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MINUTES

December 4, 2014

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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
BATON ROUGE, LA  
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Chairman Billy Broussard presiding

Present:

Pat Manuel  
Ann Taylor  
Bart Yakupzack  
Ed Swindell  
Dan Davis

NOT Present:

Ronny Graham

Secretary Barham was not present

Wendy Brogdon Called Roll

Chairman Broussard called for a motion for approval of the **November 6, 2014 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Manuel and seconded by Commissioner Swindell. Chairman Broussard called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.



For the agenda item, **Commission Special Announcements/Personal Privilege**, WLF Assistant Secretary, Wildlife, Jimmy Anthony thanked Commissioner Taylor for her dedication and work on the Commission for the past six years. Colonel Broussard presented Commissioner Taylor an Honorary Agent certificate.



Chairman Broussard announced the next item, **To Hear Enforcement Reports for November**; to be presented by Lt Col. Martin

There were Ten (10) boating accidents reported, Six (6) injuries and Zero (0) Fatalities. There were 703 total cases for the month of November with 278 Written Warnings issued and 19 Public Assistance.

Three (3) News releases were discussed

**(1) Two Men Arrested For Recreational Fishing Violations In Plaquemines Parish**

A Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division Agent arrested two men for alleged recreational fishing violations in Plaquemines Parish on Nov. 9.

LDWF Sgt. Adam Young arrested Terry Felo Jr., 42, of Harvey, and Gary Felo, 39, of New Orleans, for taking and possessing undersized red drum, possessing over 10 red drum, and taking or possessing undersized black drum. Terry Felo was also charged with the intentional concealment of illegal fish. Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office (PPSO) deputies also charged the pair with criminal trespassing for entering into a parish owned pump station without permission. It was also discovered both men had warrants out for Jefferson Parish and Gretna.

Sgt. Young and Plaquemines Parish Deputies stopped the men and found them in possession of 63 red drum, placing them 53 over their daily limit. Out of the 63 red drum, 61 were under the minimum size limit of 16 inches. The men also possessed three black drum under the size limit of 16 inches. Additionally, when uniformed law enforcement arrived on scene Terry Felo tried to conceal the illegal fish from agents and deputies. Taking undersized red drum carries up to a \$350 fine and 60 days in jail. Possessing of over 10 red drum and intentional concealment of illegal fish each brings up to a \$950 fine and 120 days in jail for each offense. The men also face a total civil restitution of \$1,614.67 for the illegally possessed fish.

LDWF Enforcement Sgt. Adam Young and PPSO Deputies Chad Lafrance and Johnathan Camner were involved in the case.

### ***(2) Monterey Man Sentenced for Illegal Night Hunting***

A Monterey man was sentenced in 7th Judicial District Court in Concordia Parish on Nov. 14 for illegal night hunting. Judge Kathy Johnson sentenced Duell S. Moreland, 24, to 60 months of hard labor with 40 months suspended, 30 days in jail and to a 15-year no hunting ban.

Agents from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) arrested Moreland on Jan. 31, 2014. The agents observed Moreland night hunting on foot on an All-Terrain Vehicle trail located on the Bayou Cocodrie National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). The agents were able to make contact with Moreland after a brief chase.

Moreland was found hunting after hours with a cross bow equipped with a night vision scope along with a .444 primitive rifle. Moreland was booked into jail for hunting deer during illegal hours, failing to comply with deer tagging requirements, resisting an officer, hunting deer using illegal methods, using a firearm/archery equipped with illegal sights and not possessing a resident hunting license. The agents seized all the equipment.

### ***(3) LDWF Agents Cite Five Men for Wildlife Violations in Caddo and Bossier Parishes***

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division agents cited five Louisiana residents for alleged hunting violations and Migratory Game Bird violations in Caddo and Bossier parishes.

Agents cited Daniel D. Owens, 44, of Vivian; Tristen N. Owens, 17, of Vivian; Ethan L. Mikesell, 19, of Shreveport; and Devynn E. England, 18, of Shreveport, for taking over limit of ducks and wanton waste on Nov. 15 in Caddo Parish. Tristen Owens was also cited for intentionally destroying, concealing or disposing of wildlife or fish evidence.

Agents observed the hunters shooting ducks and leaving the field without making an effort to retrieve several dead and crippled birds. Agents found a total of 14 ducks left in the field or concealed under their duck blind. Agents seized a total of 38 ducks, which are 14 over the legal limit for the four hunters.

