



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 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2016 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

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

RESOLUTION SBPC #1652-11-16

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES, TO CONDUCT A SURVEY AND AN ASSESSMENT OF THE REMAINING ANCHORS AND OTHER RELICS OF THE BP OIL SPILL IN THE VICINITY OF ST. BERNARD PARISH; AND AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN, EXECUTE AND ADMINISTER ANY AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, the BP spill was a tremendous ecological and environmental disaster that affected both the people and the wildlife of coastal Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the residents and the commercial fisherman of St. Bernard Parish were directly affected by both the spill and the recovery from the spill; and

WHEREAS, the response to the spill included the installation of several miles of oil absorbent booms across many of the passes and cuts connecting the Gulf of Mexico to the inland waterways; and

WHEREAS, these booms were held in place by a series of unmarked anchors that were installed at multiple locations across the coast; and

WHEREAS, these anchors remain below the water surface, posing a serious threat to recreational and commercial vessels, as well as the nets, traps, and other equipment used by the commercial fishing industry in south Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the fisherman of St. Bernard Parish have had nets torn, lines broken, and valuable catch lost due to these unseen and remaining obstructions; and

WHEREAS, St. Bernard Parish Government believes these obstructions should be identified and removed as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, St. Bernard Parish Government asks, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries share any information gained from this assessment with the Parish, commercial fisherman and the recreational fisherman of the Parish in order to avoid further damage to fishing gear, equipment, and bodily injury to the citizens; and

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WHEREAS, St. Bernard Parish Government request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to prepare a plan for the removal of any such obstructions as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was sponsored for the Administration by Councilmembers

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Administration of St. Bernard Parish Government that the Council does hereby approve a request to the State of Louisiana, through the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, to conduct a survey and an assessment of the remaining anchors and other relics of the BP Spill in the vicinity of St. Bernard Parish; and authorizes the Parish President to sign, execute and administer any and all relevant documents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Bernard Parish Council convened in regular session on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 and hereby approves a request to the State of Louisiana, through the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, to conduct a survey and an assessment of the remaining anchors and other relics of the BP Spill in the vicinity of St. Bernard Parish; and authorizes the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said change order and any and all relevant documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to: State of Louisiana, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, ATTN: Charlie Melancon, Secretary, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, La. 70808; St. Bernard Parish Government: Department of Public Works, and the Office of the Parish Administrator.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 2nd day of November, 2016.



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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 Wednesday, November 2, 2016.

Witness my hand and the seal
of the Parish of St. Bernard on
this 2nd day of November, 2016.

ROXANNE ADAMS
CLERK OF COUNCIL