



St. Bernard Parish Council

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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, JANUARY 2, 2018 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

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

RESOLUTION SBPC #1789-01-18

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SENDING OF A LETTER TO MICHAEL ELLIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOUISIANA COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY, TO SUPPORT THE POSITION OF THE LOUISIANA OYSTER DEALERS AND GROWERS ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, the state is considering an Oyster Lease Acquisition Compensation Amendment which sets an unworkable harvest efficiency ratio;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the St. Bernard Parish Council along with St. Bernard Parish President, Guy McInnis, do hereby endorse the sending of the attached letter (Exhibit "A") to Michael Ellis, Executive Director of Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, supporting the position of the Louisiana Oyster Dealers and Growers Association

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

YEAS: McCloskey, Gorbaty, Luna, Alcon, Montelongo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lewis

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

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 2nd day of January, 2018.

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at Large

Richard "Richie" Lewis
Councilmember
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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, January 2, 2018

Witness my hand and the seal of the Parish of St. Bernard on this 2nd day of January, 2018.

ROXANNE ADAMS
CLERK OF COUNCIL



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January 2, 2018

Michael Ellis
Executive Director
Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority
150 Terrance Avenue
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

Re: Public Comment on Oyster Lease Acquisition Compensation Amendment

Dear Mr. Ellis:

St. Bernard Parish Government supports the position of the Louisiana Oyster Dealers & Growers Association, Louisiana Oyster Task Force, and hundreds of oyster harvesters in St. Bernard Parish regarding the subject amendment. We are particularly concerned about the *harvest efficiency ratio*, which is defined in the amendment as follows:

The ratio used to determine the amount of marketable oysters capable of being harvested on affected acreage acquired pursuant to R.S. 56:432.1. The harvest efficiency ratio shall be 70 percent of the marketable oysters on the affected acreage.

It is our position that the harvest efficiency ratio should be set at no less than 95%.

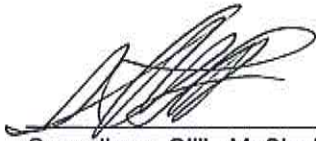
Additionally, we are concerned about the exclusive use of *marketable* ("sack") oysters in lease evaluations. Since oyster harvesters invest a significant amount of material and labor into cultivating oyster seed and spat, it is our position that these living organisms also be factored into lease evaluations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

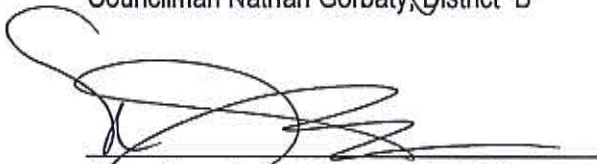
Sincerely,


Councilman at Large East, Kerri Callais


Councilman at Large West, Richard "Richie" Lewis



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Councilman Nathan Gorbaty, District "B"


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Parish President, Guy McInnis