Time to get this Blueprint

Off the drawing board
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The Sierra Club Delta Chapter Executive Committee got together recently for a planning meeting to identify priorities and actions to be taken. We identified priority issues for Delta Chapter and voted on them. The top two vote getters were Cypress and Coal/Nuclear. Other priority issues identified were Climate change, Coastal restoration and US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mercury, Atchafalaya, and Public lands/endangered species. Some current highlights are as follows:

**Cypress** - The Save Our Cypress coalition has been quite effective under Dean Wilson’s leadership. You know that the logging industry has noticed the pressure when they talk the entire Louisiana legislative delegation into signing a letter to Walmart asking the retailer to rescind its ban on selling of cypress mulch.

**Coal/Nuclear** – We are very active with the national No New Coal campaign through the efforts of Leslie March our conservation chair, and with other Louisiana environmental groups fighting any new coal plant construction or conversion from gas fired power plants. We are also working against the transport of nuclear waste through the port of New Orleans.

**Mercury** – Club member Barry Kohl has been leading the charge to limit the discharge of mercury into the environment through his work on last year’s mercury bill in the legislature and also the lawsuit to hold Enervest accountable for leakage of mercury from oilfield monitoring devices.

**Climate change** – We are working with municipalities and universities on Cool Cities commitments, writing letters to newspapers, and representing advocacy on this issue in many different ways at the group level.

**Coastal** - Permitting problems are ongoing, public information isn’t forthcoming, the Corps continues to hide behind FOIA to keep information from the public, and could be eying wetlands for ‘borrow’ material under an expedited alternative NEPA. Barry Kohl and Aaron Viles will continue to bird dog the Corps on these issues.

**Atchafalaya** – We have been commenting on plans put forward by USACE for development in the Atchafalaya Basin. We are following with great interest bills in the legislature to revamp the Atchafalaya Basin program. We continue to fight oil industry destruction without remediation of natural areas in the Basin.

**Delta Chapter History Project**

We figured out that the Delta Chapter is approaching its 40th anniversary. We have many accomplishments over the years including shell dredging, protection of the Atchafalaya, Gulf Islands National Seashore, and more recently the exposure of the problems with FEMA trailers. We know there are more accomplishments but we can’t remember them all at once so we are starting a chapter history project to interview persons who have been active in Sierra Club efforts in the past. We will write things up as we get them and post them on our chapter web site so we can have a historical reference. Any Delta Chapter members who have stories about environmental success stories can submit them to the chapter chair at hrmartin2sc@cox.net.

**Volunteers** - Always needed and appreciated. Take the lead in your own group or community. Follow your passion whether it is leading a canoe trip or doing research on clean air requirements, or making phone calls to elected officials. It all helps and I thank you personally.

------------ Woody Martin

Delta Chapter Chair
Cool Cities Advocate

PS. If you haven’t sent your March Appeal envelope in there is still time.
Serious conservationists who spend quiet evenings reading through title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the Endangered Species List, are aware of such species as the Louisiana Quillwort, the Alabama Heelsplitter Mussel, and the Furbish Lousewort. (No wonder they’re endangered; with names like those people will try to get rid of them.) Alert readers of the Federal Register know that the U. S. Fish and Game Service has added a new species to the list of endangered plants and animals. The scientific name is Praefectus Novae Aurlienis Naginsis, and the common, colloquial names are “Ray Nagin,” “C. Ray,” and “Da Mayor.”

The reason for the listing is that Mayor Nagin has nearly disappeared from his natural habitat, the City of New Orleans. The prospect of term limits following his reelection may have been a factor, but some studies indicate that he simply has, as expressed in nonscientific terms, skipped town. Upon reelection he publicly proclaimed a “100-Day Plan” to restore New Orleans to thriving good health in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, but by the expiration of those 100 days, little was done and C. Ray was a gone pecan (to use a scientific phrase). He was spotted far from his natural habitat, sprouting as an exotic species in Dallas and China and Washington, leading some ecologists to speculate that climate change and global warming may have affected his migration and habitat patterns. There was evidence that he was responding to global warming and the threat of rising sea level inundating New Orleans by going “out in the cold,” but a search pursuant to an F.B.I. warrant of Congressman William Jefferson’s freezer revealed only cold cash. Da Mayor was not in the icebox. If he not out in the cold or simply out cold, what happened to him?

