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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, February 7, 2013

Chairman Ronny Graham presiding

Pat Manuel
Stephen Sagrera
Will Drost
Billy Broussard
Ann Taylor

Secretary Barham was also present

Chairman Graham called for a motion for approval of the **January 3, 2013 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Drost and seconded by Commissioner Sagrera. Chairman Graham called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.

For the agenda item, **Commission Special Announcements/Personal Privilege**, Commissioner Graham began by having a moment of silence for Mike Voisin followed by speaking about Mike Voisin and his good work. Secretary Barham also echoed Commissioner Graham's sentiments about Mike Voisin. Secretary Barham recognized Ann Taylor as past chairman and presented her with a plaque for her work during the past year as Chairman of the Commission. Secretary Barham thanked Laura McCoy, Executive Secretary to the Commission for her work and introduced Wendy Brogdon as the new Executive Secretary to the Commission.

Lt. Col. Joey Broussard stated, for the agenda item, **To hear Enforcement & Aviation Reports/January**, the departments planes flew a total of 90 aviation hours for the month. There were 5 boating accidents reported with 1 injury and no fatalities. Three news releases were discussed. First, two Marksville men were cited for illegal hunting activities in LaSalle parish. Second, two men were cited for hunting violations in Concordia parish and the third was three men in Evangeline parish were arrested for possession of stolen property. There were a total of 1322 cases, 323 written warnings issued during January and agents helped with 77 public assists.

Chairman Graham stated that he had a request to move agenda item 7 up. Commission Manuel made a motion to move item 7 up, and Commissioner Sagrera seconded the motion. There being no opposition the motion passed.

Christian Winslow handled the agenda item, **To present recognition to the Tangipahoa Parish School Board for continued free lease of lands comprising the WMA.** Christian Winslow presented a plaque to Tangipahoa Parish Superintendent Mark Kolwe. In 2002, Tangipahoa Parish School Board agreed into a 10 year free lease of 182 acres of land with Wildlife and Fisheries to operate as the Sandy Hollow Wildlife Management Area (WMA). In 2003, the department entered into another agreement for a ten year free lease for 1643 acres of land to operate as part of the Tangipahoa School Board Wildlife and Management Area, and an additional 484 acres was agreed upon as part of the Joyce WMA. In 2012, the leases were combined and renewed between WLF and Tangipahoa Parish School Board for a total of 2309 acres of public land to continue to be operated as part of Wildlife Management Areas.

A plaque of appreciation was presented to Mike Kolwe and the Tangipahoa Parish School Board for their commitment and dedication to the efforts of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the mission of the Wildlife Management Areas. Mike Kolwe thanked Mr. Winslow and the Department.

The next item, **To receive and consider a Notice of Intent for the 2013-2015 Hunting Seasons and 2013-2014 WMA Seasons,** was handled by Mr. Steve Smith, the new WMA Program Manager. Kenny Ribbeck, Chief of Wildlife Division of Wildlife and Fisheries began with a preamble prior to Steve Smith giving the presentation with specifics. There are a lot of changes that are only moving wording within the documents to put them in their proper place which will not be covered in the presentation. These are not substantial changes that will affect the season or rules which is why they are not in the presentation. The presentation is lengthy and will be addressing changes that affect the actual rules and seasons that require approval. Scott Durham will step in during the presentation to discuss the changes in Deer Seasons.

Steve Smith began with a presentation on the Hunting Schedule which will be the recommended hunting changes of the hunting changes and deer season.

Proposed changes are as follows: New Area 4 – Florida parishes, East Feliciana and eastern West Feliciana and maintains Area 1 season framework with either sex days included and specified which days will be either sex. Next, Changes to Area 7 – will maintain same season framework with either sex days specified within that schedule. Next, Deletion of the Area 6 exception within the Morganza Spillway; this area will fall into the newly proposed areas that will be discussed today. This is an exception on Area 6, found further down in the document. This exception was created in the impacted area after the Morganza Spillway was opened. This area will fall in the boundaries of the new areas to be proposed therefore there does not need to be an exception. Next, proposing a New Area 9 – will maintain Area 6 season framework with either sex days specified. Next, proposing a New Area 10 – will maintain Area 3 season framework with either sex days specified. Area 5 will add two weeks of bucks only to the season and also, add two days of either sex to the season. That is all of the proposed changes on the schedule.

(This Item was continued later in the Agenda by Scott Durham)

The next item, **To receive and consider a Notice of Intent on General/WMA Hunting Rules and Regulations** - Mr. Smith began by stating he would address the proposed Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) hunting schedules and address specific changes to each area. He stated general changes across the schedule involving ownership changes and updating acreage will not be covered individually. Standardizing crawfish limits to one hundred pounds per person per day at all WMAs. Proposing experimental hog trapping seasons May-August; by permit only from field offices for Boeuf, Manchac, Thistlewaite, Clear Creek, Jackson-Bienville, Pearl River, Red River Sherburne, Three Rivers and Westbay WMAs.

Mr. Smith began with: **Alexander State Forest WMA**

- Prohibiting hunters from attaching stands to Red Cockaded Woodpecker cavity trees; Cavity trees are marked with painted, double white bands;
- Beagles will be allowed for rabbits and squirrel dog hunting from January 01 to the last day of February

Atchafalaya Delta WMA

- Moving youth lottery hunt up one weekend to prevent conflicts with another hunt that is scheduled for the area (2nd Saturday of October for two (2) days and 3rd Saturday of October for two (2) days on Big Island only)

Attakapas WMA

Moving Firearms Bucks Only: 4th Saturday of December for nine (9) days (in line with the rut in that area)

Bayou Macon WMA

- Firearms: Saturday prior to Thanksgiving for two (2) days
- Raccoon: September 1st for sixteen (16) days and first (1st) Saturday of January to the last day of February

Ben's Creek WMA is removed from the WMA System

Big Colewa Bayou WMA

- Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting January 1st to last day of February

Big Lake WMA

- Firearms Bucks Only: Second (2nd) Saturday of December for fourteen (14) days

Bodcau WMA

- For safety reasons, field staff recommended closure of the first two (2) days modern firearms deer season due to influx of deer hunters and small game hunters at the same time

Buckhorn WMA

- Firearms Bucks Only: Second (2nd) Saturday of December for fourteen (14) days
- Experimental Quality Deer Season: Third (3rd) Saturday of January for seven (7) days

Camp Beauregard WMA

- Area Closed to all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters and Permitted Disabled Veterans Hunters Saturday and Sunday preceding Veterans Day
- Youth Deer Hunt: Saturday and Sunday preceding Veterans Day, either sex on designated portion of WMA
- Disabled Veterans Deer Hunt: Saturday and Sunday preceding Veterans Day, by lottery only, either sex on designated portion of the WMA. Minden office for details and application.

Elbow Slough WMA

- Mourning Dove: Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays only during September and October of the outside season, Except by lottery only opening weekend of first (1st) split. Applications will be available at Minden office and online.

Floy Ward McElroy WMA

- Youth Lottery: Second Saturday of October for two (2) days and the following third Saturday for two days, either sex
- Physically challenged wheelchair confined lottery: First (1st) Saturday of November for two days
- Youth Lottery Squirrel Hunt: First (1st) Saturday of October for two days

Fort Polk WMA

- Name Change: Fort Polk-Vernon WMA

Jackson Bienville WMA

- Attaching stands to Red Cockaded Woodpecker cavity trees is prohibited. Cavity trees are marked with painted yellow bands

Joyce WMA

- Deer: Youth: Same as outside
- Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting February first (1st) to the last day of February
- Raccoon (Nighttime): February 1st to the last day of February

Lake Boeuf WMA

- Self Clearing Permit required for all activities

Manchac WMA

- Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting February 1 to the last day of February
- Raccoon (Nighttime): February 1 to the last day of February

Maurepas Swamp WMA:

- Firearms either sex; Friday after Thanksgiving Day for three (3) days, Friday and Saturday Mandatory Deer check and Sunday, Self-Clearing Permit
- Firearms Bucks Only: Third (3rd) Saturday of December for sixteen (16) days
- Primitive Firearms: Saturday after firearms bucks only season ends for nine (9) days, either sex

Ouachita WMA:

- Waterfowl Refuge: North of LA Hwy 15 closed to all hunting, fishing, trapping and ATV use during duck season including early teal season, Except hunting allowed during Falconry Waterfowl Season
- Youth: Second (2nd) Saturday of October for two (2) days, either sex
- Raccoon (Nighttime) First (1st) Saturday of September for sixteen (16) days

Pass-A-Loutre WMA

- Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside. Beagles prohibited October through last day of Waterfowl Season
- Camping allowed only in designated areas

Pearl River WMA

- Rifle Range: Self Clearing Permit not required but all range users must obtain a daily check in validation slip at the range upon sign-in at the range
- Crawfish: Limited to One Hundred (100) pounds per person per day
- Firearms Either Sex: Friday after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Self-Clearing Permit
- Firearms Bucks Only: Sunday after Thanksgiving, First (1st) Saturday of December for sixteen (16) days
- Primitive Firearms: Two (2) Saturdays prior to Thanksgiving for Seven (7) days and day after firearms bucks only season closes for fourteen (14) days, either-sex

Peason Ridge WMA

Remove: *Area Closed: To all hunters during the fall turkey lottery season, except those selected as a result of the pre-application Fall Lottery Turkey Season, Gobblers only*

Remove: *Fall Lottery Turkey Season: First (1st) Saturday of October or within seven (7) days of the first (1st) Saturday of October for seven (7) days, gobblers only. Restricted to those selected as a result of the pre application lottery. Due to military clearance, dates are subject to change*

Pointe-Aux-Chenes WMA

- Mourning Dove: Opening day hours of the September split will be from 12:00pm (noon) until official sunset (Change of wording)

Russel Sage WMA

- Experimental Quality Deer Season: Day after last day of Firearms Bucks Only Season for seven (7) days
- Raccoon (Nighttime): First (1st) Saturday of September for sixteen (16) days

Salvador/Timken WMA

- Self-Clearing Permit required for deer, feral hog, and all activities permitted during the Experimental Nighttime Activity Season
- Hunting until 12:00pm (noon) only for all game Except Experimental Nighttime Activity Season
- Firearms Either-Sex: Friday before Thanksgiving Day for three (3) days
- Firearms Bucks Only: Monday before Thanksgiving Day for Twenty Eight (28) days
- Primitive Firearms: Day after Firearms Bucks Only for Seven (7) days, Either-Sex

Experimental Nighttime Activity Season: Official Sunset July 15th to Official Sunrise August 15th -Nighttime activities LIMITED to the take of frogs and fishing with a rod and reel. All other nighttime activities prohibited. Daily limit of Fifty (50) Frogs per vessel in aggregate (Bull Frogs / Pig Frogs). If engaged in frogging in or while traversing WMA, all frogs in possession will be deemed to have been taken from WMA. At no time may anyone possess more than one daily limit of frogs while on the water. Size Limit: (Measured from the tip of the muzzle to the posterior end of the body between the hind legs) Bull Frogs harvested must be 5" or larger, Pig Frogs harvested must be 3" or larger. Check out portion of Self-Clearing Permit must include boat registration number under the comments section. Possession of firearms while participating in any Experimental Nighttime activity is prohibited.

