

## **Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meeting Minutes**

April 7, 2016

9:30AM  
Baton Rouge, LA

The following constitute summarized minutes of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meeting and are not verbatim transcripts of the proceedings.

Audio files of the meetings are kept at the  
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
2000 Quail Drive  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808

For more information, call (225) 765-2806

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Commission Special Announcements / Personal Privilege
4. To hear Enforcement Reports March 2016
5. To hear an update on the 2016 Legislative Session
6. To hear an update on Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)
7. To Consider Resolution To Continue Support of the Gulf States Red Snapper Management Authority (GSRMSA) and Transfer of Authority to GSRMSA over Fisheries Management and Data Collection for the Red Snapper in State and Federal Waters off the Coast of Louisiana
8. To hear final summary of public comments for the Notice of Intent 2016-2018 Resident Game Hunting Season, 2016-2017 General and WMA Hunting Seasons And Rules and Regulations, 2016-2017 General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations, 2016-2017 Turkey Hunting Areas, Seasons and Bag Limits and 2016-2017 Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations and Bag Limits
9. To consider final approval of the 2016-2018 Resident Game Hunting Season, 2016-2017 General and WMA Hunting Seasons and Rules and Regulations, 2016-2017 General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations, 2016-2017 Turkey Hunting Areas, Seasons, and Bag Limits, and 2016-2017 Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations, and Bag Limits: Consideration of Conditionally Adopted Amendments to Notice of Intent and Consideration of Amended Notice of Intent
10. Set August 2016 Meeting Date
11. Receive Public Comments
12. Adjournment

**I. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Commission was called to order at 9:30 AM on April 7, 2016 in Baton Rouge, LA at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Headquarters Building, by Chairman, Bart Yakupzack

Chairman Yakupzack asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

**II. Roll Call**

Wendy Brogdon conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Bart Yakupzack

Chad Courville

Billy Broussard

Julie Hebert

Pat Manuel

Bill Hogan

Secretary Melancon

**III. Commission Special Announcements / Personal Privilege**

Chairman Yakupzack announced the appointment of William “Bill” Hogan to the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission by Governor Edwards to serve as an “*At-Large Member*” of the Commission and replaces Ronny Graham. Commissioner Hogan lives in Ruston and is the President of Ruston Bank.

Commissioner Hogan stated he is truly honored to be appointed by Governor Edwards and pledged to work for the people of Louisiana to help keep our state as the true sportsman’s paradise.

Chairman Yakupzack announced the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Committees as follows:

Hunting Regulations Committee	Chad Courville, Billy Broussard, Bill Hogan
Minerals Committee	Chad Courville, Julie Hebert, Billy Broussard
Recreational & Commercial Fishing Committee	Pat Manuel, Julie Hebert, Billy Broussard
Oysters & Shrimp Committee	Julie Hebert, Nathan Wall, Chad Courville
Wildlife Management Area Committee	Bill Hogan, Nathan Wall, Julie Hebert
Budget Committee	Pat Manuel, Bill Hogan, Nathan Wall

**MOTION**

Commissioner Courville made a Motion to amend the agenda to add a vote to add “*Waterfowl Committee*” into the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission By-Laws

A roll call vote was conducted by Wendy Brogdon of each Commission member to amend the agenda

Commissioner Billy Broussard, Yes	Commissioner Bill Hogan, Yes
Commissioner Chad Courville, Yes	Commissioner Pat Manuel, Yes
Commissioner Julie Hebert, Yes	

The motion to amend the agenda passes with no opposition

**MOTION**

Commissioner Courville made a Motion to "Add Waterfowl Committee" to the Wildlife and Fisheries By-Laws

Commissioner Broussard seconded the Motion by Commissioner Courville

Chairman Yakupzack called for Public Comments

There were no comments heard

Chairman Yakupzack called for a vote and the Motion passed with no opposition

Chairman Yakupzack announced the members of the Waterfowl Committee,  
Commissioners Pat Manuel, Chad Courville and Bill Hogan

Complete list of Committees:

Hunting Regulations Committee	Chad Courville, Billy Broussard, Bill Hogan
Minerals Committee	Chad Courville, Julie Hebert, Billy Broussard
Recreational & Commercial Fishing Committee	Pat Manuel, Julie Hebert, Billy Broussard
Oysters & Shrimp Committee	Julie Hebert, Nathan Wall, Chad Courville
Wildlife Management Area Committee	Bill Hogan, Nathan Wall, Julie Hebert
Budget Committee	Pat Manuel, Bill Hogan, Nathan Wall
Waterfowl Committee	Pat Manuel, Chad Courville, Bill Hogan

#### **IV. Enforcement Reports: March 2016**

Captain Eddie Skeena, LDWF Enforcement

Enforcement Case Report:	Month	Year to Date
Written Citations:	690	1,656
Written Warnings:	304	649
Public Assistance:	18	57

Monthly Boating Crash / Incident Report:	Month	Year to Date
Boating Incidents:	7	27
Number of Injuries:	6	18
Number of Fatalities:	2	4

#### **News Releases (3)**

##### ***Father and Son Found Guilty on Deer Hunting Violations***

A father and son from Pearl River were found guilty in Second Judicial District Court in Claiborne Parish on March 8 for deer hunting violations.

Judge Jimmy C. Teat ordered Cory D. Baird, 31, to pay a \$700 fine plus court costs no later than May 3, 2016 for failing to comply with deer tagging regulations and over the limit of deer. Cory Baird was also ordered to pay \$1,624.61 in civil restitution for an illegally taken deer.

His father, James H. Baird, 50, was ordered to pay a \$200 fine plus court costs for failing to comply with deer tagging regulations.

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) enforcement Senior Agent Bryant Coburn cited the two men on Jan. 2 in the Bucktail Campground of Kisatchie National Forest.

During a compliance check, Coburn found Cory Baird with two antlered deer that he took earlier in the day. On one of the deer Cory Baird illegally used one of James Baird's tags with James' knowledge. The daily limit on the Kisatchie National Forest is one antlered or antlerless deer per day. Daniel Bays Jr. was the lead prosecutor for the case.

##### ***Nine subjects cited for turkey hunting violations during opening weekend***

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Enforcement agents cited nine people for alleged turkey hunting violations during the opening weekend of the 2016 turkey hunting season. Turkey season opened on March 26 statewide.

On March 26 agents cited the following for hunting turkeys over a baited area:

Brian C. Whitlow, 31, of Rosedale, cited in West Feliciana Parish;

Bryan R. Mix, 36, of Greenwell Springs, cited in West Feliciana Parish;

Michael T. Campanella, 29, of Prairieville, cited in West Feliciana Parish;

Jared C. Browning, 36, of St. Francisville, cited in West Feliciana Parish;

William J. Anderson, 37, of Clinton, cited in East Feliciana Parish;

Kim Costello, 49, of Chalmette, cited in St. Helena Parish;

Jewel Armstrong Jr., 59, of Gilbert, cited in Jackson Parrish;

Seaborn R. Aycock, 73, of Flora, Miss., cited in Claiborne Parish.

Anderson was also cited for possession of an illegally taken turkey and failing to comply with turkey tagging regulations. Aycock was also cited for hunting without a non-resident turkey license and failing to possess turkey tags. Agents also cited Robert Brown, 24, of Eldorado, Ark., on March 26 on the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Bossier Parish for turkey hunting without non-resident basic, big game and turkey licenses and without a WMA hunting permit.

According to the 2016 Turkey Regulations no person shall hunt or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over a baited area. Hunters are not allowed to place, expose, deposit or scatter corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed to lure turkeys to their hunting area.

Also, turkey hunters are required to possess Louisiana basic hunting and big game licenses, Louisiana wild turkey license and turkey tags. Hunting turkeys over a baited area brings a \$250 to \$500 fine and up to 90 days in jail. Possession of an illegally taken turkey during an open season carries a \$500 to \$750 fine and 15 to 30 days in jail. Failing to comply with turkey tagging regulations carries a \$100 to \$350 fine and up to 60 days in jail. Not possessing nonresident basic, big game and turkey licenses, turkey tags and WMA permit each brings a \$100 to \$350 fine and up to 60 days in jail. Anderson may also face up to \$1,539 in civil restitution charges for the replacement value of the illegally taken turkey

### ***LDWF Agents Rescue 777 People from Flooded Areas Statewide and Investigating Boating Fatality***

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries enforcement agents have currently rescued a total of 777 people, 120 dogs and six cats to date due to the flooding in Louisiana.

On March 13 agents rescued nine people and five dogs including three people and five dogs in Grant Parish, three people in Natchitoches Parish, two people in Allen Parish and one person in Ouachita Parish. Agents rescued 103 people, 43 dogs and two cats on March 12. Those totals include 38 people and 11 dogs in Tangipahoa Parish, 21 people and seven dogs in Washington Parish, 18 people and seven dogs in St. Tammany Parish, 11 people and four dogs in Livingston Parish, six people, 11 dogs and two cats in Beauregard Parish, five people in West Carroll Parish, two people and three dogs in Webster Parish and two people in Morehouse Parish. Agents are also investigating a boating fatality that occurred on March 12 in Natchitoches Parish around 8 p.m. According to the two survivors, there were three men in their own boat returning to a flooded house to remove furniture near the south end of Black Lake. On their way back on flooded Hwy. 1226 the boat's bow rope was in the water and got tangled in the prop, which then stalled the motor. While the motor was stalled they took on water and Harold Worsham, 78, of the Saline Bayou area, went overboard and never surfaced. Worsham was not wearing a personal flotation device. His body was recovered later that night and turned over to the Natchitoches Parish Coroner's Office. On the morning of March 11 agents rescued 303 people, 31 dogs and two cats. Those totals include 209 people, 13 dogs and one cat in Tangipahoa Parish, 47 people and 11 dogs in St. Tammany Parish, 18 people, six dogs and one cat in Washington Parish, 12 people in Caddo Parish, six people in Richland Parish, five people in Morehouse Parish, three people in West Carroll Parish, two people in Ouachita Parish and one person and one dog in Livingston

Parish. On March 10 agents rescued 199 people and 21 dogs. Those totals include 50 people in Ouachita Parish, 46 people and 13 dogs in Caddo Parish, 27 people in Vernon Parish, 19 people in Bossier Parish, 19 people in Richland Parish, 15 people and six dogs in Morehouse Parish, nine people in Bienville Parish, six people in Grant Parish, four people and two dogs in West Carroll Parish, two people in LaSalle Parish and two people in Sabine Parish. On March 9 agents rescued 72 people including 36 people in Ouachita Parish, 32 people in Webster Parish and four in Morehouse Parish. Agents also rescued five people on the night of March 8 in Webster Parish.

Chairman Yakupzack called for questions

There were none heard



## V. To Hear an Update on the 2016 Legislative Session

Cole Garrett, LDWF Legislative Liaison

### Bills Affecting the Entire Department

HB 178 – Recreates the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (Most important Bill)  
Every 4 years each executive branch department sunsets  
Allows the legislature to evaluate the effectiveness and necessity of each department  
Passed the House and has been referred to Senate Natural Resources

HB 584 – Const. Amendment to allow 10% Midyear Reductions  
Currently the governor and legislature may reduce appropriated budget by 5%  
This bill would allow for a 10% reduction from constitutionally protected funds  
Passed House Appropriations, Returned to the calendar – subject to call

HB 607 – Exempts certain LDWF projects from Capital Outlay Projects  
Increases the threshold for LDWF Cap Outlay projects from \$150,000 to \$500,000  
Will allow LDWF to build simple, but remote projects without the delay of Cap Outlay  
Referred to House Ways and Means

SB 214 – Const. Amendment to Repeal Dedicated & Protected Funds  
Abolishes the Conservation Fund and the Artificial Reef Development Fund  
Referred to the Senate Finance Committee

Q Commissioner Broussard, Would this counteract the bill from last year?

A Cole Garrett, Absolutely it would with 2/3 of Chamber; then t vote on by the public

### Wildlife Bills – Feral Hogs

HB 199 – LDWF Feral Hog Management Program  
Raises hunting licenses by \$2.00 per license and dedicates the revenue to feral hog management  
Voluntarily deferred in HNRC with a commitment from LDWF to dedicate \$350K to hog management

HB 278 – Indefinite Permits for Year Round Night Hunting for Feral Hogs  
Currently prohibited during hunting season (September – February), except by LDWF permit  
Voluntarily deferred in HNRC with a LDWF commitment to formalize permit process

SB 244 – Year Round Night Hunting of Feral Hogs  
Currently prohibited during hunting season (September – February), except by LDWF permit  
Referred to Senate Natural Resource Committee

HCR 9 and SB 345 – Establishes a Feral Hog Task Force  
Composition varies with each one. The HCR has a sunset provision for 2020  
Both passed the respective originating chamber

### Wildlife Bills

HB 94 – Allows the Use of Monkeys as Service Animals  
Currently prohibited by LDWF regulations and not recognized by the ADA as public service animals  
Referred to House Natural Resources

HB 179 - Blaze Pink as an Alternative to Hunters Orange  
Wisconsin passed a similar bill this summer  
Studies have indicated that fluorescent pink is equally visible from a safety standpoint  
Passed House and referred to Senate Natural Resources Committee

HB 323 – Authorizes Sale of LDWF Property in Morehouse Parish  
12.6 acres near but not contiguous to Russell Sage WMA  
Passed House and referred to Senate Natural Resources Committee

- HB 423 – Requires Trip Ticket Reporting for Reptile/Amphibian Dealers  
Needed to ascertain the quantities of reptiles and amphibians being removed from the wild  
Passed House
- HB 999 & HB 1084 – Prohibits Importation of Exotic Cats  
LDWF already strictly regulates the possession and importation of exotic cats
- SB 186 – Discontinues the White Lake Advisory Board  
The Board has not met in over two years. No longer makes recommendations to LDWF

### **Fisheries Bills – Oysters**

- HB 290 – Oyster Scrapers and Restrictions on Public Seed Grounds  
Changes the name of an “Oyster Dredge” to “Oyster Scraper”  
Provides for limitations on the dimensions of scrapers on public seed grounds  
Passed House
- HB 303 – Oyster Harvester Sanitation Education Program  
Requires a sanitation training prior to receiving an Oyster Harvester License  
Training is good for 3 years, beginning for the 2017 season  
Passed House
- HB 306 – Expands Uses of the Public Oyster Seed Ground Development Account  
Allows LDWF to fund oyster research, hatchery operations and leasing operations  
Passed House, referred to Senate Natural Resources Committee
- HB 636 – Amends the Public Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit  
Continues the permit which was scheduled to sunset November of this year  
Establishes an apprenticeship program for individuals with qualifying vessels  
Reported favorable from HNRC, scheduled for debate on House Floor on 4/7
- HB 902 – Establishes the Oyster Moratorium Lifting Process  
Moratorium in place since 2002  
Establishes priority phases for lifting & clarifies subservience related to oil and gas activity  
Referred to House Natural Resources Committee
- HB 1130 – Allows for Dual Leasing of Water Bottoms for Oyster Cultivation  
Establishes a tri-party agreement for LDWF and private landowners to grant oyster leases  
Referred to House Natural Resources Committee

### **Fisheries Bills**

- HB 307 – Establishes a Fishing Guide Apprenticeship Program  
New entrants would apprentice prior to obtaining their guide license  
Voluntarily deferred in House Natural Resources Committee
- HB 420 – Expands “Authentic Louisiana” Seafood Certification Criteria  
Must be harvested from the Gulf and meet 2 of the 3 following criteria:  
Landed in Louisiana; Processed in Louisiana; Packaged in Louisiana  
Passed House
- HB 638 – Requires Sale of Commercial Fishing Licenses Online  
Currently LDWF offers online renewals for commercial licenses  
LDWF anticipates expanding regional licensing services  
Many commercial licenses have additional requirements  
Voluntarily deferred in House Natural Resources Committee

HB 760 – Further Restricts Crab Trap Gear Licenses

Applicants would need to have previously held a license for 2 of 4 years and:  
Earned 75% of their income from commercial fishing; or  
Prove they made 60 crab harvest trips per year  
Deferred in House Natural Resources

SB 161 – Provides Exceptions from the Retail Seafood Dealer License

Exempts restaurants serving raw fish & oysters for consumption on premises  
Referred to Senate Natural Resources Committee

### **Enforcement Bills and Resolutions**

HCR 30 – Stricter Enforcement of Shrimping Laws and Regulations

Urges LDWF to dutifully enforce inside/outside violations and fishing out of season  
Passed House – Referred to Senate Natural Resources Committee

SB 398 – Public Records Exemptions for Body Camera Recordings

Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary B

SCR 6 – Recognizes Congressional Action of 9-Mile Boundary

Expresses legislative intent for enforcement of laws regulating fishing gear authorized  
for used in Louisiana offshore waters  
Referred to Senate Natural Resources Committee

### **Game and Fish Commissions**

HB 1073 – Authorizes Avoyelles Parish to Appoint Game and Fish Commissions

Referred to House Committee on Municipal and Parochial Affairs

SB 261 – Authorizes Two or More Parishes to Create a Game and Fish Preserve

Passed Senate

SB 390 – Adds Members to the Saline Lake Game and Fish Preserve Commission

Referred to Senate Natural Resources Committee

SB 415 – Creates the Lake Bistineau Recreation and Water Conservation District

Referred to Senate Transportation Committee

Q Commissioner Manuel, How many bills were initiated by LDWF?

A Cole Garrett, Recreation Bill and Capital Outlay projects

There were no other comments heard

## VI. To Hear an Update on Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)

Dr. Jim LaCour, LDWF Veterinarian

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE) caused by a misfolded protein called a prion

CWD affects only animals of the genus *Cervidae*: Mule deer, white-tailed deer, Sika deer, Key deer; moose, elk, red deer, reindeer and caribou

Other species have their own forms of prion-induced TSE's:

Cattle- Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE or "mad cow disease")

Also causes variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD) in humans

Sheep- Scrapie

Humans- Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, familial insomnia

CWD causes neurological symptoms in cervids

- Salivation
- Ataxia
- Dull mentation
- Anorexia
- Weight loss
- Death

CWD first recognized in captive mule deer in Colorado in 1967

CWD has since been discovered in 23 U.S. states and 2 Canadian provinces

The most recent states to discover CWD are Texas and Arkansas

Texas has discovered both wild and captive deer infected

Arkansas has found wild deer and elk infected

CWD is transmitted via oral ingestion of infectious prions

Prions are shed through:

- Saliva
- Urine
- Feces
- Decaying carcasses

Prions may stay infectious in the soil for many years

Prions may be taken up by plants

Prions may infect watersheds

CWD has never been shown to be contagious to humans but USDA and the World Health Organization discourage human consumption of CWD- infected animals

Prions are ingested by the deer; enter the tonsils, spread to the medial retropharyngeal and sub-mandibular lymph nodes then to other lymph nodes in the body

Eventually, the prions make it into the afferent nervous system and follow the nerves to the spinal cord and brain. They cause vacuolizing lesions in the brain with subsequent neurological impairment which ultimately lead to death of the animal

Incubation period before clinical signs is typically a minimum of 16 months with an average of 2-4 years

#### LDWF Surveillance for CWD

Since 2002, LDWF has collected 7,870 samples for CWD analysis

95 samples at the laboratory for analysis right now

LDWF biological staff test primarily "target animals"

Neurological deer

Emaciated deer

Deer hit by cars

Deer harvested adjacent to LA Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF)-permitted captive cervids facilities

Free-ranging captive cervids which have escaped from LDAF-permitted facilities or illegal pens

#### LDWF Surveillance for CWD

LDWF Biologists collect medial retropharyngeal lymph nodes (MRPL) and brainstems for CWD testing

MRPL are frozen

Brainstems are stored in 10% buffered formalin

MRPL are submitted to the laboratory for testing by ELISA method

Brainstems are reserved at LDWF for confirmatory testing if necessary

**To date, CWD has not been found in LA**

#### Louisiana Deer Background Information

Minimum native deer population= 500,000 animals

17,000,000 acres of deer habitat

273,541 hunters harvested 139,900 native white-tailed deer during the 2014-15 deer season

287 LDAF-licensed captive cervids facilities

Approximately 10,000 captive cervids in these facilities

Estimated annual economic impact associated with LA recreational deer hunting:

\$331,000,000.00 (Southwick Associates 2010)

#### LDWF CWD Response Plan

LDWF has a CWD Response Plan including an organizational chart and equipment list

This plan will become activated upon a presumptive laboratory diagnosis of CWD

Upon confirmation of CWD by the National Veterinary Services Laboratory an Incident Briefing will occur and the Incident Action Plan will be developed based on:

Geographic region

Deer herd density

Habitat type

## LDWF CWD Response Plan

LDWF will create a Control Area consisting of an Infection Zone and Buffer Zone, as well as a Surveillance Zone based on current CWD epidemiology, deer density and deer habitat  
LDWF Secretary will be petitioned to implement local feeding and baiting bans under emergency authority

Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) will be petitioned to:

- Implement a long-term local feeding and baiting ban.
- Increase limits and/ or hunting days in the Control Area and Surveillance Zone to reduce deer density and possibly disease transmission
- Impose a moratorium on the movement of deer carcasses out of the area
- Only cleaned skull plate, meat and cape can be removed from the affected region

## LDWF CWD Response Plan

- Interagency cooperation is outlined between LDWF, LDAF, USDA Wildlife Services, US Fish and Wildlife Service and other subject matter experts
- LDWF Biological staff will perform selective culling operations for disease testing in the Control Area and Surveillance Zone
- Protocols for proper carcass disposal will be established and instituted depending on geographical region
- Accurate, current information about CWD will be provided to the public, press, constituent groups and agency personnel
- Hunter education on CWD will be a necessity

## What we've learned from other CWD states

- This is a long-term response
- Once established, CWD will likely become endemic in the wild population
- Agencies typically spend \$1,000,000 or more in the first and subsequent years of response
- Deer hunting license sales drop, usually transiently but sometimes permanently
- This directly affects LDWF budget
- Deer hunters become fatigued with surveillance efforts

## What Can LDWF Do to Prevent CWD in LA?

- Insist that LDAF continue their moratorium on captive cervids importation that they instituted in 2012. This upholds LWFC rule (L.A.C. 76:V.117) which prohibits importation or transport of cervids in LA
- Consider carcass importation restrictions from all/ or CWD-positive states
- Educate taxidermists on proper disposal of cervid carcass parts
- Be vigilant against illegal importation or release of cervids
- Euthanize and test any escaped captive cervids
- Test any suspect or target animals
- Implement action immediately if CWD discovered

Chairman Yakupzack called for Public Comments

Q Commissioner Courville, Deer Pens – Can they kill whenever they want to?

A Dr. LaCour, They have to adhere to LDWF hunting seasons

C Dr. LaCour, Louisiana Department of Agriculture (LDAF) is trying to completely cut out the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries. The Department is fighting this tooth and nail

C Dr. LaCour, The Department is allowed to inspect before a pen is opened and the department has authority to check their records. The department has authority to active shoot any deer that escape a pen.

C Dr. LaCour, the Department sued LDAF in the 1990's. The two departments were instructed under court order to work together

There were no other comments heard

**VII. To Consider Resolution To Continue Support of the Gulf States Red Snapper Management Authority (GSR SMA) and Transfer of Authority to GSR SMA over Fisheries Management and Data Collection for the Red Snapper in State and Federal Waters off the Coast of Louisiana**

Julie Hebert, LWFC Commissioner

Commissioner Hebert read the Resolution for the record

To recognize the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' progress in improving data collection and management of the recreational red snapper fishery and support its continued efforts to pursue cooperative state-based management of the Gulf of Mexico red snapper fishery.

WHEREAS, the mission of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (Department) is to manage Louisiana's fisheries resources for the benefit of the state's residents and visitors, including ensuring sound science to inform management, providing improved fishing opportunities for Louisiana's fishermen, and ensuring Louisiana's fisheries are ecologically sustainable and economically viable; and

WHEREAS, the Department is responsible for managing numerous major commercial and recreational fisheries and has proven itself an effective steward of these fisheries resources, including red snapper; and

WHEREAS, federal management of the Gulf red snapper fishery, which relies on imprecise, untimely estimates of recreational red snapper landings from the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP), has resulted in inaccurate estimates of fishing quotas and overly restrictive recreational fishing seasons that reduce recreational fishing opportunities and economic opportunities for fishing communities through lost revenues at businesses that support the recreational fishing industry; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2014, the Department withdrew Louisiana's participation in MRIP, in favor of collecting and providing sound data through the state's own Recreational Creel Survey (LA Creel), an improved recreational landings data collection system that allows the Department to accurately count species such as red snapper as they are landed and estimate recreational landings within two weeks after data are collected, providing the precise, real-time, localized landings data managers need to flexibly and appropriately manage recreational fishing seasons; and

WHEREAS, in February 2013, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission gave the Secretary of the Department the authority to modify red snapper recreational seasons and daily harvest limits in state waters, with the ability to act within 72 hours to make these modifications; and

WHEREAS, supported by enhanced data from LA Creel, the Secretary extended both the 2014 and 2015 recreational red snapper seasons in state waters by hundreds of days, allowing anglers to take full advantage of the available resource, while monitoring and maintaining harvests within Louisiana's historic and projected share of the total Gulf recreational red snapper quota; and

WHEREAS, the Department has continued negotiations with federal authorities to recognize the validity of LA Creel and reached an agreement to benchmark the program and officially establish it as a replacement for MRIP, paving the way for other Gulf states to adopt their own recreational angler survey programs, improving data collection, and helping to move management of the recreational Gulf red snapper fishery forward; and

WHEREAS, the Department has the tools and infrastructure needed to precisely monitor red snapper landings and provide more frequent stock assessments, critical data needed to better manage red snapper fisheries, and set flexible, tailored management measures that address local needs as well as Gulf-wide conservation goals; and

WHEREAS, the Department has demonstrated tremendous leadership in continuing to work with the other Gulf states and congressional representatives toward a solution that would remove Gulf red snapper management from federal authority and implement an alternative framework for cooperative state-based management of Gulf red snapper; and

WHEREAS, the Department has exhausted all attempts to provide more flexibility in the management for the recreational harvest of red snapper through the Gulf of Mexico Fishery



Management Council process and Reef Fish Amendment 39 Regional Management of Recreational Red Snapper; and

WHEREAS, the directors of the gulf state fish and wildlife agencies from Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas collaborated to create the Gulf States Red Snapper Management Authority (GSRMSA) framework in response to years of failing federal management of the Gulf red snapper fishery; and

WHEREAS, the GSRMSA framework addresses many of the challenges of current federal management of this fishery including inadequate data and a lack of flexible, responsive management and calls for more precise and timely recreational data collection, more frequent stock assessments, and increased collaboration among the states, among other improvements.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission directs the Department to continue supporting the Gulf States Red Snapper Management Authority (GSRMSA) and to strongly urge Congress to transfer authority over both fisheries management and scientific data collections for the red snapper resource in state and federal waters off of Louisiana in an effort to continue to conserve the red snapper resource, ensure fair and equitable access to the red snapper fishery, and preserve the economy and culture of Louisiana's coast.