More significant evidence, which was relied on by the U. S. Fish and Game Service in classifying C. Ray as an endangered species, was that he was never seen at the polls on election days. The registrar of voters for Orleans Parish was interviewed as part of the investigation, and he reported that the reason the mayor does not vote in Orleans Parish is because, as a non-resident, he cannot vote in city and parochial elections there.

“Ya gotta live here to vote here,” the registrar told the investigators, as he opened the books of the voter rolls to show that Da Mayor’s name had been crossed out with the legalese notation, “Ain’t dere no more.”

Some further investigation turned up evidence that C. Ray has met clandestinely with candy mogul Willie Wonka. The reports are that they are quietly seeking investors to construct a candy factory to make chocolate king cakes, chocolate bars that are full of nuts (like many bars in New Orleans), and chocolate likenesses of Da Mayor himself. This facility will be constructed on a site familiar to many Delta Sierrans. It is near the intersection of U.S. Highways 90 and 190 adjacent to the Pearl River south of Slidell. Many years ago The Nature Conservancy purchased the swampland to perpetuate the eagles’ nesting area, they named it for the dreadful eatery, “The White Kitchen Preserve.”

Speaking of dreadful, the natural habitat of the newest endangered species is a wild and dysfunctional location known as “City Hall.” Rife with toxic attitudes and impossible dead ends, the habitat is so bad that the habitat itself may have been the cause of the disappearance of Da Mayor. This is one instance in which the destruction of habitat may actually help the environment and lead to the return of C. Ray to the City of New Orleans. Investigators have looked for him among the inhabitants of the homeless village under the elevated I-10 on Claiborne Avenue, but inquiries in that location were met with chortles, guffaws, and expressions that cannot be printed here.

There are rumors in the city that Ray Nagin may reappear in the late summer, reestablish residency, take off with the legalese notation, “Ain’t dere no more.” Some further investigation turned up evidence that C. Ray has met clandestinely with candy mogul Willie Wonka. The reports are that they are quietly seeking investors to construct a candy factory to make chocolate king cakes, chocolate bars that are full of nuts (like many bars in New Orleans), and chocolate likenesses of Da Mayor himself. This facility will be constructed on a site familiar to many Delta Sierrans. It is near the intersection of U.S. Highways 90 and 190 adjacent to the Pearl River south of Slidell. Many years ago The Nature Conservancy acquired land nearby as protected habitat for endangered bald eagles. It is fitting, if not ironic, that the Nagin-Wonka chocolate factory, which will be called “Chocolate City,” is to be built to encourage the return of another endangered species, C. Ray, on the site of a long-gone restaurant famous for its bad food in the 1960s, The White Kitchen. When The Nature Conservancy purchased the swampland to perpetuate the eagles’ nesting area, they named it for the dreadful eatery, “The White Kitchen Preserve.”

- Earl Higgins
Environmental Voter Day

Protecting Louisiana: An Environmental Briefing Book

The Delta Chapter participated in the 4th annual lobby day in Baton Rouge on May 12, 2008. We had participants from all over the state from Lafayette to Slidell. There were around 65 people who came for lobby training. A majority came from the Delta Chapter of the Sierra Club. LEAN, GRN, Holy Cross Neighborhood Association, the Alliance for Affordable Energy were among the other groups that came.

The participants went over to the capitol and met with their members after the introductory session held at the Hollywood Casino.

We would like to thank the participants for coming to lobby day. We have set up a list serve just to talk about legislation, the group is called LA Environmental Voters. It is on google groups. If you didn’t attend but would like to be notified about upcoming legislation or events, please email lesliemarch@hotmail.com.

