

Louisiana Oyster Task Force Meeting

Mitch Jurisich, Chairman
Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
New Orleans Lakefront Airport
6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70126

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

III. Approval of August 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes and the October 14, 2025 Agenda

IV. Treasury Report

A. LOTF Financial Report & Oyster Tag Sales

V. Committee Reports

- A. Public and Private Oyster Grounds Committee (Mitch Jurisich)
- B. Enforcement (Captain Davis Madere)
- C. Legislative (Brad Robin)
- D. Legal (Brad Robin/Jakov Jurisic)
- E. Research (Earl Melancon)
- F. Coastal Restoration (Capt. George Ricks)
- G. Marketing (BMF)
- H. Health (LDH)
- I. Aquaculture (Steve Pollock)
- J. Joint Task Force Working Group (Mitch Jurisich)

VI. New Business

- A. To Consider a Resolution on the LDH Regulation Preventing Off-Bottom Oyster Farmers and Harvesters from Selling to Traditional On-Bottom Oyster Dealers – Dr. John Dale “Zach” Lea, Coastal Development Projects
- B. To Consider a Resolution to Promote the Expansion of the Louisiana Oyster Industry Through Increased Sales of Cooked Oyster Products – Dr. John Dale “Zach” Lea, Coastal Development Projects
- C. To Hear a Presentation on SeaD Consulting Seafood Testing – David Williams, SeaD Consulting
- D. To Hear an Update on the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana Oyster Shell Recycling Program Restoration Project – Darrah Bach, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana
- E. To Discuss LDH and LDWF Laws and Rules Necessary to Process Off-Bottom Oysters Onshore Away from Growing Area Leases - OTF
- F. To Discuss Operational Plan for LA Sea Grant Funded Grand Isle Oyster Processing Facility for processing off-bottom cultured oysters harvested from Grand Isle Port Commission Aquaculture Park- OTF
- G. To Provide an Update on the Oyster Moratorium Lifting Process – LDWF
- H. To Discuss and Consider Dedicating Funding to Host the Let the World Be Your Oyster Event to the LA Oyster Dealers and Growers Association- OTF
- I. To Discuss Current OTF Seat Vacancies and Possible Nominations - OTF

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Set Next Meeting

IX. Adjourn

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