

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 1, 2014

Billy Broussard  
CHAIRMAN

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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AGENDA  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
BATON ROUGE, LA  
May 1, 2014 9:30 AM

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1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of April 3, 2014
3. Commission Special Announcements/Personal Privilege
4. WLF Presentation to the USFS Kisatchie National Forest Turkey Trapping Project
5. To Hear Enforcement & Aviation Reports April
6. To Consider a Declaration of Emergency on Setting the Opening Dates of the Territorial Sea and 2014 Spring Inshore Shrimp Seasons
7. To Consider a Resolution to Recognize Ben Lilly Property as a WMA
8. To Consider a Resolution to Establish Big Colewa as a WMA
9. To Consider a Resolution to Establish Hutchinson Creek as a WMA
10. To Consider a Resolution to Establish Marsh Bayou as a WMA
11. To Consider a Resolution to Establish Walnut Hill as a WMA
12. To Consider a Notice of Intent for Aerial Hog Control Permits
13. Set September 2014 Meeting Date
14. Receive Public Comments
15. Adjournment

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Chairman Billy Broussard presiding

Present:

Billy Broussard

Pat Manuel

William Drost

Ed Swindell

Ronny Graham

Ann Taylor

NOT Present:

Dan Davis

Secretary Barham was also present

Wendy Brogdon Called Roll

Chairman Broussard called for a motion for approval of the **April 3, 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**

There were none heard



Chairman Broussard announced the next item, WLF Presentation to the USFS Kisatchie National Forest Turkey Trapping Project to be presented by Jimmy Stafford

Jimmy Stafford presented Jason Knowles with the USFWS, certificates for the fifteen person team that worked on the Turkey Banning Project in Kisatchie National Forest

Chairman Broussard announced the next item, **To Hear Enforcement & Aviation Reports for April**; to be presented by Lt Col Joey Broussard.

The department's planes flew a total of 69.3 aviation hours for the month. There were Seven (7) boating accidents reported, Ten (10) injuries and One (1) Fatality. There were 808 total cases for the month of April with 561 Written Warnings issued and 27 Public Assistance.

Three (3) News releases were discussed

**(1) Monterey Man Pleads Guilty for Illegally Killing a Louisiana Black Bear**

A Monterey man pleaded guilty and was sentenced on April 3 in Concordia Parish for illegally killing a Louisiana Black Bear.

Seventh Judicial District of Louisiana Judge Kathy Johnson took Duell Moreland's, 24, guilty plea and sentenced him to a \$10,000 civil restitution fee for replacement value of the black bear, a \$950 fine, \$254 in court fees, two years of probation, 120 days in Concordia Parish Jail with 60 days suspended and 60 days mandatory, suspended his hunting license for five years and he cannot possess a firearm or bow for five years.

Moreland turned himself into the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office on Nov. 18, 2013, for the illegal killing of a Louisiana Black Bear.

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Enforcement Division agents got an arrest warrant for Moreland on Nov. 14, 2013. Agents began the investigation after receiving a mortality signal from a radio collared black bear that was a part of LDWF's Black Bear Program. A mortality signal is sent after a certain amount of inactivity.

Upon arriving to the scene of the radio collar off of Pete Davis Road in Wildsville in Concordia Parish, agents found the collar and a burn pile next to the collar containing bear parts. Agents also noticed an abandoned broke down pickup truck on the property that they later found belonged to Moreland.

Agents interviewed the two leaseholders of the property whom both disclosed that Moreland was the person responsible for the illegal killing of the black bear. Agents seized a rifle and crossbow from Moreland's truck and a knife from the scene.

Agents assisting in the case were Senior Agent Joey Merrill and US Fish and Wildlife Agents Mark Cupit and John Tarver.

## ***(2) Two Subjects Cited for Trawling In Closed Season in Terrebonne Parish***

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division agents cited two Louisiana men for allegedly trawling for shrimp during a closed season on April 18 in Terrebonne Parish.

Agents were on patrol in Caillou Bay near Bayou De West in inside state waters when they observed a commercial shrimping vessel actively trawling for shrimp. Agents boarded the vessel and found Justin Griffin, 28, of Theriot, and Spencer Callahan, 21, of Dulac, on board.

Agents seized 177 pounds of shrimp and the vessels two trawls. Taking shrimp in a closed season brings a \$400 to \$900 fine and up to 120 days in jail. Agents involved in the case are Senior Agent Dean Aucoin and Senior Agent Thomas Wolf.