On Nov. 14 agents cited Daniel M. Currie, 27, of Bossier City, for allegedly obtaining a hunting license by fraud and hunting without non-resident licenses in Bossier Parish.

LDWF agents conducted a joint investigation with Arkansas Game and Fish and discovered that Currie was in possession of both Louisiana resident and Arkansas resident hunting licenses. According to Currie he had killed one deer in Arkansas and three deer in Louisiana.

After a brief interview with Louisiana and Arkansas agents, Currie was cited for his violations in Louisiana and Arkansas.

Taking over the limit of ducks, intentional concealment of wildlife evidence and wanton waste each brings up to a \$950 fine and up to 120 days in jail. Obtaining a license by fraud carries a \$250 to \$500 fine and up to 90 days in jail. Hunting without non-resident licenses brings a \$100 to \$350 fine and up to 60 days in jail.

Agents involved in these cases are Lt. Roy Schufft, Sgt. Troy Parker, and Sgt. Frank Reger, and Arkansas wildlife officers Clay Raborn and Blake Broomfield.

There were no comments or questions heard



### Chairman Broussard announced the next item, **Ducks Unlimited presentation on duck breeding grounds in Canada by Dave Kostersky and Pat Kehoe**

For fifty years the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has played a lead role in the conservation of waterfowl populations by investing over ten million dollars in Canada's prairie habitat region.

Together, Ducks Unlimited and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have worked together to conserve millions of acres in Prairie Canada. This work ensures that Louisiana hunters can enjoy strong fall migrations for generations to come.

Recognizing that wildlife are a shared resource not only across state and provincial boundaries but across international boundaries clearly establishes a need for partnerships and shared goals.

The Canadian Prairies and Saskatchewan in particular play an important Role in Duck production for Louisiana

Band return data and other supportive science has demonstrated the clear waterfowl connection between Louisiana and breed habitats in Canada.

Touchwood Hills Conservation Ranch was secured three years ago and is being enhanced to maximize habitat quality. The area is 6400 acres of prime duck producing habitat

The ranch is located in the Touchwood Hills priority area and adjacent to other existing DU habitat projects. This project will serve great value to waterfowl with tremendous habitat diversity and wetland densities. Over 980 acre of wetland and 5400 acres of diverse nesting cover.

#### **Habitat Details**

- Waterfowl breeding density - 40 to 60 pairs per square Mile
- Wetlands - 984 acres
- Shrub/Bush - 2592 acres
- Grassland - 2829 acres
- Limiting factor for waterfowl production addressed by protecting wetlands and grasslands from being cultivated
- Waterfowl productivity increase of 9.1%

This ranch serves a secondary purpose, as a demonstration site for conservation ranching practices. DU holds field extension events demonstrating grazing and water protection activities that protect and enhance with wildlife values of ranching lands.

**Working Ranch**

- The ranch will employ a conservation grazing approach - idling 2482 acres and grazing 3923 acres annually
- Demonstration and extension site for educating the public regarding Beneficial Management practices and habitat conservation work

This property was purchased for a very reasonable price of \$462/ac and has subsequently doubled in value in the past three years. Annual management costs are partially offset by revenues gained through the grazing activities portions of the ranch.

**Cost**

- Purchase Price \$2,182,000 or \$462 per acre
- Additional project costs \$790,000 include:
  - Enhancement
  - Grassland restoration
  - management

Since 1965, LDWF has contributed a total of \$10,543,505 dollars in support of Canadian NAWMP/NAWCA

**Conservation Need:**

**Prairie Pothole Region**

Continued wetland loss and degradation decreases the carrying capacity  
Agricultural economy is driven by commodity prices  
Cattle Industry needs support to keep grass on the ground

**Prairie Habitat Joint Venture 25 year Goals**

950,000 acres of habitat restoration  
550,000 acres of habitat protection  
\$1.5 Billion

**BP Funding for Canadian Breeding Grounds Projects**

**Devils Knob**

640 acre Land Purchase  
98 Wetlands totaling 112 acres and 528 acre Uplands  
\$496,048 Total Costs

Wetland protection is a provincial jurisdiction in Canada. Saskatchewan is currently in a public input stage of developing a new wetland policy. This is a very positive opportunity to influence the development of this legislation. With the neighboring provinces of Alberta and Manitoba recently implementing new wetland policy Saskatchewan is under pressure to follow suit in the short term.

