

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

MINUTES

March 6, 2014

Billy Broussard
CHAIRMAN

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, March 6, 2014

Chairman Billy Broussard presiding

Billy Broussard
Pat Manuel
Ronny Graham
Ann Taylor
Dan Davis

Secretary Barham was also present

Wendy Brogdon Called Roll

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



For the agenda item, **Commission Special Announcements/Personal Privilege**
There were none heard



Lt. Col. Joey Broussard stated, for the agenda item, **To Hear Enforcement & Aviation Reports/February**, the department's planes flew a total of 40.4 aviation hours for the month. There were Four (4) boating accidents reported, Three (3) injuries and Zero (0) Fatalities. There were 847 total cases for the month of February with 258 Written Warnings issued and 30 Public Assistance. Two (2) news releases were discussed

First, On Feb. 25, John Phillipe, 32, Patrick Sylve, 25, both of Port Sulphur, and Jean Taylor, 32, of Sparta, Tenn., pleaded guilty to numerous commercial oyster violations in Plaquemines Parish.

Phillipe pleaded guilty to harvesting oysters during illegal hours, unlawfully removing oysters from a private lease, failing to have written permission, and violation of the emergency fishery closure still in effect from the BP oil spill, violating the state's health code by not filling out his Department of Health and Hospitals log book, and another count of violating the state's health code for vessel sanitation requirements, no tarp, no visible boat numbers and taking commercial fish without a vessel license. He was also cited for improper running lights, failing to comply with personal flotation device requirements, failing to change ownership of a vessel after 45 days and failing to display a valid certificate decal.

Patrick Sylve and Jean Taylor pleaded guilty for harvesting oysters during illegal hours, unlawfully removing oysters from a private lease, failing to have written permission, and violation of the emergency fishery closure still in effect from the BP oil spill.

Judge Michael Clement accepted all three pleas and ordered the following sentences: Phillipe was ordered to pay a fine of \$3,900 plus all court costs and was placed on two years probation. All of Phillipe's commercial licenses were also revoked for a period of two years and he is forbidden to be on any oyster vessel for two years. His oyster dredge was also forfeited to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF).

Patrick Sylve and Jean Taylor were each ordered to pay a fine of \$950 plus court costs and were ordered to not be on a vessel harvesting or possessing oysters or gear to take oysters for two years unless that vessel is equipped with a vessel monitoring device that is approved and monitored by the LDWF Enforcement Division.

LDWF agents witnessed Phillipe and his deckhands harvesting oysters from a lease that did not belong to them and under the cover of darkness after legal sunset on Aug. 26, 2013 in Bayou Stephan located in Plaquemines Parish. Agents discovered the boating safety and health code violations during the stop.

Assistant District Attorney Robert White prosecuted the case. Agents participating in the case were Sgts. Adam Young and Villere Reggio.

The Second News Release, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division agents arrested a Rayne man for alleged shrimp violations on Feb. 26.

Shannon J Roche, 36, of Rayne, was booked into the Lafayette Parish Jail for 13 counts of selling shrimp without a retail seafood license, three counts of theft by fraudulent sales, and failing to maintain records.

LDWF agents first learned of Roche's illegal methods from a number of consumers posting photos of him on social media websites and describing his illegal practices.

During the investigation into Roche's illegal methods, agents learned that Roche allegedly purchased shrimp from a wholesale retail dealer and resold them to consumers on 13 different occasions during the months of January and February. He additionally made three transactions to consumers whom did not receive the correct amount of shrimp purchased. Roche also did not keep proper documentation of his sales.

Selling shrimp without a retail seafood license brings a \$250 to \$500 fine and up to 90 days in jail. Theft by fraudulent sales carries up to a \$1,000 fine and six months in jail. Failing to maintain records brings up to a \$250 to \$500 fine and up to 90 days in jail.

Lt. Beau Robertson, Sgt. Justin Sonnier, Sgt. Lance Devillier, and Senior Agents David Boudreaux, Derek Logan, and Donald Murray participated in the case.

The next item, CCA Presentation of the Conservationist of the Year Award was presented by the CCA Louisiana Executive Director, David Cresson
CCA Executive Director, David Cresson and National CCA Board Member, John Walther presented the Jerry Stone Conservationist of the Year Award to Randy Pausina for his tremendous work on the Artificial Reef Program.



Chairman Broussard announced the next item, **To Consider a Notice of Intent to Increase the Possession Limit for Black Bass below the Salt Water Line**, to be presented by Melissa Kaintz

Ms. Kaintz stated, The possession limit shall be equal to the daily take limit for the number of consecutive days up to three days that a fisherman has been actively on the water or at a remote camp that can only be accessed by water provided the fisherman is in compliance with the following requirements.

1. The fisherman holds and is in possession of a current basic recreational fishing license.
2. The fisherman is in possession of a landing receipt from a public boat landing located south of the saltwater line that demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the department, the number of consecutive days the fisherman has been on the water or at a remote camp that can only be accessed by water.
3. The fish are kept whole or whole gutted in separate bags for each daily take limit. The bags are marked with the date fish were taken, the species and number of fish contained in the bag, and the name and recreational fishing license number of the person taking the fish
4. The fisherman is only in possession of his or her fish and shall not transport fish taken by another person back to the boat landing.
5. The fisherman is not in possession of more than the daily take limit on the water while engaged in or actively fishing.