Sherburne WMA

- Firearms Either-Sex: Friday after Thanksgiving Day for two (2) days, Mandatory Deer Check and Sunday after Thanksgiving, Self-Clearing Permit and Second (2nd) Friday after Thanksgiving for three (3) days, Mandatory Deer check
- Small Game/Waterfowl: Same as outside Except Closed during Firearms Either Sex Deer
- Disabled Veterans Waterfowl Lottery: Contact Opelousas Office for details and applications

Spring Bayou WMA

- Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside Except small game closed during either-sex firearms hunts for deer. Waterfowl to remain open during either-sex firearms hunts for deer

Thistlethwaite WMA

Remove: *A legal antlered deer shall be defined as deer with at least four (4) points on one side or a deer with unbranched antlers commonly referred to as spikes (no minimum length). 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.*

Ten (10) year Experimental Quality Management Season: Seasons 2013-2014 through 2017-2018 will be structured under the following seasons

- Youth Deer Hunt: Last Saturday of October for two (2) days, either sex
- Firearms Either Sex: Friday after Thanksgiving Day for three (3) days and first (1st) Saturday of December for two days
- Firearms Bucks Only: Monday after last Firearms Either-Sex for seven (7) days
- Primitive Firearms: Monday after close of Firearms Bucks Only for Seven (7) days, either sex

Seasons 2018-2019 through 2023-2024 will be constructed under the following seasons:

- Archery: October 01-15 Bucks Only; October 16-February 15, Either-Sex
- Youth Deer Hunt: Last Saturday of October for two (2) days, Either- Sex
- Firearms Either-Sex: Friday after Thanksgiving Day for three (3) days and first (1st) Saturday of December for two (2) days
- Firearms Bucks Only: Fourth (4th) Saturday of December for sixteen (16) days; Primitive Firearms: Second (2nd) Saturday of November for two (2) days and Monday after close of Firearms Bucks Only for seven (7) days

Union WMA

- Firearms Either-Sex: Last Saturday of October for nine (9) days and all following Saturdays and Sundays prior to Thanksgiving
- Firearms Either-Sex: Last Saturday of October for nine (9) days and all following Saturdays and Sundays prior to Thanksgiving

USACE Indian Bayou Area

- Deer Youth Lottery: November 23, November 26, December 21, December 23 – Contact Project Office for details
- New Additions to Schedule
USACE Old River Control and Lock Areas
USACE Bonnet Carre Spillway
NPS Barataria Preserve
Camp Avondale Scout Reservation

Kisatchie National Forest

Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries Wildlife Management Area regulations for hunter orange apply

Firearms – Deer Hunting:

- Catahoula (Grant & Rapides Parishes), Winn (Winn, Grant & Natchitoches Parishes), Kisatchie Ranger Districts (Natchitoches Parish), Evangeline Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Rapides Parish) and the Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Vernon Parish, excluding Fort Polk WMA)

Youth, Either-Sex, October 12-13, still hunt only; LDWF Youth Deer Hunt regulations apply except that archery and open season small game hunting is allowed. LDWF regulations for hunter orange apply

Remove: *Deer hunting with dogs on the Catahoula Ranger District shall occur only north of LA. 8, excluding the National Catahoula Wildlife Management Preserve. Deer hunting with dogs on the Evangeline Unit shall occur only in the portion of the unit located south of LA. 121 from near McNutt southwesterly to Spring Creek, east of Spring Creek southeasterly to US 165, except dogs may be used in Palustris Experimental Forest. National Forest lands within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District, described in still hunt only area shall be still hunt only.*

Hunting Dog Usage:

- Hunting with recognized bird-hunting dogs during quail and woodcock seasons, recognized raccoon-hunting dogs during raccoon hunting season and recognized pointer/retriever dogs during migratory bird season is permissible. Only beagles which do not exceed fifteen (15) inches at the front shoulder may be used for rabbit hunting. All dogs must be collared with owner's name and phone number attached. Dogs running at large are prohibited. The owner/handler shall be liable

Self-Clearing Daily Permit is required for deer gun hunts. The Self-Clearing Permits will be available at the main check stations, Kisatchie, Winn and Catahoula District Offices, the Forest Supervisor's Office and on the web

Mr. Smith announced that concludes the WMA Schedule and announced Mr. Scott Durham would speak on the changes to the Deer Seasons and that he (Smith) would finish with General Hunting Rules and Regulations.

(The Full Text of the
Notice of Intent is made a
Part of the Record)

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA HUNTING SCHEDULE

1. ACADIANA CONSERVATION CORRIDOR (LDWF Owned - 2,285 Acres, Opelousas Office):
Self-Clearing Permit required for all activities.

Deer:

Archery only: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15, either-sex.

All other seasons **CLOSED**. No motorized vehicles allowed and no access via I-49 right-of-way.

2. ALEXANDER STATE FOREST (Owner - Office of Forestry-LDAF - 7,875 Acres, LDWF 283 Acres, Minden Office):

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.

Attaching stands to Red Cockaded Woodpecker cavity trees is prohibited. Cavity trees are marked with painted, double white bands.

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Minden or Baton Rouge Offices for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same deer seasons listed below.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Firearms: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, bucks only.

Primitive Firearms: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days; first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days. Mandatory Deer Check.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 2nd Saturday of December for 7 days.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED during primitive firearms season and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Jan. 1st to the last day of Feb.**

Waterfowl: Same as outside. (Certain areas may be closed as posted).

Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires **EXCEPT** in recreational areas.

3. ATCHAFALAYA DELTA (Owner - State of Louisiana - 137,695 Acres, New Iberia Office):

Self-clearing Permit required for deer, feral hog hunting and tent camping. Self-clearing permits available from Main Delta and Wax Delta campgrounds and Cul-de-sac on Big Island.

Limited Access Area: No internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific location.

Big Island: CLOSED to all activities **during the month of October, EXCEPT** LDWF Lottery Deer Hunts.

Deer:

Youth Lottery: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days and 3rd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days on Big Island only, either-sex, daily youth permit required. Call New Iberia office, Coastal and Nongame Resources Division (337) 373-0032 for details.

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31 on Main Delta only (Big Island **CLOSED** during October); no deer hunting on Wax Lake Delta. Either-sex.

Louisiana Women in the Wild Lottery Deer Hunt: 4th Sat. of Oct., either sex. Lottery restricted to participants in Louisiana Women in the Wild hunting basics workshop. Contact LDWF Education Section at (225) 765-2932 for more information.

All harvested deer must be checked in at Atchafalaya Delta Headquarters.

Waterfowl: Same as outside, **EXCEPT** shooting hours shall be one-half hour before sunrise to 2:00 p.m. during opening weekends of teal and duck season and one-half hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of the season, and **EXCEPT** shooting hours are the same as outside for the Youth Hunt weekend.

Small Game Hunting for Rabbit Only: Wax Lake Delta: Oct. 1-31 and Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb. with or without beagles. **Nov. 1-Jan. 31** without beagles only. **Main Delta: Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb.** with or without beagles. **CLOSED October through January.**

Hunters must display 400 square inches of hunter orange and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during special shotgun season for hogs. All harvested hogs must be checked in at the Atchafalaya Delta headquarters.

Camping and houseboat mooring allowed **ONLY** in designated areas. Permit needed for houseboat mooring, call New Iberia Office for information.

Vessels/Vehicles: Mudboats or air-cooled propulsion engines greater than 36 horsepower are prohibited on the WMA.

ATVs, ATCs, motorcycles, horses, and mules prohibited **EXCEPT** as permitted for authorized WMA trappers.

4. ATTAKAPAS (Owner - State of Louisiana - 25,730 Acres, Corps of Engineers - 2,200 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Area CLOSED to all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters when the Youth deer season is open.

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

Deer: Deer hunting will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 18 feet at Butte LaRose.

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, **Oct. 16-Feb. 15**, either sex.

Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days.

Firearms Bucks Only: 4th Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

Primitive Firearms: Mon. after next to last Sun. of Jan. for 7 days, Bucks-only.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT small game hunting CLOSED during either-sex modern firearms seasons CLOSED during youth deer seasons and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and the day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

5. BAYOU MACON (LDWF Owned - 6,919 Acres, Monroe Office):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Firearms: Sat. prior to Thanksgiving for 2 days Mandatory Deer Check, either-sex.

Primitive Firearms: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, either-sex.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 4th Saturday of December for 7 days.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED during firearms season and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 1st Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.

Raccoon: (Nighttime): Sept. 1st for 16 days and 1st Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.

All night activities prohibited **EXCEPT** as otherwise provided.

6. BAYOU PIERRE (LDWF Owned - 2,794 Acres, Minden Office):

Waterfowl Refuge is closed to all hunting, trapping and fishing **EXCEPT** for archery hunting for deer, which is allowed on the entire area. Refuge is marked with "Waterfowl Refuge" signs. Contact Minden Office, for details for lottery hunts listed below at 318-371-3050.

Deer:

Archery only: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex. Archery hunting is allowed in the waterfowl refuge.

Dove: Same as outside.

Waterfowl Lottery Only: (Designated Portion) Lottery Youth Hunt: Same as outside youth waterfowl hunt.

General Lottery Hunt: 2nd weekend of 1st split and 1st and 4th weekends of 2nd split of the West Zone season.

Other Small Game: Same as outside and **Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 1 to last day of Feb.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 1 to last day of Feb.

8. BIG COLEWA BAYOU (LDWF Owned - 899 Acres, Monroe Office):

Self-Clearing Permit not required.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Monroe or Baton Rouge Offices for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. **Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days, either-sex and Mon. after Thanksgiving for 14 days, bucks only.**

Deer:

Archery only: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside and **Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting Jan. 1st to last day of Feb. All nighttime activities prohibited.

9. BIG LAKE (LDWF Owned - 19,231 Acres, Monroe Office):

Area Closed: To all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters when the Youth deer season is open.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex. Youth hunt on designated portion. See WMA map for specific location.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 3rd Saturday of January for 7 days.

Primitive Firearms: Day after firearms bucks only season closes for 14 days.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms seasons and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms seasons.

Raccoon (Nighttime): the day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

10. BILOXI (Owner - Biloxi Marsh Land Corporation - 42,787 Acres, New Iberia Office):

Self-Clearing Permits not required.

Deer:

Archery only: October through January. First 15 days are bucks only.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbits when duck season is closed and **EXCEPT CLOSED** to squirrel hunting during the spring season.

11. BODCAU (Owner - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - 33,766 Acres, Minden Office):

Area Closed (portion): on designated portion. Closed to all **EXCEPT** Youth deer hunters during the Youth Deer Hunt.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth: Sat. after 2nd Fri. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex on designated portion.

Primitive Firearms: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days.

Modern Firearms Either-sex: Sat. after 4th Fri. of Oct. to the Sun. after Thanksgiving Day.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: Last Saturday of December for 7 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during the youth deer hunt on designated portion and entire area 1st 2 days of modern firearms deer season **EXCEPT spring squirrel season will be open the 1st Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Day after firearms deer season ends to the last day of Feb.**

Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

Raccoon: (Nighttime) Day after firearms deer season ends to the last day of Feb.

Bird Dog Training Area: Permit required. Open all year **EXCEPT CLOSED** during WMA Turkey Season. Contact Minden Office for permits and information.

12. BOEUF (LDWF Owned - 50,967 Acres, Monroe Office):

Area Closed: To all south of LA 4 EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters when youth deer season is open. North of LA 4 open to all activities.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 2nd Saturday of January for 7 days.

Primitive Firearms: Day after the close of Firearms Bucks Only for 14 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Fri. and Sat. following Thanksgiving Day and EXCEPT spring squirrel season will be open the 1st Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **1st Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb. Youth**

Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

Internal combustion engines and craft limited to 10 hp rating or less in the Greentree Reservoir.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 1st Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.

13. BUCKHORN (LDWF Owned - 11,264 Acres, Monroe Office):

Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all **EXCEPT** Youth and Physically Challenged Deer hunters.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth and Physically Challenged: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit; and 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

Firearms Bucks Only: 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 2nd 3rd Saturday of January for 7 days.

Primitive Firearms: Day after firearms bucks only season ends for 14 days.

Youth and Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: check map for location. Access restricted. Call Monroe or Baton Rouge Offices for further details.

Youth Lottery: Last consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Oct., 2nd Weekend in November, Fri., Sat. and Sun. following Thanksgiving, 2nd weekend and last consecutive Sat. and Sun. of Dec. and 1st consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Jan. Either-sex. Hunting by pre-application lottery only.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined: Last consecutive Sat. and Sun. In Oct., 2nd weekend in Nov., Fri., Sat. and Sun. following Thanksgiving, 2nd & 3rd weekends of Dec. and 1st consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Jan. Either-sex. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined. PCHP permittees only.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex gun hunts and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **the day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

14. CAMP BEAUREGARD (Louisiana National Guard - 12,500 Acres, Minden Office):

Daily military clearance is required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self-Clearing permit required once per year at Range Central Building, telephone (318) 641-3355, 641-3365 or LDWF, Pineville Office, telephone (318) 487-5885. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. All game harvested must be reported on self-clearing checkout permit. No hunting in Restricted Areas.

Area Closed: To all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters and Permitted Disabled Veterans Hunters Sat. and Sun. preceding Veterans Day.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth Deer Hunt: Sat. and Sun. preceding Veterans Day, either-sex on designated portion of the WMA.