There were no questions or comments heard





Chairman Broussard announced the next item, **To Hear a General Overview Presentation of the 2015-2016 Hunting Seasons and Rules and Regulations**, to be presented by Steve Smith

- 1) Changes to LAC XIX.101-Resident Game Hunting Seasons
  - a. No significant changes. Calendar adjustments only.
- 2) Changes to LAC XIX.103-Resident Game Birds and Animals
  - a. LAC XIX.103.D. Changes to Area 5 dates for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 seasons, to extend season by 2 weeks. (Consistent with 2015-2016 Season set last year).
- 3) Changes to LAC XIX.111-General and Wildlife Management Area Rules and Regulations
  - a. LAC XIX.111.E.11.a.iv. Modifications to wording to specify that youth hunters must abide by the season in progress (either-sex or bucks-only) during primitive firearms seasons. (Language clarification).
  - b. LAC XIX.111.E.15. Specification in regulations as to what are acceptable forms of honorably discharged status for the Youth and Honorably Discharged Veterans season on Private Lands. (Was not included in DE last year).
  - c. LAC XIX.111.G.3.k. Addition of allowance for bird dog training, in addition to rabbit and squirrel dogs, in some Small Game Emphasis Areas on WMAs. (Additional opportunity).
  - d. LAC XIX.111.G.5.c. Prohibition of possession of bait on WMAs except that bait will be allowed in a vehicle traversing or parked on a WMA road. (Requested by Enforcement and field staff. Existing language does not cover possession of bait).
  - e. LAC XIX.111.G.5.c. Prohibition of nets and traps for recreational fishing on Ivan Lake on Bodcau WMA. (Requested by fish division, such gear counterproductive to the mgmt. goal of the lake).
  - f. LAC XIX.111.G.9.i. Allowance for UTVs to be utilized on ATV Trails, if the manufacturer's specifications for that vehicle do not exceed the weight, length, and tire restrictions for ATVs. (Due to public requests).
  - g. LAC XIX.111.G.9.i. Addition of UTVs to wording to allow those vehicles on WMA roads, only when such roads are closed to vehicular traffic, and when the use of ATVs and UTVs is specifically allowed. (Wording clarification).
  - h. LAC XIX.111.G.15. Modification to wording to specify that center fire pistols may be used for hunting hogs with dogs, only during the February hog dog season on certain WMAs. (Wording clarification to explicitly prohibit use of such outside of Feb. season).
  - i. LAC XIX.111.G.15.a. Removal of experimental permitted trapping of feral hogs. (Due to lack of demand, participation, reporting, and effectiveness).
  - j. LAC XIX.111.G.17.e. Prohibit the use of nets, yoyos, and trotlines on Big and Chain Lakes on Big Lake WMA. (Requested by field staff. Gear left in high water has created safety hazards when water recedes).
  - k. LAC XIX.111.G.17.l. Specify that crawfishing traps or nets may not be left overnight on Grassy Lake WMA. (Requested by field staff to provide consistency with all MAVS WMAs).
  - l. LAC XIX.111.G.17.m. Specify that crawfishing is limited to 100 pound per person, per day on Joyce WMA.
  - m. LAC XIX.111.G.17.q. Specify that crawfishing is limited to 100 pound per person, per day on Maurepas Swamp WMA.
  - n. LAC XIX.111.G.17.q. Specify that crawfishing traps or nets may not be left overnight on Pomme de Terre WMA. (Requested by field staff to provide consistency for all MAVS WMAs).

