

Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME), formerly the National Board Examination Committee (NBEC), as follows.

Test Window Date	Deadline To Apply
April 14-April 26, 2014	Monday, January 3, 2014

The board will also accept applications for the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) for state registration of veterinary technicians which will be administered through the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB), as follows.

Test Date	Deadline To Apply
March 15-April 15, 2014	February 15, 2014
July 15-August 15, 2014	June 15, 2014
November 15-December 15, 2014	October 15, 2014

Applications for all examinations must be received on or before the deadline. No late application will be accepted. Requests for special accommodations must be made as early as possible for review and acceptance. Applications and information may be obtained from the board office at 263 Third Street, Suite 104, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, via telephone at (225) 342-2176, and by email at [admin@lsbvm.org](mailto:admin@lsbvm.org); application forms and information are also available on the website at [www.lsbvm.org](http://www.lsbvm.org).

**Board Nominations**

The Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine announces that nominations for the position of board member will be taken by the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association (LVMA) at the annual winter meeting to be held in late January 2014. Interested persons should submit the names of nominees directly to the LVMA as per R.S. 37:1515. It is not necessary to be a member of the LVMA to be nominated. The LVMA may be contacted at (225) 928-5862.

Wendy D. Parrish  
Executive Director

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**POTPOURRI**

**Department of Natural Resources  
Office of the Secretary  
Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund**

**Underwater Obstruction Latitude/Longitude Coordinates**

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:700.1 et seq., notice is given that 7 claims in the amount of \$33,977.21 were received for payment during the period November 1, 2013-November 30, 2013.

There were 7 paid and 0 denied.

Latitude/longitude coordinates, in degree decimal minutes, of reported underwater obstructions are:

- 29 02.263 90 28.767 Terrebonne;
- 29 05.777 90 53.983 Terrebonne;
- 29 08.479 90 29.271 Terrebonne;
- 29 18.416 89 46.978 Plaquemines;
- 29 52.101 90 14.473 Saint Charles.

A list of claimants and amounts paid can be obtained from Gwendolyn Thomas, Administrator, Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund, P.O. Box 44277, Baton Rouge, LA 70804 or you can call (225) 342-9388.

Stephen Chustz  
Secretary

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**POTPOURRI**

**Department of Public Safety and Corrections  
Oil Spill Coordinator's Office**

**Deepwater Horizon—Oil Spill; Programmatic and Phase III Early Restoration Planning Document**

**Action:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**Summary:** In accordance with the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), the Louisiana Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act (OSPR), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the framework agreement for Early Restoration Addressing Injuries Resulting from the *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill (framework agreement), the federal and state natural resource damage assessment trustees (trustees) are preparing a restoration planning document proposing a programmatic early restoration approach, including a programmatic environmental impact analysis of early restoration alternatives, to restore natural resources, ecological services, and recreation use services injury or lost as a result of the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill (hereinafter "the spill"). The document also proposes and evaluates a set of specific early restoration projects for implementation.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the availability of this early restoration planning document, with an anticipated release date on or about December 6, 2013, as well as to seek public comments on the document. The Trustees have previously released to the public a draft phase I early restoration plan and environmental assessment, which was approved as final in February 2012, and a draft phase II early restoration plan and environmental review, which was approved as final in January 2013. These plans are available at: <http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration/early-restoration/>.

This notice of availability also serves as notice that the trustees intend to use components of existing restoration projects, as further described in the document and required by 15 CFR 990.56(b)(3). In those instances, the projects were previously developed with public review and comment and are subject to current public review and comment, are adequate to partially compensate the environment and public as part of the trustees' ongoing early restoration efforts, address resources that have been identified by trustees as being injured by the spill, and are reasonably scalable for early restoration purposes.

**Dates:**

**Comments Due Date:** Public comments received on or before February 4, 2014 (or 60 days from the availability of the document) will be considered.

**Public Meeting Dates:** Public meetings will be held to facilitate public review and comment on the document (See below schedule). Both written and verbal public comments

will be taken at the meetings. Additional details regarding meeting information, including venues, will be published in local newspapers and will be posted on the web at <http://losco-dwh.com/>.