## ***(3) LDWF Agents Arrest Bunkie Man for Resisting Arrest***

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Enforcement Division agents arrested a Bunkie man for alleged flight from an officer and resisting arrest on April 16 2014 in Avoyelles Parish. Agents arrested Shannon Stevenson, 30, and booked him into the Avoyelles Parish Prison for resisting an officer by flight and resisting arrest.

Agents attempted a license check of Stevenson who was fishing over 140 crawfish traps from the bank on Bayou Rouge near Bunkie. Stevenson then tried to elude the agents by attempting to swim across the bayou. Agents were able to quickly apprehend Stevenson from the water.

Agents also charged Stevenson with taking commercial fish without a commercial license and a commercial gear license and trespassing.

Taking commercial fish without a commercial license and gear license each brings a \$250 to \$500 fine and up to 90 days in jail for each offense. Resisting an officer by flight carries up to a \$500 fine and six months in jail. Resisting arrest brings a \$25 to \$100 fine and 30 days to six months of jail. Trespassing carries a \$100 to \$500 fine and up to 30 days in jail.

Agents participating in the case are Lt. Travis Burnett, Senior Agent Douglas Anderson, Senior Agent Byron Cammack and Senior Agent Jay Callegari.

There were no comments or questions heard



Chairman Broussard announced the next item, **To Consider a Declaration of Emergency on Setting the Opening Dates of the Territorial Sea and 2014 Spring Inshore Shrimp Seasons**, to be presented by Marty Bourgeois

Mr. Bourgeois stated that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all or part of inside waters and shall have the authority to open or close outside waters and to increase the minimum mesh size provided in R.S. 56:499 for any trawl, skimmer net, or butterfly net for the duration of any special shrimp season or regular shrimp season extension, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2014 Spring Shrimp Season in Louisiana state waters to open as follows:

That portion of state inside waters from the Mississippi/Louisiana state line to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River to open at 6:00 am June 2, 2014; and,

That portion of state inside waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to the western shore of Freshwater Bayou Canal to open at 6:00 am May 26, 2014; and,

That portion of state inside waters from the western shore of Freshwater Bayou Canal westward to the Louisiana/Texas state line to open at 6:00 am June 2, 2014, and,

That portion of state outside waters extending a distance of 3 nautical miles seaward of the inside/outside shrimp line as described in R.S. 56:495 from the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel at Eugene Island as delineated by the River Channel Buoy Line to the western shore of Freshwater Bayou at -92 degrees 18 minutes 33 seconds west longitude to open at 6:00 am May 26, 2014.

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

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

**Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**

Spring Shrimp Season Opening Dates  
May 1, 2014

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all or part of inside waters and shall have the authority to open or close outside waters and to increase the minimum mesh size provided in R.S. 56:499 for any trawl, skimmer net, or butterfly net for the duration of any special shrimp season or regular shrimp season extension, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2014 Spring Shrimp Season in Louisiana state waters to open as follows:

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That portion of state outside waters extending a distance of 3 nautical miles seaward of the inside/outside shrimp line as described in R.S. 56:495 from the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel at Eugene Island as delineated by the River Channel Buoy Line to the western shore of Freshwater Bayou at -92 degrees 18 minutes 33 seconds west longitude to open at 6:00 am May 26, 2014.

The Commission also hereby grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to delay or advance these opening dates if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so, and; to close any portion of Louisiana's inside waters to protect small juvenile white shrimp if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so, or enforcement problems develop. The Secretary is further granted the authority to open any area, or re-open any previously closed area, and to open and close special shrimp seasons in any portion of state waters.

Billy Broussard

Chairman

Chairman Broussard announced the next item, **To Consider a Resolution to Recognize Ben Lilly Property as a WMA**, to be presented by Thomas Bates

The State of Louisiana is the owner and lessee of certain lands, including water bottoms, known as Ben Lilly, located in the Parish of Morehouse, state of Louisiana, described herein as 247 acres, more or less, Sections 10, 11, 15, Township 22 North, Range 6 East. The Property consists of natural, restored and cultivated areas of significant aesthetic, scenic, ecological and scientific value and has substantial value as natural, ecological and scientific resource. In addition, this property contains valuable fish and wildlife habitat, the protection and proper management of which is critical to the State's conservation and wildlife management efforts,

It is the recommendation Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that the Property be used for conservation purposes and that the Property will be managed as a Wildlife Management Area. Further, that the use of the Property be limited to activities as are consistent with low impact recreation, and activities that will not significantly impair or interfere with the conservation values of the property, its wildlife habitat, natural resources, and associated ecosystems;

It is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that in order to enhance fish and wildlife habitat in the state and provide for appropriate public use and recreational opportunities on these lands, including water bottoms, that these lands be selected and established as a Wildlife Management Area, (WMA).