There were no comments or questions heard. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Manuel and seconded by Commissioner Graham. Chairman Broussard called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition

(The full text of this Resolution is made a part of the record)

NOTICE OF INTENT
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission do hereby advertise their intent to increase the possession limit up to three times the daily take for black bass (*Micropterus spp.*) below the saltwater line.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§149. Black Bass Regulations – Daily Take, Size Limits, and Possession Limits

A. ...

B. In addition, the commission establishes special size, daily take, and possession regulations for black bass on the following water bodies:

B.1. – B. ...

7. Below the saltwater line as described in R.S. 56:322 (A):

a. The possession limit shall be equal to the daily take limit for the number of consecutive days up to three days that a fisherman has been actively on the water or at a remote camp that can only be accessed by water provided the fisherman is in compliance with the following requirements.

1. The fisherman holds and is in possession of a current basic recreational fishing license.

2. The fisherman is in possession of a landing receipt from a public boat landing located south of the saltwater line that demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the department, the number of consecutive days the fisherman has been on the water or at a remote camp that can only be accessed by water.

3. The fish are kept whole or whole gutted in separate bags for each daily take limit. The bags are marked with the date fish were taken, the species and number of fish contained in the bag, and the name and recreational fishing license number of the person taking the fish

4. The fisherman is only in possession of his or her fish and shall not transport fish taken by another person back to the boat landing.

5. The fisherman is not in possession of more than the daily take limit on the water while engaged in or actively fishing.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:325(C), R.S. 56:326.3 and R.S. 56:673.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 14:364 (June 1988), amended LR 17:277 (March 1991), repromulgated LR 17:488 (May 1991), amended LR 17:1122 (November 1991), LR 20:796 (July 1994), LR 23:1168 (September 1997), LR 24:505 (March 1998), LR 26:97 (January 2000), LR 28:104 (January 2002), LR 29:373 (March 2003), LR 30:2339 (October 2004), repromulgated LR 30:2495 (November 2004), amended LR 37:2440 (August 2011).

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 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.

In accordance with Act No. 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).

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to Mike Wood, Director, Inland Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to June 4, 2014.

Billy Broussard
Chairman

Chairman Broussard announced the next item, **To Consider an Amendment to Increase Small Game Possession Limit to Three Days Bag Limit**, to be presented by Steve Smith

Mr. Smith stated that due to the Public Request, WLF was changing/increasing the daily limit of small game which includes, Quail, Rabbit and Squirrel

There were no comments or questions heard. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Davis. Chairman Broussard called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition

Commissioner Drost asked "How long is the report out on external review", and Mr. Adriance answered, "Two Weeks".

Chairman Broussard asked "Are there any licensed commercial fisherman", and Mr. Adriance answered, "Not Many".

There were no other comments or questions heard.

Chairman Broussard announced the next item, **To Consider an Amendment to Adjust Deer Season Area 5 Season Dates for the Year 2014-2015**, to be presented by Steve Smith

Mr. Smith stated that the adjustment was made in order to be consistent with the extended season that was adopted in 2013 and modification of the wording in the NOI. Mr. Smith also stated that there were no changes to the actual rule, only changes to the wording of the Rule. Mr. Smith provided each Commissioner with a packet which included all Public Comments to date. This Packet is made part of the record.

There were no comments or questions heard. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Graham. Chairman Broussard called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition

Chairman Broussard announced the next item, **To Consider a Declaration of Emergency on Fisheries Closures Due to the BP Oil Spill**, to be presented by Marty Bourgeois.

Mr. Bourgeois stated that, In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953 of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under the authority of R.S. 56:6.1, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby closes all commercial fishing, effective immediately March 6, 2014 in the following areas:

Those waters north of 28 degrees 56 minutes 30 seconds north latitude and south of 28 degrees 59 minutes 30 seconds north latitude from the eastern shore of Southwest Pass of the Mississippi River eastward to a line beginning at 28 degrees 59 minutes 30 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 19 minutes 50 seconds west longitude and ending at 28 degrees 56 minutes 30 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 23 minutes 00 seconds west longitude; and, those waters north of 29 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and south of 29 degrees 02 minutes 20 seconds north latitude from the western shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to -89 degrees 15 minutes 25 seconds west longitude; and, those waters north of 28 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds north latitude and south of 29 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds north latitude from the western shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to -89 degrees 15 minutes 25 seconds west longitude and southeastward along a line beginning at 29 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 15 minutes 25 seconds west longitude and ending at 28 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds west longitude; and, those waters west of the western shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River south of 28 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds north latitude bounded by the following coordinates: 1) 28 degrees 59 minutes 15 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds west longitude, 2) 28 degrees 58 minutes 20 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds west longitude, 3) 28 degrees 59 minutes 01 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds west longitude, 4) 28 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds west longitude; and, those waters east of the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River and south of 29 degrees 01 minutes 50 seconds north latitude eastward to