MOTION by Commissioner Manuel

Commissioner Hebert seconded the motion made by Commissioner Manuel

Chairman Yakupzack called for Public Comments

C Chris Macaluso, Representing self as a recreational fisherman- Following the federal government does not do wells or efficiently. Trends in the Red Snapper management shows abundance has led to less opportunity. Urges support and Commission to continue down this path

C Chairman Yakupzack announced a comment card from David Cresson who does not wish to speak but is in favor of the Resolution

C Joe Macaluso, *The Advocate*, Who do you want the federal government to transfer authority to? When you read the resolution, you did not state who you wanted the federal government to transfer authority to. You need to say "who you want the authority to be transferred to"

C Commissioner Hebert, "to the states"

C Joe Macaluso, that's not what you said when you read the resolution. You need to say that in the resolution and make it clear

C Commissioner Hebert made a "Substitute Motion" to adopt the resolution into the record as read with the words "to the states" inserted in the last paragraph of the resolution in the sentence beginning; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission directs the Department to continue supporting the Gulf States Red Snapper Management Authority (GSRMSA) and to strongly urge Congress to transfer authority over both fisheries management and scientific data collections for the red snapper resource in state and federal waters off of Louisiana **TO THE STATES** in an effort to continue to conserve the red snapper resource, ensure fair and equitable access to the red snapper fishery, and preserve the economy and culture of Louisiana's coast.

Commissioner Manuel seconded the motion made by Commissioner Hebert

Chairman Yakupzack called for Public Comments

There were no other comments heard

Chairman Yakupzack called for a vote and the Motion passed with no opposition

**VIII. To hear final summary of public comments for the Notice of Intent 2016-2018 Resident Game Hunting Season, 2016-2017 General and WMA Hunting Seasons And Rules and Regulations, 2016-2017 General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations, 2016-2017 Turkey Hunting Areas, Seasons and Bag Limits and 2016-2017 Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations and Bag Limits**

Steve Smith, LDWF WMA Program Manager, Wildlife Division

**Comments via email, mail, phone call, in person:**

110 email/2 mail

99 comments were related to proposed changes

**Public Hearings:**

8 hearings

200 attendees

99 individuals commented

52 comments were related to proposed changes

**Total Comments Related to Proposed Changes:**

Waterfowl Seasons (Coastal Zone): 2 in support, 21 opposed

Deer Area 1/5 Change: 0 in support, 2 opposed

New Deer Area 5: 2 in support, 0 opposed

WMA Feral Hog Dog Season Closure: 28 in support, 51 opposed

DWWMA LAA: 3 in support, 14 opposed

PAL WMA Vessel Restriction: 21 in support, 6 opposed

PWC Allowance on WMAs: 2 in support

## Amendments 1 and 3

### Light and Canada Geese Seasons:

#### § 117. Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations, and Bag Limits

##### Season and Bag Limits

Light Geese (Snow, Blue, and Ross') and White-Fronted Geese	North Zone: Nov. 125-Dec.4 Dec. 17-Feb. 12	Daily bag limit on Light Geese (snow, blue, and ross') is 20.  Daily bag limit on White-Fronted Geese is 2.	No possession limit on Light Geese (snow, blue, and ross')  Possession limit on White-Fronted Geese is 6.
	South Zone: Nov. 125-Dec. 4 Dec. 17-Feb. 12		
Canada Geese	North Zone: Nov. 125-Dec. 4 Dec. 12-Jan. 31  South Zone: Nov. 125-Dec. 4 Dec. 17-Jan. 31	1	3

- *Changing Light Geese season for North and South Zones to open one week earlier, adding 7 days to the season*

## Amendment 2

### Pass-a-Loutre Vessel Restrictions

#### § 111. General and WMA Rules and Regulations

- s. Pass-a-Loutre...Operation of mud boats and air-cooled propulsion engines prohibited after 2:00 pm September through January, except allowed after 2:00 pm in South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, Southeast Pass, Loomis Pass, Dennis Pass, and Cadro Pass
- *To provide access to as much of the WMA as possible while maintaining effectiveness of the proposed regulation towards the intended purpose.*

## Amendment 4

### Waterfowl Seasons

#### § 117. Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations, and Bag Limits

Ducks, Coots and Mergansers	Coastal Zone:		
	Nov. 5-6 (youth only)		
	Nov. 12-Dec. 4		
	Dec. 17-Jan. 22	Daily bag limit on ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 2 canvasback, 1 mottled duck, 1 black duck, 3 wood ducks, 3 scaup, 2 redheads, and 2 pintails.	
	West Zone:		
	Nov. 5 (youth only)		
	Nov. <del>12-Dec. 4</del> <sup>27</sup>	Daily bag limit on coots is 15.	Three times the daily bag limit.
	Dec. 17-Jan. <del>22</del> <sup>29</sup>		
	<del>Jan. 28</del> <sup>Feb. 4</sup> (youth only)	Daily bag limit on mergansers is 5, only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers. Merganser limits are in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.	
	East Zone:		
Nov. 12 (youth only)			
Nov. 19-Dec. 4			
Dec. 17-Jan. 29			
Feb. 4 (youth only)			

*Changing Waterfowl Seasons for West Zone to close the first split one week earlier, and extend the second split one week longer, and adjusting the later youth date accordingly.*

## Amendment 5

### Feral Hog Season Closure

#### § 111. General and WMA Rules and Regulations

15. Hogs. Feral hogs may be taken during any open hunting season on WMAs by properly licensed and/or permitted hunters using only guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress, except take of hogs is prohibited during nighttime raccoon seasons. Hogs may not be taken with the aid of dogs, except feral hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs during the month of February on Attakapas, Bodcau, Boeuf, Clear Creek, Dewey Wills, Jackson-Bienville, Little River, Pass a Loutre, Pearl River, Richard K. Yancey, Sabine, Sabine Island, and West Bay WMAs, and that portion of Dewey W. Wills North of the Catahoula Lake Diversion Canal by self-clearing permit

*To provide opportunity on a portion of Dewey W. Wills WMA*

Comments received January 7, 2016 through April 6, 2016

Topic	Name	Comment
Waterfowl Seasons	Jim Epp	Would prefer later opener for first split.
Waterfowl Seasons	Clark Fitz-Hugh	Supports proposed seasons.
Waterfowl Seasons	Larry Jordan	Specific date preference for Coastal Zone seasons.
Waterfowl Seasons	Jeff Bavar	Opposed to proposed season. Prefer later opener in Coastal Zone.
Waterfowl Seasons	Clark Cormier	Opposed to proposed season. Prefer later opener in Coastal Zone.
Waterfowl Seasons	William Pike	Opposed to proposed season. Prefer later opener in Coastal Zone.
Waterfowl Seasons	Dewayne Chapman	Opposed to proposed season. Prefers West Zone left as is.
Statewide Deer Seasons and Regulation	Chris Roshto	Would prefer a better tagging system for tracking deer harvest.
Statewide Deer Seasons and Regulation	Harvey Nance	Recommends statewide antler restriction and prohibition of hunting deer with dogs.
Statewide Deer Seasons and Regulation	Micky Cavalier	Requests fewer doe days, requests doe days prior to Jan., requests lower limits.
Statewide Deer Seasons and Regulation	Seth Strong	Opposed to including former Deer Area 5 into Deer Area 1.
Statewide Deer Seasons and Regulation	Jack Varnado	Requests elimination of dog hunting for deer South of I-12 in Livingston Parish.
Statewide Deer Seasons and Regulation	Todd Smith	Opposed to including former Deer Area 5 into Deer Area 1.
Statewide Deer Seasons and Regulation	Paul Mirante	Requests reduced doe harvest or elimination of doe harvest.
Statewide Deer Seasons and Regulation	David Champ	Supports 18' benchmark closure in Area 9. Miscellaneous recommendations.
Statewide Deer Seasons and Regulation	EJ Richard	Opposed to creation of new Deer Area 5.
WMA Deer Seasons	Ronald Lacombe	Would prefer longer firearms bucks only season on Alexander State Forest WMA.
WMA Deer Seasons	Ken Leblanc	Would prefer WMA firearms seasons to be the same as outside.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	William Ard	Questions regarding the proposed change.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Billy Craft	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Rick Lecompte	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Darrell Barkef	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	James Haas	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Brent McGuffee	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Cody Parr	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Wayne Moore	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Ashley Wyant	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Steve Uffman	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Rick Lecompte	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Joe Guidry	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Timothy Kling	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Dwayne Guynes	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Cody Tullier	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Henry Durr	Opposed to proposed closure.

WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Henry Durr	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	David Chauvin	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Tom Redd	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Maria Uffman	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Kerry Greichen	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Theresa Low	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Bruce Maynes	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Amy Bunting	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Don Courtney	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Cathy Smart	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Dick Peterson	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Bruce Faanes	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Blake Gerald	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Jo Ann Landreneau	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Cody Everret	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	James Everret	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Derek Wilson	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	John Rimes	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Karl Landreneau	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Margaret Bach	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Karen Riley	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Derek Evans	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Paula Benoit	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Patricia North	Supports proposed closure.

WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Melissa Groo	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Lance Firmin	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Joshua Broom	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Sandy McMillan	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Lee Book	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Landon Walker	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Johnnanthan Carnegie	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Bill Lea	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Charlotte Bowman	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	David Walters	Opposed to proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Bonnie Ranta	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Karen Curan	Supports proposed closure.
WMA Feral Hog Season with Dogs	Beverly Hammond	Supports proposed closure.

Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Matt Leerkes	Supports proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Paul Taylor	Supports proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Mark Dilts	Supports proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Chris Knight	Opposed to proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Kyle Broussard	Opposed to proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Troy Pizani	Supports proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Chuck Miramon	Supports proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Pat Reichley	Supports proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Walter Clement	Opposed to proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Dean Boyd	Supports proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Mike Staley	Opposed to proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Andrew Taylor	Supports proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	David Bremmerman	Supports proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Lee Kabrich	Supports proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Kevin Drury	Supports proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Blayne Watts	Supports proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Perry Scioneaux	Supports proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Jeff Deblieux	Supports proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Kelly Bauman	Supports proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Mason Bauman	Supports proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Brad Smith	Supports proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	David Gegenheimer	Supports proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Jerry Gisclair	Supports proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Nolen Porcaiu	Supports proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Kevin Stevens	Opposed to proposed regulation.
Pass a Loutre WMA Motor Restriction	Brett Elver	Supports proposed regulation.
General WMA Rules and Regs	<a href="mailto:wildlife454@hotmail.com">wildlife454@hotmail.com</a>	Recommends entry and exit times into and
PWC Allowance on WMAs	National Marine Manu	Supports proposed regulation.
PWC Allowance on WMAs	Personal Watercraft In	Supports proposed regulation.

Chairman Yakupzack called for Public Comments

There were none heard

IX. To consider final approval of the 2016-2018 Resident Game Hunting Season, 2016-2017 General and WMA Hunting Seasons and Rules and Regulations, 2016-2017 General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations, 2016-2017 Turkey Hunting Areas, Seasons, and Bag Limits, and 2016-2017 Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations, and Bag Limits: Consideration of Conditionally Adopted Amendments to Notice of Intent and Consideration of Amended Notice of Intent  
Steve Smith, LDWF WMA Program Manager, Wildlife Division

## **Amendment #2**

### **Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations**

#### **Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season**

##### **§ 111. General and Wildlife Management Area Rules and Regulations**

§. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial fishing: same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the LDWF Pass-a-Loutre WMA map. All ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules prohibited on this area. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Mudboats or air-cooled propulsion engines powered by more than 36 total horsepower are prohibited on the WMA. Operation of mud boats and air-cooled propulsion engines prohibited after 2:00 pm September through January, except allowed after 2:00 pm in South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, Southeast Pass, Loomis Pass, Dennis Pass, and Cadro Pass. Limited access area, no internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations.

**Amendment #3**

**Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations**

**Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season**

**§ 117. Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations, and Bag Limits**

**A. Seasons and Bag Limits**

<p><u>Light Geese (Snow, Blue, and Ross') and White-Fronted Geese</u></p>	<p><u>North Zone:</u>  <u>Nov. <del>125</del>-Dec.4</u>  <u>Dec. 17-Feb. 12</u></p> <p><u>South Zone:</u>  <u>Nov. <del>125</del>-Dec. 4</u>  <u>Dec. 17-Feb. 12</u></p>	<p><u>Daily bag limit on Light Geese (snow, blue, and ross') is 20.</u></p> <p><u>Daily bag limit on White-Fronted Geese is 2.</u></p>	<p><u>No possession limit on Light Geese (snow, blue, and ross')</u></p> <p><u>Possession limit on White-Fronted Geese is 6.</u></p>
<p><u>Canada Geese</u></p>	<p><u>North Zone:</u>  <u>Nov. <del>125</del>-Dec. 4</u>  <u>Dec. 12-Jan. 31</u></p> <p><u>South Zone:</u>  <u>Nov. <del>125</del>-Dec. 4</u>  <u>Dec. 17-Jan. 31</u></p>	<p><u>1</u></p>	<p><u>3</u></p>



**Amendment #4**

**Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations**

**Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season**

**§ 117. Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations, and Bag Limits**

A. Seasons and Bag Limits

<p><u>Ducks, Coots and Mergansers</u></p>	<p><u>Coastal Zone:</u></p> <p><u>Nov. 5-6 (youth only)</u></p> <p><u>Nov. 12-Dec. 4</u></p> <p><u>Dec. 17-Jan. 22</u></p> <p><u>West Zone:</u></p> <p><u>Nov. 5 (youth only)</u></p> <p><u>Nov. <del>12-Dec. 4</del> 27</u></p> <p><u>Dec. 17-Jan. <del>22</del> 29</u></p> <p><u>Jan. 28 (youth only)</u></p> <p><u>East Zone:</u></p> <p><u>Nov. 12 (youth only)</u></p> <p><u>Nov. 19-Dec. 4</u></p> <p><u>Dec. 17-Jan. 29</u></p> <p><u>Feb. 4 (youth only)</u></p>	<p><u>Daily bag limit on ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 2 canvasback, 1 mottled duck, 1 black duck, 3 wood ducks, 3 scaup, 2 redheads, and 2 pintails.</u></p> <p><u>Daily bag limit on coots is 15.</u></p> <p><u>Daily bag limit on mergansers is 5, only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers. Merganser limits are in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.</u></p>	<p><u>Three times the daily bag limit.</u></p>
-------------------------------------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	------------------------------------------------

## **Amendment #5**

### **Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations**

#### **Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season**

##### **§ 111. General and Wildlife Management Area Rules and Regulations**

15.Hogs. Feral hogs may be taken during any open hunting season on WMAs by properly licensed and/or permitted hunters using only guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress, except take of hogs is prohibited during nighttime raccoon seasons. Hogs may not be taken with the aid of dogs, except feral hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs during the month of February on Attakapas, Bodcau, **Boeuf**, Clear Creek, **Dewey Wills**, Jackson-Bienville, Little River, Pass a Loutre, Pearl River, **Richard K. Yancey**, Sabine, Sabine Island, ~~and West Bay~~, **and that portion of Dewey W. Wills North of the Catahoula Lake Diversion Canal WMAs** by self-clearing permit. All hogs must be killed immediately and may not be transported live under any conditions, except as allowed by permit from either the Minden, Lake Charles, Monroe, Pineville, Hammond or Opelousas offices. During the February dog season hunters may use centerfire pistols in addition to using guns allowed for season in progress. Additionally, feral hogs may be taken on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador/**Timken** WMAs from February 16 through March 31 with **archery equipment**, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber. Additional requirements may be specified under individual WMAs, see regulation pamphlet.

Yellow highlight is the original proposed changes  
Pink highlight are the February amendments  
Green highlight are the March amendments

## **NOTICE OF INTENT**

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

#### **Office of Wildlife**

Resident Game Hunting Season, Resident Game Birds and Animals, General and Wildlife Management Area Rules and Regulations, General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations, Turkey Hunting Areas, Seasons, and Bag Limits, and Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations, and Bag Limits.

(LAC XIX.101, 103, 111, 113, 115, and 117)

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has amended the general and wildlife management area rules and regulations for the 2016-2017 season, the resident game hunting season for the 2016-2018 hunting seasons, the general and wildlife management area rules and regulations for the turkey season, the turkey hunting areas, and seasons, and bag limits for the 2017 turkey season, and the migratory bird seasons, regulations, and bag limits for the 2016-17 hunting season.

#### **Title 76**

### **WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

#### **Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulation**

# Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

## §101. General

A. The resident game hunting season regulations have been adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the regulation pamphlet may be obtained from the department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), LR 30:1493 (July 2004), LR 31:1627 (July 2005), LR 32:1253 (July 2006), LR 33:1399 (July 2007), LR 34:1447 (July 2008), LR 35:1278 (July 2009), LR 36:1580 (July 2010), LR 37:2206 (July 2011), LR 38:1747 (July 2012), LR 39:2307 (August 2013), LR 40:1534 (August 2014), LR 41:958 (May 2015).

## §103. Resident Game Birds and Animals

A. Shooting Hours—one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for Seasons or Specific Regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or Specific Localities

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	OPENS: 3rd Saturday of November  CLOSES: Last Day of February	10	20
Rabbit and Squirrel	OPENS: 1st Saturday of October  CLOSES: Last Day of February	8	16
Squirrel *	OPENS: 1st Saturday of May for 23 days	3	6
Deer  <del>2015</del> <del>172016</del> <del>18</del>	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	6/season (not to exceed 3 antlered deer or 4 antlerless deer)

\*NOTE: Spring squirrel season is closed on the Kisatchie National Forest, National Wildlife Refuges, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property. Some state wildlife management areas will be open, check WMA season schedule.

C. Deer Hunting Schedule ~~2015-2016~~ 2016-2017

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. after 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan.</p>
2	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: Next to last Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before last Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the last day of Modern Firearm Season in Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: After 7 days.</p>	<p>OPENS: Last Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Tues. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Wed. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Tues. in odd numbered years or Wed. during even numbered years before the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p>	<p>OPENS: Wed. before the 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Thurs. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the Wed. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. on odd years and Thurs. during even numbered years</p> <p>CLOSES: 40 days after opening in odd numbered years or 39 days after opening in even numbered years</p>
3	<p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept.</p> <p>CLOSES: Jan. 15</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.</p>	<p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: After 37 days</p>	

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
4	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. after 2nd Sat. of Nov.(EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan. (EITHER SEX FOR 1ST 7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Friday after Thanksgiving</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX)</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 4th Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 4th Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX)</p>

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
5	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p> <p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Day after the close of Modern Firearm Season</p> <p>CLOSES: After 7 consecutive days (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY)</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan. (EITHER SEX 1ST 7 DAYS. BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)</p>	<p>OPENS: Day after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>CLOSES: 2nd Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: 1st Sun. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving day. (EITHER SEX)</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Sat. after Christmas.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. in Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. in Jan. (EITHER SEX)</p>
6	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan.</p>

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
7	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct.(EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY).</p>	<p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Oct. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after 3rd Sun. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri Before 1st Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving. (EITHER SEX)</p>	<p>OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>CLOSES: After 35 days(BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: Sat. after Christmas.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX)</p>
8	<p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept.</p> <p>CLOSES: Jan. 15</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.</p>	<p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day.</p>	<p>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: After 37 days.</p>



Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
9	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov.(BUCKS ONLY)</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.(EITHER SEX 1ST 7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving day. (EITHER SEX)</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Sat. after Christmas.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. in Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. in Jan. (EITHER SEX)</p>

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
10	<p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept.</p> <p>CLOSES: Jan. 15</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>(EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>(BUCKS ONLY)</p>	<p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day(BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: After 37 days(BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. in Oct. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Sat. after Christmas.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX)</p>	

D. Deer Hunting Schedule ~~2016-2017~~2017-2018

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. after 2nd Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan.
2	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: Next to last Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before last Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after the last day of Modern Firearm Season in Jan. CLOSES: After 7 days.	OPENS: Last Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Tues. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Wed. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Tues. in odd numbered years or Wed. during even numbered years before the 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: Wed. before the 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Thurs. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the Wed. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. on odd years and Thurs. during even numbered years CLOSES: 40 days after opening in odd numbered years or 39 days after opening in even numbered years
3	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: After 37 days	
4	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. after 2nd Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan. (EITHER SEX FOR 1ST 7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
		SEASON)	<p>on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>(BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>(BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>(EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Friday after Thanksgiving</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving.</p> <p>(EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX)</p>	<p>PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 4th Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 4th Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX)</p>
5	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov.(BUCKS ONLY)</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.(EITHER SEX 1ST 7 DAYS. BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Sat. after Christmas.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX)</p>

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
			day. (EITHER SEX)	OPENS: 2nd Sat. in Jan. CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. in Jan. (EITHER SEX)
6	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan.
7	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct.(EITHER SEX) OPENS: 1st Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY).	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Oct. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Mon. after 3rd Sun. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri Before 1st Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY) OPENS: 2nd Sat of Nov. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving. (EITHER SEX)	OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: After 35 days(BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: Sat. after Christmas. CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX)
8	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day.	OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: After 37 days.
9	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov.(BUCKS ONLY) OPENS: Mon. after the next to last	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
	BUCKS ONLY)	Sun. of Jan.  CLOSES: Last day of Jan.(EITHER SEX 1ST 7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)	CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)  OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day.  CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving day. (EITHER SEX)	CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)  OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec.  CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)  OPENS: Sat. after Christmas.  CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX)  OPENS: 2nd Sat. in Jan.  CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. in Jan. (EITHER SEX)
10	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept.  CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct.  CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct. (EITHER SEX)  OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day  CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY)	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct.  CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day(BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)  OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec.  CLOSES: After 37 days(BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)  OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct.  CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. in Oct. (EITHER SEX)  OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.  CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX)  OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving.  CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving. (EITHER SEX)  OPENS: Sat. after Christmas.  CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX)	

E. Farm-raised white-tailed deer on supplemented shooting preserves:

1. archery, firearm, primitive firearms—October 1-January 31 (either-sex).

F. Exotics on supplemented shooting preserves:

1. either sex—no closed season.

G. Spring squirrel hunting:

1. season dates—opens 1st Saturday of May for 23 days;
2. closed areas:
  - a. Kisatchie National Forest, national wildlife refuges, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property and all WMAs except as provided in Paragraph 3 below;
3. wildlife management area schedule—opens first Saturday of May for nine days on all WMAs except Fort Polk, Peason Ridge, Camp Beauregard, Pass-a-Loutre and Salvador. Dogs are allowed during this season for squirrel hunting. Feral hogs may be taken on wildlife management areas during this season;
4. limits—daily bag limit is three and possession limit is nine.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115, R.S. 56:109(B) and R.S. 56:141(C).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), repromulgated LR 25:1526 (August 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1521 (August 2003), amended LR 30:1494 (July 2004), LR 31:1627 (July 2005), LR 32:1254 (July 2006), LR 33:115 (January 2007), LR 33:1399 (July 2007), LR 34:1447 (July 2008), LR 35:1278 (July 2009), LR 35:2856 (December 2009), LR 36:1580 (July 2010), LR 37:2207 (July 2011), LR 38:1747 (July 2012), LR 39:2307 (August 2013), LR 40:1535 (August 2014), LR 41:958 (May 2015).

**§111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations**

A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Regulations

1. The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by sections 115 and 116 of title 56 of the *Louisiana Revised Statutes* of 1950 and are in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

2. Pursuant to section 40.1 of title 56 of the *Louisiana Revised Statutes* of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the LDWF a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

B. Resident Game Birds and Animals

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

C. Other Season Dates

1. Turkey. Please refer to turkey regulations.

2. Raccoon and Opossum. No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearm, .36 caliber or smaller muzzleloader rifle or shotgun during daylight hours. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is two per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Nutria. On WMAs and private property nutria may be taken recreationally by licensed hunters from September 1 through the last day of February, during legal shooting hours by any legal hunting method with a daily limit of five. Except nutria may be taken on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador/Timken, Pointe-Aux-Chenes and Pass-a-Loutre WMAs from September 1 to March 31. When taken with a shotgun, non-toxic shot must be used. On WMAs during waterfowl seasons, nutria may be taken only with the use of shotguns with shot no larger than F steel, and during gun deer seasons, anyone taking nutria must display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" and wear a "hunter orange" cap or hat. Recreational nutria hunters must remove each nutria carcass in whole condition from the hunting area, except that nutria may be gutted. Possession of detached nutria parts, including nutria tails, by recreational hunters is illegal. Nutria harvested recreationally may not be pelted nor may such nutria or any nutria parts from recreationally taken nutria be sold, including the tail. Trespassing upon private property for the purpose of taking nutria or other furbearing animals is punishable by fines and possible jail time (R.S. 56:265). The Coastwide Nutria Control Program is a separate program and is in no way related to the nutria recreational season. For questions on the Coastwide Nutria Control Program, call the New Iberia office (337) 373-0032.

4. Blackbirds and Crows. The season for crows shall be September 1 through January 1 with no limit; however crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles may be taken year round during legal shooting hours if they are depredating or about to depredate upon ornamentals or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock, wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers as to cause a health hazard. Louisiana has determined that the birds listed above are crop depredators and that crows have been implicated in the spread of the West Nile virus in humans. As described in 50 CFR Part 21, non-toxic shot must be used for the



take of crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles under the special depredation order. In addition an annual report has to be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for those that participate in the take of these species.

5. Pheasant. Open concurrently with the quail season; no limit.

6. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species may be taken except turkeys. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific falconry rules.

7. Licensed Hunting Preserve, October 1-April 30, Pen-Raised Birds Only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific hunting preserve rules.

8. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP rules. Deer management assistance tags must be in the possession of the hunter in order to harvest an antlerless deer. The tag shall be attached through the hock in such a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is transported (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with approved archery equipment or primitive firearms). Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Deer harvested on property enrolled in DMAP do not count in the season or daily bag limit for hunters when legally tagged with DMAP tags. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved.

9. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer and Exotics on Licensed Supplemented Shooting Preserves

a. Definitions

*Exotics*—for purposes of this Section means any animal of the family *Bovidae* (except the *Tribe Bovini* [cattle]) or *Cervidae* which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a supplemented hunting preserve. *Exotics* shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.