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

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

# RESOLUTION

## Ben Lilly Wildlife Management Area

### Adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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WHEREAS, The State of Louisiana is the owner and lessee of certain lands, including water bottoms, known as Ben Lilly, located in the Parish of Morehouse, state of Louisiana, described herein as 247 acres, more or less, Sections 10, 11, 15, Township 22 North, Range 6 East, as more particularly described in Attachment A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

WHEREAS, the Property consists of natural, restored and cultivated areas of significant aesthetic, scenic, ecological and scientific value and has substantial value as natural, ecological and scientific resource. In addition, this property contains valuable fish and wildlife habitat, the protection and proper management of which is critical to the State's conservation and wildlife management efforts,

It is the recommendation Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that the Property be used for conservation purposes and that the Property will be managed as a Wildlife Management Area. Further, that the use of the Property be limited to activities as are consistent with low impact recreation, and activities that will not significantly impair or interfere with the conservation values of the property, its wildlife habitat, natural resources, and associated ecosystems;

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that in order to enhance fish and wildlife habitat in the state and provide for appropriate public use and recreational opportunities on these lands, including water bottoms, that these lands be selected and established as a Wildlife Management Area, (WMA).

WHEREAS, it is the further recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission select all State owned lands and leased lands, including water bottoms, located within Ben Lilly Wildlife Management Area as described herein and more fully described in Exhibit A hereto, and identified on the attached map, and all adjacent state owned water bottoms, and establish these lands, including water bottoms, as the Ben Lilly Wildlife Management Area

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in accordance with the laws of the state of Louisiana, particularly Title 56, Sections 109 and 781, does hereby select all lands known as Ben Lilly Wildlife Management Area comprising  $\pm$  247 acres, more or less, including all water bottoms and adjacent water bottoms owned by the state, as more particularly described in Attachment A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and establish said lands, including water bottoms as the Ben Lilly Wildlife Management Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this property shall be used exclusively for wildlife conservation and management purposes, and as such, is perpetually dedicated to the protection of the wild birds, fish, and wildlife and their habitat, and allow such public recreation, including fishing, which is consistent with these purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, on behalf of the Commission, to take all actions necessary in furtherance of this resolution.

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Billy Broussard, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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Robert J, Barham, Secretary  
Department of Wildlife and  
Fisheries

Chairman Broussard announced the next item, **To Consider a Resolution to Establish Big Colewa as a WMA**, to be presented by Thomas Bates

By Quitclaim Deed(s), the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission have acquired fee simple title interest to certain tracts of land comprising of ± 899.12 acres, including water bottoms, situated in the Parish of West Carroll, State of Louisiana

It is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that in order to enhance fish and wildlife habitat in the state and provide for appropriate public use and recreational opportunities on these lands, including water bottoms, that these lands be selected and established as a Wildlife Management Area, (WMA).

It is the further recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission select all State owned lands and leased lands, including water bottoms, as described herein and all adjacent state owned water bottoms, and establish these lands, including water bottoms, as the BIG COLEWA BAYOU WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in accordance with the laws of the state of Louisiana, particularly Title 56, Sections 109 and 781 of the revised Statutes of 1954, does hereby select all lands known as the BIG COLEWA BAYOU WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA comprising ±899.12 acres, including all water bottoms and adjacent water bottoms owned by the state

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 the Resolution is made a part of the record)

