



# Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

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## L.D.W.F. ANNOUNCES NEW DEPARTMENTAL LOGO

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) unveiled a new logo at the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting on July 8.

The new logo is an updated and simpler version that represents most of the vast Louisiana outdoor landscape. The logo design includes silhouettes of three major species managed by LDWF: deer, waterfowl and fish. The coastline in the background is the outline of Vermilion Bay and cypress trees fill in the horizon set against a Louisiana bright blue sky.

“The old logo served us well through many generations,” said LDWF Secretary Robert Barham. “The new logo is a bold symbol of the conservation mission we are responsible for overseeing.”

LDWF will be using the new logo on all future projects, publications, programs, signage, trucks and other department objects. The old LDWF will be slowly phased out as equipment and publications are replaced and reprinted.

LDWF's Public Information Office researched and designed the new logo with input from local graphic artists, marketing firms and LDWF employees.



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## L.D.W.F. ISSUES LIST OF APPROVED PRIMITIVE WEAPONS FOR 2008-09 PRIMITIVE HUNTING SEASON

In a response to the recent approval of Act 51, which partly consists of changing the language from a muzzleloader season to a primitive firearm season, LDWF has issued a list of approved primitive firearms for the 2008-09 Primitive Firearm Season.

All of the approved primitive weapons meet the criteria set forth by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as authorized primitive firearms. The criteria is a single shot, breech loading, metallic cartridge rifle with metallic cartridges loaded with either black powder or modern smokeless powder, .38 caliber or larger, of a kind or type manufactured prior to 1900 and replicas, and reproductions or reintroductions of that type rifle having an exposed hammer. The pre-1900 distinction applies only to the firearm and not the ammunition. All approved primitive firearms may be fitted with magnified scopes.

### ***Approved single shot breech loading primitive weapons:***

- Sharps rifles or replicas
- Remington Rollingblock rifles or replicas
- Ballard rifles
- Maynard rifles or carbines
- Burnside carbines
- Frank Wesson rifles
- Farrow rifles
- Remington Hepburn rifles
- M1873-1888 Springfield (Trapdoor) rifles and carbines and replicas
- Snider (British) rifles and replicas
- Wesson & Harrington 1871 rifles
- New England Firearms or Harrington & Richardson Handi rifles in caliber larger than .38
- Winchester M1885 Hi Wall or Lo Wall rifles or replicas (Also Browning B78 or 1885) .38 or larger
- Knight KP-1 in caliber .38 or larger
- CVA Optima Elite in caliber .38 or larger
- Traditions Pursuit break-open single shot in .38 caliber or larger

### ***Non-approved single shot breech loading rifles:***

- Ruger Number 1 and Number 3 (Reason: No exposed hammer)
- Thompson Center Contender or Encore Carbines (Reason: Designed after 1900)

-- Mossberg SSi Single Shot Rifle (Reason: No exposed hammer and designed after 1900)

A primitive firearm license, formerly sold as a muzzleloader license, is required for the taking of deer during the primitive firearm season in addition to the required basic and big game hunting licenses. During the still hunt and with-or-without dogs segments of the (conventional firearms) deer season, the primitive firearm license is not required.

## HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES OFFERED STATEWIDE

As the fall hunting season draws closer, the LDWF Hunter Education Section will offer more courses in hunter education and bow hunter education with classes being added every week. For those needing to get their hunter education certification for the 2008-09 season, now is the time to register for a session. LDWF is encouraging all aspiring hunters to not miss a hunting opportunity this year because they waited too long and missed the classes offered in their area.

For more information on LDWF's hunter education program, to view a list of current classes or to find contact information for your regional coordinator, visit the LDWF Web site at [www.wlf.louisiana.gov/hunting/education](http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/hunting/education). The free hunter education course is mandatory for anyone born on or after Sept. 1, 1969, who plans on purchasing a hunting license. Anyone can participate in the basic student course, but only those persons 10 years of age or older are eligible for certification.

Hunter education certification cards can be obtained a couple of ways from the LDWF Hunter Education Program. The traditional standard hunter education course is taught in a classroom setting by an LDWF hunter education instructor. The standard course usually takes place over a two or three-day window and includes a mandatory live fire. The home study program can be taken over the Internet at LDWF's Web site or by requesting a CD-Rom from LDWF. With the home study program, students must schedule and attend a field day that includes a mandatory live fire and written test.



## ST. TAMMANY PARISH MEN AND JUVENILE ARRESTED FOR ALLIGATOR VIOLATIONS ON THE TCHEFUNCTE RIVER

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division agents arrested two men and a juvenile on July 5 for alligator violations.

Agents cited Ryan H. Lam, 19, Ryan S. Crain, 19, and a 16-year-old juvenile, all from Covington, after receiving several complaints of alligators taken illegally in the Madisonville area.

Agents working an area known as the rice fields observed three people on board a flatboat without required running lights in the Tchefuncte River. Upon making contact with the two men and juvenile, the agents discovered one 16-inch and two 14-inch illegally taken alligators.

During questioning, agents discovered that while the three were bow fishing, Lam caught two of the alligators and the juvenile one. Agents then transported both men to the St. Tammany Parish jail and released the juvenile to



the custody of his parents.

