

STATE OF LOUISIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

BATON ROUGE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EWE 92 - 52

- WHEREAS,** the development of the mariculture industry in Louisiana has enhanced scientific technology in the industry; and
- WHEREAS,** this development has also greatly impacted the people of the State of Louisiana because it has inadvertently denied them access to many public areas of the State; and
- WHEREAS,** conflicts over public access and use of the waterways has been increasing; and
- WHEREAS,** questions have arisen as to the authority of landowners to deny public access to various waters of the State; and
- WHEREAS,** Senate Concurrent Resolution 74 of the 1992 Regular Session attempted to address these issues by requesting a study, but the Resolution did not complete the legislative process; and
- WHEREAS,** our state would benefit from the efforts of a task force that would consider all relevant issues, list the areas of dispute, address those disputes, and recommend any legislative action which may be possible to settle the conflicts;

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 establish the Governor's Task Force on Navigability and Public Access within the Executive Department, Office of the Governor, and do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Governor's Task Force on Navigability and Public Access is established and created within the Executive Department, Office of the Governor.

SECTION 2: The Governor's Task Force on Navigability and Public Access shall be composed of the following members:

1. The Governor or his designee.
2. The Attorney General or his designee.
3. The Director of State Lands in the Division of Administration, or his designee.
4. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, or his designee.
5. The Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, or his designee.

6. The Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, or his designee.
7. The Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee in the Louisiana Senate, or his designee.
8. The Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee in the Louisiana House of Representatives, or his designee.
9. One at-large member representing the environmental community, appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted by the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana.
10. One at-large member representing sportsfishermen, appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted jointly by the Gulf Coast Conservation Association and the Louisiana Wildlife Federation.
11. One at-large member representing outdoor recreation interests, appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted by the Delta Chapter of the Sierra Club.
12. One at-large member representing commercial shrimpers, crabbers, and finfishermen, appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted jointly by the Terrebonne Fishermen's Organization and the Organization of Louisiana Fishermen.
13. One at-large member representing the crawfishing industry, appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted jointly by Common Claws and the Louisiana Crawfish Producers Association.
14. One at-large member representing the oyster fishermen, appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted jointly by Louisiana Oyster Dealers and Growers Association, Plaquemines Oyster Association, and Terrebonne Parish Oyster Leaseholders Association.
15. One at-large member representing landowners, appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Landowner's Association.
16. One at-large member representing Atchafalaya Basin landowners, appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted by the Atchafalaya Crawfish Conservation Association.
17. One at-large member representing major oil and gas, appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted by Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association.
18. One at-large member representing independent oil and gas, appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Association of Independent Producers and Royalty Owners.

19. One at-large member representing district attorneys, appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana District Attorney's Association.
20. One at-large member representing outdoor recreation interests, appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Audubon Society Council.
21. One at-large member representing the crawfishing industry in the western portion of the Atchafalaya Basin, appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Crawfish Producers West.
22. One at-large member representing conservation and environmental interests in the Atchafalaya Basin, appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted by the Acadiana Chapter of the Sierra Club.
23. One at-large member appointed by the Governor.

SECTION 3: The Governor shall appoint the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Governor's Task Force on Navigability and Public Access. Thirteen members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 4: The members of the Governor's Task Force on Navigability and Public Access shall receive no compensation for their services. Reimbursement of actual expenses incurred by the performance of their duties may be made, if approved and authorized by the Commissioner of the Division of Administration.

SECTION 5: The duties and functions of the Governor's Task Force on Navigability and Public Access include, but are not limited to:

1. Identifying and examining issues of navigability, use of waters, fishermen's rights, private landowner's rights, and public access to privately owned waterbottoms;
2. Submitting a report to the Governor by February 1, 1993, which shall include a summary of the issues considered, the conclusions reached by the majority, any minority opinions, and legislative recommendations; and
3. Any other duties and functions as requested by the Governor.

SECTION 6: 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 Navigability and Public Access in implementing the provisions of this Executive Order.

SECTION 7:

The provisions of this Executive Order are effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until amended, modified, or rescinded by operation of law.



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 22nd day of July, 1992.

Edwin Edwards
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR,

Joseph S. Kitley
SECRETARY OF STATE