a line beginning at 29 degrees 01 minutes 50 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 07 minutes 20 seconds west longitude and ending at 28 degrees 59 minutes 35 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 08 minutes 00 seconds west longitude; and, those waters adjacent to but not including Northeast Pass and Southeast Pass of the Mississippi River and bounded by the following coordinates: 1) 29 degrees 08 minutes 35 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 04 minutes 20 seconds west longitude, 2) 29 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 02 minutes 10 seconds west longitude, 3) 29 degrees 04 minutes 50 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 04 minutes 10 seconds west longitude, 4) 29 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 05 minutes 10 seconds west longitude; and, those waters south and west of Pass a Loutre of the Mississippi River and east of -89 degrees 05 minutes 35 seconds west longitude bounded by the following coordinates: 1) 29 degrees 11 minutes 25 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 03 minutes 30 seconds west longitude, 2) 29 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 02 minutes 25 seconds west longitude, 3) 29 degrees 09 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 05 minutes 35 seconds west longitude, 4) 29 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 05 minutes 35 seconds west longitude; and, those waters south of North Pass of the Mississippi River bounded by the following coordinates: 1) 29 degrees 11 minutes 35 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 02 minutes 55 seconds west longitude, 2) 29 degrees 12 minutes 35 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 01 minutes 05 seconds west longitude, 3) 29 degrees 11 minutes 35 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 01 minutes 10 seconds west longitude, 4) 29 degrees 11 minutes 10 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds west longitude; and, those state inside and outside waters adjacent to Grand Terre Island bounded by the following coordinates: 1) 29 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 54 minutes 50 seconds west longitude, 2) 29 degrees 17 minutes 10 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 53 minutes 50 seconds west longitude, 3) 29 degrees 15 minutes 40 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 56 minutes 00 seconds west longitude, 4) 29 degrees 17 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 57 minutes 20 seconds west longitude; and, those state inside waters in the upper Barataria Basin north of 29 degrees 26 minutes 00 seconds north

latitude and south of 29 degrees 29 minutes 00 seconds north latitude from -89 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds west longitude westward to -89 degrees 57 minutes 00 seconds west longitude; and, that portion of state outside waters seaward a distance of one-half mile from the inside/outside shrimp line 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; and that portion of state outside waters seaward a distance of one-half mile from the shoreline from the southwestern shore of Grand Terre Island 2 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.

Recreational fishing is open in all state inside and outside territorial waters, except in the following areas, where only recreational angling, charter boat angling and the harvest of bait by wholesale/retail seafood dealers who hold a special bait dealers permit and who harvest bait for sale to recreational fishermen exclusively, pursuant to the provisions of LAC 76:VII.329 is allowed: those state inside and outside waters adjacent to Grand Terre Island bounded by the following coordinates: 1) 29 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 54 minutes 50 seconds west longitude, 2) 29 degrees 17 minutes 10 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 53 minutes 50 seconds west longitude, 3) 29 degrees 15 minutes 40 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 56 minutes 00 seconds west longitude, 4) 29 degrees 17 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 57 minutes 20 seconds west longitude; and, those state inside waters in the upper Barataria Basin north of 29 degrees 26 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and south of 29 degrees 29 minutes 00 seconds north latitude from -89 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds west longitude westward to -89 degrees 57 minutes 00 seconds west longitude; and, that portion of state outside waters seaward a distance of one-half mile from the inside/outside shrimp line 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; and, those state outside waters seaward a distance of one-half mile from the shoreline from the southwestern shore of Grand Terre Island 2 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.

There were no comments or questions heard. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Graham. Chairman Broussard called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition

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

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Recreational and Commercial Fisheries Closure
March 6, 2014

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953 of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under the authority of R.S. 56:6.1, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby closes all commercial fishing, effective immediately March 6, 2014 in the following areas:

Those waters north of 28 degrees 56 minutes 30 seconds north latitude and south of 28 degrees 59 minutes 30 seconds north latitude from the eastern shore of Southwest Pass of the Mississippi River eastward to a line beginning at 28 degrees 59 minutes 30 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 19 minutes 50 seconds west longitude and ending at 28 degrees 56 minutes 30 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 23 minutes 00 seconds west longitude; and, those waters north of 29 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and south of 29 degrees 02 minutes 20 seconds north latitude from the western shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to -89 degrees 15 minutes 25 seconds west longitude; and, those waters north of 28 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds north latitude and south of 29 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds north latitude from the western shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to -89 degrees 15 minutes 25 seconds west longitude and southeastward along a line beginning at 29 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 15 minutes 25 seconds west longitude and ending at 28 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds west longitude; and, those waters west of the western shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River south of 28 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds north latitude bounded by the following coordinates: 1) 28 degrees 59 minutes 15 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds west longitude, 2) 28 degrees 58 minutes 20 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds west longitude, 3) 28 degrees 59 minutes 01 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds west longitude, 4) 28 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds west longitude; and, those waters east of the eastern shore of South

