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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**Cordial meeting held with Pirogue Owners Association**

President of Orange Field Pirogue Owners Association, Christopher John, on Friday (July 13) commended Penelope Bradshaw-Niles, Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Energy & Energy Industries, and her team of officials from the Ministry for heeding his call for a meeting to discuss concerns from his members with respect to the leaking oil well in the Gulf of Paria.

Members of the delegation were able to get a brief view of the fishing port and facilities in the area before the start of the discussions which were very cordial. John was able to outline the main issues affecting his members, key among which was the need for additional safety markers in the sea around the well. Bradshaw-Niles gave an undertaking to have the matter addressed by the incident response team. The matter was subsequently discussed with both the incident response team and the Maritime Services Division and arrangements are being made to have the markers installed.

The visit to the Orange Field followed a similar visit to La Brea on Monday, where Bradshaw-Niles met with President of the La Brea Fisherfolk Association, Alvin La Borde. It had been reported that oil deposits had washed ashore in the area around Carat Shed Beach over the weekend. However, La Borde confirmed that after the initial sighting on Sunday, much of the deposits had washed back out to sea. By Monday, there was little evidence of deposits on the beach and sea bathers were enjoying the water.



Energy PS Bradshaw-Niles (L), Craig Boodoo (MEEI), George Comissiong (Petrotrin) and Marc Rudder (MEEI) as they engage the President of the Orange Field Pirogue Owners Association, Christopher John at a meeting last week.

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