

### **Function of the Advisory Council**

The Louisiana Sea Grant (LSG) Advisory Council provides the LSG leadership with program operation guidance. The advisory council is made up of senior officials and community leaders representing state and local governments, industry, non-governmental organizations and the public throughout Louisiana. They bring diverse viewpoints through their expertise in one or more of the program's focus areas. This experience is used to advise the priorities and activities of LSG.

The advisory council meets once annually to:

1. Participate in the long-range programmatic and administrative planning
2. Provide input in the development and implementation of our strategic plan
3. Provide input on the priorities and relevancy of LSG-sponsored research, extension, outreach and education
4. Serve as a champion for LSG-sponsored research, extension, outreach and education

In addition to the council meetings, the advisory council or individual members of the council interact with the program on a regular and informal basis to discuss emerging issues and develop new, collaborative opportunities and projects of direct benefit to coastal businesses, residents and the environment.

### **Member Responsibilities**

Advisory Committee members agree to:

1. Attend and participate in an annual face-to-face meeting; plus special committee meetings as required;
2. Review and provide comments on draft documents related to LSG vision, mission, strategic plan, goals, and priorities.
3. Participate in standing or ad hoc subcommittees if necessary.
4. Participate in periodic program reviews conducted by the National Sea Grant Office, Louisiana State University or other external entities.
5. Advise the LSG Executive Director at any time.

### **Appointment of Members**

The following shall govern committee membership:

1. The LSG Director will solicit nominations for committee members from the Advisory Council;
2. Members are appointed by the LSG Executive Director and serve at his/her discretion. The normal term of appointment will be 2 years. A member may be appointed to serve consecutive terms.

Note: LSG extension agents have advisory committees comprised of local and regional citizens who advise them on their extension and education programs. LSG's legal and education network also have an advisory committee.