Lam was cited for taking alligators during a closed season, illegal possession of alligators, operating a vessel with an expired boat registration and without running lights. Crain was cited for taking alligators during a closed season, illegal possession of alligators and angling without a basic license. The juvenile was cited for taking alligators during a closed season and illegal possession of alligators.

The penalty for taking alligators during a closed season and illegal possession of alligators is a fine between \$450-\$900, or jail time up to 120 days, or both plus court costs for each violation. The penalty for expired boat registration, improper running lights and angling without a basic license is a fine of \$50 for each offense.

In addition to seizing the alligators, agents also seized a 16-foot flatboat and 25-horsepower Evinrude outboard motor. Both men and the juvenile will be responsible for the civil restitution payment for the value of the illegally taken alligators.

Agents involved in the case were Senior Agents Keith Francis, Lee Davis and Joel Crompt.

*For more information, contact Lt. Eddie Laviolette at 225-765-2994 or [elaviolette@wlf.louisiana.gov](mailto:elaviolette@wlf.louisiana.gov).*

## CATAHOULA PARISH MAN CITED FOR GAME FISH VIOLATION

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division agents cited a Catahoula Parish man for an alleged game fish violation on July 14.

Agents cited Joshua Earl Deville, 31, of Jonesville, for taking game fish illegally after they observed him lift and place hoop nets into his boat. Deville kept all the fish in the nets and failed to immediately return the game fish to the water. When agents made contact with Deville, they found him to be in possession of 48 crappie and two bream.

Agents seized the two hoop nets and fish as evidence. The fish were later donated.

Taking game fish illegally carries a fine up to \$950, jail time up to 120 days, or both plus court costs. A criminal restitution citation was also submitted to the court for the replacement value of the fish.

Agents participating in the case were Senior Agent Joey Merrill and Sgt. James Parish.

*For more information, contact Capt. John Rhodes at 318-757-3072 or [jrhodes@wlf.louisiana.gov](mailto:jrhodes@wlf.louisiana.gov).*



## WHITE LAKE TEAL SEASON LOTTERY ANNOUNCED

**L**DWF is accepting applications for lottery teal hunts on the White Lake Wetlands Conservation Area. Available dates are Saturday, Sept. 13; Sunday, Sept. 14; Tuesday, Sept. 16; Thursday, Sept. 18; Saturday, Sept. 20; Sunday, Sept. 21; Wednesday, Sept. 24; Saturday, Sept. 27; and Sunday, Sept. 28.

A total of three applications per hunter, each one for separate dates, will be accepted. Hunters will not be allowed to submit more than one application per hunting date or more than three applications for the season, or they will be disqualified.

Persons 18 years of age or older may now send applications, available on the LDWF Web site

([www.wlf.louisiana.gov](http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov)) and at LDWF headquarters, to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Attention: White Lake Teal Hunt, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898. Applications must be received by close of business on Aug. 14, 2008. A \$5 administration fee in the form of a check or money order made payable to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries must accompany each application. Applications without a correct driver's license number will not be processed.

Successful applicants will be allowed to bring no more than one guest. All hunters must have appropriate licenses, including a basic hunting license (or Louisiana Sportsman's Paradise license), migratory waterfowl conser-

vation license, federal duck stamp, HIP permit and WMA Permit.

Successful applicants will be notified and required to submit an additional check or money order for \$200. In the event that a hunter is unable to participate on the date selected, he or she may transfer his or her permit to a qualified hunter of his or her choice, as long as the total number of hunts does not exceed three for the 2008 teal season. Transfers must be in writing and presented to the hunt coordinator on the morning of the hunt.

Questions regarding the White Lake Wetlands Conservation Area lottery teal hunt should be directed to Wayne Sweeny at 337-479-1894.

## 2009 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON DATES PROPOSED

**L**DWF proposed the season dates for the 2009 turkey hunting season to the LWFC at the commission's July 8 meeting.

The recommended statewide opening date is Saturday, March 28. The season in Area A would extend to April 26, Area B to April 19, and Area C to April 12. The daily bag limit would be one gobbler, and the season limit would be two gobblers.

Special private land youth hunts for those 17 years of age and younger and hunts for wheelchair confined hunters are proposed to take place on March 21 and March 22.

The proposal also includes a requirement that all turkey hunters, regardless of age or license status, obtain tags prior to hunting turkeys. Successful hunters will be required to tag their harvested gobbler immediately and

report their harvest within 72 hours. Harvest reporting can be done by telephone or on the internet at [www.wlf.louisiana.gov](http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov).

The recommendation also includes:

- A new youth lottery hunt on Clear Creek WMA on March 21.
- Opened a new area around Miller's Lake in Central Evangeline Parish. The new area is bordered on the west by La. Hwy. 13, on the south by La. Hwy. 10, on the east by U.S. Hwy. 167 and on the north by La. Hwy. 106.
- Adding a lottery hunt on the Dewey Wills WMA for a total of two lottery hunts. The lottery hunts would take place on April 18-19 and April 25-26.

Public comment on this issue can be submitted to Kenny Ribbeck, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Sept. 4, 2008.