

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate hunting seasons for resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART XIX. HUNTING AND WMA REGULATIONS

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), LR 30:1493 (July 2004), LR 31:1627 (July 2005), LR 32:1253 (July 2006), LR 33:1399 (July

2007), LR 34:1447 (July 2008), LR 35:1278 (July 2009), LR 36:1580 (July 2010), LR 37:2206 (July 2011) .

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 rd Saturday of November <u>CLOSES:</u> Last Day of February	10	20
Rabbit and Squirrel	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 st Saturday of October <u>CLOSES:</u> Last Day of February	8	16
Squirrel*	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 st Saturday of May for 23 days	3	6
Deer 2012-13	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	6/season (3 antlered deer & 3 antlerless deer)
Deer 2013-14	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	6/season (not to exceed 3 antlered deer & 3 or 4 antlerless deer)

*NOTE: Spring squirrel season is closed on the Kisatchie National Forest, National Wildlife Refuges, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property. Some State Wildlife Management Areas will be open, check WMA season schedule.

C. Deer Hunting Schedule, 2012-2014

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. after 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan.</p>

2	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: Next to last Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before last Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the last day of Modern Firearm Season in Jan. CLOSES: After 7 days.</p>	<p>OPENS: Last Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Tues. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Wed. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Tues. in odd numbered years or Wed. during even numbered years before the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p>	<p>OPENS: Wed. before the 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Thurs. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the Wed. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. on odd years and Thurs. during even numbered years CLOSES: 40 days after opening in odd numbered years or 39 days after opening in even numbered years</p>
3	<p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.</p>	<p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: After 37 days</p>	

4	See Area 1.			
5	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Day after Christmas Day the close of <u>Modern Firearm Season</u> CLOSES: Jan. 1st After 7 <u>consecutive days</u> (BUCKS ONLY EITHER SEX)</p>	<p>OPENS: Day after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd 4th Sat. <u>Sun.</u> of Dec.</p>	
6* <u> </u>	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan.</p>

7	OPENS: 1 st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2 nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3 rd Sat. of Oct. OPENS: 1 st Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2 nd Sat. of Nov.	OPENS: 3 rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 1 st Sat. of Nov. OPENS: 2 nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day	OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: After 35 days
8	OPENS: 3 rd Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: 2 nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3 rd Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: Fri. before 1 st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 3 rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day	OPENS: 1 st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: After 37 days.
* <u>Except lands within the Morganza Floodway and Atchafalaya Basin.</u>				
<u>All lands within the Morganza Floodway from I-10 South within the protection levees of the Atchafalaya Basin shall have the following seasons</u>				

	<u>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Last day of Jan. (1st 15 days are Bucks Only)</u>	<u>OPENS: Mon after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</u> <u>CLOSES: Last day of Jan. (Bucks-Only)</u>	<u>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. 1st nine days Either-Sex.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec.</u>	<u>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. 1st 2 days Either-Sex.</u> <u>CLOSES: 2nd to last Sun. in Jan.</u>
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D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Modern Firearm Either-sex Days</u>
West Carroll	Area 5	Opens Friday after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days.

E. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer on Supplemented Shooting Preserves: Archery, Firearm, Primitive Firearms: October 1 - January 31 (Either-Sex).

F. Exotics on Supplemented Shooting Preserves: Either Sex, no closed season.

G. Spring Squirrel Hunting

1. Season Dates: Opens 1st Saturday of May for 23 days.

2. Closed Areas: Kisatchie National Forest, National Wildlife Refuges, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property and all WMAs except as provided in Paragraph 3 below.

3. Wildlife Management Area Schedule: Opens 1st Saturday of May for 9 days on all WMAs except Fort Polk, Peason Ridge, Camp Beauregard, Pass-a-Loutre and Salvador. Dogs are allowed during this season for squirrel hunting. Feral hogs may not be taken on Wildlife Management Areas during this season.

4. Limits: Daily bag limit is 3 and possession limit is 6.

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LR 35:1280 (July 2009), LR 35:2856 (December 2009), LR 36:1580 (July 2010), LR 37: 2207 (July 2011).

Public hearings will be held at the following locations: March 13 beginning at 6:00 p.m., at Alexandria Convention Hall, 915 Third Street, Alexandria; March 13 beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the LDWF Office, 9961 Highway 80, Minden; March 14 beginning at 6:30 p.m., Yambilee Festival Building, 1939 W. Landry, Opelousas; March 21 beginning at 6:00 p.m., St. John Parish Council Chambers, 1801 W. Airline Highway, Laplace; March 15 beginning at 6:00 p.m., Bastrop Visitor Center, 124 North Washington Street, Bastrop; and March 15 beginning at 6:30 p.m., LSU Ag Center (next to Burton Coliseum), 7101 Gulf Highway, Lake Charles. Also comments will be accepted at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from March through May. Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until 4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 3, 2012 to Mr. Randy Myers, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000, or via email to rmyers@wlf.la.gov.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing

of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

In accordance with Act 1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

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Chairman