- o. LAC XIX.111.G.17.q. Prohibit all nighttime activity during open waterfowl seasons, on Wham Brake within Russell Sage WMA. (To eliminate reservation of duck hunting locations before legal hunting hours).
  - p. LAC XIX.111.G.17.q. Restrict recreational fishing gear to rod and reel only on Sicily Island Hills WMA (Education section has stocked Gravel Pit for education events, and other gear is counterproductive to mgt objectives).
- 4) Changes to LAC XIX.111-General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations
- a. No changes.
- 5) Changes to LAC XIX.115-Turkey Hunting Areas, Seasons, and Bag Limits
- a. LAC XIX.115.E. No changes to Turkey Hunting Schedule. Calendar adjustments only.
  - b. LAC XIX.115.F. No changes to WMA Turkey Hunting Schedule. Calendar adjustments only.
  - c. LAC XIX.115.F. No changes to WMA Youth Lottery Schedule.
    - i. Removal of Big Lake Youth Lottery (change to open youth weekend to be consistent with Tensas NWR).
  - d. LAC XIX.115.H.1. Addition of Big Lake Youth Weekend.
  - e. LAC XIX.115.J.1. Modification to Youth season on Kisatchie National Forest to open all ranger districts for the entire youth weekend (Additional Opportunity).
  - f. LAC XIX.115.J.2. Addition of 2 days of open turkey season on US Army Corps of Engineers Indian Bayou Area (Additional Opportunity).
- 6) Changes to WMA and Federal Lands Schedule
- a. Addition of Bussey Brake- No Hunting allowed, recreational fishing and other allowed non-consumptive activities allowed. (Restriction on hunting to meet mgt. objectives as a fishery).
  - b. Maurepas Swamp WMA- Addition of Youth Squirrel Season (Additional Opportunity).
  - c. Sherburne WMA- Addition of 5 days to Deer Firearms either-sex season (Additional Opportunity).
  - d. Baratavia Preserve- Addition of Shotgun youth either sex season (Additional Opportunity).
  - e. Black Bayou National Wildlife Refuge- Allowance for beagles to be use for rabbit and dogs for squirrel Jan. 1-Feb. 29 (Additional Opportunity).
  - f. Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge- Modification to Deer Primitive Firearms season. Allowance for beagles to be use for rabbit and dogs for squirrel Feb. 1-Feb. 29 (Additional Opportunity).
  - g. Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge- Change in waterfowl closure time from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm (Additional Opportunity and consistency with other public lands).
  - h. Catahoula National Wildlife Refuge- Addition of small game season on Headquarters Unit from 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Feb. – End of State Season (Additional Opportunity).
  - i. Grand Cote National Wildlife Refuge- Addition of youth waterfowl hunt (Additional Opportunity).
  - j. Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge- Change in waterfowl closure time from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm (Additional Opportunity and consistency with other public lands).
  - k. Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge- Modification of allowance for beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel from Jan. 20 – Feb. 29, to Feb. 1 – Feb. 28. Addition of Youth waterfowl hunt (Additional Opportunity).
  - l. Red River National Wildlife Refuge- Addition of Waterfowl youth lottery (Additional Opportunity).
  - m. Sabine National Wildlife Refuge- Change in waterfowl closure time from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm (Additional Opportunity and consistency with other public lands).
  - n. Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuge- Addition of days to dove season from 3 days to entire 1<sup>st</sup> split (Additional Opportunity).

- 7) Game and Fish Preserves
  - a. Bayou Bonne Idee
  - b. Black Bayou
  - c. Bundick Lake
  - d. Turkey Creek Lake

Commissioner Swindell asked if #3M (Specify that crawfishing is limited to 100 pound per person, per day on Maurepas Swamp WMA) was at any other WMA.  
Steve Smith responded, yes, this is standard. Commissioner Swindell suggested wording clarification.

There were no other comments or questions heard.



Chairman Broussard announced the next item, **To Consider a Notice of Intent to modify Recreational Offshore Permit Regulations (ROLP)**, to be presented by Jason Adriance, Office of Fisheries

There are three (3) minor changes to the NOI  
Less burdensome on the anglers  
Adds Charter Boat Language  
Permit dates July 1 – June 30 for Recreational  
January 1 – December 31 for Commercial

Commissioner Taylor asked if the permit could be received both online and through a mobile device  
Mr. Adriance responded yes, that it was accessible through both

Chairman Broussard asked if persons under the age of sixteen (16) did not need a permit  
Mr. Adriance responded, yes, under sixteen does not need a permit

Commissioner Manuel asked if Charter boats have to specify how many people are on the charter  
Mr. Adriance responded, No.

There were no other comments or questions heard.

A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Swindell and seconded by Commissioner Davis.  
Chairman Broussard called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record)

## **NOTICE OF INTENT**

### **Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Recreational Offshore Landing Permit (LAC 76:VII.377)**

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend a Rule, LAC 76:VII.377, modifying existing Recreational Offshore Landing Permit regulations by exempting minors under the age of sixteen. Changes to the rule also add language that was not published in a previously rule modification that allowed exemptions for passengers on a charter for hire trip. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(34). Said Rule is attached to and made part of this Notice of Intent.