## RESOLUTION

### Big Colewa Bayou Wildlife Management Area

#### Adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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- WHEREAS, by Quitclaim Deed(s), the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission have acquired fee simple title interest to certain tracts of land comprising of ± 899.12 acres, including water bottoms, situated in the Parish of West Carroll, State of Louisiana, known as the J.B. Johnson property and is more particularly described in the Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- WHEREAS, this property contains valuable fish and wildlife habitat, the protection and proper management of which is critical to the State's conservation and wildlife management efforts,
- WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that in order to enhance fish and wildlife habitat in the state and provide for appropriate public use and recreational opportunities on these lands, including water bottoms, that these lands be selected and established as a Wildlife Management Area, (WMA).
- WHEREAS, it is the further recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission select all State owned lands and leased lands, including water bottoms, located within the J.B. Johnson property as described herein and more fully described in Exhibit A hereto, and identified on the attached Exhibit B (map), and all adjacent state owned water bottoms, and establish these lands, including water bottoms, as the **BIG COLEWA BAYOU WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**.
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in accordance with the laws of the state of Louisiana, particularly Title 56, Sections 109 and 781 of the revised Statutes of 1954, does hereby select all lands known as the **BIG COLEWA BAYOU WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA** comprising ±899.12 acres, including all water bottoms and adjacent water bottoms owned by the state, as more particularly described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and establish said lands, including water bottoms, as the **BIG COLEWA BAYOU WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this property shall be used exclusively for wildlife management purposes, and as such, is perpetually dedicated to the protection of the wild birds, fish, and wildlife and their habitat, and allow such public recreation, including fishing and hunting, which is consistent with these purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, on behalf of the Commission, to take all actions necessary in furtherance of this resolution.

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Billy Broussard, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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Robert J. Barham, Secretary  
Department of Wildlife and  
Fisheries

## EXHIBIT "A"

### LAND DESCRIPTION BIG COLEWA BAYOU

That portion of ground, together with all of the buildings and improvements thereon, and all of the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, lying, being and situated in the Parish of West Carroll, State of Louisiana, to-wit:

Lots Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9) and the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 20 North, Range 8 East, containing 160.02 acres of land, more or less; AND ALSO

The Southwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 20 North, Range 8 East, containing 160.04 acres of land, more or less, less a strip of land 30 feet in width along, adjacent to the full length of and parallel to all section lines and half section lines forming the boundary lines of this land; AND ALSO

All that part of the North Half of Section 14, Township 20 North, Range 8 East lying and being situated in West Carroll Parish, Louisiana, containing 188.44 acres, more or less, less a strip of land 30 feet in width along, adjacent to, the full length of and parallel to all section lines and all half section lines forming the boundary lines of this land and less the rights of way of existing public roads; AND ALSO

The Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 20 North, Range 8 East, containing 32 acres of land, more or less, less a strip of land 30 feet in width along, adjacent to, the full length of and parallel to all section lines and all half section lines forming the boundary lines of this land and less the rights of way of existing public roads.

### **CONTAINING IN AGGREGATE 540.5 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.**

Subject to existing rights of way for public roads.

Subject also to a right of way grant from J.B. Johnson to the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District, dated July 20, 1953, and recorded in Conveyance Book 43, page 357, of the official public records of the Parish of West Carroll, State of Louisiana, for the purpose of channel improvement work on Beouf River.

Subject also to right of way grant from J.B. Johnson to the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District, dated July 26, 1954, and recorded in Conveyance Book 45, page 315, of the official public records of the Parish of West Carroll, State of Louisiana, for the purpose of channel improvement work on Beouf River.

Subject also to a servitude for drainage granted by J.B. Johnson to Northeast Soil Conservation District, dated August 3, 1964, and recorded in Conveyance Book 61, page 508.

### **LESS AND EXCEPT FROM THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LANDS THE FOLLOWING TRACT:**

That portion of ground, together with all of the buildings and improvements thereon, and all of the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, lying, being and situated in the Parish of West Carroll, State of Louisiana, to wit:

A tract of land, containing one (1) acre, more or less, situated in the Northeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 20 North, Range 8 East, West Carroll Parish, Louisiana, particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the point of the intersection of the East line of said Section 14 with the South line of the



right of way of the public road which runs in an Easterly-Westerly direction approximately along the North section lines of said Section 14, thence run Westerly along and with the South line of the right of way of the said road for a distance of 21 chains and 55 links to the point of beginning, thence run Southerly parallel with the Eastern boundary lines of said Section 14 for a distance of 69 yards to a point, thence run Westerly parallel with the said road for a distance of 69 yards to a point, thence run Northerly parallel with the said section line for a distance of 69 yards to a point on the South line of the right of way of the said road, thence run Easterly along and with the South line of the right of way of the said road for a distance of 69 yards to the point of beginning.