Disabled Veterans Deer Hunt: Sat. and Sun. preceding Veterans Day, by lottery only, either-sex on designated portion of the WMA. Call Minden office for details and application.

Firearms Bucks Only: Dec. 26-Jan. 1.

Primitive Firearms: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, and 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days Mandatory Deer Check. All deer harvested must be brought to Rifle Range Road Weigh Station.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside, **EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT CLOSED to squirrel hunting during the spring season.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Sat. after Jan. 1 to the last day of Feb.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): Last consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Jan. to last day of Feb.

Fishing: Special regulations to be posted at Twin Lakes.

Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Wildlife Field office for specific details.

15. CLEAR CREEK (Owner - Hancock Timber- 53,776 Acres, Lake Charles Office):

Area Closed: To all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters when the Youth Deer Season is open.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Lake Charles or Baton Rouge Offices for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same deer seasons listed below.

Deer:

Archery: 3rd Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex.

Youth Deer Hunt: Next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check and Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days, Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after the last Sat. of Oct. to Thanksgiving Day, and 3rd Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.

Primitive Firearms: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex gun hunts and **EXCEPT spring squirrel season will be open 1st Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **the day after firearms bucks only season closes to the last day of Feb.**

Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after firearms bucks only season closes to the last day of Feb.

16. DEWEY W. WILLS (LDWF Owned - 62,106 Acres, 1,530 Acres LaSalle Parish School Board, Opelousas Office):

Area Closed: to all EXCEPT Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters during the Physically Challenged and Youth Deer Hunt only on that portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Physically Challenged and Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex. Only that portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal shall be open only to Physically Challenged and youth deer hunters. The remainder of the area is open to all.

Youth Lottery: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, 1st Sat. of Jan. for 2 days, 2nd Sat. of Jan. for 2 days, and 3rd Sat. of Jan. for 2 days, either-sex. Contact Opelousas Office (337-948-0255) for details and applications.

Firearms Either-sex: 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check. No hunting allowed in the greentree impoundment or within 100 feet of the greentree levee if duck season is in progress.

Firearms Bucks Only: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days and 4th Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 3rd Saturday of January for 7 days.

Primitive Firearms: Mon. after Firearms Bucks Only for 7 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during **Physically Challenged and Youth Deer Season** north of the Diversion Canal and the entire area **during the either-sex firearm hunt EXCEPT waterfowl hunting will be allowed in the greentree impoundment during the firearm either-sex season and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

Nighttime Chase only: May 1-Sept. 25, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs on designated trails during take season only.

Crawfish: Limited to 100 pounds per person per day.

LARTO TRACTS: All season dates on Larto Tracts (see WMA map) same as outside, **EXCEPT** still hunt only and **EXCEPT** deer hunting restricted to **ARCHERY ONLY.** All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

17. ELBOW SLOUGH (LDWF Owned - 160 acres, Minden Office):

Youth Waterfowl Lottery: Contact the Minden Office for details and applications.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Waterfowl Lottery: Wheelchair confined, PCHP permittees only. Contact Minden Office for details and applications.

Mourning Dove: Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays only **during Sept. and Oct. of the outside season, EXCEPT by lottery only opening weekend of 1st split. Applications available at Minden office and online. Contact Minden office for details.**

Rabbit: Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb. Beagles allowed.

All other seasons closed. Steel shot only for all hunting. All motorized vehicles prohibited.

18. ELM HALL (LDWF Owned - 2,839 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Self-clearing permits required for hunters only.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, **Oct. 16-Feb. 15,** either sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days.

Firearms Bucks Only: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day and the 4th Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

Primitive Firearms: Next to last Sat. in Jan. for 2 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearm seasons for deer, beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after the close of primitive firearms to the end of Feb. and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.

No ATVs allowed.

19. FLOY WARD McELROY (LDWF Owned - 681 acres, Monroe Office):

Access restricted. Contact Monroe Wildlife Field Office at 318-343-4045 for information.

Deer:

Youth Lottery 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, and the following 3 Sat. for 2 days. either-sex. Restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Lottery: 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex. Restricted to wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.

Beyond Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) Lottery Deer Hunt: 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, either-sex. Hunt restricted to those that have successfully completed the Becoming an Outdoors Woman Deer Management Course. Must be Hunter Education certified. Contact LDWF Education Section, 318-343-1241, for more information.

Youth Mourning Dove Hunt: Second weekend of the Mourning Dove Season (Saturday and Sunday only beginning at noon. Gate opens at 11:00 AM).

Youth Lottery Squirrel Hunt: 1st Sat. of Oct. for 2 days. Restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.

20. FORT POLK-VERNON (Owner - U.S. Army and U.S. Forest Service - 105,545 Acres, Lake Charles Office):

Daily military clearance is required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7654, North Fort Polk or the building at Alligator Lake entrance, telephone 1-888-718-3029 or 337-531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. Trappers must also register at Building #7654 and use Self-Clearing system. New special regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued or at http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/fpk_hunt/.

Deer:

Archery: 3rd Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex. Special Archery regulations for Cantonment Area, check locally at Building #7654, either-sex deer legal the entire season. Remainder of WMA restricted to bucks only when bucks only gun season is in progress.

Primitive Firearms: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 7 days, ~~either-sex~~, Self-Clearing Permit required, Special Permit, Building #7654. A selected portion of the area to be open.

Firearms Either-sex: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, and Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Mandatory Deer Check.

Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after last Sat. of Oct. to Thanksgiving Day, 2nd Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and **EXCEPT CLOSED** to squirrel hunting during the spring season. Hunter Orange must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 12 days and Jan. 2 to the last day of Feb.**

Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **beginning of Archery Season to Jan. 1.** Hunters may hunt feral hogs with shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs from **Jan. 2 to the end of Feb.** Hunters must also display 400 square inches of hunter orange and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during special shotgun season for hogs.

Fishing: Special regulations pertaining to fishing are posted at specific lakes.

Experimental Hunting Area: Refer to Fort Polk WMA Hunting Map: Small game and squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Mon. after Thanksgiving Day to last day of Feb. in Mill Creek 2 Alpha (MC2A) and Mill Creek 2 Bravo (MC2B) Mill Creek Unit. This area will be closed to deer and hog hunting during this time.

21. GRASSY LAKE (LDWF Owned - 12,983 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Area Closed: To all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Hunt.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, **Oct. 16-Feb. 15** either-sex.

Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: 4th Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

Primitive Firearms: Mon. after close of Firearms Bucks Only for 7 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper.

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 Spring Bayou Headquarters or Opelousas Wildlife Field Office.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

Crawfishing: March 15-July 31. Recreational only. 100 lbs per person daily.

22. HUTCHINSON CREEK (LDWF owned – 129 acres, Hammond Office):

Deer: Same as outside, Archery Only, Either-sex.

Small Game: Same as outside. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season 1st Sat. of May for 9 days.

Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 1st Sat. of Jan to the last day of Feb.

Raccoon: 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 1st Sat. of Jan to the Last day of Feb.

23. JACKSON-BIENVILLE (Owner - Weyerhaeuser, et. al. - 25,274 Acres, Minden Office):

Area Closed (portion): Closed to all EXCEPT youth and Physically Challenged deer hunters during the Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunt.

Attaching stands to Red Cockaded Woodpecker cavity trees is prohibited. Cavity trees are marked with painted, yellow bands.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either sex.

Youth, Physically Challenged & Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined: Sat. after 2nd Fri. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, for physically challenged and youth hunters only on a portion of Jackson-Bienville WMA. Contact Minden Wildlife Field Office for Physically Challenged Permits and specific map. Self-Clearing permits are also required.

Firearms Either-sex: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day, 1st 2 days Mandatory Deer Check, to the last day of Dec.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 1st Saturday of January for 7 days.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED only during Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunt (a portion only) and whole area during the 1st two days of firearms either-sex season and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after firearms deer season ends to the last day of Feb.

Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after firearms deer season ends to last day of Feb.

24. JOYCE (LDWF Owned –26,299 Acres, Joyce Heirs - 851 Acres, Tangipahoa Parish School Board - 484 Acres, Hammond Office):

Limited Access Area: No internal combustion engines allowed year round. See WMA map for specific location.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

Youth: Same as outside.

Firearms: Same as outside, still hunt only.

All Other Game: Same as outside and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, still hunt only. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb.

Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

25. LAKE BOEUF (LDWF Owned - 802 Acres, New Iberia Office):

Self-Clearing Permit required for all activities. Self-Clearing Permit available at Theriot Canal boat landing off LA Hwy. 308.

Hunting until 12:00 noon for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1- Oct. 15, bucks only; **Oct. 16-Jan. 31,** either-sex.

Waterfowl: Same as outside.

Small Game: Nov. 1 to last day of Feb. Beagles prohibited **November and December and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.**

26. LAKE RAMSEY (LDWF Owned - 796 Acres, Hammond Office):

All vehicles restricted to Parish Roads and designated parking areas.

Deer:

Archery only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Sat. after Jan. 1 to last day of Feb.**

Foot traffic only - All vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

Bird Dog Training Area: Permit required. Open all year **EXCEPT CLOSED** during WMA Turkey Season. Contact Hammond Office (985-543-4777) for permits and information.

27. LITTLE RIVER (LDWF Owned -4,842 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Firearms Bucks Only: Last Sat. of Oct. for 16 days.

Primitive Firearms: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, and 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, either sex.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Mon. after 2nd Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

Nighttime Chase Only: May 1-Sept. 25, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs on designated trails during take seasons only.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT spring squirrel season will be open the 1st Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Mon. after 2nd Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.**

Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

28. LOGGY BAYOU (LDWF Owned - 4,085, State Land Office – 159, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers - 2,138 Acres, Minden Office):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

Primitive Firearms: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 3rd Saturday of December for 7 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT youth hunt only on opening Saturday of first split of dove season (following regulations for Youth Deer Hunt on WMAs), and EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms seasons for deer and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Jan. 1 to the last day of Feb.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 1 to the last day of Feb.

29. MANCHAC (LDWF Owned - 8,328 Acres, Hammond Office):

Limited Access Area: No internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific location.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only; **Oct. 16-Feb. 15** either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT** steel shot required for rails, snipe and gallinules and **Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb.

Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

30. MARSH BAYOU (LDWF Owned – 655 acres, Lake Charles office):

Deer: Same as outside, Archery Only, Either-sex.

Small Game: Same as outside. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season 1st Sat. of May for 9 days.

Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 1st Sat. of Jan to the last day of Feb.

Raccoon: 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 1st Sat. of Jan to the Last day of Feb.

31. MAUREPAS SWAMP (LDWF Owned – ~~403,374~~ 114,520 acres, Hammond Office):

Type A personal watercraft, model year 2003 and beyond, which are 8 feet in length and greater, may be operated in the areas of Maurepas Swamp WMA from April 1 until the Monday of Labor Day Weekend, from sunrise to sunset only. No person shall operate such watercraft 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.

Camping limited to tent camping in designated areas. See WMA map for locations.

Limited Use Area: Small game same as outside except shotgun only. Deer hunting archery only. See WMA map for specific location.

Area Closed: To all hunters EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Season.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only; **Oct. 16-Feb. 15** either sex.

Youth: 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, and Sun. Self-Clearing Permit

Firearms Bucks Only: 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

Primitive Firearms: Saturday after firearms bucks only season ends for 9 days.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED Friday after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days during either-sex firearms hunts and CLOSED during youth deer season and EXCEPT spring squirrel season will be open the 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **day after primitive firearms ends to the last day of Feb.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after primitive firearms ends to last day of Feb.

No loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of Nature Trail.

32. OUACHITA (LDWF Owned - 9,777 Acres, Ouachita Parish School Board - 600 Acres, Monroe Office):

Area Closed: To all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Season.

Waterfowl Refuge: North of LA Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing, trapping and ATV use during duck season including early teal season, **EXCEPT** hunting allowed during Falconry Waterfowl Season.

Youth Waterfowl Lottery: Contact the Monroe Office for details and applications.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Waterfowl Lottery: Wheelchair confined, PCHP permittees only. Contact Monroe Office for details and applications.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: Last Saturday of December for 7 days.

Waterfowl: South of LA Hwy. 15, same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms hunts for deer, **EXCEPT** for the Pintail Alley area.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and **Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **1st Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.** Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck season.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 1st Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 1st Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

Commercial Fishing: CLOSED.

Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. No traps or nets left overnight.

All nighttime activities prohibited **EXCEPT** as otherwise provided.

33. PASS-A-LOUTRE (LDWF Owned - 115,596 Acres, New Iberia Office):

Limited Access Area: No internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific location.

Self-Clearing Permit required for deer, feral hog hunting and camping only. Permits available at Pass-a-Loutre Headquarters, Camp canal and all designated camping areas.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15, bucks only, **Oct. 16-Feb. 15,** either-sex.

Shotgun: bucks only and feral hogs may be taken with shotguns with either slugs or buckshot **from the day after the 1st split of the duck season closes for 7 days.**

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside. Beagles prohibited **October through last day of Waterfowl season.**

Feral Hogs: Hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs **Feb. 16 to March 31.** Hunters must also display 400 square inches of hunter orange and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during special shotgun season for hogs.

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.

Oyster harvesting is prohibited.

Camping allowed **ONLY** in designated areas. See Self-Clearing Permit Stations at headquarters for designated camping areas. **Vessels/Vehicles:** Mudboats or air-cooled propulsion engines greater than 36 horsepower are prohibited on the WMA.

All All Terrain Vehicles and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

34. PEARL RIVER (LDWF Owned - ~~35,618~~ 35,728 Acres, Hammond Office):

Rifle range: Self clearing permit not required but all range users must obtain a daily check-in validation slip at the range upon sign-in at the range. For dates, time or more information call 985-643-3938 or www.honeyisland.org.

Type A personal watercraft, model year 2003 and beyond, which are 8 feet in length and greater, may be operated in the areas of Pearl River WMA from April 1 until the Monday of Labor Day Weekend, from sunrise to sunset only. No person shall operate such watercraft 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.

No loaded firearms or hunting within 100 yards of Boardwalk.

Crawfish: Limited to 100 pounds per person per day.

Area Closed: To all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth Deer Hunt: 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

Primitive Firearms: 2 Sats. prior to Thanksgiving for 7 days and day after firearms bucks only season closes for 14 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 3rd Saturday of January for 7 days.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** the Friday after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and **Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days,**

with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.**

Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT** no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge Area and **EXCEPT CLOSED Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days** north of U.S. Hwy. 90.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

All roads closed 8 p.m. - 4:00 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 hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet. No hunting in the vicinity of the Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs.

35. PEASON RIDGE (Owner - U.S. Army - 33,010 Acres, Lake Charles Office):

Daily military clearance is required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7654, North Fort Polk, telephone no. 1-888-718-3029 or (337) 531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-Sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. Trappers must also register at Building #7654 and use Self-Clearing system. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued. (http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/fpk_hunt/).

Deer:

Archery: 3rd Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex **EXCEPT** restricted to bucks only when bucks only gun season is in progress.

Primitive Firearms: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 7 days. Special Permits available at Building #7654. A selected portion of the area to be open.

Firearms Either-sex: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, and Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Mandatory Deer Check.

Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after last Sat. of Oct. to Thanksgiving Day, 2nd Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and EXCEPT CLOSED to squirrel hunting during the spring season.** Hunter orange must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 12 days and Jan. 2 to last day of Feb.**

Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **beginning of Archery Season to Jan. 1.** Hunters may hunt feral hogs with shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs from **Jan. 2 to the end of Feb.** Hunters must also display 400 square inches of hunter orange and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during special shotgun season for hogs.

36. POINTE-AUX-CHENES (LDWF Owned - 35,267 Acres, New Iberia Office):

All nighttime activities prohibited.

Limited Access Area: No internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific location.

Self-Clearing Permit required for deer and feral hog hunting only. Self-Clearing permits available at Grand Bayou Boat Launch, at Point Farm gate behind Montegut Middle School and at Bason's Boat Landing in Cutoff. Hunting until 12 noon on all game **EXCEPT** for mourning dove and youth lottery deer hunts.

Vessels/Vehicle: All boats powered by engines having total horsepower ratings 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 and 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.

Type A personal watercraft, model year 2003 and beyond, which are 8 feet in length and greater, may be operated in the areas of Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA from April 1 until the Monday of Labor Day Weekend, from sunrise to sunset only. No person shall operate such watercraft 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.

Trapping: Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with the LDWF, Coastal and Nongame Resources Division.

All Pointe-aux-Chenes property **EXCEPT** Point Farm Unit and Restricted Areas:

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

Firearms Bucks Only : Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days and 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 7 days.

Small Game: Same as outside, **EXCEPT CLOSED** during bucks only firearms seasons and **Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles prohibited **October through December.**

Waterfowl: Same as outside. Experimental Lottery Physically Challenged Waterfowl Hunt. Contact New Iberia office, Coastal and Nongame Resources Division for details (337)-373-0032.

POINT FARM UNIT: Point Farm Unit is an approximately 1,000 acre area inside the Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA which is generally bounded on the west by the double gates behind the Montegut Middle School and the WMA boundary, and on the north by the WMA boundary and Point Farm ridge levee, and is bounded on the east and south by the Point Farm ridge levee. The boundary of Point Farm is more accurately marked with signs. Point Farm gate will be open all weekends during the month of February. Parking in designated areas required for mourning dove hunting. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. **EXCEPT** for mourning dove hunting (provided for below) all other hunting activities closed until after the last day of Youth Deer Hunts.

25 mph speed limit on Point Farm Road.

Deer:

Youth Lottery: 1st Sat. of Oct. for 2 days and 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days (afternoons only), either-sex. Daily Youth Hunt Permit required. To apply or for more information call the New Iberia Office, Fur & Refuge Division, 337-373-0032.

Archery: Day after last Youth Lottery Deer Hunt to Oct. 15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Dec. 31, either-sex.

Mourning Dove: Hunting will be permitted each day during the September split and each day of the second and third splits (**AFTER** the last youth deer hunt day). Opening day hours of the September split will be from 12:00 noon until official sunset. Other weekend and all weekday hours will be from ½ hour before sunrise until noon. Gates will be opened on Saturdays during the first and second segments **EXCEPT** during waterfowl season and Youth Deer Hunts. Parking will be allowed in designated areas only. Non-toxic shot only south of the dove field gate.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** until day after last Youth Deer Hunt Day and **Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles prohibited **October and November.** Non-toxic shot only south of the dove field gate.

Waterfowl: **CLOSED.**

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) may be taken for bait. 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 Wildlife Management Area 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 is for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited.

Hunters must display 400 square inches of hunter orange and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during special shotgun season for hogs.

37. POMME DE TERRE (LDWF Owned - 6,434 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Area Closed: To all **EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Hunt.**

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either sex.

Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: 4th Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 3rd Saturday of January for 7 days.

Primitive Firearms: Day after firearms bucks only season ends for 7 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms hunt for deer and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday **EXCEPT** closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing Permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Wildlife 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 daily.

38. RED RIVER (LDWF Owned - 29,964 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers - 11,717 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Deer:

Youth Lottery: 3rd & 4th Sat of Dec. except if the 4th Sat. is Christmas Day, then the hunt will be the 2nd & 3rd Sat. of Dec. and the 1st and 2nd Sat. in Jan except when the 1st Sat. of Jan. is New Year's Day then the hunt will be the 2nd & 3rd Sat. of Jan., either-sex.

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: Last Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 3rd Saturday of January for 7 days.

Primitive Firearms: Day after firearms bucks only season ends for 7 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during the either-sex firearms season and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

Recreational crawfishing allowed on Yakey Farms only **Mar. 15 to July 31**, recreational crawfishing only. Crawfish harvested limited to 100 pounds per ~~vehicle or group~~ person per day. No traps left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed.

39. RUSSELL SAGE (LDWF Owned - 20,874 Acres, Ouachita Parish School Board - 640 Acres, Monroe Office):

AREA CLOSED: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days south of I-20 only to all EXCEPT Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters. North of I-20 open to all other allowable activities.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth and Physically Challenged: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, south of I-20 only.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: Day after last day of Firearms Bucks Only season for 7 days.

Primitive Firearms: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms deer seasons except Wham Brake area and **EXCEPT** spring squirrel season will be open the 1st Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 1st Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck season.

Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 1st Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 1st Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit.

Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited **EXCEPT** as otherwise provided.

Internal combustion engines and craft limited to 10 hp rating or less in the Greentree Reservoirs. (Does not apply to Wham Brake)

Chauvin Tract: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (US 165 North) same as outside, **EXCEPT** still hunt only, **EXCEPT** deer hunting restricted to archery only, and **EXCEPT** small game shotgun only. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

Wham Brake Area – Waterfowl hunting open during either-sex deer season.

40. SABINE (Owner - International Paper Company, Forest Capital Partners LLC, et al - 7,154 Acres, Minden Office):

Area Closed: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all but Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters. Physically Challenged Deer Hunt limited to those chosen by lottery. Contact Minden Office at 318-371-3050 for more details. Application deadline is September 7 of each year.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth and Physically Challenged: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check, Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Self-clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: Last Sat. of Oct. to day before Thanksgiving Day.

Primitive Firearms: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 9 days, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and **Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **1st Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): 1st Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

41. SABINE ISLAND (Owner - State of Louisiana and Calcasieu Parish School Board - 8,335 Acres, Lake Charles Office):

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.

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

Area Closed: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days to all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **day after Area 8 deer season ends to last day of Feb.**

Deer: Same as Area 8 Deer Season **EXCEPT** still hunt only.

Archery: 3rd Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex.

Youth: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days, either-sex.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after Area 8 deer season ends to last day of Feb.

Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **3rd Sat. of Sept. to last day of Feb.** Hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs **Feb. 1 to last day of Feb.**

42. SALVADOR/TIMKEN (LDWF Owned - 30,179 Acres, New Orleans City Park Improvement Association Owned- 2,867 Acres, New Iberia Office):

Limited Access Area: No internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific location.

Self-Clearing Permit Required for deer, feral hog, and all activities permitted during the Experimental Nighttime Activity Season. Permits available at Pier 90, Bayou Gauche and Bayou Segnette landings and at Air Boat Adventures in Lafitte.

Hunting until 12 noon only for all game **EXCEPT** deer, and Experimental Nighttime Activity Season.

Area Closed: During the month of October to all activities **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters and Youth Waterfowl Hunters, if the later is provided for.

Deer:

Archery: Nov. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth: Last 4 Sats. of Oct. for 2 days each EXCEPT when the last Sat. is the 31st in which case the season will be the 1st four Sats. of Oct. for 2 days each, either sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. before Thanksgiving Day for 3 days.
Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. before Thanksgiving Day for 28 days.
Primitive Firearms: Day after Firearms Bucks Only for 7 days.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED October through December.** Hunting with or without beagles **January and February.**

Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT** hunting after 12 noon prohibited.

Hunters must display 400 square inches of hunter orange and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during special shotgun season for hogs.

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. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes. 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 Wildlife Management Area 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.

Experimental Nighttime Activity Season: Official Sunset July 15th to Official Sunrise August 15th.

Nighttime activities LIMITED to the take of frogs and fishing with a rod and reel. All other nighttime activities prohibited. Daily limit of 50 Frogs per vessel in aggregate (Bull Frogs/Pig Frogs). If engaged in frogging on or while traversing WMA, all frogs in possession will be deemed to have been taken from WMA. At no time may anyone possess more than one daily limit of frogs while on the water.

Size Limit: (Measured from the tip of the muzzle to the posterior end of the body between the hind legs) Bull Frogs harvested must be 5" or larger, Pig Frogs harvested must be 3" or larger. Check out portion of Self-Clearing Permit must include boat registration number under the comments section. Possession of firearms while participating in any Experimental Nighttime Activity is prohibited.

All All Terrain Vehicles, motorcycles, horses, and mules prohibited on this area.

43. SANDY HOLLOW (LDWF Owned - 3,512 Acres, Tangipahoa Parish School Board - 181 Acres, Hammond Office):

No hunting with any firearm south of Jackson Road, except school board tract, on days of scheduled field trials. Dates of field trials are listed on the check stations or can be obtained from the Hammond office (985-543-4777).

Area Closed: North tract closed to all hunters 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, except Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters.

Deer:

Youth/Physically Challenged: 1st Sat. of Nov. For 2 days, either-sex, North Tract only.

