

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission proposes to amend LAC 76:VII.5.537 to remove Oyster Reefs 1-3 in Calcasieu Lake from the list of established recreational reef sites, and thus allow for the harvest of oysters thereon. Furthermore, a new area of water bottoms in Calcasieu Lake (East Calcasieu reef site) would be designated and set aside as a recreational reef whereby the restriction of all harvest of oysters thereon would be applied. Two new areas of water bottoms in Lake Pontchartrain (West End and St. John) would also be added to the list of established recreational reef sites. Additional changes to this section include removal of duplicative reef site coordinates (Redfish Pointe (original)), consistency corrections (Bay Ronquille, St. Tammany East, St. Tammany West, Orleans, South Shore, Bully Camp, St. Charles, Rabbit Island, Finfish, Turner's Bay Island, Sweet Lake, Bird Island, Cypremort Point, and Redfish Point), and subsequent renumbering of reef sites.

**Title 76**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life**

**Chapter 5. Oyster**

**§537. Establishment of Recreational Reef Sites and Restriction of Oyster Harvest**

A. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the following recreational reef sites as that area within the following coordinates (North America Datum 1983):

1. California Point - Plaquemines Parish
  - a. 29 degrees 29 minutes 08.86 seconds N  
89 degrees 29 minutes 11.15 seconds W
  - b. 29 degrees 29 minutes 08.63 seconds N  
89 degrees 28 minutes 54.46 seconds W
  - c. 29 degrees 28 minutes 54.02 seconds N

- 89 degrees 28 minutes 54.73 seconds W
- d. 29 degrees 28 minutes 54.25 seconds N
- 89 degrees 29 minutes 11.42 seconds W

2. Bay Ronquille - Plaquemines Parish

- a. 29 degrees ~~19~~20 minutes ~~52.76~~04.46 seconds N
- 89 degrees 50 minutes ~~34.16~~33.38 seconds W
- b. 29 degrees 20 minutes ~~02.34~~04.54 seconds N
- 89 degrees 50 minutes ~~24.99~~39.29 seconds W
- c. 29 degrees 20 minutes ~~01.34~~07.96 seconds N
- 89 degrees 50 minutes ~~40.22~~41 seconds W
- d. 29 degrees 20 minutes 09.09 seconds N
- 89 degrees 50 minutes 44.75 seconds W
- e. 29 degrees 20 minutes 01.34 seconds N
- 89 degrees 50 minutes 44.21 seconds W
- f. 29 degrees 20 minutes 01.59 seconds N
- 89 degrees 50 minutes 41.69 seconds W
- g. 29 degrees 19 minutes 50.07 seconds N
- 89 degrees 50 minutes 38.19 seconds W
- h. 29 degrees 19 minutes 53.35 seconds N
- 89 degrees 50 minutes 34.71 seconds W
- i. 29 degrees 19 minutes 52.76 seconds N
- 89 degrees 50 minutes 34.16 seconds W
- j. 29 degrees 20 minutes 02.34 seconds N
- 89 degrees 50 minutes 24.99 seconds W
- k. 29 degrees 20 minutes 05.37 seconds N
- 89 degrees 50 minutes 31.18 seconds W

3. St. Tammany ~~(eEast)~~ - St. Tammany Parish

- a. 30 degrees 13 minutes 48.36 seconds N
- 89 degrees 57 minutes 15.24 seconds W
- b. 30 degrees 13 minutes 48.36 seconds N
- 89 degrees 56 minutes 27.24 seconds W
- c. 30 degrees 13 minutes 06.36 seconds N
- 89 degrees 56 minutes 27.24 seconds W
- d. 30 degrees 13 minutes 06.36 seconds N