Further, an area of archaeological importance has been identified as Archaeological Site #16WC31, and is described as follows: A certain tract or parcel of land containing 3.36 acres, more or less, situated in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ), Section 14, Township 20 North, Range 8 East, West Carroll Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows:

From the Northwest corner of Section 14, Township 20 North, Range 8 East, run South, along the East boundary of said Section 14, a 15 seconds West a distance of 3177.87 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

1. Thence continue North 89 degrees 53 minutes 15 seconds West a distance of 339.52 feet.
2. Thence run North 13 degrees 33 minutes 26 seconds East a distance of 356.55 feet.
3. Thence run North 66 degrees 31 minutes 16 seconds East a distance of 304.73 feet.
4. Thence run South 42 degrees 42 minutes 18 seconds East a distance of 91.86 feet.
5. Thence run South 16 degrees 40 minutes 52 seconds East a distance of 83.73 feet.
6. Thence run South 18 degrees 50 minutes 58 seconds West a distance of 338.71 feet back to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Chairman Broussard announced the next item, **To Consider a Resolution to Establish Hutchinson Creek as a WMA**, to be presented by Thomas Bates

By Quitclaim Deed, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission have acquired fee simple title interest to certain tracts of land comprising of ±129.00 acres, including water bottoms, situated in the Parish of St. Helena, State of Louisiana, known as the Watson Tract. Described herein as, more or less, Sections 17 and 42, Township 2 South, Range 6 East

It is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that in order to enhance fish and wildlife habitat in the state and provide for appropriate public use and recreational opportunities on these lands, including water bottoms, that these lands be selected and established as a Wildlife Management Area, (WMA).

It is the further recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission select all State owned lands and leased lands, including water bottoms, located within the Watson Property as described herein and all adjacent state owned water bottoms, and establish these lands, including water bottoms, as the Hutchinson Creek Wildlife Management Area.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in accordance with the laws of the state of Louisiana, particularly Title 56, Sections 109 and 781 of the revised Statutes of 1954, does hereby select all lands known as Bussey Brake comprising ± 129.00 acres, including all water bottoms and adjacent water bottoms owned by the state including water bottoms, as the Hutchinson Creek Wildlife Management Area.

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 the Resolution is made a part of the record)

## **RESOLUTION**

### **Hutchinson Creek Wildlife Management Area**

#### **Adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**

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- WHEREAS, by Quitclaim Deed, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission have acquired fee simple title interest to certain tracts of land comprising of ±129.00 acres, including water bottoms, situated in the Parish of St. Helena, State of Louisiana, known as the Watson Tract. Described herein as, more or less, Sections 17 and 42, Township 2 South, Range 6 East, and is more particularly described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- WHEREAS, this property contains valuable fish and wildlife habitat, the protection and proper management of which is critical to the State's conservation and wildlife management efforts,
- WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that in order to enhance fish and wildlife habitat in the state and provide for appropriate public use and recreational opportunities on these lands, including water bottoms, that these lands be selected and established as a Wildlife Management Area, (WMA).
- WHEREAS, it is the further recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission select all State owned lands and leased lands, including water bottoms, located within the Watson Property as described herein and more fully described in Exhibit A hereto, and identified on the attached Exhibit B (map), and all adjacent state owned water bottoms, and establish these lands, including water bottoms, as the Hutchinson Creek Wildlife Management Area.
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in accordance with the laws of the state of Louisiana, particularly Title 56, Sections 109 and 781 of the revised Statutes of 1954, does hereby select all lands known as Bussey Brake comprising ± 129.00 acres, including all water bottoms and adjacent water bottoms owned by the state, as more particularly described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and establish said lands, including water bottoms, as the Hutchinson Creek Wildlife Management Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this property shall be used exclusively for wildlife management purposes, and as such, is perpetually dedicated to the protection of the wild birds, fish, and wildlife and their habitat, and allow such public recreation, including fishing and hunting, which is consistent with these purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, on behalf of the Commission, to take all actions necessary in furtherance of this resolution.

