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Toledo Bend Citizens' Advisory Committee#

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Next TBCAC SOCIAL 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Our Next TBCAC Quarterly Membership Meeting and Dinner will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at the **Sabine Council on Aging – Toledo Town Location (SCOA)** located on Hwy. 191, 3/4 miles north of the Hwy. 6 Toledo Town intersection. The SCOA is located next to the DAV. Socials are held quarterly on the 2nd Tuesday of the designated month.

The guest speaker for the June 2018 meeting will be Mike McCormic, police juror for Sabine Parish District 2. Mike will discuss the condition of parish roads and options for additional funding to improve them. The June social entrée will be crawfish cornbread with etouffee. Please bring complimentary side dishes and desserts and join us for good food, fellowship and updates on TBCAC. For more information, contact Jim Mifflin at (318) 586-7897.

2018 Calendar of Meetings: Be sure to “*save the date*” for the upcoming 2018 Socials:

June 12

September 11

November 13

Meetings/Socials begin at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there, and bring a guest!

Board Meetings: The Board meets on the 2nd Thursday of even numbered months at 2:00 pm at the SCOA-Toledo Town location. The Board welcomes all members to attend these meetings. Any member who wishes to address the Board during a Board meeting should notify the President prior to the meeting to ensure that appropriate time is allocated to hear that member. The detailed minutes of all Board of Directors meetings are posted on the TBCAC website at www.tbacac.net.

TBCAC Board of Director Election Results: The election for candidates for the TBCAC Board of Directors is held at the membership meeting each March. At the March 13, 2018 meeting, current board member Harry Stafford was elected to a new two-year term and current board members Ramona Moore and Chuck Soileau were each elected to new three-year terms. Former board member Ted Dove was elected to a new two-year term and new board member Bobby Ward was elected to a three-year term.

Lake Level as of 06/01/2018: The lake level for Toledo Bend is reported to be 169.94 feet above mean sea level, as measured near the dam by the National Weather Service automated gauge. Last year at this time the lake level was reported at 171.98 feet. Up-to-date reservoir elevations and releases may be obtained from the Toledo Bend Project offices on a 24 hour per day basis at (337) 286-5253 and (409) 565-2273. For the most current lake levels, go to www.srala-toledo.com and click on the National Weather Service link.

Sabine River Authority Updates:

Update on Power Generation Contract

The Sabine River Authorities (SRA) of Louisiana and Texas along with three power companies, Entergy Louisiana, Swepco and Cleco have signed a new 5 –year power generation contract for Toledo Bend Reservoir effective May 1, 2018. The power companies now have to present the contract to the Louisiana Public Services Commission (LPSC) for their approval. The LPSC was involved in the agreement’s negotiation process. The SRA’s and the power companies will operate under the terms of the new contract until the LPSC makes their decision.

The amount of megawatt hours of power to be made available is less than one-half of the amount from the prior contract. One reason for the reduction is the power pool generating parameters of 168 feet mean sea level (MSL) to 172 feet msl which was put in place in 2005, along with competitive power grid pricing.

The new contract has a Peaking Period (May –September), which was also in the prior contract, that allows the power companies to ask for limited power production, during those peak demand months, providing that the lake level is above the power pool minimum of 168 feet msl.

The SRA's provide the power companies with an estimated number of megawatt hours available each month based on historic mean inflows and the desired lake level for each month.

After the LPSC approves the new contract, more details of the new agreement will be released and TBCAC will provide more detail to our members.

Update on Spillway Repair Plans

The currently planned timeframes are:

2nd Quarter 2018: Advertise and secure bids. Work on the underwater repairs in front of the spillway after the current spill is over.

3rd and 4th Quarters 2018: Mobilize for repairs, complete the underwater cement repair and refurbish the 20 inch pipes that provide water flow downstream during repairs.

4th Quarter 2018– 2nd Quarter 2019: Complete the concrete apron repairs and “rip rap” stone replacement.

The repair work is still planned to be accomplished under the normal lake operations within the generating pool range of 168 feet to 172 feet mean sea level. However, should abnormal weather patterns disrupt the construction schedule, a variance request may be requested from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Update on Water Sales

There are no negotiations underway for any new large water sales from Toledo Bend Reservoir. The vast majority of the water sales from Toledo Bend are relatively constant with over 80% of the water going to the two largest customers, International Paper and Cleco.