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.

### **Title 76 WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life**

#### **Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery**

##### **377. Recreational Offshore Landing Permit**

A. Any person, except those persons under the age of sixteen that are not normally required to obtain a license for saltwater fishing privileges, possessing any one of the following fish species or species groups on board a vessel taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters shall be required to have obtained and have in their immediate possession a recreational offshore landing permit. Any person on a trip aboard a charter vessel, who pays a fee for that trip, is not required to have this permit, but the permit is required for the captain of that charter vessel. The recreational offshore landing permit shall be available for inspection by a duly authorized agent of the department:

1. Highly migratory species:
  - a. tunas—bluefin, albacore, yellowfin, skipjack, bigeye, blackfin;
  - b. billfish—blue marlin, white marlin, sailfish and longbill spearfish;
  - c. swordfish;
  
2. Reef fish species:
  - a. any species of snapper;
  - b. any species of amberjack;
  - c. any species of grouper or hind.

3. Pelagics:

- a. any species of dolphinfish;
- b. cobia;
- c. wahoo.

B. Permits may be obtained at no cost, from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, or authorized method, by persons who hold any valid license authorizing the taking and possessing of saltwater species of fish. Permits shall be valid for the same duration as the annual license authorizing saltwater fishing privileges. For those licenses that do not have to be renewed every year, the permit must be renewed annually, and shall be valid for the same time period as annual licenses.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(34).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 38:3249 (December 2012), amended LR 40:94 (January 2014), LR 41\_\_\_\_\_.

**Family Impact Statement**

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).

**Poverty Impact Statement**

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on any child, individual or family as defined by R.S. 49:973.B. In particular, there should be no known or foreseeable effect on:

- 1. the effect on household income, assets, and financial security;
- 2. the effect on early childhood development and preschool through postsecondary education development;
- 3. the effect on employment and workforce development;
- 4. the effect on taxes and tax credits;
- 5. the effect on child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, and utilities assistance.

**Public Comments**

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Jason Adriance, Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, or via e-mail to: [jadriance@wlf.la.gov](mailto:jadriance@wlf.la.gov) prior to Thursday, February 5, 2015.



Chairman Broussard announced the next item, **To Consider a Declaration of Emergency for a Partial Closure of State Outside Waters to Shrimping**, to be presented by Marty Bourgeois

Grants authority to the Secretary to open, close, reopen-reclose, broaden or otherwise modify the areas closed and opened to fishing if biological, environmental and technical data indicate the need to do so, the Secretary hereby opens commercial fishing and recreational fishing in the following portions of state waters:

**Commercial Fishing:**

That portion of state outside waters extending seaward a distance of one-quarter mile from the shoreline from the southwestern shore of Grand Terre Island 2 (East Grand Terre) at -89 degrees 54 minutes 04 seconds west longitude; thence eastward along the shoreline to the southeastern shore of Grand Terre Island 2 at -89 degrees 51 minutes 39 seconds west longitude; thence eastward along 29 degrees 18 minutes 46 seconds north latitude to -89 degrees 51 minutes 19 seconds west longitude; and, that portion of state outside waters extending seaward a distance of one-quarter mile from the shoreline from the eastern shore of Grand Terre Island westward to the western shore of Grand Terre Island; and, that portion of state outside waters extending seaward a distance of one-quarter mile from the western shore of Caminada Pass at -90 degrees 02 minutes 46.597 seconds west longitude westward to the eastern shore of Belle Pass at -90 degrees 13 minutes 30 seconds west longitude.

**Recreational Fishing:**

These waters were previously closed to all recreational fishing except for recreational and charterboat angling.

That portion of state outside waters extending seaward a distance of one-quarter mile from the shoreline from the southwestern shore of Grand Terre Island 2 (East Grand Terre) at -89 degrees 54 minutes 04 seconds west longitude; thence eastward along the shoreline to the southeastern shore of Grand Terre Island 2 at -89 degrees 51 minutes 39 seconds west longitude; thence eastward along 29 degrees 18 minutes 46 seconds north latitude to -89 degrees 51 minutes 19 seconds west longitude; and, that portion of state outside waters extending seaward a distance of one-quarter mile from the shoreline from the eastern shore of Grand Terre Island westward to the western shore of Grand Terre Island; and, that portion of state outside waters extending seaward a distance of one-quarter mile from the western shore of Caminada Pass at -90 degrees 02 minutes 46.597 seconds west longitude westward to the eastern shore of Belle Pass at -90 degrees 13 minutes 30 seconds west longitude.