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Billy Broussard, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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Robert J. Barham, Secretary  
Department of Wildlife and  
Fisheries

## EXHIBIT A

1. (Township 22-Range 5 East) Section 22 – All the E2 of SD sec lying E of the E R/W line of the Texas Gas Transmission Corp. Pipeline Section 23 – N2 of NW of NW, S2 of SW of NW; S  $\frac{3}{4}$  of NE of SW; SW of SW; SW of SE Section 26 – all section 27 – all the Eastern  $\frac{3}{4}$ <sup>th</sup> of SD sec lying E of the E R/W line of the Texas Gas Transmission Corp. Pipeline. Section 34 – all of the section lying E of the E R/W line of the Texas Gas Transmission Corp. Pipeline. ....Less; 5 AC in the SE corridor described as: The S2 of SE4 of SE4 of SE4 sold to Bennet & Company by Deed recorded in conveyance book 69, page 218. Section 35 – W2 of NW; NE of NW, North 10 AC of the NW of SW; North 30 AC of SE of NW; W2 of NE of NE. Contg in the aggregate 1,914.44 Acres.
2. All forest products situated on the following described lands in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:  
SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  and NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23, Township 22 North Range 5 East, containing 80 acres, more or less.

### **The property above represents leased portions of the WMA acreage.**

3. The following described property is situated in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana together with all buildings and improvements:  
The Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; South  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; North  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; South  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; North  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  located in Section 23, Township 22 North, Range 5 East, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana,  
The Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 24, Township 22 North, Range 5, East, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana,  
All section lying West of Bayou Bartholomew being Lots 3, 4, 7 and 8 located in Section 25, Township 22 North, Range 5 East, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana,  
The East  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 35, Township 22 North, Range 5 East, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana,  
Lot 2 located in Section 36, Township 22 North, Range 5 East, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana,  
All that part of section lying North of South line of Lot 2 of Section 36 and South of the North line of Lot 3 of Section 25, located in Section 37, Township 22 North, Range 5 East, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana,

It being the intention to include all the property acquired by the seller from James Meek and Shelby Meek by deeds recorded in Conveyance Book 139, Page 146, and in Conveyance Book 177, Page 380, LESS AND EXCEPT 360 acres, more or less, sold to Union Producing Company by seller. Containing approximately 430 acres, together with all buildings and improvements thereon and all appurtenances thereunto belonging,

All the Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$ , owned by seller lying North and West of a line described as beginning at a point on the South line of said Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$ , 663.8 feet West of the Southeast corner thereof, and run thence North 68.5 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence North 54 degrees 53 minutes East 470 feet to a point, thence East 280.2 feet to the East line of said forty acre tract located in Section 34, Township 22 North, Range 5 East, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana,

All of Lot 9 or the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  lying North and West of a line described as beginning at a point on the West line of said forty 334.2 feet North of the Southwest corner thereof, thence East 318.3 feet to a point, thence North 37 degrees 43 minutes East 1,639.1 feet to a point on the North line of said forty, thence East on the North Line to the Northeast corner of said forty; the South three-quarter (30 acres) of Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$ , being all of said land in said forty owned by Seller; Lot 4 or Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; South one-quarter (10 acres) of Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$ , being all the land owned by Seller in said forty, Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Lot 3 or Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Lot 2 or Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Lot 1, or Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  located in Section 35, Township 22 North, Range 5 East, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana,

Lot 3 or Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$ , located in Section 36, Township 22 North, Range 5 East, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana,

All lying North of the South line of Lot 4 of Section 35 and South of the North line of Lot 3 of Section 36 located in Section 37, Township 22 North, Range 5 East, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.

Chairman Broussard announced the next item, **To Consider a Resolution to Establish Marsh Bayou as a WMA**, to be presented by Thomas Bates

By Quitclaim Deed, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission have acquired fee simple title interest to certain tracts of land comprising of ± 655 acres, including water bottoms, situated in the Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, known as Farmers Home Administration Trust Evangeline Parish Property

This property contains valuable fish and wildlife habitat, the protection and proper management of which is critical to the State's conservation and wildlife management efforts,

It is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that in order to enhance fish and wildlife habitat in the state and provide for appropriate public use and recreational opportunities on these lands, including water bottoms, that these lands be selected and established as a Wildlife Management Area, (WMA).

It is the further recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission select all State owned lands and leased lands, including water bottoms, located within Farmers Home Administration Trust Evangeline Parish Property and all adjacent state owned water bottoms, and establish these lands, including water bottoms, as the MARSH BAYOU WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in accordance with the laws of the state of Louisiana, particularly Title 56, Sections 109 and 781 of the revised Statutes of 1954, does hereby select all lands known as MARSH BAYOU comprising ± 655 acres, including all water bottoms and adjacent water bottoms owned by the state, and establish said lands, including water bottoms, as the MARSH BAYOU WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.