*Hunting*—in its different tenses and for purposes of this Section means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

*Same as Outside*—for purposes of this Section means hunting on a supplemented hunting preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in title 56 of the *Louisiana Revised Statutes* and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

*Supplemented Hunting Preserve*—for purposes of this Section means any enclosure for which a current farm-raising license has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the LDWF and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

*White-Tailed Deer*—for purposes of this Rule means any animal of the species *Odocoileus virginianus* which is confined on a supplemented hunting preserve.

b. Seasons:

i. farm-raised white-tailed deer: consult the regulations pamphlet;

ii. exotics: year round.

c. Methods of take:

i. white-tailed deer: same as outside;

ii. exotics: exotics may be taken with traditional bow, compound bow and crossbow or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber centerfire; or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only and other approved primitive firearms.

d. Shooting hours:

i. white-tailed deer: same as outside;

ii. exotics: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

e. Bag limit:

i. farm-raised white-tailed deer: same as outside;

ii. exotics: no limit.

f. Hunting licenses:

i. white-tailed deer: same as outside;

ii. exotics: no person shall hunt any exotic without possessing a valid basic and big game hunting license.

g. Tagging. White-tailed deer and exotics: each animal shall be tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill with a tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

10. Bobcat. No person other than the holder of a valid big game license may take or possess bobcat, except licensed trappers who may take or possess bobcat during the open trapping season. A big game licensee shall only take bobcat during the time period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset with approved archery equipment, shotgun, muzzleloader or centerfire firearm. A big game licensee shall not take more than one bobcat per calendar year. This regulation applies only to property that is privately owned, state WMAs, Kisatchie National Forest, and the Bayou des Ourses, Bodcau, Bonnet Carre, and Indian Bayou tracts owned by the Corps of Engineers, but does not apply to state wildlife refuges, or other federally owned refuges and lands. On state WMAs and Kisatchie National Forest, the take of bobcat is restricted to those open seasons on the WMAs which require the respective legal weapons noted above.

D. Hunting-General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident hunting license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

2. No person born on or after September 1, 1969, shall hunt unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course approved by the department, except any active or veteran member of the United States armed services or any POST-certified law enforcement officer. Application for the exemption shall be filed in person at the LDWF main office building in the city of Baton Rouge. A person under sixteen years of age may hunt without such certificate if he/she is accompanied by and is under the direct supervision of a person who was born before September 1, 1969, and has a valid hunting license or who is eighteen years of age or older and has proof of successful completion of a firearm and hunter education course approved by the department.

3. A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer. A separate wild turkey license is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

4. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

5. Methods of Taking Resident Game Birds and Quadrupeds

a. It is illegal to intentionally feed, deposit, place, distribute, expose, scatter, or cause to be fed, deposited, placed, distributed, exposed, or scattered raw sweet potatoes to wild game quadrupeds.

b. Use of a traditional bow, compound bow and crossbow or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle or handgun larger than .22 caliber, any centerfire firearm, or a muzzleloading firearm larger than .36 caliber. It shall be legal to hunt or take squirrels, rabbits, and outlaw quadrupeds with air rifles.

c. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

d. No person shall take or kill any game bird or wild quadruped with a firearm fitted with an infrared sight, laser sight, or except as provided in R.S. 56:116(A)(8) any sighting device which projects a beam of light to the target or otherwise electronically illuminates the target, or device specifically designed to enhance vision at night [R.S. 56:116.1(B)(3)].

6. Nuisance Animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means except that nutria cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. With a special permit issued by the LDWF, beavers may be taken between one-half hour after official sunset to one-half hour before official sunrise for a period of three consecutive calendar evenings from the effective date of the permit. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken during open trapping season. Squirrels found ~~destroying~~depredating commercial crops of pecans may be taken year-round by permit issued by the LDWF. This permit shall be valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. Contact the local region office for details.

7. Threatened and endangered species: Louisiana black bear, Louisiana pearl shell (mussel), sea turtles, gopher tortoise, ringed sawback turtle, brown pelican, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, whooping crane, Eskimo curlew, piping plover, interior least tern, ivory-billed woodpecker, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, West Indian manatee, Florida panther, pallid sturgeon, Gulf sturgeon, Atwater's greater prairie chicken, whales and red wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

8. Outlaw Quadrupeds. Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes, feral hogs, and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to chase only when using dogs during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only seasons for deer. Foxes are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only with traps by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" allowed by licensed hunters.

9. Nighttime Take of Nuisance Animals and Outlaw Quadrupeds. On private property, the landowner, or his lessee or agent with written permission and the landowner's contact information in his possession, may take outlaw quadrupeds (coyotes, armadillos and feral hogs), nutria, or beaver during the nighttime hours from one-half hour after official sunset on the last day of February to one-half hour after official sunset the last day of August of that same year. Such taking may be with or without the aid of artificial light, infrared or laser sighting devices, or night vision devices. In addition, pursuant to R.S. 56:116(D)(3) any person who is authorized to possess a firearm suppressor may use a firearm fitted with a sound suppressor when taking outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver. Any person attempting to take outlaw quadrupeds under the provisions of the paragraph, within 24 hours prior to the attempted taking, shall notify the sheriff of the parish in which the property is located and the LDWF

Enforcement Division by calling (800) 442-2511 of their intention to attempt to take outlaw quadrupeds under the provision of this Paragraph.

10. Hunting and/or Discharging Firearms on Public Roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds while on a public road or public road right-of-way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and public road rights-of-way is prohibited.

11. Tags. Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil, on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material, which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with approved archery and primitive firearms, and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill.

12. Sex Identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head or sex organs, shall remain on any deer taken or killed within the state of Louisiana, or on all turkeys taken or killed so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is in route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

#### E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. Prior to hunting deer, all deer hunters, regardless of age or license status, must obtain deer tags and have in possession when hunting deer. Immediately upon harvesting a deer, the hunter must tag the deer with the appropriate carcass tag and document the kill on the deer tag license. Within seven days the hunter must validate the kill. Hunters harvesting deer on DMAP lands can validate deer per instructions by LDWF using the DMAP harvest data sheets. Hunters on WMAS can validate deer during mandatory deer check hunts, when deer check stations are in operation. Hunters may validate deer by calling the validation toll free number or using the validation website.

2. ~~2015-2016~~2016-2017 Season. One antlered and one antlerless deer per day (when legal) except on Kisatchie National Forest , Indian Bayou Area owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers, and some federal refuges (check refuge regulations) where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Season limit is six, not to exceed three antlered deer or four antlerless deer (all segments included) by all methods of take, except antlerless harvest on property enrolled in DMAP does not count in the season or daily bag limit for hunters. Antlerless deer may be harvested during entire deer season on private lands (all seasons included) except as specified in deer hunting schedule. Consult deer hunting schedule in the regulations pamphlet for either-sex days for these parishes

and areas. This does not apply to public lands (WMAs, national forest lands, and federal refuges) which will have specified either-sex days.

3. ~~2016-2017~~2017-2018 Season. One antlered and one antlerless deer per day (when legal) except on Kisatchie National Forest, Indian Bayou area owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers, and some federal refuges (check refuge regulations) where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Season limit is six, not to exceed three antlered deer or four antlerless deer (all segments included) by all methods of take, except antlerless harvest on property enrolled in DMAP does not count in the season or daily bag limit for hunters. Antlerless deer may be harvested during entire deer season on private lands (all seasons included) except as specified in deer hunting schedule. Consult deer hunting schedule in the regulations pamphlet for either-sex days for these parishes and areas. This does not apply to public lands (WMAs, national forest lands, and federal refuges) which will have specified either-sex days.

4. A legal antlered deer is a deer with at least one visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin, except on Alexander State Forest WMA, Bayou Macon WMA, Big Lake WMA, Bodcau WMA, Boeuf WMA, Buckhorn WMA, Dewey Wills WMA, Jackson-Bienville WMA, Loggy Bayou WMA, Ouachita WMA, Pearl River WMA, Pomme de Terre WMA, Red River WMA, Russell Sage WMA, Sicily Island Hills WMA, Spring Bayou WMA, Three Rivers WMA and Union WMA during the experimental quality deer season (See the specific WMA schedule for more information.). A legal antlered deer during the experimental quality deer season shall be defined as a deer with at least four points on one side. To be counted as a point, a projection must be at least on inch long and its length must exceed the length of its base. The beam tip is counted as a point but not measured as a point. Killing antlerless deer is prohibited except where specifically allowed.

5. *Either-sex deer* is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

6. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or ~~rifled~~ slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.

7. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

8. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is allowed in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. A leashed dog may be used to trail and retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer during legal hunting hours. Any dog used to trail or retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer shall have on a collar with owner's name, address, and phone number. In

addition, a dog may be used to trail and retrieve unrecovered deer after legal hunting hours; however, no person accompanying a dog after legal hunting hours may carry a firearm of any sort.

9. It is illegal to take deer while deer are swimming or while the hunter is in a boat with motor attached in operating position; however the restriction in this paragraph shall not apply to any person who has lost one or more limbs.

10. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

11. Primitive Firearms Season: Still Hunt Only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Primitive firearms license is required for resident hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either-sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas except as otherwise specified. It is unlawful to carry a gun, other than a primitive firearm, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special primitive firearms segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

a. Legal Firearms for Primitive Firearms Season

i. Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball, shot, or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets, and may be fitted with magnified scopes.

ii. Single shot, breech loading rifles or single shot, breech loading pistols, .35 caliber or larger, having an exposed hammer, that use metallic cartridges loaded either with black powder or modern smokeless powder, and may be fitted with magnified scopes.

iii. Single shot, breech loading shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller, having an exposed hammer, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug.

iv. Youths 17 or younger may hunt deer with any legal weapon during the primitive firearms season in each deer hunting area.

12. Archery Season. Archery license required for resident bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either-sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting except when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, and except in areas 6 and 9 from October 1-15. Archers must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season except when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Lake Boeuf, and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs (see schedule).

a. Bow and Arrow Regulations. Traditional bow, compound bow and crossbow or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means will be a legal means of take for all properly licensed hunters. Hunting arrows for deer must have well-

sharpened broadhead points. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and may not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

~~(a). to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season except it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot) only;~~

(ba).to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow or arrows with explosive tips;

(eb).to hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds;

(ec).to hunt with a bow or crossbow fitted with an infrared, laser sight, electrically-operated sight or device specifically designed to enhance vision at night (does not include non-projecting red dot sights) [R.S. 56:116.1.B.(4)].

13. Hunter Orange. Any person hunting any wildlife during the open gun deer hunting season and possessing buckshot, slugs, a primitive firearm, or a centerfire rifle shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "hunter orange". Persons hunting on privately owned land may wear a hunter orange cap or hat in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned or to archery deer hunters hunting on lands where firearm hunting is not allowed by agreement of the landowner or lessee. However, anyone hunting deer on such lands where hunting with firearms is allowed shall be required to display the 400 square inches or a hunter orange cap or hat while walking to and from elevated stands. While a person is hunting from an elevated stand, the 400 square inches or cap or hat may be concealed. Warning: deer hunters are cautioned to watch for persons hunting other game or engaged in activities not requiring "hunter orange".

14. Physically Challenged Season on Private Lands (Either-Sex): first Saturday of October for two days. Restricted to individuals with physically challenged hunter permit.

15. Youth and Honorably Discharged Veterans Season on Private Lands (Either-Sex). Areas 1, 4, 5, 6 and 9: last Saturday of October for seven days; area 2: second Saturday of October for seven days; and areas 3, 7, 8 and 10: fourth Saturday of September for seven days. Youths 17 or younger only. Youths must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. Except properly licensed youths 16-17 years old and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. One of the following must be carried by veterans while hunting:

a. Louisiana OMV issued U.S. Veterans Driver's License; or



- b. U.S. Department of Defense Form 214 or one of the following DD\_214 equivalents:
  - i. pre DD 214 era documents (1941\_1950):
    - (a). WE AGO (war department adjutant general) forms, to include WD AGO 53, WD AGO 55, WD AGO 53\_55;
    - (b). JAVPERS (naval personnel) discharge documents, to include NAVPERS 553, NAVMC78PD, NAVCG 553;
  - ii. National Personnel Records Center NPRC "statement of service," issued as a result of a destroyed discharge record during the 1973 National Archives fire;
  - iii. National Guard/Air National Guard must have NGB\_22 with 6 or more years of service.

F. Description of Areas, 2015-2017

- 1. Area 1
  - a. All of the following parishes are open: Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Richland, Tensas, **West Carrol**.
  - b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:
    - i. Catahoula—east of Boeuf River to Ouachita River, east of Ouachita River from its confluence with Boeuf River to LA 8, south and east of LA 8 southwesterly to parish line;
    - ii. Grant—east of US 165 and south of LA 8;
    - iii. LaSalle—south of a line beginning where Little River enters Catahoula Lake following the center of the lake eastward to Old River then to US 84, east of US 84 northward to LA 8, south of LA 8 eastward to parish line;
    - iv. Ouachita—south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Bake;
    - v. Rapides—east of US 165 and north of Red River.
  - c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:
    - i. Catahoula—south of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, west of LA 8 to LA 913, west of LA 913 and LA 15 to Deer Creek;
    - ii. East Carroll—all;
    - iii. Franklin—all;
    - iv. Morehouse—east of US 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, south and east of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of LA 830-4 to Bastrop, east of LA 139 at Bastrop to junction of LA 593, east and north of LA 593 to Collinston, east of LA 138 to junction of LA 134 and south of LA 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake;
    - v. Ouachita—south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Bake;
    - vi. Richland—all.

vii. West Carroll

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Claiborne, DeSoto, Jackson, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Union, Webster, Winn;

ii. except: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as area 2, except still hunting only for deer.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen—north of US 190 from parish line westward to Kinder, east of US 165 from Kinder northward to LA 10 at Oakdale, north of LA 10 from Oakdale westward to the parish line;

ii. Avoyelles—that portion west of I-49;

iii. Catahoula—west of Boeuf River to Ouachita River, west of Ouachita River from its confluence with Boeuf River to LA 8, north and west of LA 8 southwesterly to parish line;

iv. Evangeline—all except the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of LA 29, east of LA 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of US 167 east of Ville Platte;

v. Grant—all except that portion south of LA 8 and east of US 165;

vi. Jefferson Davis—north of US 190;

vii. LaSalle—north of a line beginning where Little River enters Catahoula Lake, following the center of the lake eastward to Old River then to US 84, west of US 84 northward to LA 8, north of LA 8 eastward to parish line;

viii. Morehouse—west of US 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to Bastrop, west of LA 139 to junction of LA 593, west and south of LA 593 to Collinston, west of LA 138 to junction of LA 134 and north of LA 134 to Ouachita Parish line at Wham Brake;

ix. Ouachita—all except south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse Parish line at Wham Brake;

x. Rapides—all except north of Red River and east of US 165, south of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill, and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line;

xi. Vernon—north of LA 10 from the parish line westward to LA 113, south of LA 113 eastward to parish line. Also the portion north of LA 465 west of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville and north of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Claiborne and Webster—Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest (see Kisatchie National Forest regulations);

ii. Ouachita—east of Ouachita River;

iii. Rapides—west of US 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, west of I-49 southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to US 165, east of US 165 northward to US 167 at Alexandria. North of LA 465 from Vernon Parish line to LA 121, west of LA 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to LA 8, south and east of LA 8 to LA 118 (Mora Road), south and west of LA 118 to Natchitoches Parish line;

iv. Vernon—east of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to LA 465, east and north of LA 465 to Rapides Parish line.

### 3. Area 3

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Acadia—north of I-10;

ii. Allen—south of US 190 and west of LA 113;

iii. Beauregard—west of LA 113 and east of LA 27 from the parish line northward to DeRidder and north of US 190 westward from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iv. Calcasieu—east of LA 27 from Sulphur northward to the parish line, and north of I-10;

v. Jefferson Davis—north of I-10 and south of US 190;

vi. Lafayette—west of I-49 and north of I-10;

vii. Rapides—south of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line;

viii. St. Landry—west of US 167;

ix. Vernon—west and north of LA 113, south of LA 465, east of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

### 4. Area 4

a. All of St. Helena and Washington Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. East Baton Rouge—all except that portion north of I-110 and west of US 61;

ii. East Feliciana—east of US 61;

iii. West Feliciana—east of US 61;

iv. Livingston—north of I-12;

v. Tangipahoa—north of I-12;

vi. St. Tammany—all except that portion south of I-12, west of LA 1077 to LA 22, south of LA 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge—east of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi state line to LA 10, north of LA 10 from Thompson Creek to LA 67 at Clinton, west of LA 67 from Clinton to Mississippi state line, south of Mississippi state line from LA 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of LA 67 from LA 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from LA 64 eastward to Amite River, west of Amite River southward to LA 64, north of LA 64 to LA 37 at Magnolia, east of LA 37 northward to LA 64 at Indian Mound, north of LA 64 from Indian Mound to LA 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of LA 67 from parish line north to LA 959, south of LA 959 east to LA 63, west of LA 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to LA 67;

ii. St. Helena—north of LA 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to LA 449, east and south of LA 449 from LA 16 at Pine Grove northward to Rohner Road, south of Rohner Road to LA 1045, south of LA 1045 to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from LA 1045 southward to LA 16 at Montpelier;

iii. Tangipahoa—that portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of LA 10 from the Tchefuncte River to LA 1061 at Wilmer, east of LA 1061 to LA 440 at Bolivar, south of LA 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from LA 440 southward to LA 10;

iv. Washington and St. Tammany—east of LA 21 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from LA 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line from the Pearl River westward to LA 21. Also, that portion of Washington Parish west of LA 25 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, then west of the Bogue Chitto River to its junction with the St. Tammany Parish line, north of the St. Tammany Parish line to the Tangipahoa Parish line, east of the Tangipahoa Parish line to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line to its junction with LA 25;

v. West Feliciana—west of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of US 61 and LA 966, east of LA 966 from US 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

5. Area 5

~~a. All of West Carroll Parish is open.~~

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. St. Martin Parish – South of I-10 and east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee.

ii. Iberville Parish – South of I-10 and west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee.

iii. Iberia Parish – East of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and West of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee.

iv. St. Mary Parish – East of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee.

v. High water benchmark closure. Deer hunting in those portions of Iberville and St. Martin parishes south of I-10, west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, and north of Alligator Bayou and Bayou Sorrel will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 18 feet at Butte LaRose. Deer hunting in those portions of Iberville, St. Martin, St. Mary and Iberia parishes west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and south of Alligator Bayou and Bayou Sorrel will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 15 feet msl at Butte LaRose.

6. Area 6

a. All of Point Coupee Parish is open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles—all except that portion west of I-49;

ii. Evangeline—that portion east of I-49 to junction of LA 29, east of LA 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of US 167 east of Ville Platte;

iii. Iberville—all north of I-10, and that portion south of I-10 at the Atchafalaya Basin protection levee south to Upper Grand River, then north of Upper Grand River to the Intracoastal Canal at Jack Miller, then west of the Intracoastal Canal northward to Bayou Plaquemine, then north of Bayou Plaquemine to the Mississippi River;

iv. Lafayette—north of I-10 and east of I-49;

v. Rapides—south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to the junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line;

vi. St. Landry—east of US 167;

vii. St. Martin—north of I-10;

viii. East Baton Rouge—north of I-110 and west of US 61;

ix. West Feliciana—west of US 61;

x. East Feliciana—west of US 61;

xi. West Baton Rouge—north I-10.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Avoyelles—north of LA 1 from Simmesport westward to LA 115 at Marksville, east of LA 115 from Marksville northward to the Red River near Moncla, south and west of the Red River to LA 1 at Simmesport;

ii. Rapides—south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to the junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line;

iii. West Feliciana—west of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of US 61 and LA 966, east of LA 966 from US 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

#### 7. Area 7

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Iberia—south of LA 14 and west of US 90;

ii. St. Mary—all except that portion north of US 90 from Iberia Parish line eastward to Wax Lake Outlet, east of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, north of Intracoastal Waterway eastward to the Atchafalaya River, east of the Atchafalaya River.

#### 8. Area 8

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Allen—that portion east of LA 113 from the parish line to US 190, north of US 190 eastward to Kinder, west of US 165 northward to LA 10 at Oakdale and south of LA 10 from Oakdale westward to parish line;

ii. Beauregard—that portion east of LA 113. Also that portion west of LA 27 from parish line northward to DeRidder, south of US 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iii. Calcasieu—that portion west of LA 27 from the parish line southward to Sulphur and north of I-10 from Sulphur to the Texas state line;

iv. Vernon—that portion west of LA 113 from the parish line northward to Pitkin and south of LA 10 from Pitkin southward to the parish line.

#### 9. Area 9

a. All of the following parishes are open: Ascension, Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, Terrebonne.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Iberia—east of US 90 and west of the West Atchafalaya Protection Levee and east of the East Atchafalaya Protection Levee;

ii. Iberville—south of I 10, and west of the Atchafalaya Basin Protection levee, to Upper Grand River, then South of Upper Grand River to the Intracoastal Canal at Jack Miller, then east of the Intracoastal Canal to Bayou Plaquemines, then south of Bayou Plaquemines to the Mississippi RiverEast of the East Atchafalaya Protection Levee and south of Upper Grand River to the Intracoastal Canal to Bayou Plaquemines, then south of Bayou Plaquemines to the Mississippi River;

iii. Lafayette—south of I-10 and east of US 90;

iv. Livingston—south of I-12;

v. St. Martin—south of I-10West of the Atchafalaya Protection Levee and South of I-10. East of the East Atchafalaya Protection Levee and South of I-10;

vi. St. Mary—northeast of US 90 from Iberia Parish line eastward to the Wax Lake Outlet, east of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, north of Intracoastal Waterway eastward to the Atchafalaya River, east of the Atchafalaya River except for portion within the East and West Atchafalaya River Protection Levees;

vii. St. Tammany—that portion south of I-12, west of LA 1077 to LA 22, south of LA 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain;

viii. Tangipahoa—south of I-12;

ix. — high water benchmark closure. Deer hunting in those portions of Iberia, Iberville, St. Martin, and St. Mary parishes south of I 10, west of the East Guide Levee, east of the West Guide Levee, and north of US 90 will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 18 feet at Butte LaRose.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Iberville—east of the Mississippi River;

ii. Plaquemines—east of the Mississippi River;

iii. St. Bernard—all of the parish shall be still hunting only except that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre;

iv. St. John—south of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to US 51, east of US 51 from Pass Manchac to LA 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of LA 638 from US 51 to Lake Pontchartrain, west of Lake Pontchartrain from LA 638 to Pass Manchac.

10. Area 10

- a. All of Cameron and Vermillion Parishes are open.
- b. Portions of the following parishes are open:
  - i. Acadia—south of I-10;
  - ii. Calcasieu—south of I-10;
  - iii. Iberia—west of US 90 and north of LA 14;
  - iv. Jefferson Davis—south of I-10;
  - v. Lafayette—south of I-10 and west of Hwy 90.

G. WMA Regulations

1. General

a. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in *Louisiana Revised Statutes* of 1950, section 109 of title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

b. Citizens are cautioned that by entering a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

c. WMA seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the LDWF secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 4 a.m. unless otherwise specified. Hunters must check out and exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset, or as otherwise specified.

e. Lands within WMA boundaries will have the same seasons and regulations pertaining to baiting and use of dogs as the WMA within which the lands are enclosed; however, with respect to private lands enclosed within a WMA, the owner or lessee may elect to hunt according to the regular season dates and hunting regulations applicable to the geographic area in which the lands are located, provided that the lands are first enrolled in DMAP. Interested parties should contact the nearest LDWF region office for additional information.



f. Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs is prohibited. Garbage and trash may be properly disposed of in designated locations if provided.

g. Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

h. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (including but not limited to acorns and pecans), wild plants, non-game wildlife (including reptiles and amphibians) or any species of butterflies, skippers or moths is prohibited without a permit from the LDWF. Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits, mushrooms and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day.

i. Burning of marshes is prohibited. Hunting actively burning marsh is prohibited.

j. Nature Trails. Trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, bicycles, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

k. Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

l. Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations may include both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

m. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, except that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and state seed grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

n. Free ranging livestock prohibited.

## 2. Permits

a. A WMA hunting permit is required for persons ages 18 through 59 to hunt on WMAs.

b. Self-Clearing Permits. A self-clearing permit is required for all activities (hunting, fishing, hiking, bird watching, sightseeing, etc.) on WMAs unless otherwise specified. The self-clearing permit will consist of two portions: check in, check out. On WMAs where self-clearing permits are required, all persons must obtain a WMA self-clearing permit from an information station. The check in portion must be completed and put in a permit box before each day's activity on the day of the activity (except if hunting from a private camp adjacent to the WMA being hunted or if camping on the WMA, users need only to check in once during any 72 hour period). Users may check-in one day in advance of use. The check-out portion must be carried by each person while on the WMA and must be completed and put in a permit box immediately upon exiting the WMA or within 72 hours after checking in if hunting from a private camp adjacent to the WMA being hunted or if camping on the WMA. No permit is required of fishers and boaters who do not travel on a WMA road and/or launch on the WMA as long as they do not get out of the boat and onto the WMA. When mandatory deer checks are specified on WMAs, hunters must check deer at a check station. **When mandatory check-in for deer seasons is specified on WMAs, hunters must check in at designated locations, and obtain a daily hunt**

**permit.** (Self-clearing permits are not required for persons only traveling through the WMA provided that the most direct route is taken and no activities or stops take place.)

c. Persons using WMAs or other LDWF administered lands for any purpose must possess one of the following: a valid wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement. Also a self-clearing WMA permit, detailed above, may be required (available at most entrances to each WMA). Check individual WMA listings for exceptions.

### 3. Special Seasons

a. Youth Deer Hunt. Youths 17 or younger only. Youths must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times, except properly licensed youths and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. Contact the appropriate region office for maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts.

NOTE: Some hunts may be by pre-application lottery.

b. Youth Squirrel Hunt (on selected WMAs only). Only youths 17 or younger may hunt. Squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, hogs and opossum may be taken. No dogs allowed. All other seasons will remain open to other hunters. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times, except properly licensed youths and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. Self-clearing permits are required. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth squirrel hunts.

c. Youth Mourning Dove Hunt. A youth mourning dove hunt will be conducted on specific WMAs and will follow the same regulations provided for youth deer hunts on the first or second weekend of the mourning dove season (Saturday and/or Sunday only). Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth mourning dove hunts.

d. Physically Challenged Season. An either-sex deer season will be held for hunters possessing a physically challenged hunter permit on WMAs during the dates specified under the individual WMA. Participants must possess a physically challenged

hunter permit. Contact region office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering physically challenged seasons.

e. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. All turkeys must be reported at self-clearing station. Contact region offices for more details. Consult separate turkey hunting regulations pamphlet for more details.

f. Waterfowl Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadline. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division office for more details.

g. Mourning Dove Lottery Hunts. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division office for more details.

h. Trapping. Consult annual trapping regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress.

i. Raccoon Hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs.

*Nighttime Experimental*—all nighttime raccoon hunting where allowed is with dogs only. There is no bag limit. Self-clearing permit required.

j. Sport Fishing. Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are allowed on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations except as otherwise specified under individual WMA listings.

k. Small Game Emphasis Areas. Specially designated areas on certain WMAs will allow small game hunting with dogs, confined to that specific area when the remainder of the WMA is restricted to still hunt only. Additionally, off season training of rabbit and bird dogs may be allowed on some of the small game emphasis areas. Small game emphasis areas are offered on Big Colewa Bayou, Bayou Macon, Bayou Pierre, Boeuf, Dewey W. Wills, Marsh Bayou, Ouachita, Richard K. Yancey, Sandy Hollow, Sherburne, and Walnut Hill WMAs.