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, and 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

Primitive Firearms: 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 7 days and the 4th Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days and Youth/Physically Challenged hunt, and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

Mourning Dove: 1st day and 2nd Sat. through end of 1st split. Closed remainder of 1st split. Second and third splits are same as outside EXCEPT Youth Hunt on Northern tract during the opening day of the first segment. Hunt restricted to youths younger than 18 years of age and supervising adult who must be 18 years of age or older. The supervising adult must maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

Bird Dog Training: Mon. after opening day of Mourning Dove Season to the Sun. before opening of Quail Season and Feb. 1 to last day of Feb., EXCEPT restricted to that portion south of LA Hwy. 10 only and **EXCEPT** blank pistols only. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited).

Bird Dog Training Area: Permit required. An area has been designated to allow use of released birds for dog training purposes. Open all year **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer, WMA turkey season and opening weekend of the 1st segment of dove season. Contact the Upland Game Section (225-765-2355) for permit and information.

Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Hammond Office.

Horseback Riding: Self-clearing Permit required. Organized trail rides prohibited. Riding allowed only on designated roads and trails (see 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 prohibited.

44. SHERBURNE (LDWF Owned - 11,760 Acres; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - 15,220 Acres; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - 16,618 Acres, Opelousas Office):

The area known as the South Farm is located on the East Side of Sherburne WMA. No hunting will be allowed **EXCEPT** waterfowl hunting within the levee system of the farm from the Fri. before the 1st lottery youth deer hunt on the South Farm until the close of the day after the last lottery duck hunt on the South Farm. Waterfowl hunting will be allowed by lottery only during the open regular duck hunting season. Hunting will be allowed in the wooded portions east of the waterfowl impoundments. Consult the WMA maps for exact locations.

Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days EXCEPT to Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters and South Farm closed to all hunters EXCEPT youth lottery deer hunters.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Opelousas or Baton Rouge Offices for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same deer seasons as listed below.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Waterfowl Hunting Area: Access restricted. Call Opelousas or Baton Rouge Offices for further details. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, **Oct. 16-Feb. 15** either sex.

Youth and Physically Challenged: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, **ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED.** Self-Clearing Permit.

Youth Lottery: Last Sat. of Oct., and after 3rd Sun. of Dec. and the Mon., Wed., and Fri. of the following 2 weeks EXCEPT no hunt on Christmas Day or Christmas Eve, either-sex. Contact Opelousas Office 337-948-0255 for details and applications.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days Mandatory Deer Check and Sun. after Thanksgiving, Self-Clearing Permit, and 2nd Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days, Mandatory Deer Check.

Firearms Bucks Only: 4th Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

Primitive Firearms: Mon. after close of Firearms Bucks only for 7 days.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during **Firearms Either-Sex Deer and EXCEPT spring squirrel season will be open the 1st Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.**

Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail, & Gallinules: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during **Firearms Either-Sex Deer** (excluding the South Farm Complex) and **EXCEPT** hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited **EXCEPT** no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge. That portion of Sherburne WMA known as the South Farm restricted to Lottery hunts only. South Farm waterfowl hunting limited to one hunt per calendar week per person. All other hunting closed on South Farm complex **from the day after Youth Deer Hunt until the day after the last waterfowl hunt on the South Farm.** Contact the Wildlife Field Office for details and description of "South Farm."

Youth Waterfowl Lottery: Contact Opelousas Office for details and applications.

Disabled Veterans Waterfowl Lottery: Contact Opelousas Office for details and applications.

Quail: CLOSED

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

Crawfishing: March 15-July 31, Recreational crawfishing only. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per person per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized water craft allowed on farm complexes.

Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Wildlife Field office for specific details.

Vehicular traffic prohibited on East Atchafalaya River levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries.

Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office, telephone 225-765-2931. No trespassing in restricted areas behind ranges.

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

Bird Dog Training Area: Permit required. Open to bird dog training all year **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer, WMA turkey season, and opening weekend of 1st and 2nd segments of dove season. Contact the Upland Game Section (225-765-2355) for permit and information.

45. SICILY ISLAND HILLS (LDWF Owned - 7,524 Acres, Monroe Office):

Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: A legal antlered deer shall be defined as deer with at least 4 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. See season dates below.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Mandatory Deer Check Fri. after Thanksgiving.

Firearms Bucks Only: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

Primitive Firearms: Day after close of Firearms Bucks Only for 14 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 2nd Saturday of January for 7 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.

Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Mon. closest to Jan. 15 to last day of Feb.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): 1st Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

46. SODA LAKE (Caddo Levee District - 1,300 Acres, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers - 1,200 Acres, Minden Office):

Bicycles allowed. Vehicle parking allowed only in designated parking area on LA 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou and LA 169 adjacent to levee. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT:

Deer:

Archery Only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Small Game: Portion West of Twelve Mile Bayou same as outside, falconry only and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, Falconry only. Portion east of Twelve Mile Bayou open same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel **Jan. 1 to end of Feb. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.**

47. SPRING BAYOU (LDWF Owned - 12,506 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: A legal antlered deer shall be defined as deer with at least 4 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. See season dates below.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either sex.

Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: 4th Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

Primitive Firearms: Mon. after close of Firearms Bucks only for 7 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 3rd Saturday of January for 7 days.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT small game CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer. Waterfowl to remain open during either-sex firearms hunts for deer. ~~and~~ Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.**

Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

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 Wildlife Field Office. **CLOSED** until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside **EXCEPT** only allowed after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Crawfish: March 15-July 31. Recreational only, 100 lbs. 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 campsite. A fee is assessed for use of this campsite. Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

48. TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD (Owner - Tangipahoa Parish School Board - 1,643 Acres, Hammond Office)

Self-Clearing Permits required for all activities.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

Deer: Same as outside.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.**

No horseback riding during gun season for deer or turkey. ATVs are not allowed except as otherwise specified.

49. THISTLETHWAITE (Owner - Thistlethwaite Heirs - 11,100 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Restricted Area: Small game hunting allowed with shotgun only loaded with shot no larger than BB lead or F steel. Deer hunting allowed by archery only.

Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, EXCEPT to Youth Deer Hunters.

Deer: Mandatory Deer Check for all deer seasons **EXCEPT** archery.

10 year Experimental Quality Management Season:

Seasons 2013-2014 through 2017-2018 will be structured under the following seasons.

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

Youth Deer Hunt: Last. Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days and 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

Firearms Bucks Only: ~~4th Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.~~ Monday after last Firearms Either-Sex for 7 days.

Primitive Firearms: ~~2nd Sat. of Nov. for 2 days and~~ Mon. after close of Firearms Bucks Only for 7 days.

Seasons 2018-2019 through 2023-2024 will be structured under the following seasons.

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

Youth Deer Hunt: Last. Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days and 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

Firearms Bucks Only: 4th Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.-Primitive Firearms: 2nd Sat. of Nov. for 2 days and-Mon. after close of Firearms Bucks Only for 7 days.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, -without dogs.**

All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through Main Gate only.

50. THREE RIVERS (LDWF Owned – ~~26,204~~ 26,205 Acres; Office of State Lands - 835 Acres, U.S. Corps of Engineers - 1,085 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all EXCEPT Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth and Physically Challenged: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: Last Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 3rd Saturday of January for 7 days.

Primitive Firearms: Day after firearms bucks only season ends for 7 days.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms seasons and **Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.**
Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and Day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

51. TUNICA HILLS (LDWF Owned - 5,906 Acres, Hammond Office):

Area Closed: 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days to all **EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters.**

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth Hunt: 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.

Primitive Firearms: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 17 days. Fri. after Thanksgiving Day Mandatory Deer Check, remainder of season Self-Clearing Permit.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during Youth Lottery Deer Hunt and Primitive Firearms Deer Hunt and **Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs, South Tract only.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Feb. 1 to last day of Feb. on South Tract only.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Feb. 1 to last day of Feb. on South Tract only.

Camping limited to tents only in designated areas.

52. UNION (Owner - Plum Creek Timber Co. - 11,193 Acres, Minden Office):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Last Sat. of Oct. for 9 days and all following Sats. and Suns. prior to Thanksgiving, Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, and 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days. Mandatory Deer Check for 1st 2 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 4th Saturday of December for 7 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms seasons for deer and **Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **day after Firearms Deer Season ends to last day of Feb.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after Firearms Deer Season ends to last day of Feb.

All nighttime activities prohibited **EXCEPT** as otherwise provided.

53. WALNUT HILLS (LDWF owned – 585 595 acres, Lake Charles Office):

Deer: Same as outside, **Archery Only, Either-sex.**

Small Game: Same as outside. **Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season 1st Sat. of May for 9 days.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 1st Sat. of Jan to the last day of Feb.

Raccoon: 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 1st Sat. of Jan to the Last day of Feb.

54. WEST BAY (Owners - Hancock Timber, Roy O. Martin, and Forest Investment - 59,064 Acres, Lake Charles Office):

Area Closed: Next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all **EXCEPT Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters.**

Limited USE Area: Small game same as outside **EXCEPT** shotgun only. Deer hunting - Archery only. See WMA map for specific location.

Deer:

Archery: 3rd Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex.

Youth & Physically Challenged: Next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, for physically challenged and youth hunters only.

Firearms Either-sex: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days Mandatory Deer Check and Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Self-Clearing.

Firearms Bucks Only: Day after firearms either-sex season in Oct. to Thanksgiving Day, and 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

Primitive Firearms: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms hunts and **Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **day after firearms bucks only season closes to last day of Feb.**

Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after firearms bucks only season closes to last day of Feb.

U.S. CORPS OF ENGINEERS INDIAN BAYOU AREA

(28,500 Acres within St. Landry and St. Martin Parishes):

Additional Permit required and posted restrictions apply for all persons regardless of age. Permits must be signed prior to hunting any game and must be carried at all times while in the field. To obtain a permit, see bulletin boards on-site, visit the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System Project Office, 112 Speck Lane, Port Barre, LA 70577, phone (337) 585-0853 or visit the project website <https://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/recreation/> (then click on Atchafalaya Basin).

All hunting shall be still hunting only, **EXCEPT** as otherwise specified.

Deer:

Daily Limit on deer is one per day. Antler Deer Point Restriction: A legal buck shall be defined as a deer with at least 4 points on one side or a deer with unbranched antlers commonly referred to as spikes (no minimum length). 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.

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, **Oct. 16-Feb. 15** either-sex.

Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunt: Oct. 26-27 and Nov. 9-10, either-sex, no antler restrictions, Mandatory Deer Check. All other seasons **CLOSED**.

Firearms Either-sex: Nov. 29-Dec.1, Dec. 7-8. Mandatory Deer Check. **Either-sex Primitive Firearms:** Dec. 13-15.

Firearms Bucks Only: Jan, **Jan. 4-19**, Mandatory Deer Check.

Deer Youth Lottery: Nov. 23, Nov. 26, Dec. 21, Dec. 23. Contact Project Office for details.

Small Game, Migratory Game Birds & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 26-27, Nov. 9-10, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, and Dec. 7-8 (EXCEPT** waterfowl season will remain open during all deer gun hunts). Hunting waterfowl after 2:00 p.m. prohibited. Squirrel and rabbit hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 20 -Feb. 28 . Youth squirrel hunt Sept. 28-29 .** No spring squirrel season.

Quail: CLOSED.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Sept. 7-29, Jan.-Feb. 28. Special use permit required.

Hogs, Coyote, Beaver and Nutria: May be taken incidental to any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt. Consult U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' "Hunting Guide to Indian Bayou" brochure for additional posted restrictions.

U.S. CORPS OF ENGINEERS OLD RIVER CONTROL & LOCK AREAS

(2,699 acres within Pointe Coupee, West Feliciana, and Concordia Parishes, owned by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers):

Additional permit not required; however, posted restrictions apply. For more information, see bulletin boards on-site, visit the project website at www.mvn.usace.army.mil/recreation/ (then click on Old River Control), or contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Old River Control Natural Resources Specialist at (225) 492-2169 for more information.

All hunting shall be still-hunting only, **EXCEPT** as otherwise specified.

Deer:

Archery, Primitive Firearms, and Shotgun only.

Archery: Oct. 1 – 15, bucks only, **Oct 16-Jan. 31**, either-sex, **EXCEPT** as otherwise specified.

Shotgun: Nov. 29,30, Dec. 1, either-sex, **Dec. 21-29**, bucks only.

