

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor



State of Louisiana
Office of the Governor

May 20, 2010

The Honorable Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Designees for the Natural Resource Damage Trustees, State of Louisiana

Dear Mr. President:

As the Trustee for the State of Louisiana under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 2705, I am required to notify you of any designees authorized to act on behalf of the State of Louisiana as Trustees for natural resources of the State. This letter is to inform you of a revision to the designated Trustees for the State. Consistent with this duty, I am designating the following as Trustees:

- Garret Graves, Executive Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Activities and Chair of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, Lead Trustee and Lead Trustee Agency
- Roland Guidry, Oil Spill Coordinator's Office – Lead Administrative Trustee
- Bob Harper, Acting Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, Trustee
- Peggy Hatch, Secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality, Trustee
- Robert Barham, Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Trustee

The position of Executive Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Activities was created by the Louisiana Legislature in 1990 and modified to serve as the chair of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority in 2005. The Executive Assistant's duties include coordinating state policies, programs, and projects relating to integrated coastal protection, coastal wetlands conservation, and restoration. Likewise, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority includes representation from state agencies relevant to the Natural Resources Damage Assessment process. The authority's overarching mandate is to achieve the policies and meet the goals of the State with respect to integrated coastal protection, wetlands conservation and restoration. Thus, all natural resource assessment and planning for the State should include Garret Graves as the Lead Trustee and Lead Trustee Agency designated by the Governor.

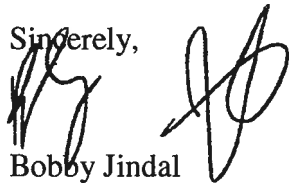
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Roland Guidry, the Oil Spill Coordinator, is the principal administrative coordinator for the Trustees in the assessment and restoration of damage to natural resources pursuant to OPA 1990. Mr. Guidry will be the principal administrative coordinator for recovery of all natural resources arising from the Deepwater Horizon incident.

The Department of Environmental Quality will continue to act as the lead trustee agency for the recovery of natural resource damages that are not within the scope of OPA 1990 or the Louisiana Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act, La. R.S. 30:2451, *et.seq.* The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Department of Natural Resources will continue to be designated co-trustees for the recovery of damages to and restoration of the natural resources under their respective jurisdictions outside the scope of OPA 1990 and LOSPRA.

These individuals have already been working to respond to the crisis on our coast and will continue to work with the federal trustees in this matter.

Sincerely,



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Cc:
Admiral Thad Allen, USCG
US DOJ
US EPA
US DOI
NOAA