Pass of the Mississippi River and south of 29 degrees 01 minutes 50 seconds north latitude eastward to a line beginning at 29 degrees 01 minutes 50 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 07 minutes 20 seconds west longitude and ending at 28 degrees 59 minutes 35 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 08 minutes 00 seconds west longitude; and, those waters adjacent to but not including Northeast Pass and Southeast Pass of the Mississippi River and bounded by the following coordinates: 1) 29 degrees 08 minutes 35 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 04 minutes 20 seconds west longitude, 2) 29 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 02 minutes 10 seconds west longitude, 3) 29 degrees 04 minutes 50 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 04 minutes 10 seconds west longitude, 4) 29 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 05 minutes 10 seconds west longitude; and, those waters south and west of Pass a Loutre of the Mississippi River and east of -89 degrees 05 minutes 35 seconds west longitude bounded by the following coordinates: 1) 29 degrees 11 minutes 25 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 03 minutes 30 seconds west longitude, 2) 29 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 02 minutes 25 seconds west longitude, 3) 29 degrees 09 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 05 minutes 35 seconds west longitude, 4) 29 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 05 minutes 35 seconds west longitude; and, those waters south of North Pass of the Mississippi River bounded by the following coordinates: 1) 29 degrees 11 minutes 35 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 02 minutes 55 seconds west longitude, 2) 29 degrees 12 minutes 35 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 01 minutes 05 seconds west longitude, 3) 29 degrees 11 minutes 35 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 01 minutes 10 seconds west longitude, 4) 29 degrees 11 minutes 10 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds west longitude; and, those state inside and outside waters adjacent to Grand Terre Island bounded by the following coordinates: 1) 29 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 54 minutes 50 seconds west longitude, 2) 29 degrees 17 minutes 10 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 53 minutes 50 seconds west longitude, 3) 29 degrees 15 minutes 40 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 56 minutes 00 seconds west longitude, 4) 29 degrees 17 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and -89 degrees 57 minutes 20 seconds west longitude;

those state inside waters in the upper Barataria Basin north of 29 degrees 26 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and south of 29 degrees 29 minutes 00 seconds north latitude from -89 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds west longitude westward to -89 degrees 57 minutes 00 seconds west longitude; and, that portion of state outside waters seaward a distance of one-half mile from the inside/outside shrimp line 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; and that portion of state outside waters seaward a distance of one-half mile from the shoreline from the southwestern shore of Grand Terre Island 2 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.

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The Deepwater Horizon drilling rig accident has resulted in a significant release of hydrocarbon pollutants into the waters offshore of southeast Louisiana and these pollutants have the potential to impact fish and other aquatic life in portions of these coastal waters. Efforts have been made and are continuing to be made to minimize the potential threats to fish and other aquatic life.

The Commission hereby grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries 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, or as needed to effectively implement the provisions herein.

Billy Broussard

Chairman

Chairman Broussard announced the next item, **To Consider a To Consider a Notice of Intent to Modify Commercial Netting Restrictions on False River, Lake Bruin and Lake Providence**, to be presented by Rachel Walley.

Ms. Walley stated that this NOI was to minimize conflict between recreational and commercial fisherman And a special recurring commercial fishing season, allowing the use of certain nets and slat traps, in Lake Bruin, Tensas Parish, and Louisiana. The season will commence each year at sunrise on October 1 and close at sunset on the last day of February the following year.

1. Commercial fishing with certain nets and slat traps will be allowed on Lake Bruin only during the above described special season and only by licensed commercial fishermen who must also obtain a Lake Bruin commercial fishing permit from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The permit will be issued at no cost on a seasonal basis and must be renewed for each season. The permittee must also file a report to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries of his catch that is postmarked no later than 15 days after the close of that season. The use of nets in Lake Bruin will be limited to gill and trammel nets greater than or having at least a minimum mesh of 3 1/2-inch bar and 7-inch stretch.

2. Commercial fishing will be allowed only during daylight hours except that gear can remain set overnight but fish captured may be removed during daylight hours only.

3. Failure to comply with the terms of the special permit or of any Louisiana commercial fishing regulations shall result in immediate cancellation of the permit for the remainder of the current season.

4. Failure to submit a timely report for a particular year's commercial fishing season shall result in the denial of a permit for the next year. If a report is eventually received after the deadline period for a particular year, the applicant may get a permit after skipping a year, however, if no report is ever filed, no permit for any subsequent year will be considered.

5. Applicants with a citation(s) pending for three years or less, which is a Class 2 fish or game violation(s) or greater shall be denied a permit until such time as the applicant appears before department officials for the purpose of reviewing the citation(s) issued. The secretary, after reviewing the proceedings, may issue or deny the permit.

6. Permits shall not be issued to any applicant who within three years of the date of his/her application, has been convicted or pled guilty to a Class 2 fish or game violation or greater, as defined in the laws pertaining to wildlife and fisheries.

7. Applicants convicted of, or pleading guilty to two or more Class 2 fish or game violations or greater within five years of the application date shall not receive a permit.

False River, Trammel Nets, Gill Nets and Fish Seines

A. Prohibits the use of trammel and gill nets in False River, Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana, except their use will be allowed for the legal harvest of commercial fish during a special recurring trammel and gill netting season to commence each year at sunrise on October 1 and close at sunset on the last day of February the following year. The use of fish seines is prohibited and there is no season.

B. The trammel and gill nets allowed during the special recurring season shall have a minimum mesh size of 3½" square (7" stretched) or greater.

C. Commercial fishing will be allowed only during daylight hours except that gear can remain set overnight but fish captured shall be removed during daylight hours only.

D. Commercial fishing with trammel and gill nets will be allowed on False River Lake only during the open season and only by licensed commercial fishermen.

There were no comments or questions heard. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Graham. Chairman Broussard called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition

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

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 modify the opening date of the recurring commercial fishing seasons in Lake Bruin (Tensas Parish), False River Lake, (Pointe Coupee Parish), and Lake Providence (East Carroll Parish) Louisiana.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§125. Lake Bruin

A. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes and permits a special recurring commercial fishing season, allowing the use of certain nets and slat traps, in Lake Bruin, Tensas Parish, Louisiana. The season will commence each year at sunrise on October 1 and close at sunset on the last day of February the following year.