- 89 degrees 57 minutes 15.24 seconds W
4. St. Tammany ~~(West)~~ - St. Tammany Parish
- a. 30 degrees 18 minutes 41.88 seconds N
  - 90 degrees 09 minutes 24.00 seconds W
  - b. 30 degrees 18 minutes 41.88 seconds N
  - 90 degrees 08 minutes 36.00 seconds W
  - c. 30 degrees 17 minutes 59.88 seconds N
  - 90 degrees 08 minutes 36.00 seconds W
  - d. 30 degrees 17 minutes 59.88 seconds N
  - 90 degrees 09 minutes 24.00 seconds W
5. St. Tammany Pier - St. Tammany Parish
- a. 30 degrees 12 minutes 28.34 seconds N
  - 89 degrees 47 minutes 54.03 seconds W
  - b. 30 degrees 12 minutes 27.96 seconds N
  - 89 degrees 47 minutes 53.57 seconds W
  - c. 30 degrees 12 minutes 20.66 seconds N
  - 89 degrees 48 minutes 01.30 seconds W
  - d. 30 degrees 12 minutes 21.03 seconds N
  - 89 degrees 48 minutes 01.76 seconds W
6. North Shore - St. Tammany Parish
- a. 30 degrees 16 minutes 38.00 seconds N
  - 90 degrees 04 minutes 08.00 seconds W
  - b. 30 degrees 16 minutes 38.00 seconds N
  - 90 degrees 03 minutes 21.00 seconds W
  - c. 30 degrees 15 minutes 58.00 seconds N
  - 90 degrees 03 minutes 21.00 seconds W
  - d. 30 degrees 15 minutes 58.00 seconds N
  - 90 degrees 04 minutes 08.00 seconds W
7. North Twin Span - St. Tammany Parish
- a. 30 degrees 11 minutes 39.13 seconds N
  - 89 degrees 50 minutes 15.54 seconds W
  - b. 30 degrees 11 minutes 39.13 seconds N
  - 89 degrees 50 minutes 10.78 seconds W
  - c. 30 degrees 11 minutes 35.02 seconds N

- 89 degrees 50 minutes 10.78 seconds W  
d. 30 degrees 11 minutes 35.02 seconds N  
89 degrees 50 minutes 15.54 seconds W
8. South Twin Span - Orleans Parish
- a. 30 degrees 10 minutes 12.23 seconds N  
89 degrees 50 minutes 47.04 seconds W  
b. 30 degrees 10 minutes 12.23 seconds N  
89 degrees 50 minutes 42.27 seconds W  
c. 30 degrees 10 minutes 08.11 seconds N  
89 degrees 50 minutes 42.27 seconds W  
d. 30 degrees 10 minutes 08.11 seconds N  
89 degrees 50 minutes 47.04 seconds W
9. Orleans - Orleans Parish
- a. 30 degrees 07 minutes 47.46 seconds N  
90 degrees 05 minutes 05.70 seconds W  
b. 30 degrees 07 minutes 47.46 seconds N  
90 degrees 04 minutes 17.70 seconds W  
c. 30 degrees 07 minutes 05.46 seconds N  
90 degrees 04 minutes 17.70 seconds W  
d. 30 degrees 07 minutes 05.46 seconds N  
90 degrees 05<sup>7</sup> minutes 05.70 seconds W
10. Lake Front - Orleans Parish
- a. 30 degrees 03 minutes 34.72 seconds N  
89 degrees 59 minutes 40.25 seconds W  
b. 30 degrees 03 minutes 35.72 seconds N  
89 degrees 59 minutes 38.25 seconds W  
c. 30 degrees 03 minutes 35.57 seconds N  
89 degrees 59 minutes 38.05 seconds W  
d. 30 degrees 03 minutes 30.22 seconds N  
89 degrees 59 minutes 33.25 seconds W  
e. 30 degrees 03 minutes 28.22 seconds N  
89 degrees 59 minutes 35.25 seconds W
11. West End - Orleans Parish
- a. 30 degrees 01 minutes 54.23 seconds N

