



May 2, 2011

Dear Capt. Swallow,

We want to convey how grateful we are to be the recipients of the \$200.00 donation you made, on April 4, 2011, to our Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program (BTNEP) through our 501 (c)(3) non-profit, Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary Foundation.(BTEF). The BTEF supports the projects of the BTNEP, which allows us to accept generous donation such as yours. The BTEF has no staff. All of the Foundation Board members are volunteers, so all of the money, with the exception a very small administrative fee (10%) goes into projects and activities of the program.

Established in 1991, the mission of BTNEP is to preserve and restore the Barataria and Terrebonne estuarine system, the 4.2 million acre region between the Atchafalaya and Mississippi Rivers. BTNEP strives to rebuild and protect the estuary for future generations through the implementation of a science-based, consensus-driven plan, known as the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. Our CCMP utilizes partnerships focused on the estuary's rich cultural, economic, and natural resources.

We are one in a network of 28 congressionally-mandated, National Estuary Programs in the United States. All of these national estuary programs were charged with developing a consensus driven agreement to restore and protect our regions. Each of our respective National Estuaries was designated as nationally significant by the United States Congress. At the same time, they are critically threatened. In the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary, our most serious issue is that we are losing our wetlands at such an alarming rate, currently 16 square miles of loss every year.

We plan to apply the money you gave to us to restore some of the habitats that were affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, as well as using it towards other restoration and education projects.

For your records and tax information, the Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. The tax id number for the BTEF is 72-1330053.

We sincerely appreciate this generous donation and would welcome you to come to the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary so we could show you these areas "in person".

Thank you very much.

With warm regards,

Kerry M. St.Pè
Program Director

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