1. Commercial fishing with certain nets and slat traps will be allowed on Lake Bruin only during the above described special season and only by licensed commercial fishermen who must also obtain a Lake Bruin commercial fishing permit from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The permit will be issued at no cost on a seasonal basis and must be renewed for each season. The permittee must also file a report to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries of his catch that is postmarked not later than 15 days after the close of that season. The use of nets in Lake Bruin will be limited to gill and trammel nets greater than or having at least a minimum mesh of 3 1/2-inch bar and 7-inch stretch.

2. Commercial fishing will be allowed only during daylight hours except that gear can remain set overnight but fish captured may be removed during daylight hours only.

3. Failure to comply with the terms of the special permit or of any Louisiana commercial fishing regulations shall result in immediate cancellation of the permit for the remainder of the current season.

4. Failure to submit a timely report for a particular year's commercial fishing season shall result in the denial of a permit for the next year. If a report is eventually received after the deadline period for a particular year, the applicant may get a permit after skipping a year, however, if no report is ever filed, no permit for any subsequent year will be considered.

5. Applicants with a citation(s) pending for three years or less, which is a Class 2 fish or game violation(s) or greater shall be denied a permit until such time as the applicant appears before department officials for the purpose of reviewing the citation(s) issued. The secretary, after reviewing the proceedings, may issue or deny the permit.

6. Permits shall not be issued to any applicant who within three years of the date of his/her application, has been convicted or pled guilty to a Class 2 fish or game violation or greater, as defined in the laws pertaining to wildlife and fisheries.

7. Applicants convicted of, or pleading guilty to two or more Class 2 fish or game violations or greater within five years of the application date shall not receive a permit.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance R.S. 56:22, 56:326.3 and R.S. 56:402.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 13:502 (September 1987), amended LR 18:294 (March 1992), LR 40:.

§158. False River, Trammel Nets, Gill Nets and Fish Seines

A. Prohibits the use of trammel and gill nets in False River, Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana, except their use will be allowed for the legal harvest of commercial fish during a special recurring trammel and gill netting season to commence each year at sunrise on October 1 and close at sunset on the last day of February the following year. The use of fish seines is prohibited and there is no season.

B. The trammel and gill nets allowed during the special recurring season shall have a minimum mesh size of 3½" square (7" stretched) or greater.

C. Commercial fishing will be allowed only during daylight hours except that gear can remain set overnight but fish captured shall be removed during daylight hours only.

D. Commercial fishing with trammel and gill nets will be allowed on False River Lake only during the open season and only by licensed commercial fishermen.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:22(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 38:1732 (July 2012), LR 40.

§163. Lake Providence, Gill Nets and Trammel Nets

A. Prohibits the use of gillnets and trammel nets in Lake Providence, East Carroll Parish, Lake Providence, Louisiana, except their use will be allowed for the legal harvest of commercial fish during a special recurring trammel and gill netting season to commence each year at sunrise on October 1 and close at sunset on the last day of February the following year.

B. The trammel and gill nets allowed during the special recurring season shall have a minimum mesh size of 3 1/2-inch bar and 7 inches stretched.

C. Said net may remain set overnight, but fish captured may be removed during daylight hours only.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:22 and 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 18:294 (March 1992), LR 40: xxx (xxx 2014).

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 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.

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 accordance with Act No. 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).

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to Mike Wood, Director, Inland Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to May 4, 2014.

Billy Broussard

Chairman

Chairman Broussard announced the next item, **To Hear and Discuss the Louisiana Red Snapper Management Issues**, to be presented by Randy Pausina and Harry Blanchet.

A Powerpoint Presentation was given:

LA Creel Monitoring Survey Purpose:

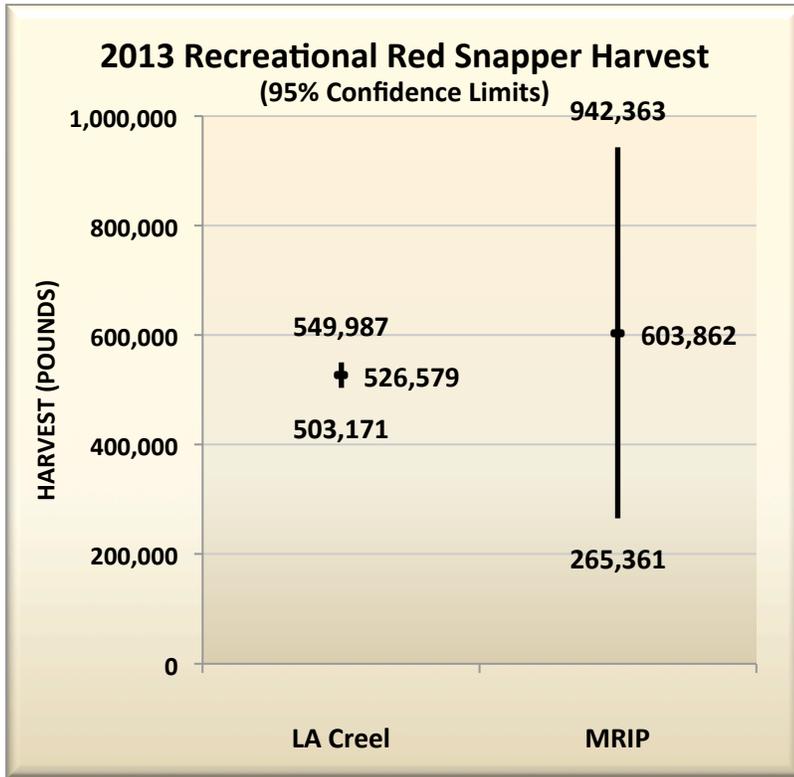
PROBLEM:

Inability to use MRIP survey data to reasonably forecast recreational red snapper harvest

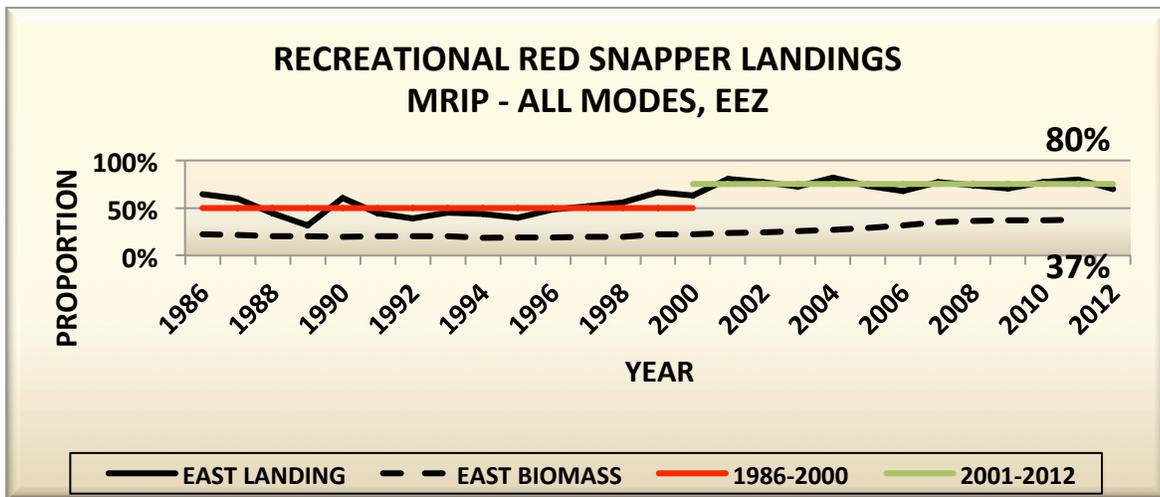
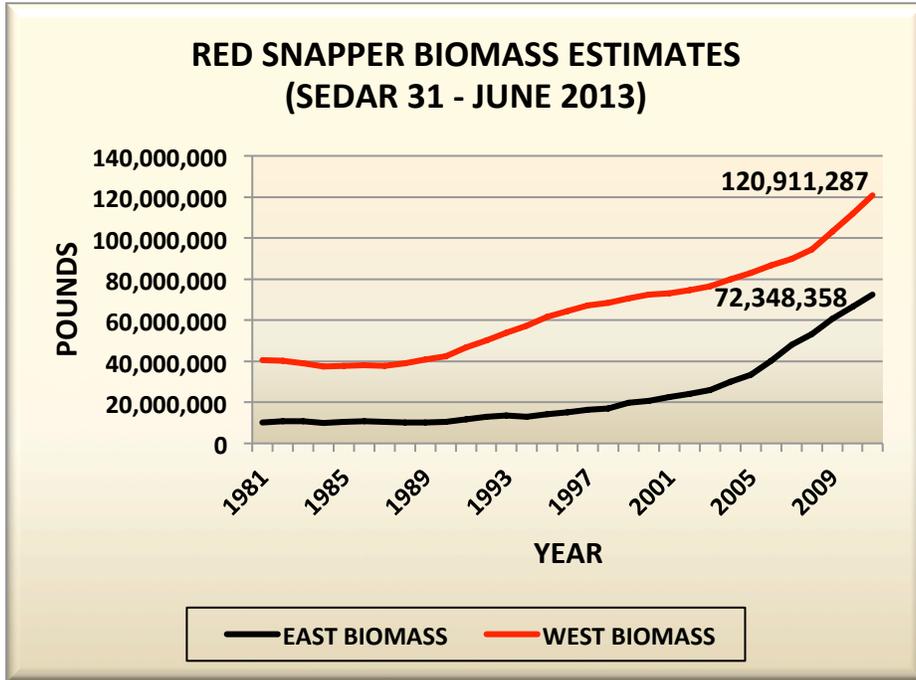
YEAR	Recreational Quota	Recreational Landings	Overrun	% Over
2007	3,185,000	4,440,015	1,255,015	39%
2008	2,450,000	3,711,658	1,261,658	51%
2009	2,450,000	4,624,577	2,174,577	89%
2010	3,403,000	2,238,908	-1,164,092	
2011	3,866,000	4,602,553	736,553	19%
2012	3,959,000	5,146,321	1,187,321	30%
2013	5,390,000	6,130,000	740,000	14%