Youth (17 yrs and under): Oct. 26-27, either sex. **Primitive Firearms: Dec. 30-Jan. 5**, either-sex

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside, hunting waterfowl after 2 p.m. is prohibited.

Squirrel : Same as outside, **EXCEPT** hunting with dogs allowed **Dec. 7-20** and **Jan. 6 –Feb. 28.**

Rabbit: Same as outside, **EXCEPT** hunting with dogs allowed **Dec. 7-20** and **Jan. 6 –Feb. 28.**

Night time Raccoon hunting with dogs **Dec. 7-20** and **Jan. 6- Feb. 28.**

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1 –Feb.28.**

U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

BONNET CARRE SPILLWAY

(7,623 acres within St. Charles Parish, owned by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers):

Additional permit required and posted restrictions apply for all persons regardless of age. Permits must be signed prior to hunting any game and must be carried at all times while in the field. For permits or more information, see bulletin boards on-site, visit the project website at www.mvn.usace.army.mil/recreation/ (then click on Bonnet Carré Spillway), or contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bonnet Carré Spillway Project Office at (985) 764-7484 for more information.

All hunting shall be **still-hunting only**, EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

Deer*: Archery and Shotgun (buckshot) only.

Archery: Oct. 1 - Oct 15 bucks only; Oct 16 – Feb. 15, either sex

Shotgun: Nov. 29 - Dec. 1, either-sex; Dec. 21 - Jan. 5, bucks only

Youth: Oct. 26 - 27, either sex. Additional permit required from Spillway office.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

BARATARIA PRESERVE

(2500 Acres within Jefferson Parish owned by National Park Service)

Additional permit and regulations apply. Contact Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve at 504-689-3690 for additional information.

Hunting permits issued Sept. 7- Oct. 1, 2013.

Hunting will be closed December 24, 2013-January 1, 2014.

All Barataria Preserve hunting ends on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014.

All stands must be removed by Sunday, Jan. 26, 2014.

Deer:

Archery, either-sex: Oct. 1-Dec. 23, Jan. 2- Jan. 19.

Shotgun, either-sex: Nov. 16- Dec. 23., Jan. 2- Jan. 19.

Hogs: Oct. 1- Dec. 23, Jan. 2- Jan. 19.

Small Game: (squirrel, nutria, rabbit). Oct. 1- Dec. 23, Jan. 2- Jan. 20.

Migratory Game Birds & Waterfowl: Same as outside.

Kisatchie National Forest (KNF)

All Seasons for KNF are for 2013-2014 only.

Vehicles:

- Motorized travel off designated roads and trails and outside designated areas is prohibited on the entire KNF. Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) showing designated roads and trails and associated vehicles and travel seasons are available in all Forest Service offices and on the Kisatchie website (www.fs.usda.gov/kisatchie).
- ATV/UTV (50" maximum width): operation is prohibited on public roads and road rights-of-ways. Use is allowed on Forest roads designated as open seasonally to ATV/UTV use. Use is prohibited in some campsites and recreation areas; see bulletin boards for additional information. (also see MVUM)
- Nighttime ATV/UTV travel is prohibited. ATV/UTV travel is allowed between one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset.
- Game retrieval with an ATV/UTV is only allowed within designated 300-foot corridors within the National Wildlife Management Preserves (see MVUM).
- Camping corridors for highway legal vehicles to drive within 100 feet of the road and camp are designated on the Caney District and in the National Red Dirt Wildlife Management Preserve.

Hunter Orange:

- LDWF WMA regulations for hunter orange apply.

General: Hunting or discharging a firearm in or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area, across/on a NFSR (National Forest System Road) legally open to motorized use, across a body of water where any person/property is exposed to injury/damage as a result of such discharge, is prohibited.

Deer Hunting General:

- Bag Limit = 1 deer of the appropriate sex per day up to the statewide seasonal limit
- All deer hunting is still-hunting only.
- All deer must be tagged as required by LDWF regulations.
- Hunting stand, blind, tripod, baiting, spot-lighting, etc. regulations applicable to LDWF WMAs are in effect on KNF (refer to "Methods of Taking Game" section of the 2013-2014 LDWF WMA Regulations).
- The training of deer dogs is prohibited year-round.

Archery – Deer Hunting:

- General: either-sex deer may be taken at any time by archers during the archery season EXCEPT when bucks-only firearms seasons are in progress on KNF (archers must hunt only bucks during bucks-only firearm seasons)
- Archers must adhere to the full hunter orange requirements during any firearm season for deer.
- Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Vernon Parish, excluding Fort Polk WMA): Sept. 14 - Jan. 15.
- Catahoula (Grant & Rapides parishes), Winn (Winn, Grant & Natchitoches parishes), Kisatchie Ranger Districts (Natchitoches Parish), Evangeline Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Rapides Parish), and Caney Ranger District (Webster and Claiborne parishes): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31 (including National Catahoula Wildlife Management Preserve and National Red Dirt Wildlife Management Preserve).

Firearms – Deer Hunting:

- Catahoula (Grant & Rapides Parishes), Winn (Winn, Grant & Natchitoches parishes), Kisatchie Ranger Districts (Natchitoches Parish), Evangeline Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Rapides Parish), and the Vernon Unit or the Calcasieu Ranger District (Vernon Parish, excluding Fort Polk WMA).
Youth, either-sex, Oct. 12-13, still hunt only; LDWF Youth Deer Hunt regulations apply except that archery and open season small game hunting is allowed. LDWF regulations for hunter orange apply.
Primitive Firearms, Either-sex: Oct. 19-20, still hunt only.
Firearms, Either-sex: Oct. 26-27 and Nov. 22, still hunt only.
Firearms, Bucks only: Oct. 28, Nov. 2-21, 23-24, Dec. 14-29, still hunt only.

- **Caney Ranger District (Webster and Claiborne parishes): Same as outside including Youth Hunt (Area 2) except still hunt only. Either-sex entire season.**

Other seasons on Entire KNF:

- **Rabbit, Squirrel, Quail & Migratory Game Birds: Same dates and bag limits as outside except closed to squirrel hunting during the spring season.**
- **Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT waterfowl hunting ceases at 2 p.m.**
- **Feral Hogs, Coyotes, Armadillos & Beavers: May be taken any KNF hunt by properly licensed hunters with weapons legal for that hunt.**
- **Raccoons, Opossums, Fox (chase only) (nighttime, chase only): May be hunted during daylight or nighttime from Oct. 1 - Feb.28 only unless otherwise stated. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one two per person per day, except during the trapping season when there shall be no limit. (Please see LA Trapping Regulations, also please see “Hunting-dog usage during deer firearm seasons” section below for exceptions.)**
- **Bobcat and Nutria: LDWF Regulations apply.**
- **Crows, Blackbirds, Grackles & Cowbirds: May be taken Sept. 1-Jan. 1 only.**

Hunting Dog Usage:

Hunting-dog usage during deer firearm seasons (only for KNF areas outside National Catahoula Wildlife Management Preserve and National Red Dirt Wildlife Management Preserve):

Hunting dogs that are legal for hunting species other than deer, and that stay within voice-command distance of handler are allowed during deer gun hunts. Hunting dogs that range beyond voice-command distance of handler are prohibited during deer gun hunts. The training of deer dogs is prohibited year-round

Hunting with; recognized bird-hunting dogs during quail and woodcock seasons, recognized raccoon-hunting dogs during raccoon hunting season and recognized pointer/retriever dogs during migratory bird season is permissible. Only beagles which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder may be used for rabbit hunting. All dogs must be collared with owner’s name and phone number attached. Dogs running at large are prohibited. The owner/handler shall be liable.

Hunting-dog training: from March 1- Sept. 30. (EXCEPT all dogs prohibited during turkey hunting season), Allowed only in the following circumstances: dogs are within

voice-command distance of handler; dogs are participating in night-time raccoon chases mentioned above; dogs are participating in licensed events conducted by nationally-recognized kennel clubs (KNF permit required – contact Forest Supervisor’s office); dogs are under close control of hikers; and any dog on a leash. No firearms allowed while training dogs. Hunting-dog training prohibited in National Catahoula Wildlife Management Preserve and National Red Dirt Wildlife Management Preserve.

Bird Dog Training Area: Only that portion of the Vernon Unit known as the “dove field”. Bird dogs may be trained year round EXCEPT CLOSED during turkey season. Permit required from LDWF to use pen-raised quail.”

Hunting-dog Nighttime Chase Only: (All breeds allowed, no deer dogs). May 1 - Sept. 30, Tuesdays and Fridays only. No firearms allowed. Nighttime ATV/UTV travel is prohibited. Hunting-dog nighttime chase is prohibited in National Catahoula Wildlife Management Preserve and National Red Dirt Wildlife Management Preserve during this period.

National Catahoula and National Red Dirt Wildlife Management Preserves

Owner: U. S. Forest Service: (Catahoula Preserve - 36,000 Acres in Grant and Winn Parishes; Red Dirt Preserve - 38,000 Acres in Natchitoches Parish).

Season Permit required for hunting, fishing and or trapping on the preserve: for a permit or to get additional information contact; the Forest Supervisor’s office, Winn, Catahoula or Kisatchie Ranger District offices or www.fs.fed.us/r8/kisatchie/hunting/index.html. In addition to the Season Permit a **Self-clearing Daily Permit** is required for deer gun hunts. The Self-clearing Permits will be available at the main check stations, Kisatchie, Winn and Catahoula district offices, the Forest Supervisor’s Office and on the web listed above.

Note: The self-clearing permit consists of two portions; check-in and check-out. The check in portion **must** be completed and put in the permit box before each activity on the day of the activity. The check-out portion **must** be carried by each person while on the preserve and **must be completed** and put in the permit box immediately upon exiting the preserve.

When Mandatory Deer Checks are specified (see below), **all** hunters **must** check deer at a main check station

Deer:

Archery Season: Same as Area 2. Archers are required to check in/out at the main check station during the mandatory deer check days, see below.

Special Youth Hunt: Oct. 12-13, either-sex, still hunt only. Self-clearing daily permit required.

• LDWF Youth Deer Hunt regulations apply except that archery hunting is allowed. LDWF WMA regulations for hunter orange apply.

Physically-challenged Hunt (either-sex): Oct. 12-13, still hunt only, self-clearing daily permit required; hunters must also have in possession a LDWF Physically Challenged Hunters Permit.

Primitive Firearms, Either-sex: Oct. 19-20, still-hunt only, self-clearing daily permit required. Mandatory deer check at main check stations.

Firearms, Either-sex: 26-27 Nov. 22, still-hunt only, self-clearing daily permit required. Mandatory deer check at main check stations.

Firearms, Bucks only: Nov. 23-24, still-hunt only, self-clearing daily permit required.

Squirrel, Rabbit, Quail, Dove, Woodcock, and Waterfowl: (without dogs) All seasons same as outside (unless otherwise stated) with the exception of; hunting these animals is closed during deer firearm hunts. Consult appropriate LDWF hunting pamphlet for additional information on species. No spring squirrel season.

Hunting with Dogs: Hunting with; recognized bird-hunting dogs during quail and woodcock seasons, recognized raccoon-hunting dogs during raccoon hunting season, and recognized pointer/retriever dogs during migratory bird season is permissible. Only beagles which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder may be used for rabbit hunting. All dogs must be collared with owner’s name and phone number attached. Dogs running at large are prohibited. The owner/handler shall be liable. No training of dogs in the preserve outside of pertinent seasons.

Squirrel/Rabbit: (with dogs) Jan. 11-Feb. 28, 2014.

Raccoon/Opossum (non-dog season/daylight hours) May be taken by properly licensed hunter as incidental take with the weapon legal for that season.

Turkey: See LDWF Turkey Hunting Regulations pamphlet

Fishing: LDWF state creel limits apply. The preserve will be closed to fishing during deer gun hunts.

Trapping: See LDWF Trapping Regulations pamphlet

Select Prohibitions (under the authority of 36 CFR 261, Subparts A&B, fines up to \$5000 or imprisonment not more than 6 months or both): 1) Violating state or federal laws. 2) Hunting, fishing and/or trapping the preserve without a permit. 3) Removing deer from the preserve without processing either by self-check or mandatory check. 4) Camping between Oct. 1 and April 30, except at designated/marked camping areas. 5) Hunting on Deer Firearms Hunts without Self-Clearing Daily Permit.