#### 4. Firearms

a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms and crossbows cocked in the ready position are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, UTVs, ATCs or in camping areas on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas and except as may be permitted for authorized trappers.

b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not allowed on WMAs during closed seasons except on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping and except as allowed pursuant to R.S. 56:109(C) and R.S. 56:1691. Bows and broadhead arrows are not allowed on WMAs except during deer archery season, turkey season or as permitted for bowfishing. Active and retired law

enforcement officers in compliance with POST requirements, federal law enforcement officers and holders of Louisiana concealed handgun permits or permit holders from a reciprocal state who are in compliance with all other state and federal firearms regulations may possess firearms on WMAs provided these firearms are not used for any hunting purpose.

c. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists except as specified under WMA listing.

d. Loaded firearms are not allowed near WMA check stations.

e. ~~Centerfire rifles and handguns larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot~~The following cannot be carried onto any WMA except during modern and primitive firearm deer seasons and during special shotgun season for feral hogs on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador WMAs (consult regulations pamphlet for specific WMA regulations):-

1.Centerfire rifles.

2. Break-action and Bolt-Action handguns.

3.Scoped handguns.

4.Shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel.

f. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs except as otherwise specified.

g. Discharging of firearms on or across, or hunting from designated roads, ATV/UTV trails, nature trails, hiking trails, and their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearms and primitive firearms deer seasons.

#### 5. Methods of Taking Game

a. Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drives and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

b. On WMAs the daily limit shall be one antlered deer and one antlerless deer (when legal) per day, not to exceed three antlered deer or four antlerless deer per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

c. Baiting, hunting over bait, or possession of bait is prohibited on all WMAs, EXCEPT bait may be kept in a vehicle traversing a WMA road or parked on a WMA road. Bait is defined as any substance used to attract game via ingestion.

d. During mandatory deer check hunts, deer may not be skinned nor have any external body parts removed including but not limited to feet, legs, tail, head or ears before being checked out.

e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only.

f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds with frames of

wood, plastic, metal poles, wire, mesh, webbing or other materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation and not held together by nails or other metallic fasteners may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. Natural vegetation (including any material used as corner posts) is defined as natural branches that are 2 inches or less in diameter. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily. Permanent tree stands are any stands that use nails, screws, spikes, etc., to attach to trees and are strictly prohibited. Deer stands may not be left on WMAs unless the stands are removed from trees, placed flat on the ground, and left in a non-hunting position (a non-hunting position is one in which a hunter could not hunt from the stand in its present position). Also, all stands left must be legibly tagged with the user's name, address, phone number and LDWF i.d. number. No stand may be left on any WMA prior to the day before deer season opens on that WMA and all stands must be removed from the WMA within one day after the close of deer hunting on that WMA. Free standing blinds must be disassembled when not in use. Stands left will not reserve hunting sites for the owner or user. All portable stands, blinds, tripods, etc., found unattended in a hunting position, not placed flat on the ground, or untagged will be confiscated and disposed of by the LDWF. LDWF is not responsible for unattended stands left on an area.

g. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer and Waterfowl Hunting Areas: special deer and waterfowl hunting areas, blinds and stands identified with LDWF logos, have been established for physically challenged hunter permit (PCHP) wheelchair confined hunters on WMAs. Hunters must obtain a PCHP permit and are required to make reservations to use blinds and stands. PCHP wheelchair hunting areas are available on Alexander State Forest, Big Colewa Bayou, Buckhorn, Clear Creek, Elbow Slough, Floy McElroy, Jackson-Bienville, Ouachita, Sandy Hollow, and Sherburne WMAs. Check WMA hunting schedules or call the LDWF field offices in Pineville, Lake Charles, Opelousas, Minden, Monroe or Hammond for information.

h. Hunting from utility poles and structures, and oil and gas exploration facilities or platforms is prohibited.

i. It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

j. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are prohibited.

k. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the LDWF and disposed of by the LDWF. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

l. Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAs.

m. Horses and mules may be ridden on WMAs except where prohibited and except during gun seasons for deer and turkey. Riding is restricted to designated roads and trails depicted on WMA map, self-clearing permit is required. Organized trail rides prohibited except allowed by permit only on Camp Beauregard. Hunting and trapping from horses and mules is prohibited except for quail hunting or as otherwise specified. Horse-drawn conveyances are prohibited.

n. All hunters (including archers and small game hunters) except waterfowl hunters and mourning dove hunters on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" and wear a "hunter orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Quail and woodcock hunters and hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit, squirrel and feral hogs are required to wear a minimum of a "hunter orange" cap. All other hunters and archers (while on the ground) except waterfowl hunters also must wear a minimum of a "hunter orange" cap during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel and feral hogs. Also all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "hunter orange". Hunters participating in special shotgun season for feral hogs on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador WMAs must display 400 square inches of hunter orange and wear a "hunter orange" cap.

o. Deer hunters hunting from concealed ground blinds must display a minimum of 400 square inches of "hunter orange" above or around their blinds which is visible from 360 degrees.

p. Archery Season for Deer. The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open for either-sex deer except as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta and closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or physically challenged hunts are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

q. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season except when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

r. Primitive Firearms Season for Deer. Either-sex unless otherwise specified. See WMA deer schedule. Except youths 17 or younger may use any legal weapon during the primitive firearm season.

## 6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is allowed only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed 16 consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. At the end of the 16-day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities. **Camping is available on a first-come, first-serve basis unless otherwise specified.**

b. Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs except on stream banks adjacent to LDWF-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA houseboats may be moored by permit only in designated areas during hunting season. Permits are available by lottery annually or by **threefive** year lease through a bid program.

c. Discharge of human waste onto lands or waters of any WMA is strictly prohibited by state and federal law. In the event public restroom facilities are not available at a WMA, the following is required. Anyone camping on a WMA in a camper, trailer, or other unit (other than a houseboat or tent) shall have and shall utilize an operational disposal system attached to the unit. Tent

campers shall have and shall utilize portable waste disposal units and shall remove all human waste from the WMA upon leaving. Houseboats moored on a WMA shall have a permit or letter of certification from the Health Unit (Department of Health and Hospitals) of the parish within which the WMA occurs verifying that it has an approved sewerage disposal system on board. Further, that system shall be utilized by occupants of the houseboats when on the WMA.

- d. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.
- e. Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area unless otherwise specified.
- f. Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.
- g. Trash must be contained at all times while camping.
- h. Burning of trash is prohibited.
- i. Glass containers prohibited on campgrounds.
- j. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.
- k. Swimming is prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

#### 7. Restricted Areas

- a. For your safety, all oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.
- b. No unauthorized entry or unauthorized hunting in restricted areas, refuges, or limited use areas unless otherwise specified.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, except for bird hunting and duck hunting, is experimental as required by law. Having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited except for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting, hog hunting and bird dog training when allowed; see individual WMA season listings for WMAs that allow dogs. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are allowed for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons. A leashed dog may be used to trail and retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer during legal hunting hours. Any dog used to trail or retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer shall have on a collar with owner's name, address and phone number. In addition, a dog may be used to trail and retrieve unrecovered deer after legal hunting hours; however, no person accompanying a dog after legal hunting hours may carry a firearm of any sort.

#### 9. Vehicles

a. An all-terrain vehicle is an off-road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight-750 pounds, length-85", and width-48". ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 26 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 12 psi. as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer. Use of all other ATVs or ATV tires are prohibited on a WMA.

b. *Utility Type Vehicle (UTV, also Utility Terrain Vehicle)*—any recreational motor vehicle other than an ATV, not legal for highway use, designed for and capable of travel over designated unpaved roads, traveling on four or more low-pressure tires, with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight-1900 pounds, length-128" and width-68". UTV tires are restricted to those no larger than 26 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 12 psi. UTV's are commonly referred to as side by sides and may include golf carts.

c. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination radius of 17 inches or more measured from the center of the hub and horizontal to ground are prohibited.

d. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within WMAs due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

e. Tractor or implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles.

f. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft, "mud crawling vessels" (commonly referred to as crawfish combines which use paddle wheels for locomotion) and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and refuges, EXCEPT type A personal water craft, model year 2003 and beyond, which are eight feet in length and greater, may be operated within WMAs from April 1 until the Monday of Labor Day weekend, from sunrise to sunset only, and EXCEPT personal water craft allowed on designated portions of Alexander State Forest WMA year-round. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. Personal water craft allowed on designated areas of Alexander State Forest WMA. Except, type A personal water craft, model year 2003 and beyond, which are eight feet in length and greater, may be operated in the areas of Catahoula Lake, Manchac WMA, Maurepas Swamp WMA, Pearl River WMA and Pointe aux Chenes WMA from April 1 until the Monday of Labor Day weekend, from sunrise to sunset only. No person shall operate such water craft at a speed greater than slow/no wake within 100 feet of an anchored or moored vessel, shoreline, dock, pier, persons engaged in angling or any other manually powered vessel.

g. Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

h. Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.



i. Licensed motorized vehicles (LMVs) legal for highway use, including motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads as indicated on WMA maps. UTVs are restricted to marked UTV trails only, except that those UTVs in which the manufacturer's specifications do not exceed the weight, length, width, and tire restrictions for ATVs are allowed on ATV trails. ATVs are restricted to marked ATV trails only when WMA roads are closed to LMVs, ATVs and UTVs may then use those roads when allowed. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

NOTE: Only ATV and UTV trails marked with signs and/or paint, and depicted on WMA maps are open for use.

j. Use of special ATV trails for physically challenged persons is restricted to ATV physically challenged permittees. Physically challenged ATV permittees are restricted to physically challenged ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps or as marked by sign and/or paint. Persons 60 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also allowed to use special physically challenged trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Physically challenged persons under the age of 60 must apply for and obtain a physically challenged hunter program permit from the LDWF.

k. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to physically challenged-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Entrances to ATV trails that are open all year long will be marked with purple paint. The end of all ATV trails will be marked by red paint. WMA maps serve only as a general guide to the route of most ATV trails, therefore all signage and paint marking as previously described will be used to determine compliance. Deviation from this will constitute a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

l. Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition, construction or wet weather.

m. ATVs, and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs except on designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 4 a.m., except raccoon hunters may use ATVs during nighttime raccoon take seasons only. ATVs are prohibited from March 1 through August 31 except squirrel hunters are allowed to use ATV trails during the spring squirrel season on the WMA and except certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purposes and some ATV trails will be open all year long on certain WMAs.

n. Caution. Many LDWF-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads, unless specific signage otherwise allows or restricts.

o. Hunters are allowed to retrieve their own downed deer and hogs with the aid of an ATV except on Thistlethwaite, Sherburne, Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes, Salvador, Timken, Lake Bouef, and Biloxi WMAs under the following conditions:

- i. no firearms or archery equipment is in possession of the retrieval party or on the ATV;
- ii. the retrieval party may consist of no more than one ATV and one helper;

iii. ATVs may not be used to locate or search for wounded game or for any other purpose than retrieval of deer and hogs once they have been legally harvested and located;

iv. UTV's may not be used to retrieve downed deer or hogs.

#### 10. Commercial Activities

a. Hunting Guides/Outfitters. No person or group may act as a hunting guide, outfitter or in any other capacity for which they are paid or promised to be paid directly or indirectly by any other individual or individuals for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on any WMA, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging or club memberships.

b. Except for licensed activities otherwise allowed by law, commercial activities are prohibited without a permit issued by the secretary of the LDWF.

c. Commercial Fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Gill nets or trammel nets and the take or possession of grass carp are prohibited on Spring Bayou WMA. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited except experimental bait seines allowed on Dewey Wills WMA north of LA 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Richard K. Yancey WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs except commercial fishing on Pointe-aux-Chenes is allowed in Cut Off Canal and Wonder Lake. No commercial fishing activity shall impede navigation and no unattended vessels or barges will be allowed. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges for the period the license is issued and one year thereafter. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

11. WMAs Basic Season Structure. For season dates, bag limits, shooting hours, special seasons and other information consult the annual regulations pamphlet for specific details.

12. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit, quail, mourning dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons on certain WMAs (see WMA schedule) and except non-toxic shot must be used for rail, snipe, and gallinule. Consult regulations pamphlet. Unless otherwise specified under a specific WMA hunting schedule, the use of dogs for rabbit and squirrel hunting is prohibited. Spring squirrel season with or without dogs: first Saturday of May for nine days. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific WMAs.

13. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet. Hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited on all WMAs except for Atchafalaya Delta, Attakapas, Biloxi, Lake Boeuf, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes, and Salvador/Timken WMAs. Consult specific WMA regulations for shooting hours on these WMAs.

14. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

15. Hogs. Feral hogs may be taken during any open hunting season on WMAs by properly licensed and/or permitted hunters using only guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress, except take of hogs is prohibited during nighttime raccoon seasons. Hogs may not be taken with the aid of dogs, except feral hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs during the month of February on Attakapas, Bodcau, Boeuf, Clear Creek, Dewey Wills, Jackson-Bienville, Little River, Pass a Loutre, Pearl River, Richard K. Yancey, Sabine, Sabine Island, and West Bay and that portion of Dewey W. Wills North of the Catahoula Lake Diversion Canal WMA by self-clearing permit. All hogs must be killed immediately and may not be transported live under any conditions, except as allowed by permit from either the Minden, Lake Charles, Monroe, Pineville, Hammond or Opelousas offices. During the February dog season hunters may use centerfire pistols in addition to using guns allowed for season in progress. Additionally, feral hogs may be taken on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador/Timken WMAs from February 16 through March 31 with archery equipment, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber. Additional requirements may be specified under individual WMAs, see regulation pamphlet.

16. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet. During hunting seasons specified on WMAs, except the turkey and spring squirrel seasons, take of outlaw quadrupeds and birds, with or without the use of electronic calls, is allowed by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bows and arrows legal for season in progress on WMA. However, crows, blackbirds, grackles and cowbirds may not be taken before September 1 or after January 1. As described in 50 CFR Part 21, non-toxic shot must be used for the take of crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles under the special depredation order. In addition an annual report has to be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for those that participate in the take of these species.

#### 17. WMAs Hunting Schedule and Regulations

a. Alexander State Forest. From December through February all hunters must check daily with the Office of Forestry for scheduled burning activity. No hunting or other activity will be permitted in burn units the day of the burning. Call (318) 487-5172 or (318) 487-5058 for information on burning schedules. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires except in recreation areas.

b. Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of LDWF. All-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, horses, and mules prohibited except as permitted for authorized WMA trappers. Mudboats or air-cooled propulsion engines powered by more than 36 total horsepower are prohibited on the WMA. Limited access area, no internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations.

c. Bayou Macon. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

d. Big Colewa Bayou. All nighttime activities prohibited.

e. Big Lake. Use of nets, yoyos, and trotlines prohibited on Big and Chain Lakes.

f. Biloxi. ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules are prohibited. Mud boats or air-cooled propulsion vessels can only be powered by straight shaft “long tail” air-cooled mud motors that are 16 total horsepower or less on the WMA. All other types of mud boats or air cooled propulsion vessels (including “surface drive” boats) are prohibited. All ATVs, UTVs, and motorcycles are prohibited.

g. Bodcau-towable watersports not allowed in Ivan Lake. Nets and traps prohibited on Ivan Lake.

h. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the LDWF field office for specific details.

i. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day. Limited access area, no motorized vessels or vehicles allowed from November through January.

j. Elbow Slough. Non-toxic shot (minimum size #6) only for all hunting. All motorized vehicles prohibited.

k. Elm Hall. No ATVs or UTVs allowed.

l. Fort Polk. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. New special regulations apply to ATV users.

m. Grassy Lake. Commercial Fishing: Permitted except on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor at Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas field office. No crawfishing traps or nets may be left overnight. No hunting in restricted area.

n. Joyce. Swamp walk: no loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.

o. Lake Boeuf. Hunting allowed until 12 noon on all game, except deer may be hunted until one-half hour after sunset. All nighttime activities prohibited. All-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, horses, and mules are prohibited.

p. Lake Ramsay. Foot traffic only—all vehicles restricted to parish roads.

q. Manchac. Crabs: no crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

r. Maurepas Swamp. No loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of nature trail. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day. Benchmark Closure: Area Closed to all deer hunting when USGS water level gauge CRMS 5373, available at <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/la/nwis/rt> is at or above 3.0 ft. msl.

~~s. Ouachita. Waterfowl refuge: north of LA 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping and ATV/UTV use during duck season including early teal season, except hunting allowed during waterfowl falconry season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.~~

ts. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial fishing: same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats

Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the LDWF Pass-a-Loutre WMA map. All ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules prohibited on this area. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Mudboats or air-cooled propulsion engines powered by more than 36 total horsepower are prohibited on the WMA. ~~Operation of mud boats and air-cooled propulsion engines prohibited after 2:00 pm September through January, except allowed after 2:00 pm in South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, Southeast Pass, Loomis Pass, Dennis Pass, and Cadre Pass.~~ Limited access area, no internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations.

~~ut.~~ Pearl River. All roads closed 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting except waterfowl will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet. No hunting in the vicinity of nature trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open Friday, Saturday and Sunday with a fee. ~~Type A personal water craft, model year 2003 and beyond, which are eight feet in length and greater, may be operated in the areas of Pearl River wildlife management area, south of U.S. 90 from April 1 until the Monday of Labor Day weekend, from sunrise to sunset only. No person shall operate such water craft at a speed greater than slow/no wake within 100 feet of an anchored or moored vessel, shoreline, dock, pier, persons engaged in angling or any other manually powered vessel.~~ Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.

~~vu.~~ Peason Ridge. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users.

~~wv.~~ Pointe-aux-Chenes. Hunting until 12 noon on all game, except for mourning dove hunting and youth lottery deer hunt as specified in regulation pamphlet. Point Farm: gate will be open all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational fishing: shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be allowed. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. All castnet contents shall be contained and bycatch returned to the water immediately. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the WMA and shall be limited to 100 pounds per person per day. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. All boats powered by engines having total horsepower above 25 h.p. are not allowed in the Grand Bayou, Montegut and Pointe-aux-Chenes water management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue, Grand Bayou Blue, St. Louis Canal and Bayou Pointe-aux-Chenes unless authorized by the LDWF. All other motorized vehicles, horses and mules are prohibited

unless authorized by the LDWF. Limited access area, no internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations. All ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules prohibited.

**xw.** Pomme de Terre. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday, except closed during duck season. Commercial fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas field office or Spring Bayou headquarters. Sport fishing: same as outside except allowed only after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season. Crawfish: March 15-July 31, recreational only, 100 lbs. per person per day. No crawfishing traps or nets may be left overnight.

**yx.** Richard K. Yancey. Recreational Crawfishing: west of the Mississippi River Levee March 15-July 31. 100 pounds per person per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed.

**zy.** Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. On Wham Brake, all nighttime activity prohibited during open waterfowl seasons. Internal combustion engines and craft limited to 10 h.p. rating or less in the Greentree Reservoirs. Waterfowl refuge: north of LA 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping and ATV/UTV use during duck season including early teal season, except hunting allowed during waterfowl falconry season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, except still hunt only and except deer hunting restricted to archery only.

All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

**aa.** Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

**baa.** Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for waterfowl. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum may be taken for bait. All castnet contents shall be contained and bycatch returned to the water immediately. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the WMA and shall be limited to 100 pounds per person per day. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Use of mudboats powered by internal combustion engines with more than four cylinders is prohibited. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited. Limited access area, no internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations.

**eebb.** Sandy Hollow. Bird Dog Training: consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited). Bird dog field trials: permit required from Hammond field office. Horseback riding: self-clearing permit required. Organized trail rides prohibited. Riding allowed only on designated roads and trails depicted on WMA map. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer except as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas. Horse-drawn conveyances are prohibited.

**edcc.** Sherburne. Crawfishing: recreational crawfishing only. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per person per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed on farm complexes. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Opelousas field office for specific details. Vehicular traffic prohibited on Atchafalaya River levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and pistol ranges open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education office. No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges.

NOTE: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne WMA will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

**eedd.** Soda Lake. No motorized vehicles allowed. Bicycles allowed. All trapping and hunting prohibited except archery hunting for deer and falconry. Closed to fishing west of Twelve Mile Bayou from October 1-March 31.

**feec.** Spring Bayou. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday except slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day and except gill or trammel nets or the take or possession of grass carp are prohibited. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas field office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Sport fishing: same as outside except allowed only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Crawfish: recreational only, limit 100 pounds per person per day. No hunting allowed in headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this campsite. Water skiing allowed only in Old River and Grand Lac.

**geff.** Sicily Island Hills **Sonny J. C. Gilbert.** Fishing restricted to rod and reel, and pole fishing only. All other gear prohibited.

**hggg.** Tangipahoa Parish School Board. No horseback riding during gun season for deer or turkey. ATVs/UTVs are not allowed except as otherwise specified.

**hhhh.** Thistlethwaite. All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through main gate only.

**jjjj.** Tunica Hills. Camping limited to tents only in designated area.

**kk.** Union. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:1279 (July 1999), amended LR 26:1494 (July 2000), LR 27:1049 (July 2001), LR 28:1603 (July 2002), LR 29:1124 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1522

(August 2003), amended LR 30:1495 (July 2004), LR 31:1611 (July 2005), LR 32:1251 (July 2006), LR 33:1382 (July 2007), LR 34:1429 (July 2008), LR 35:1264 (July 2009), LR 36:1566 (July 2010), LR 37:2190 (July 2011), LR 38:1732 (July 2012), LR 39:2292 (August 2013), LR 40:1540 (August 2014), LR 41:963 (May 2015).

### **§113. General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations**

A. General Regulations. Only gobblers (male turkeys) may be taken. Taking of hen (female) turkeys, including bearded hens, is prohibited; still hunting only. Use of dogs, electronic calling devices and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead, #2 non-toxic, or BB steel shot, and approved archery equipment but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited. Shotguns capable of holding more than three shells prohibited. The running of coyote with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys. A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed. Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closures. No person hunting turkeys more than 200 yards from a baited area will be in violation of the turkey baiting regulation.

#### **B. Tags**

1. Prior to hunting turkeys, all turkey hunters, regardless of age or license status, must obtain turkey tags and have them in their possession while turkey hunting. Immediately upon killing a turkey, hunters must attach a carcass tag to the turkey before it is moved from the site of the kill and must document the kill on the turkey harvest report card. The date of kill and parish of kill must be recorded on the carcass tag. The tag must remain attached to the turkey while kept at camp or while it is transported to the domicile of the hunter or to a cold storage facility. Hunters who keep the carcass or meat at a camp must also comply with game possession tag regulations. Within seven days of the kill, the hunter must report the kill. Hunters may report turkeys by calling the validation phone number or using the validation website.

2. Turkey hunters purchasing licenses by phone or internet will be given an authorization number and a LDWF identification number that will serve as their license and tags until the physical license and tags arrive by mail. Turkey hunters who have purchased a license with tags, but have not yet received their physical license and tags, must immediately tag their kill with a possession tag before moving it from the site of the kill. The authorization number and LDWF identification number must be recorded on the possession tag. Hunters must retain documentation of any turkeys killed and upon receiving their physical tags and



harvest report card, validate their kill as required in these regulations. The tags for turkeys killed prior to receiving the physical tags must be removed from the turkey harvest report card and discarded.

3. Tags removed from the turkey harvest report card prior to killing a turkey are no longer valid and if lost will not be replaced. Duplicate tags and turkey harvest report cards are available to replace lost report cards and attached tags. Hunters will be charged a fee for duplicate turkey harvest report cards and tags. Hunters that have killed a turkey prior to losing their remaining tag and harvest report card must remove and discard the duplicate tag to account for the original tag that was used and validated. Hunters must record any previously validated turkey on the duplicate turkey harvest report card.

C. Possession of Live Wild Turkeys. No person shall take live wild turkeys or their eggs from the wild. No person shall possess captive live wild turkeys, (*Meleagris gallopavo silvestris*, *M.g. osceola*, *M.g. intermedia*, *M.g. merriami*, *M.g. mexicana*) or their eggs, regardless of origin, without a valid game breeder license. No penraised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated (released) within the state.

D. Statewide Youth and Physically Challenged Season Regulations. Only youths 17 years of age or younger or hunters possessing a physically challenged hunter permit with wheelchair classification may hunt. Youth must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for youth younger than 16 years of age. Adults accompanying youth may not possess a firearm or bow. Youths may possess only one firearm or bow while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times, except properly licensed youths 16-17 years old and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. Only one gobbler per day may be taken and any gobbler taken by the hunter during this special season counts towards their season bag limit of two.

E. Shooting Hours—one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

#### F. Turkey Hunting Area Descriptions

##### 1. Area A

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Beauregard;

ii. Bienville;

iii. Claiborne;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

iv. East Baton Rouge;

v. East Feliciana;

vi. Grant;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates;

vii. Jackson;

viii. LaSalle;

ix. Lincoln;

x. Livingston;

xi. Natchitoches;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

xii. Pointe Coupee;

Exception: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal, and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

xiii. Rapides;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

xiv. Sabine;

xv. St. Helena;

xvi. Tangipahoa;

xvii. Union;

xviii. Vernon;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

xix. West Baton Rouge;

xx. West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island);

xxi. Winn.

