



# *St. Bernard Parish Council*

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**#27**

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**Roxanne Adams**  
*Clerk of Council*

EXTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mr. Montelongo, seconded by Mr. Gorbaty, it was moved to **adopt** the following resolution:

## **RESOLUTION SBPC #1897-12-18**

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING A LETTER TO THE CAERNARVON INTERAGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CIAC) OPPOSING THE PROPOSED 2019 OPERATIONAL REGIME.

**WHEREAS**, on December 5, 2018, the Caernarvon Interagency Advisory Committee (CIAC) will convene to adopt the 2019 Operational Plan for the Caernarvon Freshwater Diversion, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the belief of the St. Bernard Parish Council that the current operation of the Caernarvon Diversion is causing injury to the Essential Fish Habitat in Breton Sound as established under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the St. Bernard Parish Council does hereby endorse the attached letter (Exhibit "A") to be submitted to the Caernarvon Interagency Advisory Committee (CIAC) opposing the 2019 Operational Regime.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

**YEAS:**            Gorbaty, Luna, Alcon, Montelongo, Lewis

**NAYS:**            None

**ABSENT:**        McCloskey

The Council Chair, Ms. Callais, cast her vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.



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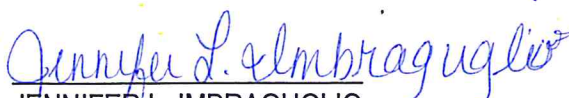
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## CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a motion adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Parish of St. Bernard, held at Chalmette, Louisiana, on Tuesday, December 4, 2018.

Witness my hand and the seal  
of the Parish of St. Bernard on  
this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

  
JENNIFER L. IMBRAGUGLIO  
DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCIL





December 5, 2018

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Caernarvon Interagency Advisory Committee  
c/o Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, 150 Terrace Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Attention: Michael Ellison, Executive Director and Chair of the Caernarvon Interagency Advisory Committee

Mr. Ellison:

The St. Bernard Parish Council, as governing authority of St. Bernard, is submitting this letter as a formal objection to the proposed 2019 operational regime of the Caernarvon Freshwater Diversion. As shown by the attached graphs depicting the level of salinity at a gauge located approximately 16 miles from the diversion outfall area the salinity is currently under two parts per thousand. At the same gauge in 2017 the salinity was over five parts per thousand.

This diversion is a salinity control structure and should be operated based on the salinity levels established to best maintain the Essential Fish Habitat. Maintaining a 500 cfs minimum flow is creating an environment in the basin that is detrimental to the industries that St. Bernard Parish relies on for its economic survival. Our oyster, shrimp, and recreational fishing industries are all seeing negative consequences based on the current operational regime.

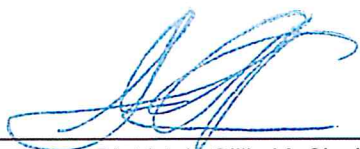
With the combined effects of Mardi Gras Pass running uncontrolled, increasing the freshwater flow into the basin at a current and ever-rising rate of 17,900 cfs, additional freshwater is not necessary in this basin until that breach is repaired. This increase of freshwater flow has greatly reduced the salinity of these adjoining marshes injuring the historic seed ground of some of the oldest known oyster reefs in Louisiana.

In conclusion, we respectfully request that the 2019 operational regime be altered to remove the 500 cfs minimum flow of the Caernarvon diversion. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

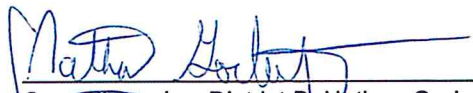
Sincerely,

Councilmember at Large East, Kerri Callais

Councilmember at Large West, Richard "Richie" Lewis



Councilmember District A, Gillis McCloskey



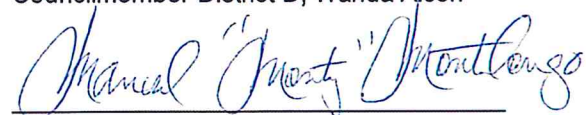
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