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

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

## RESOLUTION

### Marsh Bayou Wildlife Management Area

#### Adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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WHEREAS, by Quitclaim Deed, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission have acquired fee simple title interest to certain tracts of land comprising of ± 655 acres, including water bottoms, situated in the Parish of Evangeline, State of Louisiana, known as Farmers Home Administration Trust Evangeline Parish Property and is more particularly described in the Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

WHEREAS, this property contains valuable fish and wildlife habitat, the protection and proper management of which is critical to the State's conservation and wildlife management efforts,

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that in order to enhance fish and wildlife habitat in the state and provide for appropriate public use and recreational opportunities on these lands, including water bottoms, that these lands be selected and established as a Wildlife Management Area, (WMA).

WHEREAS, it is the further recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission select all State owned lands and leased lands, including water bottoms, located within Farmers Home Administration Trust Evangeline Parish Property as described herein and more fully described in Exhibit A hereto, and identified on the attached Exhibit B (map), and all adjacent state owned water bottoms, and establish these lands, including water bottoms, as the MARSH BAYOU WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in accordance with the laws of the state of Louisiana, particularly Title 56, Sections 109 and 781 of the revised Statutes of 1954, does hereby select all lands known as MARSH BAYOU comprising ± 655 acres, including all water bottoms and adjacent water bottoms owned by the state, as more particularly described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and establish said lands, including water bottoms, as the MARSH BAYOU WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this property shall be used exclusively for wildlife management purposes, and as such, is perpetually dedicated to the protection of the wild birds, fish, and wildlife and their habitat, and allow such public recreation, including fishing and hunting, which is consistent with these purposes.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, on behalf of the Commission, to take all actions necessary in furtherance of this resolution.

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Billy Broussard, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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Robert J. Barham, Secretary  
Department of Wildlife and  
Fisheries

## EXHIBIT "A"

### Legal Description (James Beard)

TRACT NO. 1: A certain tract of land described as the NE/4 of the SE/4 of Section 8, T-3-S, R-2-W, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana, containing 40 acres, more or less.

TRACT NO. 2: A certain tract of land described as the SE/4 of the NE/4 of Section 8, T-3-S, R-2-W, containing 40 acres, more or less, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana.

TRACT NO. 3: A certain tract of land described as all of Section 4, T-3-S, R-2-W, with all buildings and improvements thereon in Evangeline Parish, Louisiana.

LESS AND EXCEPT: The N/2 of the NE/4 of the NE/4 containing 20 acres; the N/2 of the NW/4 of the NE/4, containing 20 acres; and the N/2 of the NE/4 of the NW/4, containing 20 acres, all in Section 4, T-3-S, R-2-W; and

LESS AND EXCEPT: Five (5) acres square in the NW/4 of Section 4, T-3-S, R-2-W, with all buildings, rice bins, and improvements thereon.

Chairman Broussard announced the next item, **To Consider a Resolution to Establish Walnut Hill as a WMA**, to be presented by Thomas Bates

By Quitclaim Deed, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission have acquired fee simple title interest to certain tracts of land comprising of ± 595 acres, including water bottoms, situated in the Parish of Vernon, State of Louisiana, known as the U.S. Farm Service Agency Property, Vernon Parish

This property contains valuable fish and wildlife habitat, the protection and proper management of which is critical to the State's conservation and wildlife management efforts

It is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that in order to enhance fish and wildlife habitat in the state and provide for appropriate public use and recreational opportunities on these lands, including water bottoms, that these lands be selected and established as a Wildlife Management Area, (WMA).

It is the further recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission select all State owned lands and leased lands, including water bottoms, located within the U.S. Farm Service Agency Vernon Parish Property and all adjacent state owned water bottoms, and establish these lands, including water bottoms, as the WALNUT HILL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in accordance with the laws of the state of Louisiana, particularly Title 56, Sections 109 and 781 of the revised Statutes of 1954, does hereby select all lands known as WALNUT HILL comprising ± 595 acres, including all water bottoms and adjacent water bottoms owned by the state and establish said lands, including water bottoms, as the WALNUT HILL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.