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen—north of LA 104, west of LA 26 south of junction of LA 104 to US 190, north of US 190 east of Kinder, west of US 165 south of Kinder;

ii. Avoyelles—that portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River, on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by LA 452 from Brouillette to LA 1, on the south by LA 1, eastward to Hamburg, thence by the west Atchafalaya Basin protection levee southward;

iii. Calcasieu—north of I-10;

iv. Caldwell—west of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line;

v. Catahoula—south and west of the Ouachita River from the Caldwell Parish line southward to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, north and west of LA 8 from Harrisonburg to the LaSalle Parish line, also that portion lying east of LA 15;

vi. Evangeline—north and west of LA 115, north of LA 106 west of LA 115 to US 167, west of US 167 south to LA 10, north of LA 10 west of US 167 to LA 13, west of LA 13 south of LA 10 to Mamou and north of LA 104 west of Mamou;

vii. Franklin—that portion lying east of LA 17 and east of LA 15 from its juncture with LA 17 at Winnsboro;

viii. Iberville—west of the Mississippi River;

Exception: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

ix. Jefferson Davis—north of US 190 from junction with LA 26 to Kinder, west of US 165 and north of I-10 west from junction of US 165;

x. Madison—that portion lying east of US 65 from East Carroll Parish line to US 80 and south of US 80. Also, all lands east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

xi. Morehouse—west of US 165 from the Arkansas line to the junction of LA 140 at Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to US 165 at Bastrop, south of US 165 to junction of LA 3051 (Grabault Road) south of LA 3051 to junction of LA 138, west of LA 138 to junction of LA 134, north of LA 134 to the Ouachita Parish line;

xii. Ouachita—all west of the Ouachita River. That portion east of the Ouachita River lying north of US 80;

xiii. Richland—that portion south of US 80 and east of LA 17;

xiv. St. Landry—that portion bounded on the west by the west Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and on the east by the Atchafalaya River;

Exception: the Indian Bayou area; see federal lands hunting schedule for Indian Bayou area dates.

xv. Upper St. Martin—all within the Atchafalaya Basin;

Exceptions: Sherburne WMA and Indian Bayou area, see WMA Turkey Hunting Schedule for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne WMA boundaries and see federal lands hunting schedule for Indian Bayou dates.

xvi. Tensas—that portion west of US 65 from the Concordia Parish line to its juncture with LA 128, north of LA 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of LA 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry; also all lands east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

## 2. Area B

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Ascension;

ii. Bossier;

iii. DeSoto;

- iii. Red River;
- iv. St. Tammany;
- v. Washington;
- vii. Webster.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. ~~Bossier—all open except that portion bounded on the north by I-20, on the west by LA 164, on the south by LA 164, and on the east by the Webster Parish line;~~

ii. Caddo—all except that portion north of I-20 from the Texas state line to I-220. west of I-220 to LA 1. west of LA 1 to Caddo Lake, south of Caddo Lake to the Texas state line;

iii. East Carroll—east of US 65 from Arkansas state line to Madison Parish line;

iv. Iberville—all east of the Mississippi River;

v. ~~Webster—all open except that portion bounded on the north by I-20, on the east by U.S. 371, on the south by LA 164, and on the west by the Bossier Parish line.~~

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

### 3. Area C

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Concordia.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Caldwell—all east of the Ouachita River;

ii. Catahoula—all of the parish except for that portion located in area A;

iii. Franklin—west of LA 17 from the Richland Parish line southward to Winnsboro, west of LA 15 southward to the Catahoula Parish line;

iv. Iberia—east of the west Atchafalaya Basin protection levee;

v. Richland—west of LA 17 from Franklin Parish line to Ringle Road, south of Ringle Road to Ferguson Road, south of Ferguson Road to Little Road, south of Little Road to Big Creek, east of Big Creek to Franklin Parish line;

vi. Tensas—east and south of US 65 from Concordia Parish line to LA 128, south of LA 128 to St. Joseph, east and south of LA 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

4. Turkey season dates on wildlife management areas, national wildlife refuges, Kisatchie National Forest and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land located within areas A, B, and C may vary from the season set for the parish in which they are located. Seasons for these lands are specified in LAC 76:XIX.115.

## G. WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations

1. WMAs with youth turkey hunts are closed to all activities except turkey hunting by authorized youth hunt participants, shooting range use, and fishing on the day(s) of the youth hunt.

2. Self-Clearing Permits—all turkey hunts, including lottery hunts, are self-clearing. Hunters must check in daily by obtaining a permit from a self-clearing station prior to hunting. The self-clearing permit must be in the hunter's possession while hunting. Upon completion of each days hunt, the hunter must check out by completing and depositing the hunter report portion of the permit in the check-out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.

3. Lottery Hunts—all or portions of some WMA seasons are designated as lottery hunts and are restricted to hunters selected by pre-application lottery. To apply for these lottery hunts, a hunter must submit a completed official application form to the Baton Rouge office by the deadline printed on the application. A non-refundable fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants for WMA youth hunts must be 17 years of age or younger and at least 8 years old on the day of the hunt. Applicants may submit only one application and may be selected for only one spring WMA turkey lottery hunt annually, except, youths may also apply for the regular WMA turkey lottery. Submitting more than one application per lottery type will result in disqualification. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements. Hunters chosen for WMA lottery hunts may be accompanied by one person. The person accompanying a lottery hunter shall not possess a firearm/bow or take a turkey, and must remain within a distance that allows normal voice contact with the lottery hunter at all times. Youths chosen for special youth only hunts may be assigned a guide on the day of the hunt provided that guides are available. One person may accompany the youth and guide, but may not hunt.

4. WMA Physically Challenged Hunt (wheelchair confined)—open only to hunters with a physically challenged hunter permit with wheelchair classification. During this hunt, ATVs may be used by hunters on all designated ATV trails in accordance with the physically challenged hunter permit. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements.

### 5. Rules Specific to Certain WMAs

a. Sandy Hollow. No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

b. Sherburne. All turkeys taken must be checked at the WMA headquarters.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2263 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27:2270 (December 2001), LR 28:2375 (November 2002), LR 29:2512 (November 2003), LR 30:2874 (December 2004), LR 31:3167 (December 2005), LR 32:2272 (December 2006), LR 33:2469 (November 2007), LR 35:91 (January 2009), LR 35:2478 (November 2009), LR 36:2581 (November 2010), LR 37:3535 (December 2011), LR 38:2941 (November 2012), LR 40:96 (January 2014), LR 40:1554 (August 2014), LR 41:977 (May 2015).

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

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

B. Turkey season will open on the fourth Saturday in March. The area A turkey season will be 30 consecutive days in length, the area B turkey season will be 23 consecutive days in length, and the area C turkey season will be 16 consecutive days in length. Wildlife management areas, national forests, national wildlife refuges, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land may vary from this framework. Deviation from this framework may occur in those years when the fourth Saturday in March falls the day before Easter.

C. Statewide youth turkey and physically challenged season on private lands shall be the weekend prior to the start of the regular turkey season.

D. Only those wildlife management areas listed herein are open to turkey hunting. All other wildlife management areas are closed.

E. ~~2016~~~~2017~~ Turkey Hunting Schedule

Area	Season Dates
A	March <del>26</del> <del>25</del> -April <del>24</del> <del>23</del>
B	March <del>26</del> <del>25</del> -April <del>17</del> <del>16</del>
C	March <del>26</del> <del>25</del> -April <del>10</del> <del>9</del>
Private Lands Youth and Physically Challenged Hunter (Wheelchair Confined) Hunt	March <del>19</del> - <del>20</del> <del>18</del> - <del>19</del>

F. Wildlife Management Area Turkey Hunting Schedule

WMA	Non-Lottery	
	Hunt Dates	Lottery Hunt Dates
Attakapas	March <del>26</del> <del>25</del> -April <del>32</del>	None
Bayou Macon	None	April <del>16</del> - <del>17</del> <del>15</del> - <del>16</del>
Big Lake	March <del>26</del> <del>25</del> -April <del>10</del> <del>9</del>	None
Bodcau	March <del>26</del> <del>25</del> -April <del>10</del> <del>9</del>	None
Boeuf	March <del>26</del> <del>25</del> -April <del>10</del> <del>9</del>	None
Camp Beauregard	March <del>26</del> <del>25</del> -April <del>32</del>	None

WMA	Non-Lottery	
	Hunt Dates	Lottery Hunt Dates
Clear Creek	April 4-24-23	March 26-27-25-26 April 2-31-3
Dewey Wills	None	March 26-27-25-26 April 2-31-2
Fort Polk-Vernon	March 26-25-April 24-23	None
Grassy Lake	March 26-25-April 3-2	None
Hutchinson Creek	March 26-25-April 24-23	None
Jackson-Bienville	March 26-25-April 4-09	None
Lake Ramsey	March 26-25-April 4-09	None
Little River	March 26-25-April 4-09	None
Loggy Bayou	None	April 15-17
Pearl River	None	March 26-27-25-26
Peason Ridge	March 26-25-April 24-23	None
Pomme de Terre	April 20-19-April 24-23	None
Richard K. Yancey	March 26-25-April 4-09	None
Sabine	None	April 1-3 March 31-April 2 April 15-17 14-16
Sandy Hollow	March 26-25-April 4-09	None
Sherburne	March 28-30-April 17-19	March 26-27-April 15-16
Sicily Island	None	March 26-28-25-26 March 29-31-28-30 April 1-3 March 31-April 2 April 4-6-3-5 April 7-10-6-9
Tangipahoa Parish School Board	March 26-25-April 24-23	None
Tunica Hills	April 11-17-10-16	March 26-27-25-26 April 2-31-2 April 9-10-8-9
Union	April 4-10-3-9	April 2-31-2
Walnut Hills	March 26-25-April 24-23	None

WMA	Non-Lottery Hunt Dates	Lottery Hunt Dates
West Bay	None	March <del>26-27</del> 25-26 April <del>2-3</del> 1-2 April <del>9-10</del> 8-9

G. Wildlife Management Area Lottery Youth Hunts

WMA/Ranger District	Lottery Youth Hunt Date
<del>Bodcau</del>	March <del>19-20</del>
Clear Creek	March <del>19</del> 18
Fort Polk-Vernon/Peason Ridge	March <del>19</del> 18
Grassy Lake	March <del>19</del> 18
<del>Jackson-Bienville</del>	March <del>19-20</del>
<del>Loggy Bayou</del>	April <del>9-10</del>
Pearl River	March <del>19</del> 18
Pomme de Terre	April <del>9-10</del> 8-9
Richard K. Yancey	March <del>19-</del> <del>20</del> 18-19
<del>Sherburne</del>	March <del>19</del> April <del>8</del>
Sicily Island	March <del>19</del> 18
Spring Bayou	April <del>9-10</del> 8-9
Tunica Hills	March <del>19</del> 18
<del>Union</del>	March <del>19-</del> <del>20</del> 18-19
West Bay	March <del>19</del> 18

H. Non-Lottery WMA Youth Hunts

1. Big Lake will be open March ~~19-20~~18-19 (only youths may hunt).
2. Bodcau WMA will be open ~~March 18-19 and~~ April ~~16-17~~15-16 (only youths may hunt).
3. Jackson-Bienville WMA will be open ~~March 18-19 and~~ April ~~16-17~~15-16 (only youths may hunt).

I. Wildlife Management Area Physically Challenged (Wheelchair Confined) Hunt



1. Jackson-Bienville WMA will be open April ~~18-24~~17-23 to holders of valid physically challenged hunter (wheelchair classification) permits.

J. Federal Lands Turkey Hunting Schedule

1. Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) turkey hunting schedule: (youth only) March ~~19-20~~18-19 on all Ranger Districts (except Vernon Unit lands within Ft. Polk-Vernon WMA) Caney Ranger District, March ~~26-25~~25-April ~~10-9~~9; all remaining KNF lands, March ~~26-25~~25-April ~~17-16~~16 (including Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves, except self-clearing permit required to hunt turkey on Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves).

2. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers turkey hunting schedule: Indian Bayou area, March ~~19-20~~18-19 youth and physically challenged lottery only hunt, and lottery hunt only on March ~~26-27~~25-26 and April ~~2-3~~1-2, and open April ~~9-10~~8-9. Old River Control and Lock Areas, March ~~26-25~~25-April ~~10-9~~9.

3. National wildlife refuges: ~~Bayou Cocodrie NWR, March 18-19(youth only);~~ Bogue Chitto NWR, March ~~26-25~~25-April ~~17-16~~16, March ~~19-20~~18-19 (youth only); Lake Ophelia NWR, March ~~19-18~~18 (youth lottery only), March ~~26-25~~25-April ~~10-9~~9 hunt ends at 12 p.m. each day; Tensas NWR, March ~~19-20~~18-19 (youth only), March ~~26-25~~25-April ~~10-9~~9; Upper Ouachita NWR, March ~~19-18~~18 (youth lottery only).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2264 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27:2270 (December 2001), LR 28:2376 (November 2002), LR 29:2512 (November 2003), LR 30:2875 (December 2004), LR 31:3167 (December 2005), LR 32:2272 (December 2006), LR 33:2470 (November 2007), LR 35:90 (January 2009), LR 35:2481 (November 2009), LR 36:2583 (November 2010), LR 37:3541 (December 2011), LR 38:2944 (November 2012), LR 40:99 (January 2014), LR 40:1556 (August 2014), LR 41:980 (May 2015).

**§117. Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations, and Bag Limits**

**A. Seasons and bag limits.**

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Mourning and White Winged Doves and fully-dressed Eurasian and Collared Doves	South Zone:		
	Sept. 3-11		
	Oct. 8-Nov. 27		
	Dec. 17-Jan. 15		
	North Zone:		
	Sept. 3-25		
	Oct. 8-Nov. 13		
	Dec. 17-Jan. 15	15 (in aggregate)	45 (in aggregate)

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Woodcock	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	3	9
Teal (Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon)	Sept. 10-25	6	18
King and Clapper Rails	Sept. 10-25 Nov. 12-Jan. 4	15 (in aggregate)	45 (in aggregate)
Sora and Virginia Rails	Sept. 10-25 Nov. 12-Jan. 4	25 (in aggregate)	75 (in aggregate)
Gallinules	Sep. 10-25 Nov. 12-Jan. 4	15	45
Snipe	Coastal Zone: Nov. 2-Dec. 4 Dec. 17-Feb. 28 West Zone: Nov. 2-Dec. 4 Dec. 17-Feb. 28 East Zone: Nov. 2-Dec. 4 Dec. 17-Feb. 28	8	24
Ducks, Coots and Mergansers	Coastal Zone: Nov. 5-6 (youth only) Nov. 12-Dec. 4 Dec. 17-Jan. 22 West Zone: Nov. 5 (youth only) Nov. 12-Dec. 4 Dec. 17-Jan. 22 Jan. 28-Feb. 4 (youth only) East Zone:	Daily bag limit on ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 2 canvasback, 1 mottled duck, 1 black duck, 3 wood ducks, 3 scaup, 2 redheads, and 2 pintails. Daily bag limit on coots is 15. Daily bag limit on mergansers is 5, only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers. Merganser limits are in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.	Three times the daily bag limit.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
	<p>Nov. 12 (youth only)</p> <p>Nov. 19-Dec. 4</p> <p>Dec. 17-Jan. 29</p> <p>Feb. 4 (youth only)</p>		
<p>Light Geese (Snow, Blue, and Ross') and White-Fronted Geese</p>	<p>North Zone:</p> <p>Nov. 12-Dec. 4</p> <p>Dec. 17-Feb. 12</p> <p>South Zone:</p> <p>Nov. 12-Dec. 4</p> <p>Dec. 17-Feb. 12</p>	<p>Daily bag limit on Light Geese (snow, blue, and ross') is 20.</p> <p>Daily bag limit on White-Fronted Geese is 2.</p>	<p>No possession limit on Light Geese (snow, blue, and ross')</p> <p>Possession limit on White-Fronted Geese is 6.</p>
<p>Canada Geese</p>	<p>North Zone:</p> <p>Nov. 12-Dec. 4</p> <p>Dec. 12-Jan. 31</p> <p>South Zone:</p> <p>Nov. 12-Dec. 4</p> <p>Dec. 17-Jan. 31</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>3</p>

**B. Conservation Order for Light Geese Seasons and Bag Limits.**

<b>Species</b>	<b>Season Dates</b>	<b>Daily Bag Limit</b>	<b>Possession Limit</b>
Light Geese (Snow, Blue, and Ross')	North Zone:	No daily bag limit.	No possession limit.
	Dec. 5-16		
	Feb. 13-Mar. 12		
	South Zone:		
	Dec. 5-16		
	Feb. 13-Mar. 12		

**C. Extended Falconry Seasons and Bag Limits.**

<b>Species</b>	<b>Season Dates</b>	<b>Daily Bag Limit</b>	<b>Possession Limit</b>
Mourning and White Winged Doves and fully-dressed Eurasian and Collared Doves	Sept. 15-Oct. 1	Falconry daily bag and possession limit for all permitted migratory game birds must not exceed 3 and 9 birds, respectively, singly or in aggregate, during the extended falconry seasons and regular hunting seasons.	
Woodcock	Nov. 2-Jan. 31		
Rails and Gallinule	Nov. 2-Jan. 31		
Ducks	Nov. 3-Jan. 31		

**D. Dove Hunting Regulations**

1. Shooting hours one-half hour before sunrise to sunset except on opening day of the first split on Wildlife Management Areas and on fields leased through the LDWF experimental dove field leasing program, where hunting will be from 12:00 noon to sunset, except for Elbow Slough and Point-Aux-Chenes Wildlife Management Areas which will be open one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

2. There is no bag limit on Eurasian Collared-doves or Ringed Turtle-doves provided that a fully feathered wing and head remain attached to the carcass of the bird. Fully dressed Eurasian Collared-doves and Ringed Turtle doves (those without a fully feathered wing and dead naturally attached to the carcass) shall be included in the aggregate bag.

3. The following boundary divides the dove season zones: Beginning at the Texas-Louisiana order on LA Hwy. 12; thence east along LA Hwy 12 to its intersection with U.S. Hwy 190; thence east along U.S. Hwy 190 to its intersection with I-12; thence east along I-12 to its intersection with I-10; then east along I-10 to the Mississippi state line.

E. Snipe Hunting Regulations. Shooting hours one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except at the Spanish Lake Recreation Area in Iberia Parish where shooting hours, including the Conservation end at 2:00 pm.

F. Conservation Order for Light Geese. Only Snow, Blue, and Ross' geese may be taken under the terms of the Conservation Order. Electronic calls and unplugged shotguns allowed. No daily bag or possession limit. Shooting hours one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.

G. Canada Goose Season Closure. The Canada Goose Season will be open statewide except for a portion of southwest Louisiana described as follows: Beginning at the Texas State Line, proceeding east along LA Hwy. 82 to the Calcasieu Ship Channel, then north along the Calcasieu Ship Channel to its junction with the Intracoastal Canal, then east along the Intracoastal Canal to its juncture with LA Hwy. 82, then south along LA Hwy. 82 to its juncture with Parish Road 3147, then south and east along Parish Road 3147 to Freshwater Bayou Canal, then south to the Gulf of Mexico, then west along the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico to the Texas State Line, then north to the point of beginning at LA Hwy. 82. Open waters of Lake Arthur and the Mermentau River, from the Hwy 14 bridge southward, will also be closed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2264 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27:2270 (December 2001), LR 28:2376 (November 2002), LR 29:2512 (November 2003), LR 30:2875 (December 2004), LR 31:3167 (December 2005), LR 32:2272 (December 2006), LR 33:2470 (November 2007), LR 35:90 (January 2009), LR 35:2481 (November 2009), LR 36:2583 (November 2010), LR 37:3541 (December 2011), LR 38:2944 (November 2012), LR 40:99 (January 2014), LR 40:1556 (August 2014), LR 41:980 (May 2015).

Chairman Yakupzack called for Public Comments

C John Clark, concern - Ducks staging area in northwest LA are not wintering ducks

C Michael Davis, Against proposal, Bienville Parish, old dates were proposed at his regional meeting. He was not aware of the new proposed dates presented by Pat Manuel

C Billy Pike, Against Proposal, Prefers later date; 19<sup>th</sup> of November

Chairman Yakupzack announced the following persons left comments cards but do not wish to speak and are Against the proposed amendment #4

Sonny Harrington

Chance Turner

James Everett

Blake Gerard

Donna Jones

Jessica Brown

Rhona Guedry

Robbie Guedry

C Mike Jones, LHHA, opposed to closing the WMA's to hog dog hunting

C Arthur Feckland, opposed to closing the WMA's to hog hunting; no evidence to show hog hunting affects the black bear populations

C Mike Conley, congratulated Maria Davidson for having worked to get the black bear d listed; spoke on how a Sal will not fight a black bear; Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina offer year round hog dog hunting; Come up with Hog Management Program giving hunters an extra two weeks and quit paying for helicopter use to kill the hogs

C William Ard, if you cut the season out, who is going to control the hog population; Hog dogs are trained to only one discipline; this is the sportsman's paradise and getting too restrictive on all hunting laws; there is no proof, its all speculation on hogs and dogs affecting the black bear population

C Derek Evans, against closing hog dog season on WMA's; consider charging 10-15 dollars for hog hunting license

C Steve Uffman, it's about the science; we have some of the best biologist working on this; these are the areas used for repatriation of the bears; trust the science and keep it closed

C Ashley Wyatt, against the closing; one month of hunting can feed a lot of families

C Darryl Barker, Why is there no talk of the Beouff WMA

C Jennifer Whitten, Science is based on facts; there is no evidence that hog dogs put pressure on the bears; read the USDA Report and reports from other states that allow hunting

C Tommy Whitten, Go with the science and allow hunting

Commissioner Yakupzack announced each amendment would be voted on individually

Amendment 1/3

**§ 117. Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations, and Bag Limits**

A. Seasons and Bag Limits

<p>Light Geese (Snow, Blue, and Ross') and White-Fronted Geese</p>	<p>North Zone:  <u>Nov. 125-Dec. 4</u>  <u>Dec. 17-Feb. 12</u></p> <p>South Zone:  <u>Nov. 125-Dec. 4</u>  <u>Dec. 17-Feb. 12</u></p>	<p><u>Daily bag limit on Light Geese (snow, blue, and ross') is 20.</u></p> <p><u>Daily bag limit on White-Fronted Geese is 2.</u></p>	<p><u>No possession limit on Light Geese (snow, blue, and ross')</u></p> <p><u>Possession limit on White-Fronted Geese is 6.</u></p>
<p>Canada Geese</p>	<p>North Zone:  <u>Nov. 125-Dec. 4</u>  <u>Dec. 12-Jan. 31</u></p> <p>South Zone:  <u>Nov. 125-Dec. 4</u>  <u>Dec. 17-Jan. 31</u></p>	<p><u>1</u></p>	<p><u>3</u></p>

MOTION by Commissioner Courville

Commissioner Hebert seconded the motion made by Commissioner Courville

Chairman Yakupzack called for a vote and the Motion passed with no opposition

## **Amendment 2**

### **Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season**

#### **§ 111. General and Wildlife Management Area Rules and Regulations**

ts. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial fishing: same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the LDWF Pass-a-Loutre WMA map. All ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules prohibited on this area. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Mudboats or air-cooled propulsion engines powered by more than 36 total horsepower are prohibited on the WMA. Operation of mud boats and air-cooled propulsion engines prohibited after 2:00 pm September through January, except allowed after 2:00 pm in South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, Southeast Pass, Loomis Pass, Dennis Pass, and Cadro Pass. Limited access area, no internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations.

MOTION by Commissioner Hebert

Commissioner Manuel seconded the motion made by Commissioner Hebert

Chairman Yakupzack called for a vote and the Motion passed with no opposition



**Amendment 4**

**§ 117. Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations, and Bag Limits**

A. Seasons and Bag Limits

<p><u>Ducks, Coots and Mergansers</u></p>	<p><u>Coastal Zone:</u></p> <p><u>Nov. 5-6 (youth only)</u></p> <p><u>Nov. 12-Dec. 4</u></p> <p><u>Dec. 17-Jan. 22</u></p> <p><u>West Zone:</u></p> <p><u>Nov. 5 (youth only)</u></p> <p><u>Nov. 12-Dec. 4<sup>27</sup></u></p> <p><u>Dec. 17-Jan. 22<sup>9</sup></u></p> <p><u>Jan. 28Feb. 4</u></p> <p><u>(youth only)</u></p> <p><u>East Zone:</u></p> <p><u>Nov. 12 (youth only)</u></p> <p><u>Nov. 19-Dec. 4</u></p> <p><u>Dec. 17-Jan. 29</u></p> <p><u>Feb. 4 (youth only)</u></p>	<p><u>Daily bag limit on ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 2 canvasback, 1 mottled duck, 1 black duck, 3 wood ducks, 3 scaup, 2 redheads, and 2 pintails.</u></p> <p><u>Daily bag limit on coots is 15.</u></p> <p><u>Daily bag limit on mergansers is 5, only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers. Merganser limits are in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.</u></p>	<p><u>Three times the daily bag limit.</u></p>
-------------------------------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	------------------------------------------------

MOTION by Commissioner Manuel  
 There was no second to the Motion heard  
 Motion Fails

## Amendment 5

### § 111. General and Wildlife Management Area Rules and Regulations

15.Hogs. Feral hogs may be taken during any open hunting season on WMAs by properly licensed and/or permitted hunters using only guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress, except take of hogs is prohibited during nighttime raccoon seasons. Hogs may not be taken with the aid of dogs, except feral hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs during the month of February on Attakapas, Bodcau, ~~Boeuf~~, Clear Creek, ~~Dewey Wills~~, Jackson-Bienville, Little River, Pass a Loutre, Pearl River, ~~Richard K. Yancey~~, Sabine, Sabine Island, and West Bay, and that portion of Dewey W. Wills North of the Catahoula Lake Diversion Canal WMAs by self-clearing permit. All hogs must be killed immediately and may not be transported live under any conditions, except as allowed by permit from either the Minden, Lake Charles, Monroe, Pineville, Hammond or Opelousas offices. During the February dog season hunters may use centerfire pistols in addition to using guns allowed for season in progress. Additionally, feral hogs may be taken on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador/Timken WMAs from February 16 through March 31 with archery equipment, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber. Additional requirements may be specified under individual WMAs, see regulation pamphlet.

MOTION by Commissioner Broussard

Commissioner Courville seconded the motion made by Commissioner Broussard

Chairman Yakupzack called for a vote and the Motion passed with no opposition

MOTION by Commissioner Courville to Adopt the Notice of Intent (NOI) with the Amendments that passed

Commissioner Broussard seconded the motion made by Commissioner Courville

Chairman Yakupzack called for a vote and the Motion passed with no opposition

(The Full Text of the Notice of Intent and Potpourri is made a part of the Record)

**NOTICE OF INTENT**  
**Department of Wildlife and Fisheries**  
**Office of Wildlife**

Resident Game Hunting Season, Resident Game Birds and Animals, General and Wildlife Management Area Rules and Regulations, General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations, Turkey Hunting Areas, Seasons, and Bag Limits, and Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations, and Bag Limits.

(LAC XIX.101, 103, 111, 113, 115, and 117)

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has amended the general and wildlife management area rules and regulations for the 2016-2017 season, the resident game hunting season for the 2016-2018 hunting seasons, the general and wildlife management area rules and regulations for the turkey season, the turkey hunting areas, and seasons, and bag limits for the 2017 turkey season, and the migratory bird seasons, regulations, and bag limits for the 2016-17 hunting season.

**Title 76**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations**

**Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season**

**§101. General**

A. The resident game hunting season regulations have been adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the regulation pamphlet may be obtained from the department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), LR 30:1493 (July 2004), LR 31:1627 (July 2005), LR 32:1253 (July 2006), LR 33:1399 (July 2007), LR 34:1447 (July 2008), LR 35:1278 (July 2009), LR 36:1580 (July 2010), LR 37:2206 (July 2011), LR 38:1747 (July 2012), LR 39:2307 (August 2013), LR 40:1534 (August 2014), LR 41:958 (May 2015).