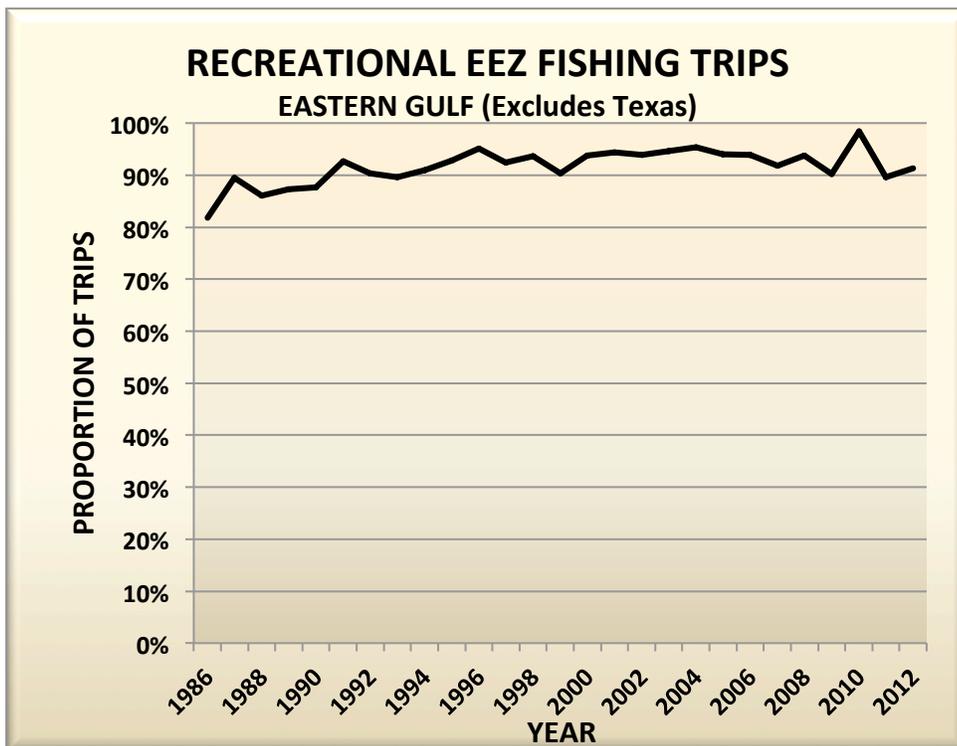
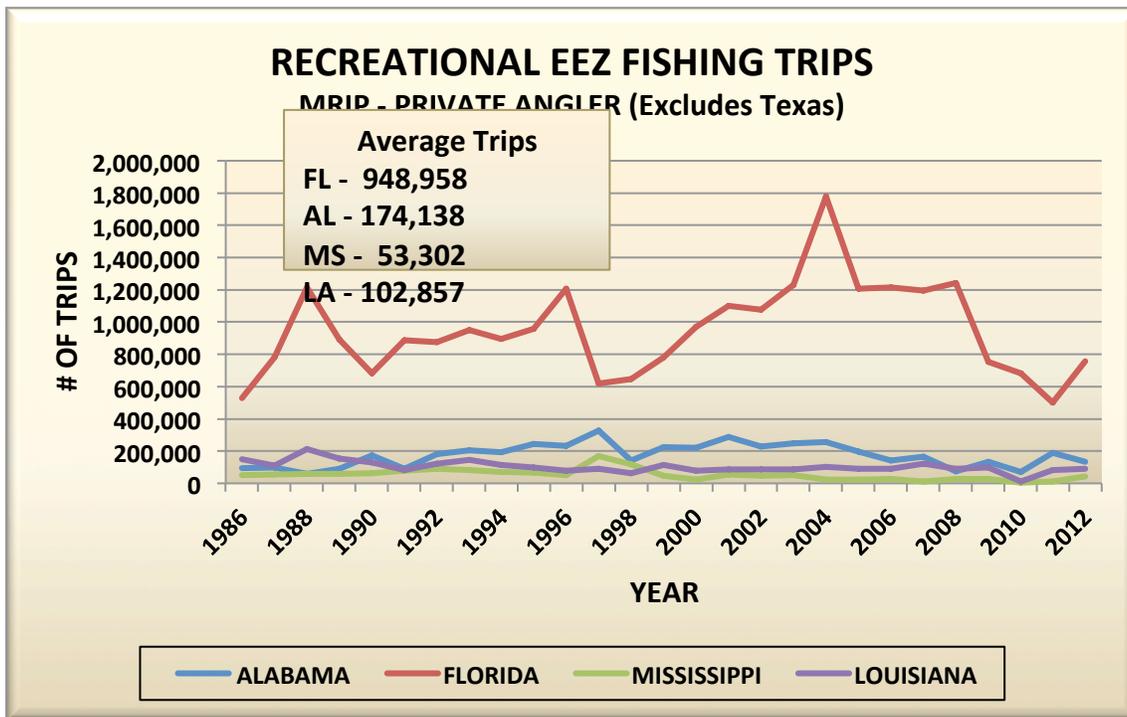
SOLUTION:

Design a survey that provides real-time, reliable recreational red snapper landing estimates that managers and anglers can have confidence in