We need to say thank you to Jon Zimmerman at the Hollywood Casino on River Road in Baton Rouge, Darrell Hunt, Kathy Wascom and David Brown for legislative highlights, Marylee Orr and Ann Shaneyfelt for taking care of the last minute details. Casey Roberts, Dean Wilson and Jill Mastrototaro for speaking at the lunch.

We are already planning for next year’s event. We want to give better notice, arrange for transportation and possible overnight stays for folks that are far away, and give everyone more time at the capitol. Feel free to send me any other comments you have or volunteer to be an organizer for next year.

Kickoff Lunch

The lunch marked the kickoff of Protecting Louisiana: An environmental briefing book. This book is a tool for citizens to take to their members to talk about passing progressive legislation to protect people and the environment. If you want to download a copy go to www.labriefingbook.org. The briefing book is authored by environmentalists from all over the state. The Delta Chapter took the lead and recruited 12 additional groups to participate. A copy of the book has been delivered by LEAN to each legislator, however don’t let that stop you from giving another copy to your state legislator. Copies have been disbursed to local groups, Contact your chair to receive one.

Green Caucus

Ask your legislator to support a fully funded and staffed Green Caucus. There are many such caucuses at the capitol, including the Black Caucus, the Women’s Caucus, the River Parishes Caucus and others. If we had a Green Caucus, we would have an inside chance of getting more Green bills proposed and passed.
Coal Campaign Continues to Burn

By Leslie March

The Delta Chapter is working with the Say Yes to Clean Energy, Say No to Coal and Energy Coalition. Our goals are to prevent new coal plants from being built in Louisiana while promoting energy efficiency, conservation and the development of new renewable sources of energy. Here is an overview of what we have been doing and what we plan to do in the future.

Preventing new coal plants

The Delta Chapter in alliance with LEAN (the Louisiana Environmental Action Network), GRN (the Gulf Restoration Network), and the Alliance for Affordable Energy filed to intervene with the PSC (Public Service Commission) last fall regarding the conversion of Little Gypsy owned by Entergy LA, a peak hour natural gas plant (only turned on when demand is high) to a baseline (runs all the time) petroleum coke and coal plant. The PSC voted for the conversion despite the efforts of national lawyers from the Sierra Club, the Tulane Environmental law clinic and citizens, who called and wrote to them. We have legal grounds to appeal this decision and we filed an appeal. We also notified Entergy LA that the plant design violates the Clean Air act due to a recent court case, State of NJ etal vs EPA that struck down a recent EPA decision to exclude Power Plants from a list of sources of hazardous air pollutants. Entergy LA backed down and has withdrawn their permit application until they can redesign the plant. Entergy LA had also filed for a request to be allowed to charge ratepayers upfront for construction. This is called CWIP. See article about CWIP for explanation. At this time the request for CWIP has been postponed.

Rhodemacher, a Cleco owned plant is under construction south of Alexandria.

The permits were granted right after the storm and we missed this one. This is also a conversion from natural gas to pet coke and coal. Recently they filed for an amended air permit because they changed their fuel mix which resulted in higher air pollutants. Lawyers from the national coal team are looking into a strategy on this plant.

Big Cajun is an existing coal burning plant owned by NRG. They have several applications in that include building an additional unit and changing the fuel mix to a dirtier process. The Delta Chapter is in litigation regarding air permits for this plant. The power is sold to local Louisiana Electricy Cooperatives. Because it is a “merchant plant,” the PSC doesn’t have jurisdiction in this case.

Integrated Resource Plan

A docket has been opened at the PSC to require the regulated utilities to do a plan that would include energy conservation and the development of renewable resources. Our hope is that these plans will show that we do not need new power plants and maybe even that we could phase out existing coal plants. The New Orleans City Council is also considering this issue. They act as their own PSC. The National Sierra Club Coal Campaign hired a local attorney experienced in utility matters to work on the IRPs for the state and the city.