**§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals**

A. Shooting Hours—one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for Seasons or Specific Regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or Specific Localities

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	OPENS: 3rd Saturday of November CLOSES: Last Day of February	10	20
Rabbit and Squirrel	OPENS: 1st Saturday of October CLOSES: Last Day of February	8	16
Squirrel *	OPENS: 1st Saturday of May for 23 days	3	6

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Deer 2016-18	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	6/season (not to exceed 3 antlered deer or 4 antlerless deer)

\*NOTE: Spring squirrel season is closed on the Kisatchie National Forest, National Wildlife Refuges, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property. Some state wildlife management areas will be open, check WMA season schedule.

C. Deer Hunting Schedule 2016-2017

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. after 2nd Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan.
2	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: Next to last Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before last Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after the last day of Modern Firearm Season in Jan. CLOSES: After 7 days.	OPENS: Last Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Tues. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Wed. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Tues. in odd numbered years or Wed. during even numbered years before the 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: Wed. before the 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Thurs. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the Wed. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. on odd years and Thurs. during even numbered years CLOSES: 40 days after opening in odd numbered years or 39 days after opening in even numbered years

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
3	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: After 37 days	
4	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. after 2nd Sat. of Nov.(EITHER SEX) OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan. (EITHER SEX FOR 1ST 7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Friday after Thanksgiving CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX)	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 4th Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 4th Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 1st Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX)

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
5	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov.(BUCKS ONLY)</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.(EITHER SEX 1ST 7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving day. (EITHER SEX)</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Sat. after Christmas.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. in Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. in Jan. (EITHER SEX)</p>
6	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan.</p>

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
7	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct. Oct.(EITHER SEX) OPENS: 1st Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY).	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Oct. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Mon. after 3rd Sun. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri Before 1st Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY) OPENS: 2nd Sat of Nov. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving. (EITHER SEX)	OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: After 35 days(BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: Sat. after Christmas. CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX)
8	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day.	OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: After 37 days.



Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
9	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov.(BUCKS ONLY)</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.(EITHER SEX 1ST 7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving day. (EITHER SEX)</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Sat. after Christmas.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. in Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. in Jan. (EITHER SEX)</p>

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
10	<p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept.</p> <p>CLOSES: Jan. 15</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY)</p>	<p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day(BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: After 37 days(BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. in Oct. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Sat. after Christmas.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX)</p>	

D. Deer Hunting Schedule 2017-2018

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. after 2nd Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan.
2	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: Next to last Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before last Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after the last day of Modern Firearm Season in Jan. CLOSES: After 7 days.	OPENS: Last Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Tues. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Wed. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Tues. in odd numbered years or Wed. during even numbered years before the 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: Wed. before the 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Thurs. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the Wed. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. on odd years and Thurs. during even numbered years CLOSES: 40 days after opening in odd numbered years or 39 days after opening in even numbered years
3	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: After 37 days	
4	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. after 2nd Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan. (EITHER SEX FOR 1ST 7 DAYS, BUCKS	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
		ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)	<p>Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>(BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>(BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>(EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Friday after Thanksgiving</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving.</p> <p>(EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX)</p>	<p>EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 4th Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 4th Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX)</p>
5	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov.(BUCKS ONLY)</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.(EITHER SEX 1ST 7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving</p> <p>Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving</p> <p>Day.</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Sat. after Christmas.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas.</p>

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
			CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving day. (EITHER SEX)	(EITHER SEX) OPENS: 2nd Sat. in Jan. CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. in Jan. (EITHER SEX)
6	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan.
7	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct.(EITHER SEX) OPENS: 1st Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY).	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Oct. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Mon. after 3rd Sun. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri Before 1st Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY) OPENS: 2nd Sat of Nov. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving. (EITHER SEX)	OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: After 35 days(BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: Sat. after Christmas. CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX)
8	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day.	OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: After 37 days.
9	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Feb. 15	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov.(BUCKS ONLY)	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
	(1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)	OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.  CLOSES: Last day of Jan.(EITHER SEX 1ST 7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)	the 3rd Sat. of Nov.  CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)  OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day.  CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving day. (EITHER SEX)	Sat. of Dec.  CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan.  (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)  OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec.  CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)  OPENS: Sat. after Christmas.  CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas.  (EITHER SEX)  OPENS: 2nd Sat. in Jan.  CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. in Jan. (EITHER SEX)
10	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept.  CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct.  CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct. (EITHER SEX)  OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day  CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY)	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct.  CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day(BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)  OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec.  CLOSES: After 37 days(BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)  OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct.  CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. in Oct. (EITHER SEX)  OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.  CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX)  OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving.  CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving. (EITHER SEX)  OPENS: Sat. after Christmas.  CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX)	

E. Farm-raised white-tailed deer on supplemented shooting preserves:

1. archery, firearm, primitive firearms—October 1-January 31 (either-sex).

F. Exotics on supplemented shooting preserves:

1. either sex—no closed season.

G. Spring squirrel hunting:

1. season dates—opens 1st Saturday of May for 23 days;

2. closed areas:

a. Kisatchie National Forest, national wildlife refuges, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property and all WMAs except as provided in Paragraph 3 below;

3. wildlife management area schedule—opens first Saturday of May for nine days on all WMAs except Fort Polk, Peason Ridge, Camp Beauregard, Pass-a-Loutre and Salvador. Dogs are allowed during this season for squirrel hunting. Feral hogs may be taken on wildlife management areas during this season;

4. limits—daily bag limit is three and possession limit is nine.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115, R.S. 56:109(B) and R.S. 56:141(C).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), repromulgated LR 25:1526 (August 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1521 (August 2003), amended LR 30:1494 (July 2004), LR 31:1627 (July 2005), LR 32:1254 (July 2006), LR 33:115 (January 2007), LR 33:1399 (July 2007), LR 34:1447 (July 2008), LR 35:1278 (July 2009), LR 35:2856 (December 2009), LR 36:1580 (July 2010), LR 37:2207 (July 2011), LR 38:1747 (July 2012), LR 39:2307 (August 2013), LR 40:1535 (August 2014), LR 41:958 (May 2015).

## **§111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations**

### **A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Regulations**

1. The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by sections 115 and 116 of title 56 of the *Louisiana Revised Statutes* of 1950 and are in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

2. Pursuant to section 40.1 of title 56 of the *Louisiana Revised Statutes* of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the LDWF a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

### **B. Resident Game Birds and Animals**

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

### **C. Other Season Dates**

1. Turkey. Please refer to turkey regulations.

2. Raccoon and Opossum. No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearm, .36 caliber or smaller muzzleloader rifle or shotgun during daylight hours. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season

except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is two per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Nutria. On WMAs and private property nutria may be taken recreationally by licensed hunters from September 1 through the last day of February, during legal shooting hours by any legal hunting method with a daily limit of five. Except nutria may be taken on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador/Timken, Pointe-Aux-Chenes and Pass-a-Loutre WMAs from September 1 to March 31. When taken with a shotgun, non-toxic shot must be used. On WMAs during waterfowl seasons, nutria may be taken only with the use of shotguns with shot no larger than F steel, and during gun deer seasons, anyone taking nutria must display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" and wear a "hunter orange" cap or hat. Recreational nutria hunters must remove each nutria carcass in whole condition from the hunting area, except that nutria may be gutted. Possession of detached nutria parts, including nutria tails, by recreational hunters is illegal. Nutria harvested recreationally may not be pelted nor may such nutria or any nutria parts from recreationally taken nutria be sold, including the tail. Trespassing upon private property for the purpose of taking nutria or other furbearing animals is punishable by fines and possible jail time (R.S. 56:265). The Coastwide Nutria Control Program is a separate program and is in no way related to the nutria recreational season. For questions on the Coastwide Nutria Control Program, call the New Iberia office (337) 373-0032.

4. Blackbirds and Crows. The season for crows shall be September 1 through January 1 with no limit; however crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles may be taken year round during legal shooting hours if they are depredating or about to depredate upon ornamentals or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock, wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers as to cause a health hazard. Louisiana has determined that the birds listed above are crop depredators and that crows have been implicated in the spread of the West Nile virus in humans. As described in 50 CFR Part 21, non-toxic shot must be used for the take of crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles under the special depredation order. In addition an annual report has to be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for those that participate in the take of these species.

5. Pheasant. Open concurrently with the quail season; no limit.

6. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species may be taken except turkeys. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific falconry rules.

7. Licensed Hunting Preserve, October 1-April 30, Pen-Raised Birds Only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific hunting preserve rules.

8. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP rules. Deer management assistance tags must be in the possession of the hunter in order to harvest an antlerless deer. The tag shall be attached through the hock in such a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is transported (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with approved archery equipment or primitive firearms). Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Deer harvested on property enrolled in DMAP do not count in the season or daily bag limit for hunters when legally tagged with DMAP tags. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved.

9. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer and Exotics on Licensed Supplemented Shooting Preserves

a. Definitions

*Exotics*—for purposes of this Section means any animal of the family *Bovidae* (except the *Tribe Bovini* [cattle]) or *Cervidae* which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a supplemented hunting preserve. *Exotics* shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.



*Hunting*—in its different tenses and for purposes of this Section means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

*Same as Outside*—for purposes of this Section means hunting on a supplemented hunting preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in title 56 of the *Louisiana Revised Statutes* and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

*Supplemented Hunting Preserve*—for purposes of this Section means any enclosure for which a current farm-raising license has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the LDWF and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

*White-Tailed Deer*—for purposes of this Rule means any animal of the species *Odocoileus virginianus* which is confined on a supplemented hunting preserve.

b. Seasons:

- i. farm-raised white-tailed deer: consult the regulations pamphlet;
- ii. exotics: year round.

c. Methods of take:

- i. white-tailed deer: same as outside;
- ii. exotics: exotics may be taken with traditional bow, compound bow and crossbow or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber centerfire; or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only and other approved primitive firearms.

d. Shooting hours:

- i. white-tailed deer: same as outside;
- ii. exotics: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

e. Bag limit:

- i. farm-raised white-tailed deer: same as outside;
- ii. exotics: no limit.

f. Hunting licenses:

- i. white-tailed deer: same as outside;
- ii. exotics: no person shall hunt any exotic without possessing a valid basic and big game hunting license.

g. Tagging. White-tailed deer and exotics: each animal shall be tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill with a tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

10. Bobcat. No person other than the holder of a valid big game license may take or possess bobcat, except licensed trappers who may take or possess bobcat during the open trapping season. A big game licensee shall only take bobcat during the time period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset with approved archery equipment, shotgun, muzzleloader or centerfire firearm. A big game licensee shall not take more than one bobcat per calendar year. This regulation applies only to property that is privately owned, state WMAs, Kisatchie National Forest, and the Bayou des Ourses, Bodcau, Bonnet Carre, and Indian Bayou tracts owned by the Corps of Engineers, but does not apply to state wildlife refuges, or other federally owned refuges and lands. On state WMAs and Kisatchie National Forest, the take of bobcat is restricted to those open seasons on the WMAs which require the respective legal weapons noted above.

#### D. Hunting-General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident hunting license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

2. No person born on or after September 1, 1969, shall hunt unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course approved by the department, except any active or veteran member of the United States armed services or any POST-certified law enforcement officer. Application for the exemption shall be filed in person at the LDWF main office building in the city of Baton Rouge. A person under sixteen years of age may hunt without such certificate if he/she is accompanied by and is under the direct supervision of a person who was born before September 1, 1969, and has a valid hunting license or who is eighteen years of age or older and has proof of successful completion of a firearm and hunter education course approved by the department.

3. A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer. A separate wild turkey license is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

4. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

##### 5. Methods of Taking Resident Game Birds and Quadrupeds

a. It is illegal to intentionally feed, deposit, place, distribute, expose, scatter, or cause to be fed, deposited, placed, distributed, exposed, or scattered raw sweet potatoes to wild game quadrupeds.

b. Use of a traditional bow, compound bow and crossbow or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle or handgun larger than .22 caliber, any centerfire firearm, or a muzzleloading firearm larger than .36 caliber. It shall be legal to hunt or take squirrels, rabbits, and outlaw quadrupeds with air rifles.

c. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

d. No person shall take or kill any game bird or wild quadruped with a firearm fitted with an infrared sight, laser sight, or except as provided in R.S. 56:116(A)(8) any sighting device which projects a beam of light to the target or otherwise electronically illuminates the target, or device specifically designed to enhance vision at night [R.S. 56:116.1(B)(3)].

6. Nuisance Animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means except that nutria cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. With a special permit issued by the LDWF, beavers may be taken between one-half hour after official sunset to one-half hour before official sunrise for a period of three consecutive calendar evenings from the effective date of the permit. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken during open trapping season. Squirrels found depredating commercial crops of pecans may be taken year-round by permit issued by the LDWF. This permit shall be valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. Contact the local region office for details.

7. Threatened and endangered species: Louisiana black bear, Louisiana pearl shell (mussel), sea turtles, gopher tortoise, ringed sawback turtle, brown pelican, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, whooping crane, Eskimo curlew, piping plover, interior least tern, ivory-billed woodpecker, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, West Indian manatee, Florida panther, pallid sturgeon, Gulf sturgeon, Atwater's greater prairie chicken, whales and red wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

8. Outlaw Quadrupeds. Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes, feral hogs, and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to chase only when using dogs during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only seasons for deer. Foxes are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only with traps by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" allowed by licensed hunters.

9. Nighttime Take of Nuisance Animals and Outlaw Quadrupeds. On private property, the landowner, or his lessee or agent with written permission and the landowner's contact information in his possession, may take outlaw quadrupeds (coyotes, armadillos and feral hogs), nutria, or beaver during the nighttime hours from one-half hour after official sunset on the last day of February to one-half hour after official sunset the last day of August of that same year. Such taking may be with or without the aid of artificial light, infrared or laser sighting devices, or night vision devices. In addition, pursuant to R.S. 56:116(D)(3) any person who is authorized to possess a firearm suppressor may use a firearm fitted with a sound suppressor when taking outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver. Any person attempting to take outlaw quadrupeds under the provisions of the paragraph, within 24 hours prior to the attempted taking, shall notify the sheriff of the parish in which the property is located and the LDWF Enforcement Division by calling (800) 442-2511 of their intention to attempt to take outlaw quadrupeds under the provision of this Paragraph.

10. Hunting and/or Discharging Firearms on Public Roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds while on a public road or public road right-of-way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and public road rights-of-way is prohibited.

11. Tags. Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil, on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material, which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with approved archery and primitive firearms, and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill.

12. Sex Identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head or sex organs, shall remain on any deer taken or killed within the state of Louisiana, or on all turkeys taken or killed so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is in route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

#### E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. Prior to hunting deer, all deer hunters, regardless of age or license status, must obtain deer tags and have in possession when hunting deer. Immediately upon harvesting a deer, the hunter must tag the deer with the appropriate carcass tag and document the kill on the deer tag license. Within seven days the hunter must validate the kill. Hunters harvesting deer on DMAP lands can validate deer per instructions by LDWF using the DMAP harvest data sheets. Hunters on WMAS can validate deer

during mandatory deer check hunts, when deer check stations are in operation. Hunters may validate deer by calling the validation toll free number or using the validation website.

2. 2016-2017 Season. One antlered and one antlerless deer per day (when legal) except on Kisatchie National Forest, Indian Bayou Area owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers, and some federal refuges (check refuge regulations) where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Season limit is six, not to exceed three antlered deer or four antlerless deer (all segments included) by all methods of take, except antlerless harvest on property enrolled in DMAP does not count in the season or daily bag limit for hunters. Antlerless deer may be harvested during entire deer season on private lands (all seasons included) except as specified in deer hunting schedule. Consult deer hunting schedule in the regulations pamphlet for either-sex days for these parishes and areas. This does not apply to public lands (WMAs, national forest lands, and federal refuges) which will have specified either-sex days.

3. 2017-2018 Season. One antlered and one antlerless deer per day (when legal) except on Kisatchie National Forest, Indian Bayou area owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers, and some federal refuges (check refuge regulations) where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Season limit is six, not to exceed three antlered deer or four antlerless deer (all segments included) by all methods of take, except antlerless harvest on property enrolled in DMAP does not count in the season or daily bag limit for hunters. Antlerless deer may be harvested during entire deer season on private lands (all seasons included) except as specified in deer hunting schedule. Consult deer hunting schedule in the regulations pamphlet for either-sex days for these parishes and areas. This does not apply to public lands (WMAs, national forest lands, and federal refuges) which will have specified either-sex days.

4. A legal antlered deer is a deer with at least one visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin, except on Alexander State Forest WMA, Bayou Macon WMA, Big Lake WMA, Bodcau WMA, Boeuf WMA, Buckhorn WMA, Dewey Wills WMA, Jackson-Bienville WMA, Loggy Bayou WMA, Ouachita WMA, Pearl River WMA, Pomme de Terre WMA, Red River WMA, Russell Sage WMA, Sicily Island Hills WMA, Spring Bayou WMA, Three Rivers WMA and Union WMA during the experimental quality deer season (See the specific WMA schedule for more information.). A legal antlered deer during the experimental quality deer season shall be defined as a deer with at least four points on one side. To be counted as a point, a projection must be at least one inch long and its length must exceed the length of its base. The beam tip is counted as a point but not measured as a point. Killing antlerless deer is prohibited except where specifically allowed.

5. *Either-sex deer* is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

6. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.

7. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

8. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is allowed in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. A leashed dog may be used to trail and retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer during legal hunting hours. Any dog used to trail or retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer shall have on a collar with owner's name, address, and phone number. In addition, a dog may be used to trail and retrieve unrecovered deer after legal hunting hours; however, no person accompanying a dog after legal hunting hours may carry a firearm of any sort.

9. It is illegal to take deer while deer are swimming or while the hunter is in a boat with motor attached in operating position; however the restriction in this paragraph shall not apply to any person who has lost one or more limbs.

10. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

11. Primitive Firearms Season: Still Hunt Only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Primitive firearms license is required for resident hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either-sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas except as otherwise specified. It is unlawful to carry a gun, other than a primitive firearm, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special primitive firearms segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

a. Legal Firearms for Primitive Firearms Season

i. Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball, shot, or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets, and may be fitted with magnified scopes.

ii. Single shot, breech loading rifles or single shot, breech loading pistols, .35 caliber or larger, having an exposed hammer, that use metallic cartridges loaded either with black powder or modern smokeless powder, and may be fitted with magnified scopes.

iii. Single shot, breech loading shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller, having an exposed hammer, loaded with buckshot or slug.

iv. Youths 17 or younger may hunt deer with any legal weapon during the primitive firearms season in each deer hunting area.

12. Archery Season. Archery license required for resident bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either-sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting except when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, and except in areas 6 and 9 from October 1-15. Archers must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season except when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Lake Boeuf, and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs (see schedule).

a. Bow and Arrow Regulations. Traditional bow, compound bow and crossbow or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means will be a legal means of take for all properly licensed hunters. Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened broadhead points. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and may not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

(a). to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow or arrows with explosive tips;

(b). to hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds;

(c). to hunt with a bow or crossbow fitted with an infrared, laser sight, electrically-operated sight or device specifically designed to enhance vision at night (does not include non-projecting red dot sights) [R.S. 56:116.1.B.(4)].

13. Hunter Orange. Any person hunting any wildlife during the open gun deer hunting season and possessing buckshot, slugs, a primitive firearm, or a centerfire rifle shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "hunter orange". Persons hunting on privately owned land may wear a hunter orange cap or hat in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned or to archery deer hunters hunting on lands where firearm hunting is not allowed by agreement of the landowner or lessee. However, anyone hunting deer on such lands where hunting with firearms is allowed shall be required to display the 400 square inches or a hunter orange cap or hat while walking to and from elevated stands. While a person is hunting from an elevated stand, the 400 square inches or cap or hat may be concealed. Warning: deer hunters are cautioned to watch for persons hunting other game or engaged in activities not requiring "hunter orange".

14. Physically Challenged Season on Private Lands (Either-Sex): first Saturday of October for two days. Restricted to individuals with physically challenged hunter permit.

15. Youth and Honorably Discharged Veterans Season on Private Lands (Either-Sex). Areas 1, 4, 5, 6 and 9: last Saturday of October for seven days; area 2: second Saturday of October for seven days; and areas 3, 7, 8 and 10: fourth Saturday of September for seven days. Youths 17 or younger only. Youths must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. Except properly licensed youths 16-17 years old and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. One of the following must be carried by veterans while hunting:

- a. Louisiana OMV issued U.S. Veterans Driver's License; or
- b. U.S. Department of Defense Form 214 or one of the following DD\_214 equivalents:
  - i. pre DD 214 era documents (1941\_1950):
    - (a). WE AGO (war department adjutant general) forms, to include WD AGO 53, WD AGO 55, WD AGO 53\_55;
    - (b). JAVPERS (naval personnel) discharge documents, to include NAVPERS 553, NAVMC78PD, NAVCG 553;
  - ii. National Personnel Records Center NPRC "statement of service," issued as a result of a destroyed discharge record during the 1973 National Archives fire;
  - iii. National Guard/Air National Guard must have NGB\_22 with 6 or more years of service.

F. Description of Areas, 2015-2017

1. Area 1
  - a. All of the following parishes are open: Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Richland, Tensas, West Carroll.
  - b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:
    - i. Catahoula—east of Boeuf River to Ouachita River, east of Ouachita River from its confluence with Boeuf River to LA 8, south and east of LA 8 southwesterly to parish line;
    - ii. Grant—east of US 165 and south of LA 8;
    - iii. LaSalle—south of a line beginning where Little River enters Catahoula Lake following the center of the lake eastward to Old River then to US 84, east of US 84 northward to LA 8, south of LA 8 eastward to parish line;
    - iv. Ouachita—south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Bake;
    - v. Rapides—east of US 165 and north of Red River.
  - c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:
    - i. Catahoula—south of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, west of LA 8 to LA 913, west of LA 913 and LA 15 to Deer Creek;
    - ii. East Carroll—all;
    - iii. Franklin—all;
    - iv. Morehouse—east of US 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, south and east of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of LA 830-4 to Bastrop, east of LA 139 at Bastrop to junction of LA 593, east and north of LA 593 to Collinston, east of LA 138 to junction of LA 134 and south of LA 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake;

- v. Ouachita—south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Bake;
  - vi. Richland—all.
  - vii. West Carroll
2. Area 2
- a. All of the following parishes are open:
    - i. Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Claiborne, DeSoto, Jackson, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Union, Webster, Winn;
    - ii. except: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as area 2, except still hunting only for deer.
  - b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:
    - i. Allen—north of US 190 from parish line westward to Kinder, east of US 165 from Kinder northward to LA 10 at Oakdale, north of LA 10 from Oakdale westward to the parish line;
    - ii. Avoyelles—that portion west of I-49;
    - iii. Catahoula—west of Boeuf River to Ouachita River, west of Ouachita River from its confluence with Boeuf River to LA 8, north and west of LA 8 southwesterly to parish line;
    - iv. Evangeline—all except the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of LA 29, east of LA 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of US 167 east of Ville Platte;
    - v. Grant—all except that portion south of LA 8 and east of US 165;
    - vi. Jefferson Davis—north of US 190;
    - vii. LaSalle—north of a line beginning where Little River enters Catahoula Lake, following the center of the lake eastward to Old River then to US 84, west of US 84 northward to LA 8, north of LA 8 eastward to parish line;
    - viii. Morehouse—west of US 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to Bastrop, west of LA 139 to junction of LA 593, west and south of LA 593 to Collinston, west of LA 138 to junction of LA 134 and north of LA 134 to Ouachita Parish line at Wham Brake;
    - ix. Ouachita—all except south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse Parish line at Wham Brake;
    - x. Rapides—all except north of Red River and east of US 165, south of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill, and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line;
    - xi. Vernon—north of LA 10 from the parish line westward to LA 113, south of LA 113 eastward to parish line. Also the portion north of LA 465 west of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville and north of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.
  - c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:
    - i. Claiborne and Webster—Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest (see Kisatchie National Forest regulations);
    - ii. Ouachita—east of Ouachita River;
    - iii. Rapides—west of US 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, west of I-49 southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to US 165, east of US 165 northward to US 167 at Alexandria. North of LA 465 from Vernon

Parish line to LA 121, west of LA 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to LA 8, south and east of LA 8 to LA 118 (Mora Road), south and west of LA 118 to Natchitoches Parish line;

iv. Vernon—east of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to LA 465, east and north of LA 465 to Rapides Parish line.

### 3. Area 3

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Acadia—north of I-10;

ii. Allen—south of US 190 and west of LA 113;

iii. Beauregard—west of LA 113 and east of LA 27 from the parish line northward to DeRidder and north of US 190 westward from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iv. Calcasieu—east of LA 27 from Sulphur northward to the parish line, and north of I-10;

v. Jefferson Davis—north of I-10 and south of US 190;

vi. Lafayette—west of I-49 and north of I-10;

vii. Rapides—south of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line;

viii. St. Landry—west of US 167;

ix. Vernon—west and north of LA 113, south of LA 465, east of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

### 4. Area 4

a. All of St. Helena and Washington Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. East Baton Rouge—all except that portion north of I-110 and west of US 61;

ii. East Feliciana—east of US 61;

iii. West Feliciana—east of US 61;

iv. Livingston—north of I-12;

v. Tangipahoa—north of I-12;

vi. St. Tammany—all except that portion south of I-12, west of LA 1077 to LA 22, south of LA 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge—east of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi state line to LA 10, north of LA 10 from Thompson Creek to LA 67 at Clinton, west of LA 67 from Clinton to Mississippi state line, south of Mississippi state line from LA 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of LA 67 from LA 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from LA 64 eastward to Amite River, west of Amite River southward to LA 64, north of LA 64 to LA 37 at Magnolia, east of LA 37 northward to LA 64 at Indian Mound, north of LA 64 from Indian Mound to LA 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of LA 67 from parish line north to LA 959, south of LA 959 east to LA 63, west of LA 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to LA 67;



ii. St. Helena—north of LA 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to LA 449, east and south of LA 449 from LA 16 at Pine Grove northward to Rohner Road, south of Rohner Road to LA 1045, south of LA 1045 to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from LA 1045 southward to LA 16 at Montpelier;

iii. Tangipahoa—that portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of LA 10 from the Tchefuncte River to LA 1061 at Wilmer, east of LA 1061 to LA 440 at Bolivar, south of LA 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from LA 440 southward to LA 10;

iv. Washington and St. Tammany—east of LA 21 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from LA 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line from the Pearl River westward to LA 21. Also, that portion of Washington Parish west of LA 25 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, then west of the Bogue Chitto River to its junction with the St. Tammany Parish line, north of the St. Tammany Parish line to the Tangipahoa Parish line, east of the Tangipahoa Parish line to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line to its junction with LA 25;

v. West Feliciana—west of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of US 61 and LA 966, east of LA 966 from US 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

#### 5. Area 5

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. St. Martin Parish – South of I-10 and east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee.

ii. Iberville Parish – South of I-10 and west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee.

iii. Iberia Parish – East of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and West of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee.

iv. St. Mary Parish – East of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee.

v. High water benchmark closure. Deer hunting in those portions of Iberville and St. Martin parishes south of I-10, west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, and north of Alligator Bayou and Bayou Sorrel will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 18 feet at Butte LaRose. Deer hunting in those portions of Iberville, St. Martin, St. Mary and Iberia parishes west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and south of Alligator Bayou and Bayou Sorrel will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 15 feet msl at Butte LaRose.

