**Louisiana Shrimp Task Force Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 10:00 a.m.**

**LDWF Headquarters**

**2000 Quail Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70898**

**AGENDA**

**Due to the public health emergency guidelines established in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, all members of the public will have to wear a mask to enter the building.**

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of December 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes**
4. **Approval of February 16, 2022 Meeting Agenda**
5. **Financial Report**
6. **New Business** 
   1. Consider holding an Executive Session, pursuant to R.S. 42:17(A)(2) to receive a status update and discuss litigation strategy in the matter of *State of Louisiana, by and through Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries versus Gina Raimondo, in her official capacity as United States Secretary of Commerce, et al*., C.A. No. 21-1523, Section “R” (2), U.S.D.C., Eastern District of Louisiana.  – J. Scott St. John, LDOJ Deputy Solicitor General, and Cole Garrett, LDWF General Counsel
   2. To Discuss a Proposal to Hire a Lobbyist to Represent the Shrimp Task Force- STF
   3. To Discuss the USDA’s Covid-19 Seafood Processors Grant Program- LDAF
   4. To Discuss and Consider Changes to the 2019 Flood Disaster Spending Plan- LDWF
   5. To Discuss the Distribution of 2019 Flood Disaster and CARES Act Funding- STF
   6. To Discuss Federal Shrimp cELB vs. VMS Side-By-Side Comparison- LDWF
   7. To Discuss Shrimp Ride Along Program and Protocol- LDWF
   8. To Hear a Presentation on Trends in Commercial White and Brown Shrimp Landings by Size Category: 2010-2020-LDWF
   9. To Hear an Update on the Schedule and Mitigation Plan for the Proposed Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion- CPRA
   10. To Hear a Presentation on Offshore Wind Development in the Gulf- Bureau of Ocean Energy and Management
   11. To Hear an Update on the STF Washington, D.C. Trip- STF
   12. To Discuss 3-Mile Closure in Parts of Zone 2- STF
   13. To Hear a Presentation on the LA Search for National Estuarine Research Reserve- Dr. Robert Twilley, LSU
   14. To Hear an Update on Funding for Gulf Hypoxia- Doug Daigle
7. **Public Comment**
8. **Set Next Meeting**
9. **Adjourn**

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