90 degrees 07 minutes 17.97 seconds W  
b. 30 degrees 01 minutes 54.70 seconds N

90 degrees 07 minutes 11.13 seconds W  
c. 30 degrees 01 minutes 47.65 seconds N

90 degrees 07 minutes 09.28 seconds W  
d. 30 degrees 01 minutes 47.19 seconds N

90 degrees 07 minutes 16.12 seconds W

12. St. John - St. John the Baptist Parish

a. 30 degrees 05 minutes 53.21 seconds N  
90 degrees 24 minutes 20.29 seconds W

b. 30 degrees 05 minutes 53.16 seconds N  
90 degrees 24 minutes 12.77 seconds W

c. 30 degrees 05 minutes 46.63 seconds N  
90 degrees 24 minutes 12.83 seconds W

d. 30 degrees 05 minutes 46.68 seconds N  
90 degrees 24 minutes 20.35 seconds W

~~11~~13. South Shore 1, 2, and 3 - Jefferson Parish

a. 30 degrees 05 minutes 25.00 seconds N  
90 degrees 12 minutes 42.00 seconds W

b. 30 degrees 05 minutes 25.00 seconds N  
90 degrees 11 minutes 56.00 seconds W

c. 30 degrees 04 minutes 44.00 seconds N  
90 degrees 11 minutes 56.00 seconds W

d. 30 degrees 04 minutes 44.00 seconds N  
90 degrees 12 minutes 42.00 seconds W

~~12~~14. Laketown - Jefferson Parish

a. 30 degrees 02 minutes 40.92 seconds N  
90 degrees 14 minutes 23.11 seconds W

b. 30 degrees 02 minutes 38.30 seconds N  
90 degrees 14 minutes 18.46 seconds W

c. 30 degrees 02 minutes 35.07 seconds N  
90 degrees 14 minutes 20.28 seconds W

d. 30 degrees 02 minutes 37.69 seconds N  
90 degrees 14 minutes 24.93 seconds W

~~13~~15. Independence Island - Jefferson Parish

- a. 29 degrees 18 minutes 34.48 seconds N  
89 degrees 56 minutes 13.37 seconds W
- b. 29 degrees 18 minutes 34.22 seconds N  
89 degrees 55 minutes 48.52 seconds W
- c. 29 degrees 18 minutes 24.32 seconds N  
89 degrees 55 minutes 48.66 seconds W
- d. 29 degrees 18 minutes 24.58 seconds N  
89 degrees 56 minutes 13.51 seconds W

~~14~~16. Bully Camp 1 - Lafourche Parish

- a. 29 degrees 27 minutes 30.08 seconds N  
90 degrees 22 minutes 43.33 seconds W
- b. 29 degrees 27 minutes 30.04 seconds N  
90 degrees 22 minutes 38.63 seconds W
- c. 29 degrees 27 minutes 25.92 seconds N  
90 degrees 22 minutes 38.67 seconds W
- d. 29 degrees 27 minutes 25.96 seconds N  
90 degrees 22 minutes 43.37 seconds W

~~15~~17. Bully Camp 2 - Lafourche Parish

- a. 29 degrees 27 minutes 44.08 seconds N  
90 degrees 23 minutes 03.33 seconds W
- b. 29 degrees 27 minutes 44.04 seconds N  
90 degrees 22 minutes 58.63 seconds W
- c. 29 degrees 27 minutes 39.92 seconds N  
90 degrees 22 minutes 58.67 seconds W
- d. 29 degrees 27 minutes ~~39~~5.96 seconds N  
90 degrees 23 minutes 03.37 seconds W

~~16~~18. St. Charles - St. Charles Parish

- a. 30 degrees 08 minutes 26.10 seconds N  
90 degrees 19 minutes 26.28 seconds W
- b. 30 degrees 08 minutes 26.10 seconds N  
90 degrees ~~18~~4 minutes 38.28 seconds W
- c. 30 degrees 07 minutes 44.10 seconds N  
90 degrees 18 minutes 38.28 seconds W

- d. 30 degrees 07 minutes 44.10 seconds N
- 90 degrees 19 minutes 26.28 seconds W
- ~~1719.~~ Rabbit Island Reef - St. Mary Parish
  - a. 29 degrees 30 minutes 41.31 seconds N
  - 91 degrees 34 minutes 00.39 seconds W
  - b. 29 degrees 30 minutes 41.34 seconds N
  - 91 degrees 33 minutes 43.68 seconds W
  - c. 29 degrees 30 minutes 26.73 seconds N
  - 91 degrees 33 minutes 43.65 seconds W
  - d. ~~29~~ degrees 30 minutes 26.70 seconds N
  - 91 degrees 34 minutes 00.35 seconds W
- ~~1820.~~ Finfish Reef ~~1~~ - Cameron Parish
  - a. 29 degrees 58 minutes 15.58 seconds N
  - 93 degrees 18 minutes 12.25 seconds W
  - b. 29 degrees 58 minutes 15.83 seconds N
  - 93 degrees 17 minutes 55.47 seconds W
  - c. 29 degrees 58 minutes 01.22 seconds N
  - 93 degrees 17 minutes 55.19 seconds W
  - d. 29 degrees 58 minutes 00.97 seconds N
  - 93 degrees 18 minutes 11.97 seconds W
- ~~1921.~~ Turner's Bay Island Reef - ~~Cameron~~ Calcasieu Parish
  - a. 30 degrees 03 minutes 20.56 seconds N
  - 93 degrees 18 minutes 29.54 seconds W
  - b. 30 degrees 03 minutes 20.11 seconds N
  - 93 degrees 18 minutes 26.51 seconds W
  - c. 30 degrees 03 minutes 18.54 seconds N
  - 93 degrees 18 minutes 26.82 seconds W
  - d. 30 degrees 03 minutes 18.99 seconds N
  - 93 degrees 18 minutes 29.85 seconds W
- ~~20.~~ Oyster Reef ~~1~~ - Cameron Parish
  - a. ~~29~~ degrees ~~51~~ minutes ~~05.56~~ seconds N
  - ~~93~~ degrees ~~17~~ minutes ~~09.90~~ seconds W
  - b. ~~29~~ degrees ~~51~~ minutes ~~05.81~~ seconds N
  - ~~93~~ degrees ~~16~~ minutes ~~53.14~~ seconds W

