

## July Update

In early June, the Coastal Response Research Center hosted a meeting with Louisiana Sea Grant intended to discuss collaboration between NOAA OR&R and Sea Grant Extension agents. Other agencies represented at the meeting were USCG and BTNEP. This three day meeting was held in Port Fourchon, Louisiana where the first day was dedicated to meetings and a shrimp boil. The second day was spent sampling nekton and viewing offshore oil infrastructure, while the third day we toured the new LUMCON facility in Grand Isle. The rest of my month was occupied with outlining my thesis project, tracking the effects of the co-hosted meeting, and getting out in the field. Some of my out-of-the office experiences this month included alligator egg collecting, marsh planting, and setting up reference sites.

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