Big News

The Sierra Club is hiring a full time coal organizer to work with our Louisiana groups on this issue. The person will also be promoting energy efficiency and new renewable sources of energy. If you are interested email Jillmastrototaro@gmail.com for details.

Follow the plants

http://www.sierraclub.org/environmentallaw/coal/

Download information

http://clubhouse.sierraclub.org/conservation/energy/coal/

Clubhouse-user explore-password
**LPSC EXPOSED: Citizen’s Guide**

By Leslie March

Please read the mission of the Louisiana Public Service Commission carefully. As I have traveled around the state talking to groups about the new coal plants, I am surprised how few of us know what they do?? That included me. The five people on this commission have decision making powers that effect our daily lives. Unfortunately it isn’t us that they are serving. In looking at the past 4 years campaign contributions to chair Jay Blossman, there is a reoccurring cycle of contributions from utility companies and people connected to utility companies. I think this is a subject overlooked by the Ethics frenzy going on in Baton Rouge right now.

A law should have been passed to prevent utilities from contributin to seated members of the Public Service Commission.

The public process of the public service commission is very convoluted. First an application is filed with the PSC, Then there is a time period open when interested parties can intervene on the application. This generally requires having a lawyer file documents representing parties like the club who want to comment for or against. After this there are a series of legal deadlines that include depositions of witnesses, briefs need to be filed and arguments prepared. Basically in order to object to a coal plant or having your water, power, cable or gas rates increased, you have to go through a trial. All of this is very expensive and not within the grasp of the average citizen.

What happens next is a hearing in which both sides give their testimony. The hearing is held in the chambers of the PSC, however only a hearing judge is present. The staff of the PSC prepares a report and gives it to each commissioner. Hmmm and they are asking for a $35,000 a year raise??

The only time the PSC is present during the process is on the day of the business meeting. Final arguments are produced and then they vote. This is why we have been asking you to call your PSC Commissioner or even go to see them in person to discuss the issues.

My first experience with the PSC was Little Gypsy. I was shocked that the commissioners were cutting up and having side conversations during the final arguments. I also felt disrespected when the chair of the commission was very condescending toward the Tulane Student Lawyers. This was not a hearing room where the needs of everyday people were being considered, Coincidently despite the fact that the commission has a responsibility to stay neutral on issues until they are brought before them, Jay Blossman had already endorsed the Entergy LA plan several weeks before the testimony was heard.

Despite the overwhelming evidence that Little Gypsy would produce an increase in toxic pollutants that would result in higher health costs in the area, that Little Gypsy’s carbon emissions would require purchasing carbon tax credits in the future and that Entergy is pleading that they can’t do this project without the rate payers paying up front, our commissioners voted unanimously in November 2007 to allow the plant to be converted.

If you have been following coal plants in the news, then you know that other states including Kansas, Illinois, Florida have opted out of building new coal plants. Our PSC appears to be ignoring the market forces that are reducing the number of coal plants. Wall street has put the industry on notice that they won’t be financing coal plants. Our PSC continues to push us down the path of risky business.

In March, the PSC voted unanimously to approve a new coal plant in Arkansas that will provide some power to Shreveport. Not only are they gung ho about our coal plants but they want to encourage our neighbors to be polluting as well. This vote was despite the fact that ratepayers are trying to stop the SWEPCO plant in the courts in Arkansas.

