

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend the turkey dates and limits for the 2011 season.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§115. Turkey Hunting Areas, Seasons, and Bag Limits

A. Daily limit is one gobbler. Season limit is two gobblers. Turkeys taken on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. Only one turkey may be taken during spring WMA lottery hunts.

B. Turkey season will open in designated areas on the Saturday nearest March 22. The Area A turkey season will be 30 consecutive days in length, the Area B turkey season will be 23 consecutive days in length, and the Area C turkey season will be 16 consecutive days in length. Wildlife Management Areas, National Forests, National Wildlife Refuges, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land may vary from this framework. Deviation from this framework may occur in those years when the Saturday nearest March 22 falls the day before Easter.

C. Statewide Youth Turkey and Physically Challenged Season on private lands shall be the weekend prior to the statewide turkey season.

D. Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed herein are open to turkey hunting. All other Wildlife Management Areas are closed.

E. 2011 Turkey Hunting Schedule

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	March 19 - April 17
B	March 19 - April 10
C	March 19 - April 3
Private Lands Youth and Physically Challenged Hunter (Wheelchair Confined) Hunt	March 12-13

F. Wildlife Management Area Turkey Hunting Schedule

WMA	Non-Lottery Hunt Dates	Lottery Hunt Dates
Attakapas	March 19 - 27	None
Bayou Macon	None	April 9- 10
Bens Creek	March 19 April 3	None
Big Lake	March 19 April 3	None
Bodcau	March 19 April 3	None

Boeuf	March 19- 27	None
Clear Creek	March 28 April 17	March 19- 20 March 26- 27
Camp Beauregard	March 19- 27	None
Dewey Wills	None	April 9- 10 April 16- 17
Fort Polk	March 19 - April 17	None
Grassy Lake	March 19- 27	None
Hutchinson Creek	March 19 - April 17	None
Jackson- Bienville	March 19 - April 3	None
Lake Ramsey	March 19 - April 3	None
Little River	March 19 - April 3	None
Loggy Bayou	None	April 8- 10
Peason Ridge	March 19 - April 17	None
Red River	March 19 - April 3	None
Sabine	None	March 19- 21 March April 1- April 3
Sandy	March 19 - April 3	None

Hollow		
Sherburne	March 24- 27	March 19- 20 March 21- 23
Sicily Island	None	March 19- 21 March 22- 24 March 25- 27 March 28 - April 3
Tangipahoa Parish School Board	March 19 - April 17	None
Three Rivers	March 19 - April 3	None
Tunica Hills South Tract	April 4- 10	March 19- 20 March 26- 27 April 2- 3
Tunica Hills North Tract	April 4- 10	March 19- 20 March 26- 27 April 2- 3
Union	None	April 15- 17
Walnut Hills	March 19 - April 17	None

West Bay	None	March 19- 20 March 26- 27
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G. Wildlife Management Area Lottery Youth Hunts

WMA	Lottery Youth Hunt Date
Attakapas	March 12
Bens Creek	March 12
Big Lake	March 12
Bodcau	March 12
Clear Creek	March 12
Fort Polk/Peason Ridge/ Calcasieu Ranger Dist.	March 12
Grassy Lake	March 12
Jackson-Bienville	March 12
Loggy Bayou	April 2
Pearl River	April 2
Pomme de Terre	March 12
Sherburne	March 12-13
Sicily Island	March 12
Spring Bayou	March 12
Thistlethwaite	April 2

Tunica Hills	March 12
Union	April 2
West Bay	March 12

H. Non-lottery youth hunts

1. Bodcau WMA will be open April 9-10 (only youths may hunt).

2. Jackson-Bienville WMA will be open April 9-10 (only youths may hunt).

I. Wildlife Management Area Physically Challenged

(Wheelchair Confined) Hunt

1. Jackson-Bienville WMA will be open April 11- 17 to holders of valid Physically Challenged Hunter (Wheelchair Classification) Permits.

± J. Federal Lands Turkey Hunting Schedule

1. Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) turkey hunting schedule: Caney Ranger District, March 19 - April 3; all remaining KNF lands, March 19 - April 10 (including Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves).

2. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers turkey hunting schedule: Indian Bayou Area, March 12-13 physically challenged lottery only hunt, lottery hunt only on March 19-20 and March 21-23, non-lottery hunt March 24-27. Old River Control and Lock Areas, March 19 - April 3.

3. National Wildlife Refuges: Bogue Chitto NWR, March 19 - April 10; Lake Ophelia NWR, March 19 - April 3 hunt ends at 12:00 p.m. each day; Tensas NWR, March 12-13 (youth only), March 19 - April 3; Upper Ouachita NWR, March 12 (youth lottery only).

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: .

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.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to Mr. Kenneth Ribbeck, Wildlife Division,

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge,
LA, 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., September 8, 2010.

In accordance with Act #1183 of 1999, 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).

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Chairman