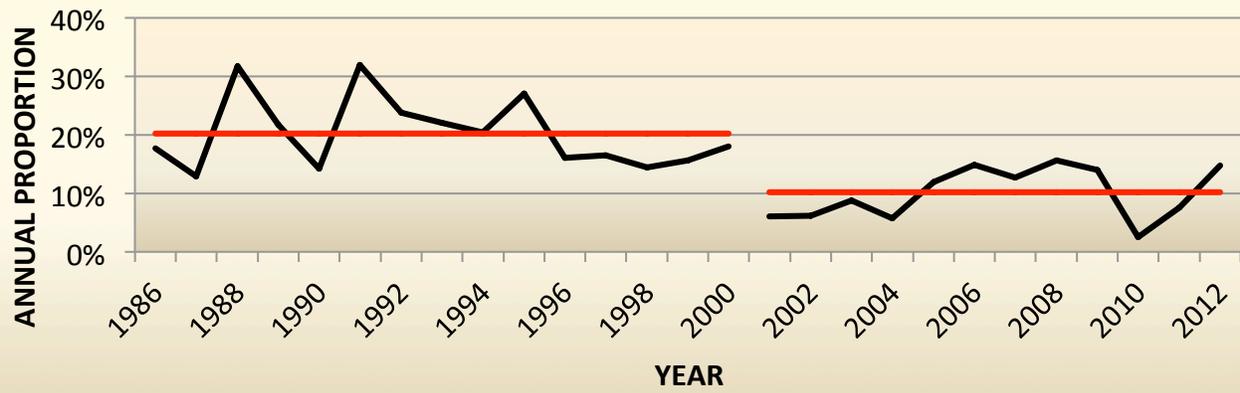


RED SNAPPER





LOUISIANA'S RECREATIONAL HARVEST RED SNAPPER

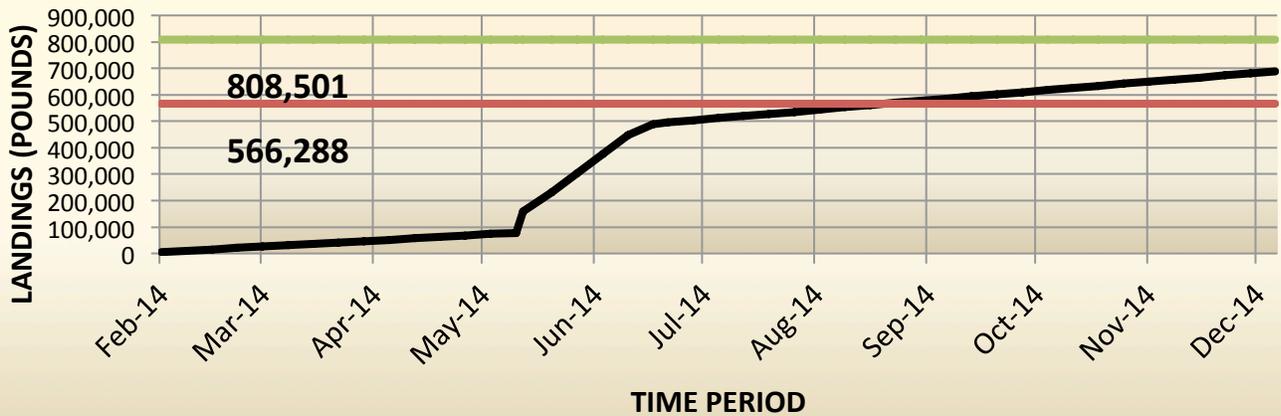


RED SNAPPER EEZ SEASONS		
Year	Season Dates	# Days
1996	January 1-December 31	365
1997	January 1-November 27	330
1998	January 1-September 30	272
1999	January 1-August 29	240
2000	April 21-October 31	194
2001	April 21-October 31	194
2002	April 21-October 31	194
2003	April 21-October 31	194
2004	April 21-October 31	194
2005	April 21-October 31	194
2006	April 21-October 31	194
2007	April 21-October 31	194
2008	June 1-August 4	65
2009	June 1-August 14	75
2010	June 1-July 23; Oct 1-Nov 21 (Fri, Sat, Sun)	77
2011	June 1-July 18	48
2012	June 1-July 15	45

RED SNAPPER RECREATIONAL LANDINGS

STATE	MRIP 1986-2012	NMFS Projected 2014		Difference
WFL	37%	2,404,977	45%	8%
AL	28%	1,698,952	32%	4%
MS	4%	213,199	4%	0%
LA	15%	566,288	11%	-4%
TX	17%	506,589	9%	-8%
		5,390,005		

PROJECTED RECREATIONAL LANDINGS LOUISIANA - 2014



Chairman Broussard announced the next item, **To Set the July 2014 Meeting Date**

A discussion took place and the meeting is set for July 3, 2014. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Manuel. Chairman Broussard called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.

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

First Speaker, Larry Demoulin, Greenwell Springs, LA

Mr. Demoulin is a disabled man and would like more access to the Sherburne WMA. Would like the Commission to consider giving more road access to disabled persons.

The WLF Administration agreed to meet with Mr. Demoulin after the meeting to discuss his concerns in more depth.

Second Speaker, Mr. David Moreland, Baton Rouge, LA

Mr. Moreland hunts Area 4 (Pearl River Area) and would like the Commission to consider adding Either Sex Days to Christmas and Thanksgiving and a Primitive Day to the Last Week

Third Speaker, David Cresson – CCA Executive Director Baton Rouge, LA

Mr. Cresson's Comments were in reference to Red Snapper. He stated that the next Thursday at the LaQuinta Inn in Kenner, LA would be a meeting about Amendment 28, Reallocation of Red Snapper. He requested that people need to attend in order to tell the Federal Government that their system is faulty.

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

Billy Broussard, Chairman