#### 6. Area 6

a. All of Point Coupee Parish is open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles—all except that portion west of I-49;

ii. Evangeline—that portion east of I-49 to junction of LA 29, east of LA 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of US 167 east of Ville Platte;

iii. Iberville—all north of I-10, and that portion south of I-10 at the Atchafalaya Basin protection levee south to Upper Grand River, then north of Upper Grand River to the Intracoastal Canal at Jack Miller, then west of the Intracoastal Canal northward to Bayou Plaquemine, then north of Bayou Plaquemine to the Mississippi River;

iv. Lafayette—north of I-10 and east of I-49;

v. Rapides—south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to the junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line;

vi. St. Landry—east of US 167;

vii. St. Martin—north of I-10;

viii. East Baton Rouge—north of I-110 and west of US 61;

ix. West Feliciana—west of US 61;

x. East Feliciana—west of US 61;

xi. West Baton Rouge—north I-10.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Avoyelles—north of LA 1 from Simmesport westward to LA 115 at Marksville, east of LA 115 from Marksville northward to the Red River near Moncla, south and west of the Red River to LA 1 at Simmesport;

ii. Rapides—south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to the junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line;

iii. West Feliciana—west of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of US 61 and LA 966, east of LA 966 from US 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

#### 7. Area 7

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Iberia—south of LA 14 and west of US 90;

ii. St. Mary—all except that portion north of US 90 from Iberia Parish line eastward to Wax Lake Outlet, east of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, north of Intracoastal Waterway eastward to the Atchafalaya River, east of the Atchafalaya River.

#### 8. Area 8

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Allen—that portion east of LA 113 from the parish line to US 190, north of US 190 eastward to Kinder, west of US 165 northward to LA 10 at Oakdale and south of LA 10 from Oakdale westward to parish line;

ii. Beauregard—that portion east of LA 113. Also that portion west of LA 27 from parish line northward to DeRidder, south of US 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iii. Calcasieu—that portion west of LA 27 from the parish line southward to Sulphur and north of I-10 from Sulphur to the Texas state line;

iv. Vernon—that portion west of LA 113 from the parish line northward to Pitkin and south of LA 10 from Pitkin southward to the parish line.

#### 9. Area 9

a. All of the following parishes are open: Ascension, Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, Terrebonne.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Iberia—east of US 90 and west of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and east of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee;

ii. Iberville— East of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and south of Upper Grand River to the Intracoastal Canal to Bayou Plaquemines, then south of Bayou Plaquemines to the Mississippi River;

iii. Lafayette—south of I-10 and east of US 90;

iv. Livingston—south of I-12;

v. St. Martin— West of the Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and South of I-10. East of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and South of I-10;

vi. St. Mary—east of US 90 from Iberia Parish line to the Wax Lake Outlet, east of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, north of Intracoastal Waterway eastward to the Atchafalaya River, east of the Atchafalaya River except for portion within the East and West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levees;

vii. St. Tammany—that portion south of I-12, west of LA 1077 to LA 22, south of LA 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain;

viii. Tangipahoa—south of I-12;

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Iberville—east of the Mississippi River;

ii. Plaquemines—east of the Mississippi River;

iii. St. Bernard—all of the parish shall be still hunting only except that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre;

iv. St. John—south of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to US 51, east of US 51 from Pass Manchac to LA 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of LA 638 from US 51 to Lake Pontchartrain, west of Lake Pontchartrain from LA 638 to Pass Manchac.

#### 10. Area 10

a. All of Cameron and Vermillion Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Acadia—south of I-10;

ii. Calcasieu—south of I-10;

iii. Iberia—west of US 90 and north of LA 14;

iv. Jefferson Davis—south of I-10;

v. Lafayette—south of I-10 and west of Hwy 90.

### G. WMA Regulations

#### 1. General

a. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in *Louisiana Revised*

*Statutes* of 1950, section 109 of title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

b. Citizens are cautioned that by entering a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

c. WMA seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the LDWF secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 4 a.m. unless otherwise specified. Hunters must check out and exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset, or as otherwise specified.

e. Lands within WMA boundaries will have the same seasons and regulations pertaining to baiting and use of dogs as the WMA within which the lands are enclosed; however, with respect to private lands enclosed within a WMA, the owner or lessee may elect to hunt according to the regular season dates and hunting regulations applicable to the geographic area in which the lands are located, provided that the lands are first enrolled in DMAP. Interested parties should contact the nearest LDWF region office for additional information.

f. Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs is prohibited. Garbage and trash may be properly disposed of in designated locations if provided.

g. Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

h. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (including but not limited to acorns and pecans), wild plants, non-game wildlife (including reptiles and amphibians) or any species of butterflies, skippers or moths is prohibited without a permit from the LDWF. Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits, mushrooms and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day.

i. Burning of marshes is prohibited. Hunting actively burning marsh is prohibited.

j. Nature Trails. Trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, bicycles, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

k. Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

l. Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations may include both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

m. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, except that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and state seed grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

n. Free ranging livestock prohibited.

## 2. Permits

a. A WMA hunting permit is required for persons ages 18 through 59 to hunt on WMAs.

b. Self-Clearing Permits. A self-clearing permit is required for all activities (hunting, fishing, hiking, bird watching, sightseeing, etc.) on WMAs unless otherwise specified. The self-clearing permit will consist of two portions: check in, check out. On WMAs where self-clearing permits are required, all persons must obtain a WMA self-clearing permit from an information station. The check in portion must be completed and put in a permit box before each day's activity on the day of the activity (except if hunting from a private camp adjacent to the WMA being hunted or if camping on the WMA, users need only to check in once during any 72 hour period). Users may check-in one day in advance of use. The check-out portion must be carried by each person while on the WMA and must be completed and put in a permit box immediately upon exiting the WMA or within 72 hours after checking in if hunting from a private camp adjacent to the WMA being hunted or if camping on the WMA. No permit is

required of fishers and boaters who do not travel on a WMA road and/or launch on the WMA as long as they do not get out of the boat and onto the WMA. When mandatory deer checks are specified on WMAs, hunters must check deer at a check station. When mandatory check-in for deer seasons is specified on WMAs, hunters must check in at designated locations, and obtain a daily hunt permit. Self-clearing permits are not required for persons only traveling through the WMA provided that the most direct route is taken and no activities or stops take place.

c. Persons using WMAs or other LDWF administered lands for any purpose must possess one of the following: a valid wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement. Also a self-clearing WMA permit, detailed above, may be required (available at most entrances to each WMA). Check individual WMA listings for exceptions.

### 3. Special Seasons

a. Youth Deer Hunt. Youths 17 or younger only. Youths must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times, except properly licensed youths and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. Contact the appropriate region office for maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts.

NOTE: Some hunts may be by pre-application lottery.

b. Youth Squirrel Hunt (on selected WMAs only). Only youths 17 or younger may hunt. Squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, hogs and opossum may be taken. No dogs allowed. All other seasons will remain open to other hunters. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times, except properly licensed youths and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. Self-clearing permits are required. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth squirrel hunts.

c. Youth Mourning Dove Hunt. A youth mourning dove hunt will be conducted on specific WMAs and will follow the same regulations provided for youth deer hunts on the first or second weekend of the mourning dove season (Saturday and/or Sunday only). Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth mourning dove hunts.

d. Physically Challenged Season. An either-sex deer season will be held for hunters possessing a physically challenged hunter permit on WMAs during the dates specified under the individual WMA. Participants must possess a physically challenged hunter permit. Contact region office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering physically challenged seasons.

e. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. All turkeys must be reported at self-clearing station. Contact region offices for more details. Consult separate turkey hunting regulations pamphlet for more details.

f. Waterfowl Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadline. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division office for more details.

g. Mourning Dove Lottery Hunts. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division office for more details.

h. Trapping. Consult annual trapping regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress.

i. Raccoon Hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs.

*Nighttime Experimental*—all nighttime raccoon hunting where allowed is with dogs only. There is no bag limit. Self-clearing permit required.

j. Sport Fishing. Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are allowed on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations except as otherwise specified under individual WMA listings.

k. Small Game Emphasis Areas. Specially designated areas on certain WMAs will allow small game hunting with dogs, confined to that specific area when the remainder of the WMA is restricted to still hunt only. Additionally, off season training of rabbit and bird dogs may be allowed on some of the small game emphasis areas. Small game emphasis areas are offered on Big Colewa Bayou, Bayou Macon, Bayou Pierre, Boeuf, Dewey W. Wills, Marsh Bayou, Ouachita, Richard K. Yancey, Sandy Hollow, Sherburne, and Walnut Hill WMAs.

#### 4. Firearms

a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms and crossbows cocked in the ready position are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, UTVs, ATCs or in camping areas on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas and except as may be permitted for authorized trappers.

b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not allowed on WMAs during closed seasons except on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping and except as allowed pursuant to R.S. 56:109(C) and R.S. 56:1691. Bows and broadhead arrows are not allowed on WMAs except during deer archery season, turkey season or as permitted for bowfishing. Active and retired law enforcement officers in compliance with POST requirements, federal law enforcement officers and holders of Louisiana concealed handgun permits or permit holders from a reciprocal state who are in compliance with all other state and federal firearms regulations may possess firearms on WMAs provided these firearms are not used for any hunting purpose.

c. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists except as specified under WMA listing.

d. Loaded firearms are not allowed near WMA check stations.

e. The following cannot be carried onto any WMA except during modern and primitive firearm deer seasons and during special shotgun season for feral hogs on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador WMAs (consult regulations pamphlet for specific WMA regulations):

1.Centerfire rifles.

2. Break-action and Bolt-Action handguns.

3.Scoped handguns.

4.Shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel.

f. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs except as otherwise specified.

g. Discharging of firearms on or across, or hunting from designated roads, ATV/UTV trails, nature trails, hiking trails, and their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearms and primitive firearms deer seasons.

#### 5. Methods of Taking Game

- a. Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drives and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.
- b. On WMAs the daily limit shall be one antlered deer and one antlerless deer (when legal) per day, not to exceed three antlered deer or four antlerless deer per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.
- c. Baiting, hunting over bait, or possession of bait is prohibited on all WMAs, EXCEPT bait may be kept in a vehicle traversing a WMA road or parked on a WMA road. Bait is defined as any substance used to attract game via ingestion.
- d. During mandatory deer check hunts, deer may not be skinned nor have any external body parts removed including but not limited to feet, legs, tail, head or ears before being checked out.
- e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only.
- f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal poles, wire, mesh, webbing or other materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation and not held together by nails or other metallic fasteners may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. Natural vegetation (including any material used as corner posts) is defined as natural branches that are 2 inches or less in diameter. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily. Permanent tree stands are any stands that use nails, screws, spikes, etc., to attach to trees and are strictly prohibited. Deer stands may not be left on WMAs unless the stands are removed from trees, placed flat on the ground, and left in a non-hunting position (a non-hunting position is one in which a hunter could not hunt from the stand in its present position). Also, all stands left must be legibly tagged with the user's name, address, phone number and LDWF i.d. number. No stand may be left on any WMA prior to the day before deer season opens on that WMA and all stands must be removed from the WMA within one day after the close of deer hunting on that WMA. Free standing blinds must be disassembled when not in use. Stands left will not reserve hunting sites for the owner or user. All portable stands, blinds, tripods, etc., found unattended in a hunting position, not placed flat on the ground, or untagged will be confiscated and disposed of by the LDWF. LDWF is not responsible for unattended stands left on an area.
- g. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer and Waterfowl Hunting Areas: special deer and waterfowl hunting areas, blinds and stands identified with LDWF logos, have been established for physically challenged hunter permit (PCHP) wheelchair confined hunters on WMAs. Hunters must obtain a PCHP permit and are required to make reservations to use blinds and stands. PCHP wheelchair hunting areas are available on Alexander State Forest, Big Colewa Bayou, Buckhorn, Clear Creek, Elbow Slough, Floy McElroy, Jackson-Bienville, Ouachita, Sandy Hollow, and Sherburne WMAs. Check WMA hunting schedules or call the LDWF field offices in Pineville, Lake Charles, Opelousas, Minden, Monroe or Hammond for information.
- h. Hunting from utility poles and structures, and oil and gas exploration facilities or platforms is prohibited.
- i. It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.
- j. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are prohibited.
- k. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the LDWF and disposed of by the LDWF. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.
- l. Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAs.
- m. Horses and mules may be ridden on WMAs except where prohibited and except during gun seasons for deer and turkey. Riding is restricted to designated roads and trails depicted on WMA map, self-clearing permit is required. Organized trail rides

prohibited except allowed by permit only on Camp Beauregard. Hunting and trapping from horses and mules is prohibited except for quail hunting or as otherwise specified. Horse-drawn conveyances are prohibited.

n. All hunters (including archers and small game hunters) except waterfowl hunters and mourning dove hunters on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" and wear a "hunter orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Quail and woodcock hunters and hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit, squirrel and feral hogs are required to wear a minimum of a "hunter orange" cap. All other hunters and archers (while on the ground) except waterfowl hunters also must wear a minimum of a "hunter orange" cap during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel and feral hogs. Also all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "hunter orange". Hunters participating in special shotgun season for feral hogs on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador WMAs must display 400 square inches of hunter orange and wear a "hunter orange" cap.

o. Deer hunters hunting from concealed ground blinds must display a minimum of 400 square inches of "hunter orange" above or around their blinds which is visible from 360 degrees.

p. Archery Season for Deer. The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open for either-sex deer except as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta and closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or physically challenged hunts are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

q. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season except when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

r. Primitive Firearms Season for Deer. Either-sex unless otherwise specified. See WMA deer schedule. Except youths 17 or younger may use any legal weapon during the primitive firearm season.

## 6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is allowed only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed 16 consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. At the end of the 16-day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities. Camping is available on a first-come, first-serve basis unless otherwise specified.

b. Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs except on stream banks adjacent to LDWF-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA houseboats may be moored by permit only in designated areas during hunting season. Permits are available by lottery annually or by five year lease through a bid program.

c. Discharge of human waste onto lands or waters of any WMA is strictly prohibited by state and federal law. In the event public restroom facilities are not available at a WMA, the following is required. Anyone camping on a WMA in a camper, trailer, or other unit (other than a houseboat or tent) shall have and shall utilize an operational disposal system attached to the unit. Tent campers shall have and shall utilize portable waste disposal units and shall remove all human waste from the WMA upon leaving. Houseboats moored on a WMA shall have a permit or letter of certification from the Health Unit (Department of Health and Hospitals) of the parish within which the WMA occurs verifying that it has an approved sewerage disposal system on board. Further, that system shall be utilized by occupants of the houseboats when on the WMA.

d. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

e. Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area unless otherwise specified.

f. Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.



- g. Trash must be contained at all times while camping.
- h. Burning of trash is prohibited.
- i. Glass containers prohibited on campgrounds.
- j. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.
- k. Swimming is prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

#### 7. Restricted Areas

- a. For your safety, all oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.
- b. No unauthorized entry or unauthorized hunting in restricted areas, refuges, or limited use areas unless otherwise specified.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, except for bird hunting and duck hunting, is experimental as required by law. Having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited except for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting, hog hunting and bird dog training when allowed; see individual WMA season listings for WMAs that allow dogs. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are allowed for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons. A leashed dog may be used to trail and retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer during legal hunting hours. Any dog used to trail or retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer shall have on a collar with owner's name, address and phone number. In addition, a dog may be used to trail and retrieve unrecovered deer after legal hunting hours; however, no person accompanying a dog after legal hunting hours may carry a firearm of any sort.

#### 9. Vehicles

a. An all-terrain vehicle is an off-road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight-750 pounds, length-85", and width-48". ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 26 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 12 psi. as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer. Use of all other ATVs or ATV tires are prohibited on a WMA.

b. *Utility Type Vehicle (UTV, also Utility Terrain Vehicle)*—any recreational motor vehicle other than an ATV, not legal for highway use, designed for and capable of travel over designated unpaved roads, traveling on four or more low-pressure tires, with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight-1900 pounds, length-128" and width-68". UTV tires are restricted to those no larger than 26 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 12 psi. UTV's are commonly referred to as side by sides and may include golf carts.

c. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination radius of 17 inches or more measured from the center of the hub and horizontal to ground are prohibited.

d. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within WMAs due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

e. Tractor or implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles.

f. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft, "mud crawling vessels" (commonly referred to as crawfish combines which use paddle wheels for locomotion) and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and refuges, EXCEPT type A personal water craft, model year 2003 and beyond, which are eight feet in length and greater, may be operated within WMAs from April 1 until the Monday of Labor Day weekend, from sunrise to sunset only, and EXCEPT personal water craft allowed on designated portions of

Alexander State Forest WMA year-round. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. No person shall operate such water craft at a speed greater than slow/no wake within 100 feet of an anchored or moored vessel, shoreline, dock, pier, persons engaged in angling or any other manually powered vessel.

g. Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

h. Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

i. Licensed motorized vehicles (LMVs) legal for highway use, including motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads as indicated on WMA maps. UTVs are restricted to marked UTV trails only, except that those UTVs in which the manufacturer's specifications do not exceed the weight, length, width, and tire restrictions for ATVs are allowed on ATV trails. ATVs are restricted to marked ATV trails only when WMA roads are closed to LMVs, ATVs and UTVs may then use those roads when allowed. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

NOTE: Only ATV and UTV trails marked with signs and/or paint, and depicted on WMA maps are open for use.

j. Use of special ATV trails for physically challenged persons is restricted to ATV physically challenged permittees. Physically challenged ATV permittees are restricted to physically challenged ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps or as marked by sign and/or paint. Persons 60 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also allowed to use special physically challenged trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Physically challenged persons under the age of 60 must apply for and obtain a physically challenged hunter program permit from the LDWF.

k. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to physically challenged-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Entrances to ATV trails that are open all year long will be marked with purple paint. The end of all ATV trails will be marked by red paint. WMA maps serve only as a general guide to the route of most ATV trails, therefore all signage and paint marking as previously described will be used to determine compliance. Deviation from this will constitute a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

l. Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition, construction or wet weather.

m. ATVs, and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs except on designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 4 a.m., except raccoon hunters may use ATVs during nighttime raccoon take seasons only. ATVs are prohibited from March 1 through August 31 except squirrel hunters are allowed to use ATV trails during the spring squirrel season on the WMA and except certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purposes and some ATV trails will be open all year long on certain WMAs.

n. Caution. Many LDWF-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads, unless specific signage otherwise allows or restricts.

o. Hunters are allowed to retrieve their own downed deer and hogs with the aid of an ATV except on Thistlethwaite, Sherburne, Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes, Salvador, Timken, Lake Bouef, and Biloxi WMAs under the following conditions:

i. no firearms or archery equipment is in possession of the retrieval party or on the ATV;

ii. the retrieval party may consist of no more than one ATV and one helper;

iii. ATVs may not be used to locate or search for wounded game or for any other purpose than retrieval of deer and hogs once they have been legally harvested and located;

iv. UTV's may not be used to retrieve downed deer or hogs.

## 10. Commercial Activities

a. **Hunting Guides/Outfitters.** No person or group may act as a hunting guide, outfitter or in any other capacity for which they are paid or promised to be paid directly or indirectly by any other individual or individuals for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on any WMA, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging or club memberships.

b. Except for licensed activities otherwise allowed by law, commercial activities are prohibited without a permit issued by the secretary of the LDWF.

c. **Commercial Fishing.** Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Gill nets or trammel nets and the take or possession of grass carp are prohibited on Spring Bayou WMA. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited except experimental bait seines allowed on Dewey Wills WMA north of LA 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Richard K. Yancey WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs except commercial fishing on Pointe-aux-Chenes is allowed in Cut Off Canal and Wonder Lake. No commercial fishing activity shall impede navigation and no unattended vessels or barges will be allowed. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges for the period the license is issued and one year thereafter. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

11. **WMAs Basic Season Structure.** For season dates, bag limits, shooting hours, special seasons and other information consult the annual regulations pamphlet for specific details.

12. **Resident Small Game** (squirrel, rabbit, quail, mourning dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons on certain WMAs (see WMA schedule) and except non-toxic shot must be used for rail, snipe, and gallinule. Consult regulations pamphlet. Unless otherwise specified under a specific WMA hunting schedule, the use of dogs for rabbit and squirrel hunting is prohibited. Spring squirrel season with or without dogs: first Saturday of May for nine days. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific WMAs.

13. **Waterfowl** (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet. Hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited on all WMAs except for Atchafalaya Delta, Attakapas, Biloxi, Lake Boeuf, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes, and Salvador/Timken WMAs. Consult specific WMA regulations for shooting hours on these WMAs.

14. **Archery.** Consult regulations pamphlet.

15. **Hogs.** Feral hogs may be taken during any open hunting season on WMAs by properly licensed and/or permitted hunters using only guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress, except take of hogs is prohibited during nighttime raccoon seasons. Hogs may not be taken with the aid of dogs, except feral hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs during the month of February on Attakapas, Bodcau, Clear Creek, Jackson-Bienville, Little River, Pass a Loutre, Pearl RiverSabine, Sabine Island, West Bay, and that portion of Dewey W. Wills North of the Catahoula Lake Diversion Canal by self-clearing permit. All hogs must be killed immediately and may not be transported live under any conditions, except as allowed by permit from either the Minden, Lake Charles, Monroe, Pineville, Hammond or Opelousas offices. During the February dog season hunters may use centerfire pistols in addition to using guns allowed for season in progress. Additionally, feral hogs may be taken on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador/Timken WMAs from February 16 through March 31 with archery equipment, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber. Additional requirements may be specified under individual WMAs, see regulation pamphlet.

16. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet. During hunting seasons specified on WMAs, except the turkey and spring squirrel seasons, take of outlaw quadrupeds and birds, with or without the use of electronic calls, is allowed by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bows and arrows legal for season in progress on WMA. However, crows, blackbirds, grackles and cowbirds may not be taken before September 1 or after January 1. As described in 50 CFR Part 21, non-toxic shot must be used for the take of crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles under the special depredation order. In addition an annual report has to be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for those that participate in the take of these species.

17. WMAs Hunting Schedule and Regulations

a. Alexander State Forest. From December through February all hunters must check daily with the Office of Forestry for scheduled burning activity. No hunting or other activity will be permitted in burn units the day of the burning. Call (318) 487-5172 or (318) 487-5058 for information on burning schedules. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires except in recreation areas.

b. Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of LDWF. All-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, horses, and mules prohibited except as permitted for authorized WMA trappers. Mudboats or air-cooled propulsion engines powered by more than 36 total horsepower are prohibited on the WMA. Limited access area, no internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations.

c. Bayou Macon. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

d. Big Colewa Bayou. All nighttime activities prohibited.

e. Big Lake. Use of nets, yoyos, and trotlines prohibited on Big and Chain Lakes.

f. Biloxi. ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules are prohibited. Mud boats or air-cooled propulsion vessels can only be powered by straight shaft "long tail" air-cooled mud motors that are 16 total horsepower or less on the WMA. All other types of mud boats or air cooled propulsion vessels (including "surface drive" boats) are prohibited. All ATVs, UTVs, and motorcycles are prohibited.

g. Bodcau-towable watersports not allowed in Ivan Lake. Nets and traps prohibited on Ivan Lake.

h. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the LDWF field office for specific details.

i. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day. Limited access area, no motorized vessels or vehicles allowed from November through January.

j. Elbow Slough. Non-toxic shot (minimum size #6) only for all hunting. All motorized vehicles prohibited.

k. Elm Hall. No ATVs or UTVs allowed.

l. Fort Polk. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. New special regulations apply to ATV users.

m. Grassy Lake. Commercial Fishing: Permitted except on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor at Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas field office. No crawfishing traps or nets may be left overnight. No hunting in restricted area.

n. Joyce. Swamp walk: no loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.

o. Lake Boeuf. Hunting allowed until 12 noon on all game, except deer may be hunted until one-half hour after sunset. All nighttime activities prohibited. All-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, horses, and mules are prohibited.

p. Lake Ramsay. Foot traffic only—all vehicles restricted to parish roads.

q. Manchac. Crabs: no crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

r. Maurepas Swamp. No loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of nature trail. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day. Benchmark Closure: Area Closed to all deer hunting when USGS water level gauge CRMS 5373, available at <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/la/nwis/rt> is at or above 3.0 ft. msl.

s. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial fishing: same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the LDWF Pass-a-Loutre WMA map. All ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules prohibited on this area. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Mudboats or air-cooled propulsion engines powered by more than 36 total horsepower are prohibited on the WMA. Operation of mud boats and air-cooled propulsion engines prohibited after 2:00 pm September through January, except allowed after 2:00 pm in South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, Southeast Pass, Loomis Pass, Dennis Pass, and Cadro Pass. Limited access area, no internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations.

t. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting except waterfowl will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet. No hunting in the vicinity of nature trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open Friday, Saturday and Sunday with a fee. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.

u. Peason Ridge. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users.

v. Pointe-aux-Chenes. Hunting until 12 noon on all game, except for mourning dove hunting and youth lottery deer hunt as specified in regulation pamphlet. Point Farm: gate will be open all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational fishing: shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be allowed. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. All castnet contents shall be contained and bycatch returned to the water immediately. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the WMA and shall be limited to 100 pounds per person per day. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. All boats powered by engines having total horsepower above 25 h.p. are not allowed in the Grand Bayou, Montegut and Pointe-aux-Chenes water management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue, Grand Bayou Blue, St. Louis Canal and Bayou Pointe-aux-Chenes unless authorized by the LDWF. All other motorized vehicles, horses and mules are prohibited unless authorized by the LDWF. Limited access area, no internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations. All ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules prohibited.

w. Pomme de Terre. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday, except closed during duck season. Commercial fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas field office or Spring Bayou headquarters. Sport fishing: same as outside except allowed only after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season. Crawfish: March 15-July 31, recreational only, 100 lbs. per person per day. No crawfishing traps or nets may be left overnight.

x. Richard K. Yancey. Recreational Crawfishing: west of the Mississippi River Levee March 15-July 31. 100 pounds per person per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed.

y. Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. On Wham Brake, all nighttime activity prohibited during open waterfowl seasons. Internal combustion engines and craft limited to 10 h.p. rating or less in the Greentree Reservoirs. Waterfowl refuge: north of LA 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping and ATV/UTV use during duck season including early teal season, except hunting allowed during waterfowl falconry season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, except still hunt only and except deer hunting restricted to archery only.

