State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS,
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY,
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES AND
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry agree to work together to protect the health of Louisiana residents and visitors by following the procedures described in the document entitled Protocol for Issuing Public Health Advisories for Chemical Contaminants in Recreationally Caught Fish and Shellfish, dated February 2012. This Protocol supersedes the January 1997 document, Protocol for Issuing Health Advisories and Bans Based on Chemical Contamination of Fish/Shellfish in Louisiana.

This working agreement will not involve the exchange of funds but will be limited to exchange of services as necessary, including, but not limited to appropriate personnel for consultation, investigations and determining appropriate actions in cases where fish and/or shellfish contamination poses a threat or potential threat to human health. Each agency shall designate one or more persons of their personnel as points of contact to assure expeditious performance of working agreement.

This understanding shall be effective upon execution and shall not be canceled by any agency unless thirty days notice is given to the other agencies.

So agreed this 9 day of July, 2012.

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