- ~~e. 29 degrees 50 minutes 51.20 seconds N  
93 degrees 16 minutes 52.86 seconds N  
d. 29 degrees 50 minutes 50.96 seconds N  
93 degrees 17 minutes 09.62 seconds W~~

~~21. Oyster Reef 2-Cameron Parish~~

- ~~a. 29 degrees 51 minutes 05.08 seconds N  
degrees 17 minutes 02.82 seconds W  
b. 29 degrees 51 minutes 05.33 seconds N  
degrees 16 minutes 46.06 seconds W  
e. 29 degrees 50 minutes 50.72 seconds N  
degrees 16 minutes 45.78 seconds W  
d. 29 degrees 50 minutes 50.47 seconds N  
93 degrees 17 minutes 02.54 seconds W~~

~~22. Oyster Reef 3-Cameron Parish~~

- ~~a. 29 degrees 51 minutes 09.10 seconds N  
93 degrees 17 minutes 06.96 seconds W  
b. 29 degrees 51 minutes 09.35 seconds N  
93 degrees 16 minutes 50.20 seconds W  
e. 29 degrees 50 minutes 54.74 seconds N  
93 degrees 16 minutes 49.92 seconds W  
d. 29 degrees 50 minutes 54.49 seconds N  
93 degrees 17 minutes 06.68 seconds W~~

22. East Calcasieu - Cameron Parish

- a. 29 degrees 53 minutes 16.49 seconds N  
93 degrees 16 minutes 58.85 seconds W  
b. 29 degrees 53 minutes 16.52 seconds N  
93 degrees 16 minutes 34.79 seconds W  
c. 29 degrees 52 minutes 57.20 seconds N  
93 degrees 16 minutes 34.74 seconds W  
d. 29 degrees 52 minutes 57.17 seconds N  
93 degrees 16 minutes 56.85 seconds W

23. Sweet Lake - Cameron Parish

- a. 29 degrees 56 minutes 38.052 seconds N  
93 degrees 17 minutes 33.42 seconds W



- b. 29 degrees 56 minutes 38.27 seconds N  
93 degrees 17 minutes 16.65 seconds W
  - c. 29 degrees 56 minutes 23.66 seconds N  
93 degrees 17 minutes 16.36 seconds W
  - d. 29 degrees 56 minutes 23.41 seconds N  
93 degrees 17 minutes 33.14 seconds W
24. Bird Island 1 and 2 - Terrebonne Parish
- a. 29 degrees 03 minutes 40.34 seconds N  
90 degrees 43 minutes 34.07 seconds W
  - b. 29 degrees 03 minutes ~~40.26~~41.97 seconds N  
90 degrees 43 minutes ~~17.44~~29.63 seconds W
  - c. 29 degrees 03 minutes ~~25.65~~41.89 seconds N  
90 degrees 43 minutes ~~17.53~~12.99 seconds W
  - d. 29 degrees 03 minutes ~~25.73~~27.28 seconds N  
90 degrees 43 minutes ~~34.16~~13.08 seconds W
  - e. 29 degrees 03 minutes 25.65 seconds N  
90 degrees 43 minutes 17.53 seconds W
  - f. 29 degrees 03 minutes 25.73 seconds N  
90 degrees 43 minutes 34.16 seconds W
- ~~25. Bird Island II - Terrebonne Parish~~
- ~~a. 29 degrees 03 minutes 41.97 seconds N~~  
~~90 degrees 43 minutes 29.63 seconds W~~
  - ~~b. 29 degrees 03 minutes 41.89 seconds N~~  
~~90 degrees 43 minutes 12.99 seconds W~~
  - ~~c. 29 degrees 03 minutes 27.28 seconds N~~  
~~90 degrees 43 minutes 13.08 seconds W~~
  - ~~d. 29 degrees 03 minutes 27.36 seconds N~~  
~~90 degrees 43 minutes 29.71 seconds W~~
256. Point Mast - Terrebonne Parish
- a. 29 degrees 06 minutes 34.01 seconds N  
90 degrees 38 minutes 16.87 seconds W
  - b. 29 degrees 06 minutes 33.92 seconds N  
90 degrees 38 minutes 00.24 seconds W
  - c. 29 degrees 06 minutes 19.31 seconds N

