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## **PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA OFFICER APPOINTED TO BOARD OF LOUISIANA RIVER PILOT REVIEW AND OVERSIGHT**

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On March 7, 2013, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal announced his appointments to the Board of Louisiana River Pilot Review and Oversight. Included in his selections is Dale Hymel, Jr., Special Projects Officer for the Port of South Louisiana, who will serve as a representative of the Ports Association of Louisiana (PAL).

Dale Hymel, Jr. of Paulina, joined the Port of South Louisiana in March 2012 after successfully serving as Parish President of St. James Parish for 20 years. “I am certainly pleased and excited about being selected by Governor Jindal to serve on this board,” said Hymel. “Being new to this [marine] arena, it’ll give me the opportunity to get to know the people in the Port industry and develop relationships so as to better understand how other ports operate and how the river pilots view our Port district. It’ll be a great forum to learn how we can better our operations at the Port of South Louisiana.”

The Board of Louisiana River Pilot Review and Oversight was initiated to provide oversight of four Louisiana pilot associations -Associated Branch Pilots and River Port Pilots for the Port of New Orleans, New Orleans and Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots Association, and Associated Branch Pilots of the Port of Lake Charles- by reviewing and monitoring all actions of the four boards of examiners. The board is comprised of 11 gubernatorial appointments in which one member must be selected from the Board of Examiners of Bar Pilots for the Port of New Orleans, one member must be selected from the Board of River Port Pilots Commission for the Port of New Orleans, one member must be selected from the Board Examiners for New Orleans

and Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots for the Mississippi River, and one member must be selected from the Board of River Port Pilot Commission and Examiners. Three members must be former judges who served on the Louisiana Supreme Court, the Louisiana Appellate Court, or the Louisiana District Court. Four members must be Louisiana business representatives who are chosen as follows: two members must be selected from a list of four nominees presented jointly by the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, the Louisiana Chemical Association, the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation, and the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association. Two members must be selected from a list of four nominees submitted by the Ports Association of Louisiana.

Other appointees are Brett Palmer of Lake Charles, Charles Steinmuller of Baton Rouge, Craig Andrews of Metairie, and Lee Jackson of Westwego.

The Port of South Louisiana, a 54-mile port district on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, is the largest tonnage port in the Western Hemisphere. The cargo it handles accounts for over 50 percent of all Louisiana imports/exports.

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