazer Bay 2170 boat and trailer, and three individual cash prizes of \$5,000 each. The remaining 44 fish represent cash prizes and other big-ticket items totaling more than \$22,000.

Catch the grand prize fish while fishing with a registered Louisiana charter boat captain to increase your winnings by up to 10 percent, totaling up to a potential \$275,000—and that’s no fish tale!

“Sponsoring Geaux Fish with BP is a great way for us to encourage beginner baiters, experienced anglers and enthusiasts of all levels to enjoy the sport while competing for great prizes,” said Daryl Carpenter, LCBA President. “Louisiana’s charter boat captains and guides are available during Geaux Fish and year round to help anglers get the most out of the Louisiana fishing experience. We are looking forward to a great event and a great season.”


“We are proud to host Geaux Fish with the Louisiana Charter Boat Association to encourage people to fish the waters of South Louisiana,” said Iris Cross, general manager of external relations for BP’s Gulf Coast Restoration Organization in Louisiana. “We want people to know the waters are open and the fish are biting.

Geaux Fish is the perfect opportunity to come and see for yourself.”


Anyone with a valid fishing license is eligible and encouraged to participate. Registration will be open before the July 2 tournament start date. Participants must be registered and have accepted the rules and regulations to be eligible to receive prizes, if they catch a prize winning tagged fish. Find more information and register online at www.GeauxFish2011.com.

About LCBA The Louisiana Charter Boat Association (LCBA) was created to protect and promote the development and preservation of the fishing guide industry in Louisiana. LCBA member guides are individuals who have proven to be properly licensed and insured for the activities that they participate in. Find a charter boat captain today at www.fishlcba.com.

About BP Gulf Coast Restoration Organization BP Gulf Coast Restoration Organization (GCRO) works with Gulf Coast communities and other stakeholders to complete the Deepwater Horizon response and live up to BP’s commitments. With offices in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida, the focus of GCRO is to complete the response and focus on environmental and economic restoration of coastal communities, with a focus on the seafood, tourism and energy industries. For more information on GCRO visit www.louisianagulfresponse.com.



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OCHSNER AMONG TOP 5% IN NATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICINE; ONLY IN LOUISIANA NAMED IN ER EXCELLENCE

NEW ORLEANS – HealthGrades, the nation’s leading, independent source of physician information and hospital quality ratings, today named Ochsner Clinic Foundation -- both Ochsner Medical Center and Ochsner Medical Center-West Bank Campus – among the top five percent in the nation for emergency medicine for the second consecutive year.

Study findings also show that Ochsner’s Emergency Medicine program is the only facility in Louisiana to receive the HealthGrades Emergency Medicine Excellence Award in 2011 or a Five-Star rating for Emergency Medicine. Additionally, Ochsner’s Emergency Medicine program is 1 of only 195 programs across the nation to be named among the top 5 percent in the nation for 2 consecutive years (2010-2011).

The findings are based on an analysis of more than seven million Medicare patient records from 2007 to 2009. HealthGrades Emergency Medicine in American Hospitals study focused on 12 of the most common and life-threatening medical emergencies among that patient population, including heart attack, stroke,

pneumonia and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD.

“Ochsner and the Department of Emergency Medicine are deeply honored to have received this distinction from HealthGrades as one of the best emergency departments in the country,” said Dr. Joseph Guarisco, Chairman, Department of Emergency Medicine, Ochsner Medical Center. “This award is reflective of our contribution to a major organizational push to deliver perfect patient care -every patient, every time. And, it reflects on efforts and contributions from many beyond the ED, on our investments in processes that deliver such exceptional quality and in the skilled nurses and physicians and others who take care of our patients well beyond their ED visit.”

“I am extremely proud of our dedicated team of professionals, who always put the patient first,” said Dr. John Phillips, Medical Director, Department of Emergency Medicine, Ochsner Medical Center – West Bank Campus. “Caring, compassion, and critical thinking have led to our success.”

“In the case of a medical emergency, patients need to get to the closest emergency room as fast as possible. No exceptions,” said Dr. Rick May, study co-author and HealthGrades Vice President of clinical quality services. “That said, we encourage patients to prepare in advance by identifying top-performing hospitals close to home. Our research shows that it’s not just the care you receive the moment you arrive that makes the difference between life and death, but the hospital’s ability to continue to provide you with the right care at the right time if you need to be admitted.”

Other key findings of the HealthGrades study include:

- The study found that patients treated at Emergency Medicine Excellence Award recipient hospitals had, on average, a 40% lower risk of mortality than non-recipient hospitals.
- On average, for the 12 conditions studied, the percentage of cases admitted through the emergency department increased 2.64% from 2007 to 2009.

July 2011 General Meeting/Luncheon

Bayou Barriere Golf Club

The PABI 2011 Legislative Session Review was held on July 26, at Bayou Barriere Golf Club with our state delegation as guest speakers. Senator A.G. Crowe, Senator David Heitmeier, Senator John Alario and Representative Ernest Wooton spoke about their assessment of the 2011 Session and the impact on Plaquemines Parish. The general overview conveyed by all delegates was that although the fiscal session started with a \$1.6 billion deficit, they were able to pass a balanced budget without raising taxes. Senator Crowe spoke of the elimination of 1,600 state positions to help reduce costs as well as privatizing some state services and possibly leasing out prisons. Health Care and the successful creation of the Violent Crimes Task Force (VCTF) were a couple of items

discussed by Senator Heitmeier. The VCTF has a 98% conviction rate and has accounted for the capture of over 200 felons. Senator Alario spoke about Baptiste Collette By-Pass. He also mentioned the deficit and credited Governor Jindal with sticking to his vow not to raise taxes. Representative Wooton stated that he fought hard to keep Plaquemines Parish all in one district, but was unable to get enough support. He said he will always be a part of Plaquemines Parish and will help anytime he is needed.



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By Jeff White, Chair

New Construction Projects on Base:

According to Captain Thomas Luscher, C O. NAS/JRB, "The most exciting new project is the Fine Arts Amphitheater at Belle Chasse Academy." He says this project will benefit the entire base population and our community. It includes a 500-seat auditorium that the base will have access to when school is not in session. As part of the design, they are creating a new road and parking lot for the school, along with a new traffic pattern on Russell and Chambers Avenues to improve safety. Please be aware of these traffic changes and new signage in the area of Belle Chasse Academy.

NAS/JRB will soon break ground on a new \$16.4 Million Air Traffic Control Tower facility. The current control tower was built in 1957 and was in dire need of replacement. The new facility will provide greatly improved working conditions for the operations

department and a higher degree of safety for air crews.

Other News:

Also, NAS/JRB Credit Union has opened a full service off-base branch located at 7532 Suite A, Hwy. 23 in Belle Chasse. This new branch will help customers with their banking needs without having to go onto the Base. We want to extend a warm welcome from the Belle Chasse community.

As a final note, please keep the friends and family of the 30 service members who were supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in your prayers. They died August 6th, 2011 in Wardak Province, Afghanistan when their CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed while defending our freedom. I ask that you please pray for our men and women in uniform... God Bless America!!

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