

## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2013-14 Deer Seasons on Kisatchie National Forest

In accordance with the emergency provisions of La. R.S. 49953 of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under the authority of La. R.S. 56:115 and 116, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following emergency rule:

The season dates for deer hunting, with firearms, bucks only, still hunt only, is presently scheduled for Oct 28, November 2-21, November 30 – December 1, and December 14-29, and was based on a November with four weekends. However, this year November has five weekends and Thanksgiving is November 28. In order to provide additional hunting opportunities during the Thanksgiving week holidays, the U.S. Forest Service has requested the additional week of November 22-28 be included in this year's season dates for deer hunting, with modern firearms, bucks only, still hunt only on the following described areas of Kisatchie National Forest: **Catahoula** (Grant and Rapides parishes), **Winn** (Winn, Grant & Natchitoches parishes), **Kisatchie Ranger Districts** (Natchitoches Parish), **Evangeline Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District** (Rapides Parish), and the **Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District** (Vernon Parish, excluding Fort Polk/Vernon WMA).

Therefore, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts adding the following dates for deer hunting, firearms, bucks only, still hunt only, on Kisatchie National Forest, within the area noted herein:

November 22 - 28, 2013

This action must be taken by Declaration of Emergency since the Commission's season date rule has already been submitted to the legislative leadership and the Louisiana Register, and insufficient time remains to make these changes via standard rulemaking prior to the opening dates of these seasons.

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