

# **New Contacts for Sea Turtle and Marine Mammal Strandings**

The Coastal Wildlife Network (CWN), coordinated by Audubon Nature Institute, serves as the primary response partner for Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) for rehabilitating marine mammals (dolphins, whales, manatees) and sea turtles.

If you see an injured or sick marine mammal or sea turtle immediately call the CWN stranding hotline at (504) 235-3005.

Be prepared to give the following information:

- Location, including coordinates Contact information
- Nature of the report
- Pictures (if possible)

Do not touch or push the animal back into the ocean. This is for your safety and the safety of the animal.

Please be prepared to wait for the Audubon Rescue staff or LDWF response staff to arrive on site.

Since 2010, CWN has rehabilitated close to 300 sea turtles with injuries or illness ranging from boat strikes to cold stress related illness. CWN has also rehabilitated five dolphins found along the Louisiana coastline.

# Louisiana's Seafood Future Releases 2019 Findings Report on Fishing Industry and Coastal Change

Louisiana's Seafood Future released a report that summarizes a year of outreach to the Louisiana seafood industry. The report's findings draw on public meetings with and surveys completed by seafood industry members in the last year.

Gov. John Bel Edwards spurred this effort in early 2018, when he asked the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), LDWF and Louisiana Sea Grant to reach out to Louisiana fishermen and learn how they were dealing with land loss, commodity prices and the effects of coastal protection and restoration projects.

The resulting outreach effort, Louisiana's Seafood Future (LSF), sought to highlight innovative strategies created by seafood industry members as they confront a changing coast. LSF's 2019 report distills ideas from crabbers, shrimpers, fin fishermen, oyster fishermen, dock workers and processors – people at the heart of Louisiana's seafood economy and culture. Overall, people who provided ideas to LSF said they wanted to stay in the seafood industry, even as they worried about future trends and wanted more information about what to expect.

Ideas were gathered at 26 meetings from mid-2018 through May 2019. These meetings included regional meetings open to the public, task force meetings and dock days. Ten thousand detailed surveys were mailed to seafood industry members, and more than 700 hard copy responses were received. Seafood industry members were also invited to take part in an online survey. In a separate effort, approximately 4,800 recreational fishers completed online surveys as well.

"When we began each LSF meeting, we told fishermen we wanted to listen to them," said Robert Twilley, Director of Louisiana Sea Grant. "We hope that when fishermen read this report, they will see their ideas clearly represented."

• For a hard copy of Louisiana's Seafood Future 2019 Findings Report, please email your request with mailing address to: *laseafoodfuture.com/input*.

• Go to *laseafoodfuture.com/surveyresults* to see an online version of the report and to view all survey results, including comments from members of Louisiana's seafood industry.



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# **"Fishing for Our Future" Website**

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council has launched a new addition to its website called *Fishing for Our Future*. This new site is designed to educate stakeholders about release mortality and promote best fishing practices to reduce the likelihood that fish will die upon release.

The site features a "discard dashboard" that displays information on the magnitude of discard mortality in the Gulf of Mexico. Users can access data on different species, time series and modes of fishing. The dashboard, which currently houses information on red snapper, gag and greater amberjack will be updated and expanded as new data become available.

The new site makes best fishing practice recommendations and curates outreach materials developed by organizations across the region. It also houses a comprehensive list of research relevant to discard mortality in the Gulf of Mexico.

*"Fishing for Our Future* is a significant step towards facilitating a cultural change in our offshore fishery to decrease discard mortality," said Capt. Dylan Hubbard, chairman of the Gulf Council's Outreach and Education Technical Committee. "Hopefully, increasing awareness and encouraging anglers to get fish back into the water quickly, and back to the bottom safely, will give us more access to fish."

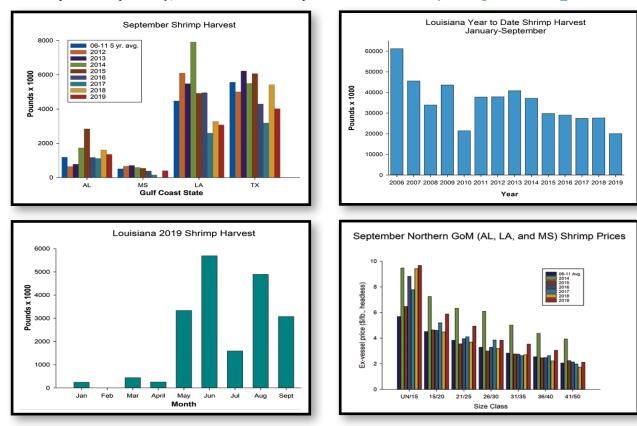
The new *Fishing for Our Future* website will be updated and improved regularly. You can visit the site at: *http://gulfcouncil.org/ fishing-for-our-future/*.