CAMP AVONDALE SCOUT RESERVATION East Feliciana Parish

Deer: Firearms: either-sex; November 9-11, 2013. Restricted to scout program.

The next item is a continuation of the NOI, **To receive and consider a Notice of Intent for the 2013-2015 Hunting Seasons and 2013-2014 WMA Seasons**, Mr. Scott Durham with the Deer Program introduced himself and stated he would be briefing on the “Proposed Changes” for the Deer Season by recommending new areas and either sex days.

He also stated that changing landscapes and hunter preferences do require changes regularly and that we are experiencing unprecedented times in white tail deer history and have seen a decline in the reported harvest - Lot of variables across the state, both natural and man influenced.

Mr. Durham stated that the deer management program is working towards smaller more defined deer management areas with more common features and would like to move towards more deer management specific seasons and limits.

Mr. Durham said that as of now, a partial return to either sex days is recommended until more confidence is gained in the reporting system. Beginning in March, from what he understands, there will be a live person answering calls which falls in time for Turkey Season. Mr. Durham displayed a map of the new proposed Deer Breeding Areas:

New Area (4)

Florida Parishes, East Feliciana and eastern West Feliciana

- Maintain Area 1 season framework (for Bucks)
- Nineteen (19) modern either sex days, Fourteen (14) Primitive = 33 Total (30% potential reduction in female harvest pressure)

Area 7

Coastal Marsh and low hardwoods primarily

No boundary changes, but vulnerable to hurricanes and flooding

- Same season Framework for antlered deer
- Nine (9) modern either sex days, Seven (7) primitive = 16 total (50% potential reduction in female harvest pressure)

New Area 9

Atchafalaya Basin, River Parishes, Sugar Cane, Degraded Swamp, low often easily flooded areas, some good bottomland hardwood

- Maintain Area Six (6) season framework
- Nine (9) modern either sex days, Seven (7) primitive = 16 Total (50 % potential reduction in female harvest pressure)

New Area 10

Coastal Marsh and Rice Lands

Maintain Area 3 Season Framework

Nine (9) Modern Either sex days, Seven (7) Primitive = 16 Total (50 % potential reduction in female harvest pressure)

Area 5

West Carroll Parish

No proposed changes, however in 2014-2015 adding two more weeks at the end of the season (Bucks Only)

Ultimate goal is to integrate this area into Area 1

Commissioner Manuel raised the question, "How do you go about establishing boundaries for the areas; Is it by Committee or just one person?"

Mr. Dunham responded, that well defined identifiable geographical boundaries are used (i.e., I-10) The question was further explored by addressing Area 6 in particular with parts in Rapides and Evangeline Parishes and why they were changed. Mr. Durham explained that no changes were made to Area 6, that those are the same boundaries.

Commissioner Manuel asked about the boundaries for Area 8 and 3; Mr. Durham said these boundaries were made primarily for dog hunting and that Public Input for this was a contributing factor. Jimmy Anthony, Assistant Secretary Wildlife & Fisheries addressed the response by adding that Area 3 and Area 8 were one, and only allowed Still Hunting – The Commission was lobbied to change the Area and allow Dog Hunting

Mr. Louis Lasserre (member of the public) commented the Basin floods every year in February and Bow Hunting is allowed. The only highland is along the levees. When a deer is shot, it ends up in the water and unable to be found. He wishes that hunting not be allowed in areas that are flooded. Mr. Lasserre also thinks that the Doe Season is too long

Mr. David Moreland (member of the public) commented on the good hunting opportunity this past season. Retired and loves to hunt and has hunted in several different Parishes and Areas of the state. His deer kill was half of what it was last year with the biggest factor is the warm weather. A very mild winter affected the hunt and deer do not move much in warm weather. He is disappointed in the hunt on Pearl River, Katrina Woods - Not seeing any deer, too much timber. Overall, Mr. Moreland is happy.

Next, Mr. Larry Robichaux (member of the Public) commented on Attakapas WMA – there were more deer this year than was expected. He would like the Commission to consider a few more Bucks Only days for additional opportunities.

Next, Commissioner Graham commented on his appreciation of Scott and the Department for the work they are doing to enhance the quality of deer hunting in the state and trying to provide for everybody. He stated how much he appreciates everyone's comments.

In closing, Mr. Durham emphasized Clubs, hunters or landowners with 40 acres or more that need to shoot more deer can enroll in DMAP. Commissioner Graham agreed that DMAP is a great program.

Commissioner Taylor commented on Salvador / Timken and the fact that it closes at 12:00PM noon every day and asked the question; does any other WMA close at noon everyday:

Mr. Durham stated that plenty of them close at noon and that it's a waterfowl component in those regulations.

Ms. Taylor said there is a new experimental nighttime frog hunting season but the Area closes at noon. Jimmy Anthony stated this was addressed before, which is why they are putting in these experimental night time activities. The intention is to allow deer hunting in the afternoon and if

it is not worded that way, they will make the changes or the changes can be made right now to allow deer hunting all day when the season is open.

Commissioner Ann Taylor made a Motion to amend the Notice of Intent to allow afternoon deer hunting on Salvador/Timken. Will Drost second; All in favor; There being no opposition the motion passed. Chairman Graham made a motion to accept the Notice of Intent, Commissioner Billy Broussard second; All in favor; There being no opposition the motion passed.

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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate hunting seasons for resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART XIX. HUNTING AND WMA REGULATIONS

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season regulations are hereby 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: .

§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: 3 rd Saturday of November CLOSES: Last Day of February	10	20
Rabbit and Squirrel	OPENS: 1 st Saturday of October CLOSES: Last Day of February	8	16
Squirrel*	OPENS: 1 st Saturday of May for 23 days	3	6

Deer 2012-13 2013-14	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	6/season (3 antlered deer & 3 antlerless deer) <u>6/season (not to exceed 3 antlered deer or 4 antlerless deer)</u>
Deer 2013-14 <u>2014-15</u>	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, ~~2012-2014~~ 2013-2014

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	OPENS: 1 st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2 nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. after 2 nd Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3 rd Sat.	OPENS: 2 nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1 st Sat. of Dec.

		<p>Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.</p>	<p>CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan.</p>
2	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: Next to last Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before last Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the last day of Modern Firearm Season in Jan. CLOSES: After 7 days.</p>	<p>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.</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 CLOSES: 40 days after opening in odd numbered</p>

				years or 39 days after opening in even numbered years
3	OPENS: 3 rd Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: 2 nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3 rd Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: Fri. before 1 st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 3 rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day OPENS: 1 st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: After 37 days	
4	<u>OPENS:</u> <u>1st day</u> <u>of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES:</u> <u>Last day</u> <u>of Jan.</u>	<u>OPENS: 2nd Sat.</u> <u>of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri.</u> <u>after 2nd Sat. of</u> <u>Nov. (EITHER SEX)</u> <u>OPENS: Mon.</u> <u>after the next</u> <u>to last Sun. of</u> <u>Jan.</u> <u>CLOSES: Last day</u> <u>of Jan. (EITHER</u> <u>SEX FOR 1ST 7</u> <u>DAYS, BUCKS ONLY</u> <u>FOR REMAINDER OF</u> <u>SEASON)</u>	<u>OPENS: Sat.</u> <u>before</u> <u>Thanksgiving</u> <u>Day EXCEPT</u> <u>when there are</u> <u>5 Sats. in</u> <u>Nov., then it</u> <u>will open on</u> <u>the 3rd Sat.</u> <u>of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri.</u> <u>before 2nd</u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>EXCEPT when</u> <u>there are 5</u> <u>Sats. in Nov.</u> <u>and then it</u> <u>will close on</u> <u>the Fri.</u> <u>before the 1st</u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>(BUCKS ONLY</u> <u>UNLESS EITHER</u> <u>SEX SEASON IS</u> <u>IN PROGRESS)</u> <u>OPENS: Mon.</u> <u>after 1st Sat.</u>	<u>OPENS: 2nd</u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>EXCEPT when</u> <u>there are 5</u> <u>Sats. in</u> <u>Nov., then</u> <u>it will open</u> <u>on the 1st</u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u> <u>after 1st</u> <u>Sat. of Jan.</u> <u>(BUCKS ONLY</u> <u>UNLESS</u> <u>EITHER SEX</u> <u>SEASON IS IN</u> <u>PROGRESS)</u> <u>OPENS: 2nd</u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u> <u>after 2nd</u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>(EITHER SEX)</u> <u>OPENS: 3rd</u>

		<p>of Jan. <u>CLOSES: next</u> <u>to last Sun.</u> <u>of Jan. (BUCKS</u> <u>ONLY UNLESS</u> <u>EITHER SEX</u> <u>SEASON IS IN</u> <u>PROGRESS)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: 3rd</u> <u>Sat. of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u> <u>after 3rd</u> <u>Sat. of Nov.</u> <u>(EITHER SEX)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: Friday</u> <u>after</u> <u>Thanksgiving</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u> <u>after</u> <u>Thanksgiving.</u> <u>(EITHER SEX)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: 1st</u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u> <u>after 1st Sat.</u> <u>of Dec.</u> <u>(EITHER SEX)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: 2nd</u> <u>Sat. of Jan.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u> <u>after 2nd</u> <u>Sat. of Jan.</u> <u>(EITHER SEX)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: 3rd</u> <u>Sat. of Jan.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u> <u>after 3rd Sat.</u> <u>of Jan.</u> <u>(EITHER SEX)</u></p>	<p><u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u> <u>after 3rd</u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>(EITHER SEX)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: 4th</u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u> <u>after 4th</u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>(EITHER SEX)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: 1st</u> <u>Sat. of Jan.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u> <u>after 1st</u> <u>Sat. of Jan.</u> <u>(EITHER SEX)</u></p>
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5	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Day after the close of Modern Firearm Season CLOSES: After 7 consecutive days (EITHER SEX)</p>	<p>OPENS: Day after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: 4th Sun. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY)</p>	
6*	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. 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. 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. CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan.</p>
7	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri.</p>	<p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Nov. Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Oct. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Mon.</p>	<p>OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: After 35 days (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN</p>

		before 2 nd Sat. of Nov. (<u>BUCKS ONLY</u>).	after 3 rd Sun. of Oct. <u>CLOSES: Fri</u> <u>Before 1st</u> <u>Sat. of</u> <u>Nov. (BUCKS</u> <u>ONLY)</u> OPENS: 2 nd 3 rd Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u> <u>after</u> <u>Thanksgiving</u> <u>Day Sun. after</u> <u>3rd Sat. of</u> <u>Nov. (EITHER</u> <u>SEX)</u> <u>OPENS: Fri.</u> <u>after</u> <u>Thanksgiving.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u> <u>after</u> <u>Thanksgiving.</u> <u>(EITHER SEX)</u>	<u>PROGRESS)</u> <u>OPENS: Sat.</u> <u>after</u> <u>Christmas.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u> <u>after</u> <u>Christmas.</u> <u>(EITHER SEX)</u>
8	OPENS: 3 rd Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: 2 nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3 rd Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: Fri. before 1 st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 3 rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day.	OPENS: 1 st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: After 37 days.
<p>*Except lands within the Morganza Floodway and Atchafalaya Basin.</p>				

All lands within the Morganza Floodway from I 10 South within the protection levees of the Atchafalaya Basin shall have the following seasons

	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan. (1st-15 days are Bucks Only)</p>	<p>OPENS: Mon after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan. (Bucks-Only)</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. 1st nine days Either Sex. 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. 1st 2 days Either Sex. CLOSES: 2nd to last Sun. in Jan.</p>
9	<p><u>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</u></p>	<p><u>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY)</u> <u>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</u> <u>CLOSES: Last day of Jan. (EITHER SEX 1ST 7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF</u></p>	<p><u>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it</u></p>	<p><u>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</u></p>

		<u>SEASON</u>	<u>will close on</u> <u>the Fri.</u> <u>before the 1st</u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>(BUCKS ONLY</u> <u>UNLESS EITHER</u> <u>SEX SEASON IS</u> <u>IN PROGRESS)</u>	<u>OPENS: 2nd</u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u> <u>after 2nd</u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>(EITHER SEX)</u>
			<u>OPENS: Fri.</u> <u>after</u> <u>Thanksgiving</u> <u>Day.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u> <u>after</u> <u>Thanksgiving</u> <u>day. (EITHER</u> <u>SEX)</u>	<u>OPENS: Sat.</u> <u>after</u> <u>Christmas.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u> <u>after</u> <u>Christmas.</u> <u>(EITHER SEX)</u>
				<u>OPENS: 2nd</u> <u>Sat. in Jan.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u> <u>after 2nd</u> <u>Sat. in Jan.</u> <u>(EITHER SEX)</u>

<p><u>10</u></p>	<p><u>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept.</u> <u>CLOSES: Jan. 15</u></p>	<p><u>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct. (EITHER SEX)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY)</u></p>	<p><u>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day(BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>CLOSES: After 37 days(BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. in Oct. (EITHER SEX)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving. (EITHER SEX)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: Sat. after Christmas.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u></p>	
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D. 2013-2014 Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Modern Firearm Either-sex Days</u>
West Carroll	Area 5	Opens Friday after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days.

