**Louisiana Oyster Task Force Meeting**

**John Tesvich, Chairman**

**Thursday, February 15, 2018, 1 p.m.**

**2000 Quail Dr., Louisiana Room**

**Baton Rouge, LA 70808**

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Roll call and introduction of guests**
3. **Approval of December 12, 2017 Minutes and February 15, 2018 Agenda**
4. **Treasury Report**

A.      Oyster Tag Sales

B.      LOTF Financial Report

1. **Committee Reports**
2. Public and Private Oyster Grounds Committee (Mitch Jurisich)

B.      Enforcement (Major Chad Hebert)

C.      Legislative (Jakov Jurisic)

D.     Research (Earl Melancon)

E.      Coastal Restoration (Dan Coulon)

F.      Marketing (LDWF)

G.      Health (Justin Gremillion)

H.     Sustainability (LDWF)

I.        Professionalism (LDWF)

J. Aquaculture (John Supan)

K. Joint Task Force Working Group (Mitch Jurisich)

1. **New Business**
2. Discussion and Update on the 17/2018 Oyster Season- LDWF
3. To Hear a Brief Biological Overview on the Sabine Lake Oyster Reef- LDWF
4. To Hear an Update on the Oyster Shell Recycling Program and Upcoming Events- Deb Abibou (CRCL)
5. Request for OTF Participation in a Diversion Panel Forum at the 2018 LFF Summit- Earl Melancon (LA Sea Grant)
6. Discussion of an Oyster Commercial to Highlight the Industry’s Environmental and Coastal Conservation Efforts- Mitch Jurisich (OTF)
7. Discussion of Using Drone Operation with GPS Coordinates to Assist in Oyster Enforcement- Willie Daisy (OTF)
8. To Consider Funding for the 2018 ‘Let the World Be Your Oyster’ Event- OTF
9. **Public Comment**
10. **Set Next Meeting**
11. **Adjourn**

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