We have mentioned Jay Blossman because he is the chair and should be providing leadership to bring Louisiana to the front of the pack not move us back into the Victorian age. Blossman has questionable ethics, he recently sent a letter out on PSC letterhead to utilities urging them to use the services of a friend and couldn’t see that his action was inappropriate. He is up for re-election in 2008 and we will be watching his contributors.
CWIP

CWIP - Construction work in progress; those utility facilities which are under construction but not yet completed to the point they supply service. This has come into play in the past when projects were running a little over budget and were almost completed. The new use for CWIP, according to Entergy and Cleco is for rate payers to pay upfront for plants without having any guarantee that the plant will be completed. This means of financing is crucial to cover cost overruns in the Cleco plant at Rhodemacher because they are not able to go back to their lenders for more money. The lending banks have recently decided not to fund Coal plants anymore. The banks say that there is too much risk with the unknown carbon taxes looming on the horizon and they are concerned about the effects of global warming. Cleco is applying to the PSC for CWIP. The Little Gypsy conversion is intended to be completely financed by CWIP. There are no institutional lenders that are willing to finance this project. The project is on hold at the moment until the plant is redesigned. This gives us an opportunity to let our PSC commissioners know that we do not want to pay for this plant... approximately 1.55 billion and counting. The PSC is being asked to have the ratepayers pay for this plant upfront with a no interest loan to Entergy LA. The plant won’t begin to pay for itself until 2028 according to Entergy’s own experts. Our rough estimate is that each person in Entergy LA’s service area will give them a loan for $750 each for the construction. This doesn’t factor in an increased cost of fuel or carbon taxes. New Nuclear Plants are being proposed across the country including Florida and Mississippi. In each case CWIP is being requested. With the projects costing at least 8 billion, the rate payers will be paying for a long time. Entergy Nuclear is applying for a license to build a new reactor at the Riverbend location so be prepared that they will ask for CWIP for that project too.

On Saturday, April 18, 2008 thirteen participants from the New Orleans Group enjoyed the wonders of Clark Creek Natural Area in Tunica Hills. Within only 2 1/2 hours of New Orleans, our group was able to view tall waterfalls, boulders, high ridges, steep ravines and a lovely creek that meanders through the unique habitat. The trail began high on a ridge with fascinating views into the steep valleys. Our group then descended into the creek bed, where we slowly made our way over the many boulders, along the slippery clay banks and under and over fallen trees. At the start of the adventure many of us walked carefully so as to avoid wet feet and shoes. Very quickly we gave up on that idea and enjoyed the feel of the creek water. I personally gave up trying to stay dry when I stepped on some wet clay and slid into the shallow water. Refreshing! Some of our many rewards were standing at the bottom of the six different 20-to 30-feet tall waterfalls, which happened to be rather slender on this day. We were fortunate that Barry Kohl, geologist, was with us. He helped us appreciate the geology of these loess hills that were formed by wind-blown silt from the Mississippi River. The trees were dressed in new spring green, shading us from the hot sun, keeping us cool. Boulders and banks were also adorned with green, including lush ferns and moss. Members were very pleased with the experience and the beautiful day we were able to enjoy. After 4 1/2 hours of maneuvering marvelous Clark Creek, we were grateful for the man-made steps that took us to the ridge which led us back to the parking lot. Everyone commented on the perfect weather and delightful people who experienced this unique work of Nature. Darlene Reaves spent the whole day with us. She and Jerry moved to St. Francisville from N.O./Metairie after Katrina and love to have visitors. They love their new home and town.

-Susan Egnew
New Orleans Group
Delta Chapter News

Next
Delta Chapter Excom Meeting
7/18-7/20 /2008 n Lafayette
We are planning to camp out.
Everyone welcome, contact
Woody Martin at hrmartin2sc@cox.net
or call him at 337-232-7953

ACADIAN GROUP BOARD & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS
The Acadian Group of the Sierra Club holds its’ Board and Conservation Committee meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Acadiana Symphony Building (412 Travis St., Lafayette, LA) at 6:30 PM.

ACADIAN GROUP GENERAL MEETING & LECTURE SERIES
Acadian Group of the Sierra Club has a general meeting and hosts a guest lecture on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Acadiana Symphony Building at 6:30 PM.