Commissioner Swindell asked if the Secretary has done this before.

Mr. Bourgeois stated, yes.

Chairman Broussard asked if the authority extends to opening during an emergency

Mr. Bourgeois stated, yes. He also stated that the Commission granted authority in August to close the inshore fall season during an emergency

There were no other comments or questions heard.

A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Manuel and seconded by Commissioner Swindell. Chairman Broussard called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record)

## **DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

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

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

#### Recreational and Commercial Fisheries Reopenings

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953 of the Administrative Procedure Act, which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to adopt rules on an emergency basis when delay would result in imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare and a declaration of emergency adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on June 5, 2014 which grants authority to the Secretary to open, close, reopen-reclose, broaden or otherwise modify the areas closed and opened to fishing if biological, environmental and technical data indicate the need to do so, the Secretary hereby opens commercial fishing and recreational fishing in the following portions of state waters:

#### Commercial Fishing:

That portion of state outside waters extending seaward a distance of one-quarter mile from the shoreline from the southwestern shore of Grand Terre Island 2 (East Grand Terre) at -89 degrees 54 minutes 04 seconds west longitude; thence eastward along the shoreline to the southeastern shore of Grand Terre Island 2 at -89 degrees 51 minutes 39 seconds west longitude; thence eastward along 29 degrees 18 minutes 46 seconds north latitude to -89 degrees 51 minutes 19 seconds west longitude; and, that portion of state outside waters extending seaward a distance of one-quarter mile from the shoreline from the eastern shore of Grand Terre Island westward to the western shore of Grand Terre Island; and, that portion of state outside waters extending seaward a distance of one-quarter mile from the western shore of Caminada Pass at -90 degrees 02 minutes 46.597 seconds west longitude westward to the eastern shore of Belle Pass at -90 degrees 13 minutes 30 seconds west longitude.

Recreational Fishing:

These waters were previously closed to all recreational fishing except for recreational and charterboat angling.

That portion of state outside waters extending seaward a distance of one-quarter mile from the shoreline from the southwestern shore of Grand Terre Island 2 (East Grand Terre) at -89 degrees 54 minutes 04 seconds west longitude; thence eastward along the shoreline to the southeastern shore of Grand Terre Island 2 at -89 degrees 51 minutes 39 seconds west longitude; thence eastward along 29 degrees 18 minutes 46 seconds north latitude to -89 degrees 51 minutes 19 seconds west longitude; and, that portion of state outside waters extending seaward a distance of one-quarter mile from the shoreline from the eastern shore of Grand Terre Island westward to the western shore of Grand Terre Island; and, that portion of state outside waters extending seaward a distance of one-quarter mile from the western shore of Caminada Pass at -90 degrees 02 minutes 46.597 seconds west longitude westward to the eastern shore of Belle Pass at -90 degrees 13 minutes 30 seconds west longitude.

This Declaration of Emergency shall become effective one-half hour before sunrise December 10, 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





Chairman Broussard announced the next item, **To Hear Public Comments on the Catch and Cook Notice of Intent**, to be presented by Rob Bourgeois

At the October meeting, the Commission adopted the rules for the Catch and Cook NOI  
Public Comments are being heard

Daryl Carpenter, Louisiana Charter Boat Association

Mr. Carpenter stated, this regulation includes “mom and pop” type lodges which means they have to now adhere to the Public Health Code clause. He also stated that he has meetings set up with Senator Allain’s office as he authored the bill.

Mr. Carpenter would like the “mom and pop” lodges to have the same exclusions as “Bed and Breakfast” establishments

Commissioner Manuel suggested prolonging voting



Chairman Broussard announced the next item, **To Set the April 2015 Meeting Date**

A discussion took place and the meeting is set for April 2, 2015. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Manuel and seconded by Commissioner Yakupzack. Chairman Broussard called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.

Chairman Broussard announced the next item, **To Hear Public Comments,**

There were no comments heard.

There being no further business, Chairman Broussard **Adjourned** the meeting

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Billy Broussard, Chairman