

Amendment to Notice of Intent

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries published a Notice of Intent for Resident Game Hunting Season, Resident Game Birds and Animals, General and Wildlife Management Area Rules and Regulations, General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations, and Turkey Hunting Areas, Seasons, and Bag Limits (LAC XIX.101, 103, 111, 113, and 115). Upon consideration of public comment and agreement with the landowner for Biloxi Wildlife Management Area, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries proposes the following change to LAC XIX 111.

TITLE 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIC. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§ 111. General and WMA Rules and Regulations

G. WMA Regulations

17. WMAs Hunting Schedule and Regulations

- f. Biloxi. ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules are prohibited. ~~Mud Boats or air-cooled propulsion vessels powered by more than 36 total horsepower are prohibited on the WMA.~~ Mud boats or air-cooled propulsion vessels can only be powered by straight shaft "long tail" air-cooled mud motors that are **16-25** total horsepower or less on the WMA. All other types of mud boats or air cooled propulsion vessels (including "surface drive" boats) are prohibited. All ATVs, UTVs, and motorcycles are prohibited.

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 25:2264 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27:2270 (December 2001), LR 28:2376 (November 2002), LR 29:2513 (November 2003), LR 30:2875 (December 2004), LR 31:3167 (December 2005), LR 32:2272 (December 2006), LR 33:2470 (November 2007), LR 35:90 (January 2009), LR 35:2481 (November 2009), LR 36:2583 (November 2010), LR 37:3541 (December 2011), LR 38:2944 (November 2012), LR 40:1556 (August 2014).

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed Rule until 4:30 p.m., Thursday, April 2, 2015 to Steve Smith, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000, or via email to ssmith@wlf.la.gov.

Public Hearing

Public hearings will be held at the following locations: February 23 beginning at 6:00 p.m., LDWF Woodworth Outdoor Education Center, 661 Robinson Bridge Road, Woodworth **(Rescheduled to March 2)**; February 24 beginning at 6:00 p.m., Ruston Civic Center, 401 North Trenton Street, Ruston **(Rescheduled to March 10)**; February 24 beginning at 6:30 p.m., LSU Ag Center (next to Burton Coliseum), 7101 Gulf Highway, Lake Charles; February 24 beginning at 6:30 p.m., Natchitoches Event Center, 750 Second Street, Natchitoches; **February 25 beginning at 6:00 p.m., Opelousas Civic Center, 1638 Creswell Lane, Opelousas**; February 25 beginning at 6:00

p.m., Caldwell Parish Courthouse, 201 Main Street, Columbia **(Rescheduled to March 4)**; February 26 beginning at 6:30 p.m., Slidell Municipal Auditorium, 2056 2nd Street, Slidell. Also comments will be accepted at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from February through April.

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 statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Pat Manuel
Chairman