The Acadian Group of the Sierra Club is always looking for speakers. Past speakers have talked about wildlife, native plants, invasive species, reforestation, environmental education, the news media, and environmental concerns of local or global nature. If you would like to volunteer or suggest a speaker for the general meeting please contact Harold Schoeffler, Acadian Group Chairman at 337-234-4042.

Acadian Group Outings and Events Schedule, Jun- Jul 2008
Sun, Jun 22 @ 7:00 pm - Ecologic, Acadiana Open Channel 5, Live Call-In
Sun, Jun 29 - Field trip to Old River control structure, meet at 1:00 pm for carpool from Harold Schoeffler’s 3502 E. Simcoe

Wed, Jul 9 @ 6:30 pm - Acadian Group Conservation Meeting at 412 Travis St., Lafayette
Wed, Jul 16 @ 6:30 pm - Acadian Group General Meeting at 412 Travis St., Lafayette
Sun, Jul 20 - Field trip to State Arboretum at Chico State Park and picnic, meet at 2:00 pm for carpool from Harold Schoeffler’s 3502 E. Simcoe
Sun, Jul 27 @ 7:00 pm - Ecologic, Acadiana Open Channel 5, Live Call-In

For further information on any of these outings or events call Harold Schoeffler, Acadian Group Chair at 337-234-4042 check out other activities at http://louisiana.sierraclub.org/acadian
New Orleans
www.louisiana.sierraclub.org/neworleans

New Orleans Group Meetings
July 13 - Pot luck Picnic at Audubon Park.
TBA – ExComm. Email neworleans-chair@louisiana.sierraclub.org for info.

August 2008 Nothing this month - The dog days of summer.


TBA – ExComm. Email neworleans-chair@louisiana.sierraclub.org.

Honey Island
www.louisiana.sierraclub.org/honeyisland

The Honey Island Group takes it easy in the summer.
July 17th Honey Island Movie Night
7PM to 9PM
67017 Dolan St
Mandeville, LA
RSVP 985-871-6695
BYOB, Popcorn will be provided

No meetings in August

Honey Island Home Run

The Honey Island group and St. Tammany Parish hit another home run with the Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Oak Harbor. The residents in and around Slidell turned out to take advantage of a collection site in their “neck of the woods” on March 15. The St. Tammany Parish Department of Environmental Services and Honey Island Group volunteers were joined by volunteers solicited by Keep Slidell Beautiful and The City of Slidell, making fast work of it.

Sixty volunteers helped to unload cars in an orderly fashion. Brett Henry and his crew from St. Tammany Parish are now old hands at keeping the traffic under control and moving smoothly. Keep Slidell Beautiful did a great job publicizing the event. Other groups lending a hand were the City of Slidell and Slidell Lion’s Club, St. Tammany Parish Public Works, St. Luke’s Men’s Club, Pic Recycle, APA, Keep Covington Beautiful, the Slidell City Council, Northshore High, Madisonville Jr. High, LDEQ, and DOW Chemical. The prizes to the volunteers who came the farthest go to seven from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio (they heard about us through The Green Project) and two from the YMCA in Columbus, Ohio! Ray Canada, president of the Slidell City Council came by to help and the council treated everyone to pizza. We need to also thank Winn Dixie, Daylite Donuts and Rouses for donating donuts, energy bars and lots of bottled water to keep our volunteers going.

Gloves and T-shirts were donated by the Sierra Club’s Water Sentinels program. Scott Dye, director of the Water Sentinel program is hoping to come and participate with us at the next collection day tentatively scheduled for the fall. Scott said that he read about our event on the internet and wanted to support us because we were keeping hazardous chemicals out of Lake Pontchartrain. Scott would like to get a Water Sentinels program started in Louisiana. If you are curious check out this website www.sierraclub.org/watersentinels.

With all of the active volunteers and smooth operation by the vendors and the parish, no vehicles were turned away - in fact, one car made two trips to drop off materials! The number of vehicles was somewhat smaller than

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Jazzfest 2008 brings back recycling with Sierra Club Help

Piles of Tires

Delta Sierran Summer
Join us for a sunset cruise at Alligator Bayou
Wednesday the 25th.
5:30pm - till 9pm
$20/person (normally $27) Just show up and tell them you are with the Sierra Club
Directions.