Date	Time	Location
Dec 16, 2013	6:00 p.m. Open House	Mobile, AL
	6:30 p.m. Public Meeting	
Dec 17, 2013	6:00 p.m. Open House	Long Beach, MS
	6:30 p.m. Public Meeting	
Jan 14, 2014	5:30 p.m. Open House	Belle Chasse, LA <sup>1</sup>
	6:00 p.m. Public Meeting	
Jan 15, 2014	5:30 p.m. Open House	Thibodaux, LA
	6:00 p.m. Public Meeting	
Jan 16, 2014	5:30 p.m. Open House	Lake Charles, LA <sup>1</sup>
	6:00 p.m. Public Meeting	
Jan 21, 2014	6:00 p.m. Open House	Port Arthur, TX
	6:30 p.m. Public Meeting	
Jan 22, 2014	6:00 p.m. Open House	Galveston, TX
	6:30 p.m. Public Meeting	
Jan 23, 2014	6:00 p.m. Open House	Corpus Christi, TX
	6:30 p.m. Public Meeting	
Jan 28, 2014	6:00 p.m. Open House	Pensacola, FL
	6:30 p.m. Public Meeting	
Jan 29, 2014	6:00 p.m. Open House	Panama City, FL
	6:30 p.m. Public Meeting	

**Addresses:**

Obtaining the Document: You may download the document, once released, which is expected to be on or about December 6, 2013, at <http://losco-dwh.com/>. Please visit <http://losco-dwh.com/> for updates on the availability of the document.

Alternatively, you may request a CD of the document (see For Further Information Contact). You may also review copies of the document at the public facilities listed at <http://losco-dwh.com/>.

Submitting Comments: You may submit comments by one of the methods listed in the document or any of the following:

via the web: <http://losco-dwh.com/EarlyRestorationPlanning.aspx> or [www.gullspillrestoration.noaa.gov](http://www.gullspillrestoration.noaa.gov); for electronic submission containing attachments, email: [Karolien.Debusschere@la.gov](mailto:Karolien.Debusschere@la.gov);

U.S. mail: Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office, P.O. Box 66614, Baton Rouge, LA 70806 or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 49567, Atlanta, GA 30345.

**For Further Information Contact:** Karolien Debusschere at [Karolien.Debusschere@la.gov](mailto:Karolien.Debusschere@la.gov)

**Supplementary Information:**

Introduction

On or about April 20, 2010, the mobile offshore drilling unit *Deepwater Horizon*, which was being used to drill a well for BP Exploration and Production, Inc. (BP) in the Macondo prospect (Mississippi Canyon 252-MC252), experienced a significant explosion, fire and subsequent sinking in the Gulf of Mexico, resulting in discharges of oil and other substances from the rig and from the wellhead on the seafloor. An unprecedented volume of oil and other discharges were released from the well into the Gulf of Mexico over a period of approximately three months. In addition, well over one million gallons of dispersants were

applied to the waters of the spill area in an attempt to minimize impacts from spilled oil. An undetermined amount of natural gas was also released to the environment as a result of the spill. Affected resources include ecologically, recreationally, and commercially important species and their habitats in the Gulf of Mexico and along the coastal areas of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.

The trustees (listed below) are conducting the natural resource damage assessment for the spill under OPA, 33 U.S.C. §2701 et seq. Pursuant to OPA, federal and state agencies and Indian tribes may act as trustees on behalf of the public to assess natural resource injuries and losses and to determine the actions required to compensate the public for those injuries and losses. OPA further instructs the designated trustees to develop and implement a plan for the restoration, rehabilitation, replacement, or acquisition of the equivalent of the injured natural resources under their trusteeship, including the loss of use and services from those resources from the time of injury until the time restoration is complete.

The trustees are:

United States Department of the Interior (DOI), as represented by the National Park Service, U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management;

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), on behalf of the United States Department of Commerce;

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA);

United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA);

Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and Louisiana Department of Natural Resources;

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality;

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Geological Survey of Alabama;

Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; and

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas General Land Office, and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The United States Department of Defense (DOD) is a trustee but, to date has not become a signatory to the framework agreement.

Background

On April 20, 2011, BP agreed to provide up to \$1 billion toward early restoration projects in the Gulf of Mexico to address injuries to natural resources caused by the Spill. This early restoration agreement, entitled "Framework for Early Restoration Addressing Injuries Resulting from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill" (framework agreement), represents a preliminary step toward the restoration of injured natural resources. The framework agreement is intended to expedite the start of restoration in the Gulf in advance of the completion of the injury assessment process. The framework agreement provides a mechanism through which the trustees and BP can work together "to commence

implementation of early restoration projects that will provide meaningful benefits to accelerate restoration in the Gulf as quickly as practicable” prior to the completion of the natural resource damage assessment process or full resolution of the Trustees’ natural resource damages claim.