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

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

## RESOLUTION

### Walnut Hill Wildlife Management Area

#### Adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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WHEREAS, by Quitclaim Deed, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission have acquired fee simple title interest to certain tracts of land comprising of ± 595 acres, including water bottoms, situated in the Parish of Vernon, State of Louisiana, known as the U.S. Farm Service Agency Property, Vernon Parish and is more particularly described in the Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

WHEREAS, this property contains valuable fish and wildlife habitat, the protection and proper management of which is critical to the State's conservation and wildlife management efforts,

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that in order to enhance fish and wildlife habitat in the state and provide for appropriate public use and recreational opportunities on these lands, including water bottoms, that these lands be selected and established as a Wildlife Management Area, (WMA).

WHEREAS, it is the further recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission select all State owned lands and leased lands, including water bottoms, located within the U.S. Farm Service Agency Vernon Parish Property as described herein and more fully described in Exhibit A hereto, and identified on the attached Exhibit B (map), and all adjacent state owned water bottoms, and establish these lands, including water bottoms, as the WALNUT HILL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in accordance with the laws of the state of Louisiana, particularly Title 56, Sections 109 and 781 of the revised Statutes of 1954, does hereby select all lands known as WALNUT HILL comprising ± 595 acres, including all water bottoms and adjacent water bottoms owned by the state, as more particularly described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and establish said lands, including water bottoms, as the WALNUT HILL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this property shall be used exclusively for wildlife management purposes, and as such, is perpetually dedicated to the protection of the wild birds, fish, and

wildlife and their habitat, and allow such public recreation, including fishing and hunting, which is consistent with these purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, on behalf of the Commission, to take all actions necessary in furtherance of this resolution.

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Billy Broussard, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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Robert J. Barham, Secretary  
Department of Wildlife and  
Fisheries

## EXHIBIT "A"

### LAND DESCRIPTION (WALNUT HILL)

#### TRACT I:

The Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE ¼ of NW ¼), the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE ¼ of NE ¼), the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (W ½ of SW ¼ of NE ¼), and the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼ of SW ¼), all in Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 7 West, Vernon Parish, Louisiana, containing 140 acres, more or less together with all buildings, structures and improvements thereon. ALSO: Begin at the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE ¼ of SW ¼), Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 7 West, Vernon Parish, Louisiana, and run South 0 degrees 35 minutes West along the East line of said NE ¼ of SW ¼ a distance of 285.0 feet; thence South 64 degrees 30 minutes West, 410.0 feet to the East R/W line of Public Road; thence North 24 degrees 35 minutes West along the Easterly line of said Public Road 235.0 feet to its intersection with the Southerly R/W line of generally East and West Public Road; thence North 62 degrees 42 minutes East along said Southerly R/W line 32.0 feet; thence North 14 degrees 16 minutes West 150.5 feet; thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes West 177.7 feet; thence North 56.0 feet; thence South 62 degrees 42 minutes West 210.0 feet; thence South 315.0 feet; thence South 62 degrees 42 minutes West 280.0 feet; thence North 0 degrees 33 minutes West 580.0 feet to the North line of said NE ¼ of SW ¼; thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes East 1100.0 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 7.68 acres, more or less, and being the same land acquired by William W. Johnson from Ada Mayo Johnson by deed dated April 6, 1946, recorded in Book 163, Page 168 of the Conveyance Records of Vernon Parish, Louisiana, LESS .93 acres to Walnut Hill Cemetery and 1.34 acres to United Pentecostal Church of Walnut Hill. The land hereinabove described containing 147.68 acres, more or less, together with all buildings, structures, and improvements thereon.

#### **LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING:**

All that part of the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 7 West, Vernon Parish, Louisiana, lying South of Hwy. 121; all that part of the NE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 7 West, Vernon Parish, Louisiana, lying North of Walnut Hill Road and except the Walnut Hill Church and the Walnut Hill Cemetery. This containing the house of William W. and Fannie Mae Johnson. 7.68 acres more or less.

#### TRACT II:

The NW ¼ of NW ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 7 West, Vernon Parish, Louisiana.

#### TRACT III:

The SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 7 West, Vernon Parish, Louisiana.

#### TRACT IV:

The West ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 27, Township 3 North, Range 7 West, Vernon Parish, Louisiana.

#### TRACT V:

The East ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 7 West, Vernon Parish, Louisiana.

TRACT VI:

The North  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  and the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 7 West, Vernon Parish, Louisiana.

TRACT VII:

The North  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 7 West, Vernon Parish, Louisiana.

TRACT VIII:

The North  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 7 West, Vernon Parish, Louisiana. (Together with all buildings, improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging)

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

A discussion took place and the meeting is set for September 4, 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,**

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

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Billy Broussard, Chairman