Livable Louisiana: A Summit on Smart Growth
NOT A SIERRA CLUB EVENT

Thursday, August 14 - Friday, August 15, 2008
Manship Theatre at the Shaw Center for the Arts
100 Lafayette St., Baton Rouge, LA

Hear nationally renowned speakers discuss such topics as: innovative transportation solutions, safe and pedestrian-friendly communities, and green construction and sustainable landscapes.

Speakers include: U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu; Nancy McPherson, Senior State Director for AARP Louisiana; Frank S. Alexander, Professor of Law at Emory University School of Law and Director of the Project on Affordable Housing and Community Development; Dr. Tim Church, John S. McIlhenny Endowed Chair of Health Wisdom and director of the Laboratory of Preventive Medicine at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge; Dr. William Ankner, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development; and Baton Rouge Mayor-President Melvin “Kip” Holden.

Thanks to a generous contribution from Friends of Hilltop Arboretum and other sponsors, the Summit is free and open to the public. However, seating is limited and registration is required to attend. Participants can register by emailing summit@c-pex.org or calling CPEX at 225-267-6300.

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the previous events and we believe that is due to our encouragement for households to “carpool” the materials. We can be proud that our support for the March 2008 event prevented 23,000 # of paint, 16,460 # of computers and other electronics, and 4,783 # of TVs from entering the waste stream! For a full report, including photos and all the statistics, please see http://louisiana.sierraclub.org/honeyisland/hhwday3.htmlNew Edition of the Recycling Directory
Volunteers Needed

**Newsletter/Graphics**

Still looking for that special person who would like to layout the newspaper 3-4 times a year. Desktop publishing and web knowledge preferable. Articles, news etc will be provided by Sierra volunteers around the state. Newsletter publisher would be requested to attend at least one Delta Chapter Excom meeting per year. The National Club provides training and support.

Contact Leslie March 985-871-6695

**Treasurer**

The Delta Chapter is looking for a volunteer treasurer who would be responsible for handling the following duties for the club: write checks, balance checking account monthly, apply for funding from our foundation account, prepare a quarterly budget report for the Excom, and prepare year end reports. The treasurer would have the assistance and guidance of the Chapter Finance Committee. Quickbooks experience would be helpful. National training is available online. Will be required to be Red Cross CPR and First Aid certified. Free instruction available. Wilderness First Aid instruction available online. Will be required to be Red Cross CPR and First Aid certified.

Contact Warren Zimmermann 985-871-6695

**Chapter Outings Coordinator**

Avid outdoors person or persons (this could be shared) needed to help develop state-wide outings program. Free instruction available. Must be Red Cross CPR and First Aid certified. Free instruction available. Wilderness First Aid optional. Must be Red Cross CPR and First Aid certified. Free instruction available. Wildness First Aid optional. Will be asked to recruit group level outings leaders and to organize at least one state-wide retreat per outing.

Contact Woody Martin at 337-232-7953.

**Join a Chapter Committee**

- **Coal Campaign** contact Leslie March 985-871-6695
- **Atchafalaya** contact Dean Wilson 225-659-2499
- **Legislative** contact Aaron Viles 504-551-2526 or Leslie March 985-871-6695
- **Clean Energy/Coal/Nuclear Campaign**

*Volunteer Community Voices*

Need designated point people in every chapter to set up phone trees, email lists and recruit volunteers to help fight new coal and nuclear plants. Need individuals willing to work with churches, PTAs, business and women’s groups in their own communities to set up phone trees, email lists and recruit volunteers to help fight new coal and nuclear plants. Need individuals willing to work with churches, PTAs, business and women’s groups in their own communities to set up phone trees, email lists and recruit volunteers to help fight new coal and nuclear plants.

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