All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

z. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

aa. Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for waterfowl. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum may be taken for bait. All castnet contents shall be contained and bycatch returned to the water immediately. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the WMA and shall be limited to 100 pounds per person per day. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Use of mudboats powered by internal combustion engines with more than four cylinders is prohibited. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited.

bb. Sandy Hollow. Bird Dog Training: consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited). Bird dog field trials: permit required from Hammond field office. Horseback riding: self-clearing permit required. Organized trail rides prohibited. Riding allowed only on designated roads and trails depicted on WMA map. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer except as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas. Horse-drawn conveyances are prohibited.

cc. Sherburne. Crawfishing: recreational crawfishing only. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per person per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed on farm complexes. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Opelousas field office for specific details. Vehicular traffic prohibited on Atchafalaya River levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and pistol ranges open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education office. No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges.

NOTE: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne WMA will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

dd. Soda Lake. No motorized vehicles allowed. Bicycles allowed. All trapping and hunting prohibited except archery hunting for deer and falconry. Closed to fishing west of Twelve Mile Bayou from October 1-March 31.

ee. Spring Bayou. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday except slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day and except gill or trammel nets or the take or possession of grass carp are prohibited. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas field office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Sport fishing: same as outside except allowed only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Crawfish: recreational only, limit 100 pounds per person per day. No hunting allowed in

headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this campsite. Water skiing allowed only in Old River and Grand Lac.

ff. Sonny J. C. Gilbert. Fishing restricted to rod and reel, and pole fishing only. All other gear prohibited.

gg. Tangipahoa Parish School Board. No horseback riding during gun season for deer or turkey. ATVs/UTVs are not allowed except as otherwise specified.

hh. Thistlethwaite. All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through main gate only.

ii. Tunica Hills. Camping limited to tents only in designated area.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:1279 (July 1999), amended LR 26:1494 (July 2000), LR 27:1049 (July 2001), LR 28:1603 (July 2002), LR 29:1124 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1522 (August 2003), amended LR 30:1495 (July 2004), LR 31:1611 (July 2005), LR 32:1251 (July 2006), LR 33:1382 (July 2007), LR 34:1429 (July 2008), LR 35:1264 (July 2009), LR 36:1566 (July 2010), LR 37:2190 (July 2011), LR 38:1732 (July 2012), LR 39:2292 (August 2013), LR 40:1540 (August 2014), LR 41:963 (May 2015).

### **§113. General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations**

A. General Regulations. Only gobblers (male turkeys) may be taken. Taking of hen (female) turkeys, including bearded hens, is prohibited; still hunting only. Use of dogs, electronic calling devices and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead, #2 non-toxic, or BB steel shot, and approved archery equipment but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited. Shotguns capable of holding more than three shells prohibited. The running of coyote with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys. A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed. Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closures. No person hunting turkeys more than 200 yards from a baited area will be in violation of the turkey baiting regulation.

#### **B. Tags**

1. Prior to hunting turkeys, all turkey hunters, regardless of age or license status, must obtain turkey tags and have them in their possession while turkey hunting. Immediately upon killing a turkey, hunters must attach a carcass tag to the turkey before it is moved from the site of the kill and must document the kill on the turkey harvest report card. The date of kill and parish of kill must be recorded on the carcass tag. The tag must remain attached to the turkey while kept at camp or while it is transported to the domicile of the hunter or to a cold storage facility. Hunters who keep the carcass or meat at a camp must also comply with game possession tag regulations. Within seven days of the kill, the hunter must report the kill. Hunters may report turkeys by calling the validation phone number or using the validation website.

2. Turkey hunters purchasing licenses by phone or internet will be given an authorization number and a LDWF identification number that will serve as their license and tags until the physical license and tags arrive by mail. Turkey hunters who have purchased a license with tags, but have not yet received their physical license and tags, must immediately tag their kill with a possession tag before moving it from the site of the kill. The authorization number and LDWF identification number must be

recorded on the possession tag. Hunters must retain documentation of any turkeys killed and upon receiving their physical tags and harvest report card, validate their kill as required in these regulations. The tags for turkeys killed prior to receiving the physical tags must be removed from the turkey harvest report card and discarded.

3. Tags removed from the turkey harvest report card prior to killing a turkey are no longer valid and if lost will not be replaced. Duplicate tags and turkey harvest report cards are available to replace lost report cards and attached tags. Hunters will be charged a fee for duplicate turkey harvest report cards and tags. Hunters that have killed a turkey prior to losing their remaining tag and harvest report card must remove and discard the duplicate tag to account for the original tag that was used and validated. Hunters must record any previously validated turkey on the duplicate turkey harvest report card.

C. Possession of Live Wild Turkeys. No person shall take live wild turkeys or their eggs from the wild. No person shall possess captive live wild turkeys, (*Meleagris gallopavo silvestris*, *M.g. osceola*, *M.g. intermedia*, *M.g. merriami*, *M.g. mexicana*) or their eggs, regardless of origin, without a valid game breeder license. No penraised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated (released) within the state.

D. Statewide Youth and Physically Challenged Season Regulations. Only youths 17 years of age or younger or hunters possessing a physically challenged hunter permit with wheelchair classification may hunt. Youth must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for youth younger than 16 years of age. Adults accompanying youth may not possess a firearm or bow. Youths may possess only one firearm or bow while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times, except properly licensed youths 16-17 years old and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. Only one gobbler per day may be taken and any gobbler taken by the hunter during this special season counts towards their season bag limit of two.

E. Shooting Hours—one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

F. Turkey Hunting Area Descriptions

1. Area A

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. Beauregard;
- ii. Bienville;
- iii. Claiborne;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

- iv. East Baton Rouge;
- v. East Feliciana;
- vi. Grant;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates;

- vii. Jackson;
- viii. LaSalle;
- ix. Lincoln;
- x. Livingston;
- xi. Natchitoches;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

- xii. Pointe Coupee;



Exception: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal, and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

xiii. Rapides;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

xiv. Sabine;

xv. St. Helena;

xvi. Tangipahoa;

xvii. Union;

xviii. Vernon;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

xix. West Baton Rouge;

xx. West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island);

xxi. Winn.

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen—north of US 190 east of Kinder, west of US 165 south of Kinder;

ii. Avoyelles—that portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River, on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by LA 452 from Brouillette to LA 1, on the south by LA 1, eastward to Hamburg, thence by the west Atchafalaya Basin protection levee southward;

iii. Calcasieu—north of I-10;

iv. Caldwell—west of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line;

v. Catahoula—south and west of the Ouachita River from the Caldwell Parish line southward to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, north and west of LA 8 from Harrisonburg to the LaSalle Parish line, also that portion lying east of LA 15;

vi. Evangeline—north and west of LA 115, north of LA 106 west of LA 115 to US 167, west of US 167 south to LA 10, north of LA 10 west of US 167 to LA 13, west of LA 13 south of LA 10 to Mamou and north of LA 104 west of Mamou;

vii. Franklin—that portion lying east of LA 17 and east of LA 15 from its juncture with LA 17 at Winnsboro;

viii. Iberville—west of the Mississippi River;

Exception: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

ix. Jefferson Davis—north of US 190 from junction with LA 26 to Kinder, west of US 165 and north of I-10 west from junction of US 165;

x. Madison—that portion lying east of US 65 from East Carroll Parish line to US 80 and south of US 80. Also, all lands east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

xi. Morehouse—west of US 165 from the Arkansas line to the junction of LA 140 at Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to US 165 at Bastrop, south of US 165 to junction of LA 3051 (Grabault Road) south of LA 3051 to junction of LA 138, west of LA 138 to junction of LA 134, north of LA 134 to the Ouachita Parish line;

xii. Ouachita—all west of the Ouachita River. That portion east of the Ouachita River lying north of US 80;

xiii. Richland—that portion south of US 80 and east of LA 17;

xiv. St. Landry—that portion bounded on the west by the west Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and on the east by the Atchafalaya River;

Exception: the Indian Bayou area; see federal lands hunting schedule for Indian Bayou area dates.

xv. Upper St. Martin—all within the Atchafalaya Basin;

Exceptions: Sherburne WMA and Indian Bayou area, see WMA Turkey Hunting Schedule for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne WMA boundaries and see federal lands hunting schedule for Indian Bayou dates.

xvi. Tensas—that portion west of US 65 from the Concordia Parish line to its juncture with LA 128, north of LA 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of LA 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry; also all lands east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

## 2. Area B

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. Ascension;
- ii. Bossier;
- iii. DeSoto;
- iv. Red River;
- v. St. Tammany;
- vi. Washington;
- vii. Webster.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

- i. Caddo—all except that portion north of I-20 from the Texas state line to I-220. west of I-220 to LA 1. west of LA 1 to Caddo Lake, south of Caddo Lake to the Texas state line;
- ii. East Carroll—east of US 65 from Arkansas state line to Madison Parish line;
- iii. Iberville—all east of the Mississippi River;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

## 3. Area C

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. Concordia.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

- i. Caldwell—all east of the Ouachita River;
- ii. Catahoula—all of the parish except for that portion located in area A;
- iii. Franklin—west of LA 17 from the Richland Parish line southward to Winnsboro, west of LA 15 southward to the Catahoula Parish line;
- iv. Iberia—east of the west Atchafalaya Basin protection levee;
- v. Richland—west of LA 17 from Franklin Parish line to Ringle Road, south of Ringle Road to Ferguson Road, south of Ferguson Road to Little Road, south of Little Road to Big Creek, east of Big Creek to Franklin Parish line;
- vi. Tensas—east and south of US 65 from Concordia Parish line to LA 128, south of LA 128 to St. Joseph, east and south of LA 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

4. Turkey season dates on wildlife management areas, national wildlife refuges, Kisatchie National Forest and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land located within areas A, B, and C may vary from the season set for the parish in which they are located. Seasons for these lands are specified in LAC 76:XIX.115.

## G. WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations

1. WMAs with youth turkey hunts are closed to all activities except turkey hunting by authorized youth hunt participants, shooting range use, and fishing on the day(s) of the youth hunt.

2. Self-Clearing Permits—all turkey hunts, including lottery hunts, are self-clearing. Hunters must check in daily by obtaining a permit from a self-clearing station prior to hunting. The self-clearing permit must be in the hunter's possession while hunting. Upon completion of each days hunt, the hunter must check out by completing and depositing the hunter report portion of the permit in the check-out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.

3. Lottery Hunts—all or portions of some WMA seasons are designated as lottery hunts and are restricted to hunters selected by pre-application lottery. To apply for these lottery hunts, a hunter must submit a completed official application form to the Baton Rouge office by the deadline printed on the application. A non-refundable fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants for WMA youth hunts must be 17 years of age or younger and at least 8 years old on the day of the hunt. Applicants may submit only one application and may be selected for only one spring WMA turkey lottery hunt annually, except, youths may also apply for the regular WMA turkey lottery. Submitting more than one application per lottery type will result in disqualification. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements. Hunters chosen for WMA lottery hunts may be accompanied by one person. The person accompanying a lottery hunter shall not possess a firearm/bow or take a turkey, and must remain within a distance that allows normal voice contact with the lottery hunter at all times. Youths chosen for special youth only hunts may be assigned a guide on the day of the hunt provided that guides are available. One person may accompany the youth and guide, but may not hunt.

4. WMA Physically Challenged Hunt (wheelchair confined)—open only to hunters with a physically challenged hunter permit with wheelchair classification. During this hunt, ATVs may be used by hunters on all designated ATV trails in accordance with the physically challenged hunter permit. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements.

#### 5. Rules Specific to Certain WMAs

a. Sandy Hollow. No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

b. Sherburne. All turkeys taken must be checked at the WMA headquarters.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2263 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27:2270 (December 2001), LR 28:2375 (November 2002), LR 29:2512 (November 2003), LR 30:2874 (December 2004), LR 31:3167 (December 2005), LR 32:2272 (December 2006), LR 33:2469 (November 2007), LR 35:91 (January 2009), LR 35:2478 (November 2009), LR 36:2581 (November 2010), LR 37:3535 (December 2011), LR 38:2941 (November 2012), LR 40:96 (January 2014), LR 40:1554 (August 2014), LR 41:977 (May 2015).

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

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

B. Turkey season will open on the fourth Saturday in March. The area A turkey season will be 30 consecutive days in length, the area B turkey season will be 23 consecutive days in length, and the area C turkey season will be 16 consecutive days in length. Wildlife management areas, national forests, national wildlife refuges, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land may vary from this framework. Deviation from this framework may occur in those years when the fourth Saturday in March falls the day before Easter.

C. Statewide youth turkey and physically challenged season on private lands shall be the weekend prior to the start of the regular turkey season.

D. Only those wildlife management areas listed herein are open to turkey hunting. All other wildlife management areas are closed.

E. 2017 Turkey Hunting Schedule

Area	Season Dates
A	March 25-April 23
B	March 25-April 16
C	March 25-April 9
Private Lands Youth and Physically Challenged Hunter (Wheelchair Confined) Hunt	March 18-19

F. Wildlife Management Area Turkey Hunting Schedule

WMA	Non-Lottery	
	Hunt Dates	Lottery Hunt Dates
Attakapas	March 25-April 2	None
Bayou Macon	None	April 15-16
Big Lake	March 25-April 9	None
Bodcau	March 25-April 9	None
Boeuf	March 25-April 9	None
Camp Beauregard	March 25-April 2	None
Clear Creek	April 3-23	March 25-26 April 1-3
Dewey Wills	None	March 25-26 April 1-2
Fort Polk-Vernon	March 25-April 23	None
Grassy Lake	March 25-April 2	None
Hutchinson Creek	March 25-April 23	None
Jackson-Bienville	March 25-April 9	None
Lake Ramsey	March 25-April 9	None
Little River	March 25-April 9	None
Pearl River	None	March 25-26
Peason Ridge	March 25-April 23	None
Pomme de Terre	April 19-April 23	None
Richard K. Yancey	March 25-April 9	None
Sabine	None	March 31-April 2 April 14-16
Sandy Hollow	March 25-April 9	None
Sherburne	April 17-19	April 15-16
Sicily Island	None	March 25-26 March 28-30 March 31-April 2 April 3-5 April 6-9
Tangipahoa Parish School Board	March 25-April 23	None

WMA	Non-Lottery	
	Hunt Dates	Lottery Hunt Dates
Tunica Hills		March 25-26 April 1-2
	April 10-16	April 8-9
Walnut Hills	March 25-April 23	None
West Bay		March 25-26 April 1-2
	None	April 8-9

G. Wildlife Management Area Lottery Youth Hunts

WMA/Ranger District	Lottery Youth Hunt Date
Clear Creek	March 18
Fort Polk-Vernon/Peason Ridge	March 18
Grassy Lake	March 18
Pearl River	March 18
Pomme de Terre	April 8-9
Richard K. Yancey	March 18-19
Sherburne	April 8
Sicily Island	March 18
Spring Bayou	April 8-9
Tunica Hills	March 18
West Bay	March 18

H. Non-Lottery WMA Youth Hunts

1. Big Lake will be open March 18-19 (only youths may hunt).
2. Bodcau WMA will be open March 18-19 and April 15-16 (only youths may hunt).
3. Jackson-Bienville WMA will be open March 18-19 and April 15-16 (only youths may hunt).

I. Wildlife Management Area Physically Challenged (Wheelchair Confined) Hunt

1. Jackson-Bienville WMA will be open April 17-23 to holders of valid physically challenged hunter (wheelchair classification) permits.

J. Federal Lands Turkey Hunting Schedule

1. Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) turkey hunting schedule: (youth only) March 18-19 on all Ranger Districts (except Vernon Unit lands within Ft. Polk-Vernon WMA) Caney Ranger District, March 25-April 9; all remaining KNF lands, March 25-April 16 (including Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves, except self-clearing permit required to hunt turkey on Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves).

2. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers turkey hunting schedule: Indian Bayou area, March 18-19 youth and physically challenged lottery only hunt, and lottery hunt only on March 25-26 and April 1-2, and open April 8-9. Old River Control and Lock Areas, March 25-April 9.

3. National wildlife refuges: Bayou Cocodrie NWR, March 18-19(youth only); Bogue Chitto NWR, March 25-April 16, March 18-19 (youth only); Lake Ophelia NWR, March 18 (youth lottery only), March 25-April 9 hunt ends at 12 p.m. each day; Tensas NWR, March 18-19 (youth only), March 25-April 9; Upper Ouachita NWR, March 18 (youth lottery only).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2264 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27:2270 (December 2001), LR 28:2376 (November 2002), LR 29:2512 (November 2003), LR 30:2875 (December 2004), LR 31:3167 (December 2005), LR 32:2272 (December 2006), LR 33:2470 (November 2007), LR 35:90 (January 2009), LR 35:2481 (November 2009), LR 36:2583 (November 2010), LR 37:3541 (December 2011), LR 38:2944 (November 2012), LR 40:99 (January 2014), LR 40:1556 (August 2014), LR 41:980 (May 2015).

**§117. Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations, and Bag Limits**

A. Seasons and bag limits.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Mourning and White Winged Doves and fully-dressed Eurasian and Collared Doves	South Zone: Sept. 3-11 Oct. 8-Nov. 27 Dec. 17-Jan. 15	15 (in aggregate)	45 (in aggregate)
	North Zone: Sept. 3-25 Oct. 8-Nov. 13 Dec. 17-Jan. 15		
Woodcock	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	3	9
Teal (Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon)	Sept. 10-25	6	18
King and Clapper Rails	Sept. 10-25 Nov. 12-Jan. 4	15 (in aggregate)	45 (in aggregate)
Sora and Virginia Rails	Sept. 10-25 Nov. 12-Jan. 4	25 (in aggregate)	75 (in aggregate)
Gallinules	Sep. 10-25 Nov. 12-Jan. 4	15	45
Snipe	Coastal Zone: Nov. 2-Dec. 4 Dec. 17-Feb. 28	8	24
	West Zone: Nov. 2-Dec. 4 Dec. 17-Feb. 28		
	East Zone: Nov. 2-Dec. 4 Dec. 17-Feb. 28		
Ducks, Coots and Mergansers	Coastal Zone: Nov. 5-6 (youth only) Nov. 12-Dec. 4	Daily bag limit on ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 2 canvasback, 1 mottled duck, 1 black duck, 3 wood ducks, 3 scaup, 2 redheads, and 2 pintails.	Three times the daily bag limit.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
	Dec. 17-Jan. 22  West Zone: Nov. 5 (youth only) Nov. 12- Dec. 4 Dec. 17-Jan. 22 Jan. 28 (youth only)  East Zone: Nov. 12 (youth only) Nov. 19-Dec. 4 Dec. 17-Jan. 29 Feb. 4 (youth only)	Daily bag limit on coots is 15.  Daily bag limit on mergansers is 5, only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers. Merganser limits are in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.	
Light Geese (Snow, Blue, and Ross') and White-Fronted Geese	North Zone: Nov. 5-Dec.4 Dec. 17-Feb. 12  South Zone: Nov. 5-Dec. 4 Dec. 17-Feb. 12	Daily bag limit on Light Geese (snow, blue, and ross') is 20.  Daily bag limit on White-Fronted Geese is 2.	No possession limit on Light Geese (snow, blue, and ross')  Possession limit on White-Fronted Geese is 6.
Canada Geese	North Zone: Nov. 5-Dec. 4 Dec. 12-Jan. 31  South Zone: Nov. 5-Dec. 4 Dec. 17-Jan. 31	1	3



B.

Conservation Order for Light Geese Seasons and Bag Limits.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Light Geese (Snow, Blue, and Ross')	North Zone:	No daily bag limit.	No possession limit.
	Dec. 5-16		
	Feb. 13-Mar. 12		
	South Zone:		
	Dec. 5-16		
	Feb. 13-Mar. 12		

C.

Extended Falconry Seasons and Bag Limits.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Mourning and White Winged Doves and fully-dressed Eurasian and Collared Doves	Sept. 15-Oct. 1	Falconry daily bag and possession limit for all permitted migratory game birds must not exceed 3 and 9 birds, respectively, singly or in aggregate, during the extended falconry seasons and regular hunting seasons.	
Woodcock	Nov. 2-Jan. 31		
Rails and Gallinule	Nov. 2-Jan. 31		
Ducks	Nov. 3-Jan. 31		

D.

Dove Hunting Regulations

- Shooting hours one-half hour before sunrise to sunset except on opening day of the first split on Wildlife Management Areas and on fields leased through the LDWF experimental dove field leasing program, where hunting will be from 12:00 noon to sunset, except for Elbow Slough and Point-Aux-Chenes Wildlife Management Areas which will be open one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
- There is no bag limit on Eurasian Collared-doves or Ringed Turtle-doves provided that a fully feathered wing and head remain attached to the carcass of the bird. Fully dressed Eurasian Collared-doves and Ringed Turtle doves (those without a fully feathered wing and dead naturally attached to the carcass) shall be included in the aggregate bag.
- The following boundary divides the dove season zones: Beginning at the Texas-Louisiana order on LA Hwy. 12; thence east along LA Hwy 12 to its intersection with U.S. Hwy 190; thence east along U.S. Hwy 190 to its intersection with I-12; thence east along I-12 to its intersection with I-10; then east along I-10 to the Mississippi state line.

E. Snipe Hunting Regulations. Shooting hours one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except at the Spanish Lake Recreation Area in Iberia Parish where shooting hours, including the Conservation end at 2:00 pm.

F. Conservation Order for Light Geese. Only Snow, Blue, and Ross' geese may be taken under the terms of the Conservation Order. Electronic calls and unplugged shotguns allowed. No daily bag or possession limit. Shooting hours one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.

G. Canada Goose Season Closure. The Canada Goose Season will be open statewide except for a portion of southwest Louisiana described as follows: Beginning at the Texas State Line, proceeding

east along LA Hwy. 82 to the Calcasieu Ship Channel, then north along the Calcasieu Ship Channel to its junction with the Intracoastal Canal, then east along the Intracoastal Canal to its juncture with LA Hwy. 82, then south along LA Hwy. 82 to its juncture with Parish Road 3147, then south and east along Parish Road 3147 to Freshwater Bayou Canal, then south to the Gulf of Mexico, then west along the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico to the Texas State Line, then north to the point of beginning at LA Hwy. 82. Open waters of Lake Arthur and the Mermentau River, from the Hwy 14 bridge southward, will also be closed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2264 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27:2270 (December 2001), LR 28:2376 (November 2002), LR 29:2512 (November 2003), LR 30:2875 (December 2004), LR 31:3167 (December 2005), LR 32:2272 (December 2006), LR 33:2470 (November 2007), LR 35:90 (January 2009), LR 35:2481 (November 2009), LR 36:2583 (November 2010), LR 37:3541 (December 2011), LR 38:2944 (November 2012), LR 40:99 (January 2014), LR 40:1556 (August 2014), LR 41:980 (May 2015).

#### **Family Impact Statement**

In accordance with Act #1183 of 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent. This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

#### **Poverty Impact Statement**

The proposed rulemaking will have no impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

#### **Provider Impact Statement**

This Rule has no known impact on providers as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

#### **Public Comments**

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed Rule until 4:30 p.m., Thursday, April 7, 2016 to Steve Smith, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000, or via email to [ssmith@wlf.la.gov](mailto:ssmith@wlf.la.gov). Comments will be accepted at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from February through April.

The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

## POTPOURRI

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

### Substantive Changes to Proposed Rule Resident Game Hunting Season (LAC 76:XIX.Chapter 1)

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries published a Notice of Intent amending the general and wildlife management area rules and regulations for the 2016-2017 season, the resident game hunting season for the 2016-2018 hunting seasons, the general and wildlife management area rules and regulations for the turkey season, the turkey hunting areas, and seasons, and bag limits for the 2017 turkey season, and the migratory bird seasons, regulations, and bag limits for the 2016-17 hunting season (LAC XIX.101, 103, 111, 113, 115, and 117) in the January 2016 edition of the *Louisiana Register* (LR Vol. 42, No. 01).

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Commission proposed substantive changes to the published Notice of Intent at nine public hearings pursuant to R.S. 49:968(H)(2) at the following locations:

February 4 at 9:30 a.m., LDWF Headquarters, 2000 Quail Dr. Baton Rouge;

February 24 at 6 p.m., Louisiana Ecological Office, 646 Cajundome Boulevard Suite 400,  
Lafayette;

February 25 at 6:30 p.m., LSU Ag Center, 7101 Gulf Highway Lake Charles;

February 26 at 6 p.m., Dry Prong Community Center, 705 Second Street, Dry Prong;

February 27 at 2 p.m., LDWF Monroe Office, 368 CenturyLink Drive, Monroe;

February 27 at 4 p.m., Houma Municipal Auditorium, 880 Verret Street, Houma;

February 29 at 6 p.m., Alexandria Convention Hall, 915 Third Street, Alexandria;

February 29 at 6 p.m., LDWF Minden Office, 9961 Highway 80, Minden;

March 3 at 10:30 a.m., Rapides Parish Government Building 701 Murray Street, Alexandria

After receiving public testimony at the nine public meetings throughout the state and written comments through email, telephone and the US Postal Service, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Commission proposes the following substantive changes for 2016-18 Resident Game Hunting Season (LAC 76:XIX.1.101 and 103), 2016-17 General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations (LAC 76:XIX.1.111), 2017 General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations (LAC 76:XIX.1.113), 2017 Turkey Hunting Areas, Seasons, and Bag Limits (LAC 76:XIX.1.115), and 2016-17 Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations, and Bag Limits (LAC 76:XIX.1.117) Notice of Intent.

2016-17 Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations, and Bag Limits - Changes to Light Geese and White-Fronted Geese season, changing the opening date of the first split from November 12 to November 5, thus adding 7 days to the season.

General and WMA Rules and Regulations - Modification to proposed vessel restrictions for Pass-a-Loutre WMA, which provides an exception for such prohibited craft to be utilized on certain waterways within the WMA.

2016-17 Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations, and Bag Limits - Changes to Canada Geese season, changing the opening date of the first split from November 12 to November 5, thus adding 7 days to the season.

General and WMA Rules and Regulations – Modification to proposed closure of a February feral hog season with dogs on three WMAs (Boeuf WMA, Dewey W. Wills WMA, and Richard K. Yancey WMA), which provides an exception to allow such season on the northern portion of Dewey W. Wills WMA.

#### **Family Impact Statement**

In accordance with Act #1183 of 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Potpourri. This Potpourri will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

#### **Poverty Impact Statement**

The proposed rulemaking will have no impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

#### **Provider Impact Statement**

This Rule has no known impact on providers as described in HCR 170 of 2014

X. Set August 2016 Meeting Date

Commissioner Broussard made a Motion of the date of August 4, 2016

Commissioner Manuel seconded the motion by Commissioner Broussard

Chairman Yakupzack called for a vote and the Motion passed with no opposition

XI. Receive Public Comments

Chairman Yakupzack thanked the public for coming to the meetings and providing comments

XII. Adjournment

MOTION by Commissioner Courville

Commissioner Manuel seconded the motion made by Commissioner Courville

Chairman Yakupzack called for a vote and the Motion passed with no opposition

END