

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Cervid Carcass Importation

(LAC XIX.V.1.119)

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission do hereby give notice of its intent to establish rules and regulations in relation to the importation of cervid carcasses.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§119. Cervid Carcass Importation

A. Definitions

Cervid—any animal of the family *Cervidae* including but not limited to white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, moose, caribou, fallow deer, axis deer, sika deer, red deer, and reindeer.

B. No person shall import, transport or possess any cervid carcass or part of a cervid carcass originating outside of Louisiana, except: deboned meat, antlers, clean skull plates with antlers, cleaned skulls without tissue attached, capes, tanned hides, finished taxidermy mounts

and cleaned cervid teeth. Approved parts or deboned meat transported from other states must be legally possessed from the state it was taken. Approved parts and deboned meat from other states must contain a possession tag with the hunter's name, out-of-state license number (if required), address, species, date and location (county and state) of harvest. All cervids transported into or through this state in violation of the provisions of this ban shall be seized and disposed of in accordance with Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and Department of Wildlife and Fisheries rules and regulations.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with the Louisiana Constitution, Article IX, Section 7, R.S. 56:1, R.S. 56:5, R.S. 56:6(10), (13) and (15), R.S. 56:20, R.S. 56:112, R.S. 56:116.1 and R.S. 56:171 et seq.

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.

Family Impact Statement

In accordance with Act #1183 of 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, 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).

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed rulemaking will have no impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Provider Impact Statement

This Rule has no known impact on providers as described in HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed Rule until 4:30PM, Monday, August 22, 2016 to Johnathan Bordelon, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000, or via email to jbordelon@wlf.la.gov or at the regularly scheduled August Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meeting.

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