90 degrees 38 minutes 00.34 seconds W  
d. 29 degrees 06 minutes 19.40 seconds N  
90 degrees 38 minutes 16.97 seconds W  
267. Cypremort Point ~~I~~1 - Iberia Parish  
a. 29 degrees 43 minutes 21.03 seconds N  
91 degrees 52 minutes 23.19 seconds W  
b. 29 degrees 43 minutes 21.04 seconds N  
91 degrees 52 minutes 20.82 seconds W  
c. 29 degrees 43 minutes 18.97 seconds N  
91 degrees 52 minutes 20.81 seconds W  
d. 29 degrees 43 minutes 18.96 seconds N  
91 degrees 52 minutes 23.18 seconds W  
278. Cypremort Point ~~I~~2 - Iberia Parish  
a. 29 degrees 44 minutes 26.95 seconds N  
91 degrees 52 minutes 54.25 seconds W  
b. 29 degrees 44 minutes 27.02 seconds N  
91 degrees 52 minutes 37.51 seconds W  
c. 29 degrees 44 minutes 12.41 seconds N  
91 degrees 52 minutes 37.43 seconds W  
d. 29 degrees 44 minutes 12.34 seconds N  
91 degrees 52 minutes 54.17 seconds W  
~~29. Redfish Pointe (original) - Vermilion Parish~~  
~~a. 29 degrees 40 minutes 47.76 seconds N~~  
~~92 degrees 07 minutes 14.90 seconds W~~  
~~b. 29 degrees 40 minutes 47.86 seconds N~~  
~~92 degrees 06 minutes 58.17 seconds W~~  
~~c. 29 degrees 40 minutes 33.24 seconds N~~  
~~92 degrees 06 minutes 58.06 seconds W~~  
~~d. 29 degrees 40 minutes 33.14 seconds N~~  
~~92 degrees 07 minutes 14.79 seconds W~~  
3028. Redfish Pointe - Vermilion Parish  
a. 29 degrees 40 minutes 44.28 seconds N  
92 degrees 07 minutes 13.40 seconds W  
b. 29 degrees 40 minutes 44.38 seconds N

92 degrees 06 minutes 56.67 seconds W  
c. 29 degrees 40 minutes 29.76 seconds N  
92 degrees 06 minutes 56.56 seconds W  
d. 29 degrees 40 minutes 29.66 seconds N  
92 degrees 07 minutes 13.29 seconds W  
~~31~~29. Prien Point - Vermilion Parish  
a. 29 degrees 39 minutes 45.53 seconds N  
92 degrees 08 minutes 05.36 seconds W  
b. 29 degrees 39 minutes 45.64 seconds N  
92 degrees 07 minutes 48.63 seconds W  
c. 29 degrees 39 minutes 31.02 seconds N  
92 degrees 07 minutes 48.52 seconds W  
d. 29 degrees 39 minutes 30.92 seconds N  
92 degrees 08 minutes 05.25 seconds W

B. No person shall harvest oysters from these recreational reefs.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with La. R.S. 56:805.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 41:1309 (July 2015), LR ##:###.

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.

#### **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 2014.

#### **Public Comments**

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to Craig Gothreaux, Artificial Reef Program Manager, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries - Fisheries Extension Section, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70898-9000 prior to November 28, 2016.

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Bart R. Yakupzack, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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Date Signed