# Louisiana Shrimper Recognized by Coast Guard

On Nov. 5, 2019, a ceremony was held at the Vermilion LSU AgCenter to present a Certificate of Appreciation to Joseph Doan, a local dock owner, by the Morgan City U.S. Coast Guard Sector represented by Commander Heather Mattern and Investigating Officer Gregory Steiger Jr. Doan was recognized for his cooperation and effort in assisting in an investigation involving a casualty with the F/V Miss Julia and another vessel. Several boat captains, dock owners and his family was present. "The fishermen were appreciative of one of their own getting recognized and the collaboration between government and the community," said Louisiana Sea Grant and LSU AgCenter Extension agent Mark Shirley.

# **Louisiana Shrimp Watch**

Louisiana specific data portrayed in the graphics are selected from preliminary data posted by NOAA on its website. All data portrayed are subject to final revision and approval by NOAA. Shrimp landings are ex-vessel prices, inclusive of all species harvested. Missing, inadequate or withheld reports are portrayed as "zero" in these graphics. Price graphics reflect central Gulf states only (Texas and Florida are reported independently). For more information, please refer to: www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st1/market\_news/index.html.





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Dec 3 – Oyster Task Force meeting, UNO, 1:00pm

Dec 4-6 - International Workboat Show, Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, www.workboatshow.com/

Dec 5 - Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meeting, LDWF Quail Dr., Baton Rouge, 9:30am

Dec 7 - Delcambre Seafood & Farmers Market, 9:00am - 1:00pm, www.delcambremarket.org/

Dec 9 - Finfish Task Force meeting, LDWF Quail Dr., Baton Rouge, 10:00am

Dec 11 – Shrimp Task Force and Legislative Committee, Terrebonne Council Meeting Room, 8026 Main Street, Houma, 9:30am Committee/ 10:00am Task Force

Jan 14 - Crab Task Force meeting, St. Bernard Port Harbor and Terminal, 100 Port Blvd., Chalmette, 1:00pm

Jan 27 - Sanitation Control Procedures for Fish and Fisheries Products, 212 Efferson Hall, Baton Rouge

Jan 28-30 - Basic Seafood HACCP, 212 Efferson Hall, Baton Rouge

Feb 8 - Crab Trap Rodeo, Jean Lafitte Harbor, 4932 Kenal Rd, Lafitte, 8:00am

Feb 15 - Crab Trap Rodeo, Cameron Parish Boat Launch, north of the Highway 82 Cameron Ferry, 8:00am

March 11 - Louisiana Fisheries Forward Summit 2020, The Pontchartrain Center, Kenner www.lafisheriesforward.org/summit/

March 17 - Shrimpers preseason meeting, Abbeville

March 18-19 - TED Checks, Intracoastal City

March 24 - ntracoastal City

# THE GUMBO POT

# **BUFFALO SHRIMP**

Recipe courtesy of Louisiana Kitchen & Culture.

For more recipes or to subscribe to their magazine or free newsletter, please visit http://louisiana.kitchenandculture.com/.



## Ingredients:

2 lbs Louisiana shrimp, peeled and deveined

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons black pepper

## **Method:**

Preheat broiler.

In a large mixing bowl, combine the shrimp, olive oil, garlic powder, onion powder, black pepper and cayenne pepper, if using. Toss to coat thoroughly.

Spread half the shrimp on a rimmed cookie sheet and broil on the second rack for 4 minutes. Turn the shrimp over and broil until cooked through; be careful not to overcook. Remove to a bowl. 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional) 3/4 cup buffalo sauce or hot sauce 1 stick butter, melted salt, to taste

Wipe off the cookie sheet, add the remaining shrimp, and broil as directed above; add to bowl.

Combine the buffalo or hot sauce and butter. Pour about 1/2 cup over the shrimp and toss; add more sauce if necessary to coat thoroughly. Serve with sliced celery sticks and blue cheese dip, or use the shrimp to stuff a po'boy. Serve any remaining sauce on the side.

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