

## **Call for Submissions related to Bayou La Batre History and Gulf Seafood**

Do you have a story about the history and culture of Bayou la Batre that you would like to share? How did it get its name “Seafood Capital of the World”? What’s the Blessing of the Fleet? Do you know the story of how the pirate ship Black Pearl, used in the Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl, came to be built in Bayou La Batre?

The Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium is seeking submissions of short writing pieces to enhance its oral history project “Bayou La Batre: A Gulf Coast Legacy.” The Consortium provides integrated university- and college-based research, education, and extension programs to coastal communities that lead to the responsible use of ocean and coastal resources in Alabama and Mississippi and the Gulf of Mexico through informed personal, policy, and management decisions. The Consortium is developing materials around an existing oral history collection to highlight the history and the connection of the Bayou la Batre community to the natural resources of the Gulf Coast. Materials will include a publication, website, and museum display.

The Consortium is soliciting 500-800 word submissions around themes related to Gulf seafood: aquaculture, fisheries, economics, history, archaeology, ecology, etc. Submissions are due Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Anna Hamilton ([anna.o.hamilton@gmail.com](mailto:anna.o.hamilton@gmail.com)) by Friday, January 4 to share your ideas and learn more about the project. Submissions accepted for inclusion may be edited by the project team in collaboration with the authors to work with the variety of materials under production.