Sabine Police Jury Passes New Road Ordinance

The Sabine Parish Police Jury on April 18, 2018 passed a new roads ordinance. Basically, it requires that any vehicle operated on any road maintained by the police jury cannot have a greater weight than 18,000 pounds per axle, or a total gross weight of more than 58,000 pounds, or a width or length that exceeds the dimensions established by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Any vehicles that exceed these limits must have a permit request submitted to the Police Jury. Before the permit will be considered, the Police Jury Roads Superintendent will inspect the roads over which a given project requires transportation. The company requesting the permit will be required to post a surety bond. If the roads are damaged, the company involved in the project must bear all costs for repairing the roads.

There are penalties for failure to apply for and be granted a permit prior to the beginning of a project, if equipment is operated outside of the above mentioned limits. If the police jury becomes aware of any project underway that violates the provisions of the ordinance, penalties will be levied for not applying for a permit and the company will be required to make necessary road repairs.

The ordinance applies to any and all industrial or construction activities, but it certainly seems to be primarily targeted at the logging industry. The ordinance is 17 pages long and goes into much detail. We will post the complete ordinance on the TBCAC website www.tbacac.net.

We applaud the Police Jury for taking this action but we think the "proof in the pudding" will be how they communicate its provisions to local industry and more importantly, how well they enforce it.

Proposed Bill by Senator Gerald Long

We are sure you remember all the drama of the proposed water sale to Texas in 2011-2012. Of course, the governor disallowed that sale and subsequently legislation was passed that required more review and approvals for out of state water sales from Toledo Bend Reservoir.

Present law requires the written concurrence of the governor, the Senate and House Committees on Natural Resources and at least two-thirds of the parish governing bodies within the territorial jurisdiction of the Sabine River Authority (SRA) before the SRA can enter into any contracts for the sale of water outside the state of Louisiana.

Senator Long's proposed legislation retains all elements of the present law and further requires the written concurrence of the Water Resources Commission for any contracts to sell water from Toledo Bend Reservoir outside the state of Louisiana.

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Fingerling Release – TBLA has purchased 50,000 Florida bass fingerlings that will be released on June 6th. The TBLA Fingerling Release is currently scheduled for Wednesday June 6th, at 8:00 a.m. until noon, at Cypress Bend Park. If changes in this schedule are required due to weather or other circumstances, they will be communicated on the Toledo Bend Lake Association website, their Facebook page, and the Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program Facebook page. ***Participants must be a current member of TBLA.***

For those that would like to participate who are not current members, they will be offering memberships at the fingerling release on the 6th at Cypress Bend. They will only be accepting cash for memberships on the 6th. Fingerlings may be picked up by car or boat. There will be a 2-bag limit per vehicle or boat used to transport the fingerlings. They hope that all of you will help them distribute these fingerlings throughout the Lake to ensure a high survival rate of these precious fingerlings.

Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program – The 2017/2018 Lunker Bass Program Year ended with 45 Lunkers entered into the program. The replicas of these 45 fish were awarded on Sunday May 20th at the Sealy Big Bass Splash. Four of the 45 Lunkers were **previously** caught, weighed, tagged and released in our Lunker Bass Program. The first place fish in Sealy's 2017 Toledo Bend Big Bass Splash and the second Place fish in the 2018 Big Bass Splash were previously caught and tagged Lunker Program fish. Congratulations to all the anglers that caught and released these fish. There is no doubt that the program is making a difference and increasing the chances of any angler catching a 10 lb Lunker Bass on Toledo Bend. We encourage everyone to practice catch and release for all black bass caught on the Lake, regardless of the fish's size. That two or three pounder that you catch and eat may have been one of the pure strain Florida fingerlings released in the Lake by TBLA, LWF or TPW with the genetics that could allow that small fish to be a Lake record someday!

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Help Us Grow Our TBCAC Membership: If you know someone who is not a member, give them a membership form and ask them to join. The TBCAC is a Civic & Educational Organization, dedicated to making the lake and surrounding community a true “Sportsman’s Paradise” and the retirement destination of choice for people from all walks of life. JOIN US TODAY! *We need your support!* And visit our website at www.tbcac.net Questions? E-mail us at: tbcac3@gmail.com.



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For new members, or RENEWAL form for existing members.

Annual membership is \$20.00 per single, \$30.00 per couple. *Not tax deductible under IRS rules.*

Name:	_____	Spouse:	_____
Address:	_____	City, State:	_____
Zip:	_____	Home Phone	_____
		Lake Phone:	_____
Occupation:	_____	E-mail Address:	_____
Dues amount:	_____	Donation enclosed:	_____

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