

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
BATON ROUGE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EWE 92- 23

WHEREAS, Louisiana's Maritime Industry including ports, both deep-draft and shallow-draft, have been and are a key to the economic well-being and the continuing economic development of the state; and

WHEREAS, because of changing circumstances in the Maritime industry in recent years, particularly in the character, volume, and directional flow of cargo, and correspondingly in the nature of facilities needed to handle such cargo, there is a need for a current assessment of the role that ports presently play in Louisiana, and the role that such ports should play in the future. Additionally, changes in Federal and State regulations must be reviewed to determine their impact on Louisiana's Maritime Industry as a whole;

NOW THEREFORE I, EDWIN W. EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby create and establish the Governor's Task Force on Maritime Industry within the Executive Department, Office of the Governor, and do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Governor's Task Force on Maritime Industry is hereby established.

SECTION 2: The Task Force shall be composed of the following members, each of whom shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor:

1. Two members of the steamship industry;
2. Two Louisiana State Commissioned Ship Pilots;
3. One member from the port-related organized labor force;
4. One member from deep draft ports;
5. One member from shallow draft ports;
6. Chairman of the transportation committee of the House of Representatives;
7. Chairman of the transportation committee of the Senate;
8. One member of the Mineral and Oil Industry;
9. One member from Louisiana's Commercial Fishing Industry;
10. One member of the ship/barge building-repair industry;
11. One member from the Towing Industry;
12. Two members from the state at large;

SECTION 3: The Governor shall designate the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Task Force.

SECTION 4: The duties of the Task Force include, but are not limited to:

1. Evaluate the Transportation Trust Fund in direct respect to the annual appropriations to the Ports. Review the priority and permitting program with a goal of obtaining capital out laid funds through DOTD.
2. Develop a program of support to accomplish the dredging of the Mississippi River to 45 feet from Mile 180 to Baton rouge.
3. Study and if feasible recommend measures to form a joint marketing program for the Ports of Louisiana and coordinate this program with the DED.
4. Study and if feasible recommend the appointment of an under secretary or deputy secretary of maritime under DOTD.
5. Work with the Governor's Oil Spill Coordinator, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Natural Resources, and other state agencies in forming a State program for response and clean up of any unauthorized oil spill.
6. Investigate potential ways in which state government can assist and support the state's Maritime Industry port system.
7. Study and if feasible recommend a mechanism for coordination of the state's deep-draft ports in order to encourage the state's broader international trade and economic development objectives.
8. Recommend measures to enhance and promote the position of Louisiana's ports in national and international cargo market.
9. Research and recommend measures to provide improved interaction between Louisiana's deep-draft ports as links in the inland waterways, shallow-draft ports, and international shipping systems.
10. Research and recommend measures to assist shallow-draft ports in their planning, marketing and program implementation and other port-related matters.
11. Develop a plan to insure an optimal allocation of local, state and federal resources available to develop the state's intermodal transportation system as it relates to domestic and international trade.
12. Finalize those issues as developed by the Governor's Maritime Transportation Transition Team.
13. Submit to the Governor a preliminary written report of its findings and recommendations within 90 days of the execution of this Executive Order.
14. Submit to the Governor written reports of its findings and recommendations as the situation warrants, or as requested by the Governor.

SECTION 5: No member of the Task Force shall receive a per diem but shall be reimbursed for actual travel expenses in accordance with regulations of the Division of Administration.

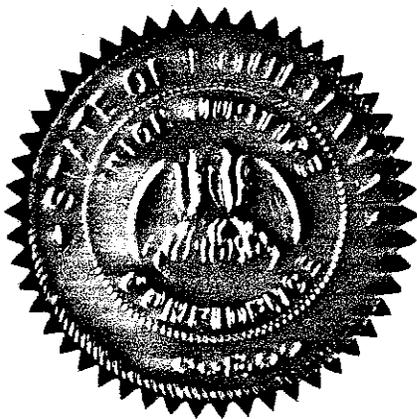
SECTION 6: The Task Force shall appoint advisory committees composed of the various segments of Louisiana's Maritime Industry and of the Departments of Commerce, National Resources, Transportation and Development, Environmental Quality, and DOED. These advisory committees shall serve as a resource group to provide information to the Task Force upon request by the Task Force.

SECTION 7: The Task Force is authorized to receive or accept grants, donations, contributions or appropriations from public and private sources and is further authorized to expend any funds made available from these sources to carry out the purpose of the Task Force.

SECTION 8: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies and officers of the state or any political subdivision thereof are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Governor's Task Force on Maritime Industry in implementing the provisions of this Executive Order.

SECTION 9: This Executive Order shall be effective upon signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 23<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1992.



*Edwin Edwards*  
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR

*Joseph S. Kettle*  
SECRETARY OF STATE