

## **DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

### **Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**

Modification of 2014-15 Commercial Fishing Season for Lake Bruin, False River Lake and Lake Providence

The commercial fishing seasons for Lake Bruin (Tensas Parish), False River Lake (Pointe Coupee Parish), and Lake Providence (East Carroll Parish) have previously been set to open at sunrise on November 1, 2014. Additionally, False River Lake is currently undergoing a drawdown and LAC 76:VII.175 provides that all freshwater impoundments shall be closed to use of commercial fish netting during water drawdown periods, unless otherwise specified by the department.

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953, which allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and R.S. 56:22 and R.S. 56:326.3, which provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for freshwater finfish, the secretary hereby declares:

The 2014-15 commercial fishing seasons in Lake Bruin (Tensas Parish), False River Lake (Pointe Coupee Parish), and Lake Providence (East Carroll Parish) will open at sunrise on October 1, 2014 and remain open until sunset on the last day of February, 2015. Further, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries finds no biological or technical reason to prohibit the commercial netting of fish in False River Lake during the ongoing drawdown of that impoundment and hereby specifies that the prohibition in LAC 76:VII.175 shall not apply.

This Declaration of Emergency shall become effective at sunrise on October 1, 2014 and shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act or until rescinded by the Secretary.

Robert Barham  
Secretary