In addition to the 10 projects previously proposed, approved, and finalized in phase I and phase II of early restoration, the trustees are proposing additional early restoration projects (phase III) in the document to address injuries from the spill. The trustees have actively solicited public input on restoration project ideas through a variety of mechanisms, including public meetings, electronic communication, and creation of a trustee-wide public website and database to share information and receive public project submissions. Their key objective in pursuing early restoration is to secure tangible recovery of natural resources and natural resource services for the public’s benefit while the longer-term process of fully assessing injury and damages is still underway. The projects proposed in these early restoration planning documents are not intended to, and do not fully, address all injuries caused by the Spill or provide the extent of restoration needed to make the public and environment whole.

**Next Step:**

As described above, public meetings will be scheduled to facilitate the public review and comment process. After the public comment period ends, the trustees will consider and address the comments received before issuing a final document. Upon finalization of the document, agreement with BP regarding these projects will be completed, and approved projects will then proceed to implementation, pending compliance with all applicable state and federal laws.

**Public Availability of Comments:**

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment including your personal identifying information, may be publicly available at any time.

**Administrative Record:**

The documents comprising the administrative record can be viewed electronically at the following location: <http://losco-dwh.com/AdminRecord.aspx>.

**Authority:**

The authority of this action is the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. §2701 et seq.), the implementing natural resource damage assessment regulations found at 15 CFR Part 990, the Louisiana Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act (R.S. §§30:2451-2496 (2010)), and the implementing natural resource damage assessment regulations found at La. Admin. Code 43:101 et seq.

<sup>1</sup>These meetings will be combined with the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority’s Fiscal Year 2015 Draft Annual Plan Public Hearings.

Brian Wynne  
Coordinator

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**POTPOURRI**  
**Workforce Commission**  
**Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration**

Public Hearing  
(LAC 40:IV.317 and 375)

The Louisiana Workforce Commission, Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration published Notices of Intent to promulgate §§317 and 375 in the November 20, 2013, edition of the *Louisiana Register* (LR 39, No.11) pages 3175 and 3172, respectively. The notices incorrectly stated the date for the public hearing.

In order to correct this error, the Louisiana Workforce Commission Office of Unemployment Insurance Administration announces that in accordance with R.S. 49:968(H)(2), a public hearing on the proposed Rules will be held on December 30, 2013, at 10 a.m. at the LWC Training Center, 2155 Fuqua Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

Curt Eysink  
Executive Director

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**POTPOURRI**  
**Workforce Commission**  
**Office of Workers' Compensation**

Public Hearing—Medical Guidelines  
(LAC 40:I.2003, 2015, 2103,  
2119, 2203, 2217, 2303, and 2317)

The Louisiana Workforce Commission, Office of Workers' Compensation published a Notice of Intent to amend the Medical Treatment Schedule in the June 20, 2013 edition of the *Louisiana Register* (LR Vol. 39, No. 06). A public hearing was held pursuant to R.S. 49:953(A)(2) on July 25, 2013, and interested persons were invited to provide comment. After a thorough review and careful consideration of the received comments, the Louisiana Workforce Commission, Office of Workers' Compensation proposes the following substantive changes found in LAC 40:I.2003 A.9. and 14.; 2015 A. 9. and 14.; 2103 A. 9. and 14.; 2119 A. 9. and 14.; 2203 A. 9. and 14.; 2217 A. 9. and 14.; 2303 A. 9. and 14.; 2317 A. 9. and 14. A public hearing pursuant to R.S. 49:968(H)(2) will be conducted January 27, 2014, at 9:00 AM.

**Title 40**  
**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT**  
**Part I. Workers' Compensation Administration**  
**Subpart 2. Medical Guidelines**  
**Chapter 20. Spine Medical Treatment Guidelines**  
**Subchapter A. Cervical Spine Injury**  
**§2003. General Guideline Principles**

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9. Pharmacy-Louisiana Law and Regulation. All prescribing will be done in accordance with the laws of the state of Louisiana as they pertain respectively to each