E. Deer Hunting Schedule 2014-2015

<u>Area</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)</u>	<u>Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)</u>	<u>With or Without Dogs</u>
<u>1</u>	OPENS: <u>1st day</u> of Oct.	OPENS: <u>2nd Sat.</u> of Nov. CLOSES: <u>Fri.</u>	OPENS: <u>Sat.</u> before <u>Thanksgiving</u>	OPENS: <u>2nd</u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> EXCEPT when

	<p><u>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</u></p>	<p><u>after 2nd Sat. of Nov.</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</u></p> <p><u>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</u></p>	<p><u>Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan.</u></p> <p><u>CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.</u></p>	<p><u>there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.</u></p> <p><u>CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan.</u></p>
<u>2</u>	<p><u>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</u></p> <p><u>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</u></p>	<p><u>OPENS: Next to last Sat. of Oct.</u></p> <p><u>CLOSES: Fri. before last Sat. of Oct.</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: Mon. after the last day of Modern Firearm Season in Jan.</u></p> <p><u>CLOSES: After 7 days.</u></p>	<p><u>OPENS: Last Sat. of Oct.</u></p> <p><u>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</u></p>	<p><u>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</u></p>

			<u>Sat. of Dec.</u>	<u>numbered</u> <u>years</u> <u>CLOSES: 40</u> <u>days after</u> <u>opening in</u> <u>odd numbered</u> <u>years or 39</u> <u>days after</u> <u>opening in</u> <u>even</u> <u>numbered</u> <u>years</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>OPENS:</u> <u>3rd Sat.</u> <u>of Sept.</u> <u>CLOSES:</u> <u>Jan. 15</u>	<u>OPENS: 2nd Sat.</u> <u>of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri.</u> <u>before 3rd Sat.</u> <u>of Oct.</u> <u>OPENS: Mon.</u> <u>after</u> <u>Thanksgiving Day</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri.</u> <u>before 1st Sat.</u> <u>of Dec.</u>	<u>OPENS: 3rd</u> <u>Sat. of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u> <u>after</u> <u>Thanksgiving</u> <u>Day</u> <u>OPENS: 1st</u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>CLOSES: After</u> <u>37 days</u>	
<u>4</u>	<u>OPENS:</u> <u>1st day</u> <u>of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES:</u> <u>Last day</u> <u>of Jan.</u>	<u>OPENS: 2nd Sat.</u> <u>of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri.</u> <u>after 2nd Sat. of</u> <u>Nov.</u> <u>OPENS: Mon.</u> <u>after the next</u> <u>to last Sun. of</u> <u>Jan.</u> <u>CLOSES: Last day</u> <u>of Jan. (EITHER</u> <u>SEX FOR 1ST 7</u> <u>DAYS, BUCKS ONLY</u> <u>FOR REMAINDER OF</u> <u>SEASON)</u>	<u>OPENS: Sat.</u> <u>before</u> <u>Thanksgiving</u> <u>Day EXCEPT</u> <u>when there are</u> <u>5 Sats. in</u> <u>Nov., then it</u> <u>will open on</u> <u>the 3rd Sat.</u> <u>of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri.</u> <u>before 2nd</u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>EXCEPT when</u> <u>there are 5</u> <u>Sats. in Nov.</u> <u>and then it</u> <u>will close on</u> <u>the Fri.</u> <u>before the 1st</u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>(BUCKS ONLY</u>	<u>OPENS: 2nd</u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>EXCEPT when</u> <u>there are 5</u> <u>Sats. in</u> <u>Nov., then</u> <u>it will open</u> <u>on the 1st</u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u> <u>after 1st</u> <u>Sat. of Jan.</u> <u>(BUCKS ONLY</u> <u>UNLESS</u> <u>EITHER SEX</u> <u>SEASON IS IN</u> <u>PROGRESS)</u> <u>OPENS: 2nd</u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u>

		<p><u>UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan.</u> <u>CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: Friday after Thanksgiving</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving. (EITHER SEX)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Jan.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX)</u></p>	<p><u>after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: 4th Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after 4th Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Jan.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX)</u></p>
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			<u>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Jan.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Jan.</u> <u>(EITHER SEX)</u>	
<u>5</u>	<u>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</u>	<u>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX)</u> <u>OPENS: Day after the close of Modern Firearm Season</u> <u>CLOSES: After 7 consecutive days (EITHER SEX)</u>	<u>OPENS: Day after Thanksgiving Day</u> <u>CLOSES: 2nd Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY)</u>	
<u>6*</u>	<u>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</u>	<u>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov.</u> <u>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</u> <u>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</u>	<u>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov.</u> <u>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.</u>	<u>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan.</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES:</u>	<u>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat.</u>	<u>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: 3rd Sun. of Oct.</u>	<u>OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day</u>

	<u>Last day of Jan.</u>	<u>of Oct.(EITHER SEX)</u> <u>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY).</u>	<u>(EITHER SEX)</u> <u>OPENS: Mon. after 3rd Sun. of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri Before 1st Sat. of Nov.(BUCKS ONLY)</u> <u>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX)</u> <u>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving. (EITHER SEX)</u>	<u>CLOSES: After 35 days (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</u> <u>OPENS: Sat. after Christmas.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX)</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept.</u> <u>CLOSES: Jan. 15</u>	<u>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct.</u> <u>OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.</u>	<u>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day.</u>	<u>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>CLOSES: After 37 days.</u>

<p><u>9</u></p>	<p><u>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</u></p>	<p><u>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</u> <u>CLOSES: Last day of Jan. (EITHER SEX 1ST 7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)</u></p>	<p><u>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov.</u> <u>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)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving day. (EITHER SEX)</u></p>	<p><u>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: Sat. after Christmas.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: 2nd Sat. in Jan.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. in Jan. (EITHER SEX)</u></p>
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F. 2014-2015 Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Modern Firearm Either-sex Days</u>
West Carroll	Area 5	Opens Friday after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, and 1 st Sat of Dec. for 2 days.

G. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer on Supplemented Shooting Preserves: Archery, Firearm, Primitive Firearms: October 1 - January 31 (Either-Sex).

H. Exotics on Supplemented Shooting Preserves: Either Sex, no closed season.

I. Spring Squirrel Hunting

1. Season Dates: Opens 1st Saturday of May for 23 days.

2. Closed Areas: 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 1st Saturday of May for 9 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 ~~not~~ be taken on Wildlife Management Areas during this season.

4. Limits: Daily bag limit is 3 and possession limit is 6.

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), 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 35:1280 (July 2009), LR 35:2856 (December 2009), LR 36:1580 (July 2010), LR 37: 2207 (July 2011), LR 38:1747 (July 2012), LR 39: .

Public hearings will be held at the following locations:
~~March 13 beginning at 6:00 p.m., at Alexandria Convention Hall, 915 Third Street, Alexandria; March 13 beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the LDWF Office, 9961 Highway 80, Minden; March 14 beginning at 6:30 p.m., Yambilee Festival Building, 1939 W. Landry, Opelousas; March 21 beginning at 6:00 p.m., St. John Parish Council Chambers, 1801 W. Airline Highway, Laplace; March 15 beginning at 6:00 p.m., Bastrop Visitor Center, 124 North Washington Street, Bastrop; and March 15 beginning at 6:30 p.m., LSU Ag Center (next to Burton Coliseum), 7101 Gulf Highway, Lake Charles. Also comments will be accepted at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from March through May. Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until 4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 3, 2012 to Mr. Randy Myers, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000, or via email to rmyers@wlf.la.gov.~~

March 19 beginning at 6:00 p.m., at LDWF Minden Office, 9961 Highway 80, Minden; March 19 beginning at 6:00 p.m., at the St. Tammany Parish Council Chambers, 21490 Koop Drive, Mandeville;
March 20 beginning at 6:00 p.m., LDWF Monroe Office, 368

Chalmette Elementary School Resource Center, 75 East Chalmette Circle, Chalmette; March 21 beginning at 6:00 p.m., USGS National Wetlands Research Center, 700 Cajundome Boulevard, Lafayette; March 26 beginning at 6:30 p.m., LSU Ag Center (next to Burton Coliseum), 7101 Gulf Highway, Lake Charles; March 27 beginning at 6:00 p.m., Alexandria Convention Hall, 915 3rd Street, Alexandria; March 27 beginning at 6:00 p.m., Houma Municipal Auditorium, 880 Verret St., Houma; March 28 beginning at 6:00 p.m., Waddill Outdoor Education Center, 4142 North Flannery Road, Baton Rouge. Also comments will be accepted at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from March through May. Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until 4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 2, 2013 to Mr. Steve Smith, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000, or via email to ssmith@wlf.la.gov.

The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

In accordance with Act 1183 of the 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).

Ronald Graham

Chairman

Steve Smith (continued), **To receive and consider a Notice of Intent on General/WMA Hunting Rules and Regulations**

Mr. Smith began by announcing he would be addressing the proposed changes on General/WMA Hunting Rules and Regulations as follows:

Page 9, Section C.10 - Bobcat

This regulation applies only to property that is privately owned, state WMAs, and the Bayou des Ourses, Bodcau, Bonnet Carre, Indian Bayou, Loggy Bayou and Soda Lake tracts owned by the Corps of Engineers but does not apply to state wildlife refuges, the Kisatchie National Forest, or other federally owned refuges and lands. **Page 9, Section D.2 – Changing the verbiage**

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. **Page 16, Section E.2- 2013-2014**

Amended the wording to include proposed new areas Antlerless deer may be harvested during entire deer season on private lands (all segments included) except in West Carroll Parish, and except Deer Areas 4,7,9, and 10 as specified in deer hunting schedule. Consult deer hunting schedule in the regulations pamphlet for either-sex days for these parishes and areas.

Page 17, Section E.3 – 2014-2015 Amended the wording to include new areas - Exception to correlate with deer season and areas changes

Antlerless deer may be harvested during entire deer season on private lands (all segments included) except in West Carroll Parish, and except Deer Areas 4,7,9, and 10 as specified in deer hunting schedule. Consult deer hunting schedule in the regulations pamphlet for either-sex days for these parishes and areas.

Page 17-18, Section E.4 - WMA Staff recommend that experimental antler restrictions be removed and new experimental quality management approach adopted. A legal antlered deer is a deer with at least one visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. **Page 18, Section E.4 - Added to general regulations and to be removed from each WMA in schedule 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. **Page 21, Section E.10.C - Public request to add to primitive gear** Single shot, breech loading shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller, having an exposed hammer, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug. **Page 23, Section E.15 - Changes to correlate with recommended deer season and area changes** Special Youth Deer Hunt on Private Lands (Either-Sex) - Areas 1, 4, 5, 6 and 9 - last Saturday of October for 7 days; Area 2 - 2nd Saturday of October for 7 days; and Areas 3, 7, 8 and 10 - 4th Saturday of September for 7 days. **Page 23-41, Section F – Description of Areas 2013-2015** Recommended changes to deer areas. **Were explained by Scott Durham earlier in the Meeting:** Changes to Area 7 Additions of Areas 4, 9 and 10. **Page 42, Section G** Areas with no specific regulations were removed, Areas with crawfishing harvest limits were standardized at 100 lbs./person/day. **Page 46, Section G.3.b – Allow the take of hogs on Youth Squirrel Hunt**-Youth Squirrel Hunt (on selected WMAs only). Only youths 17 or younger may hunt. Squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, hogs and opossum may be taken. **Page 51, Section G.5.b – New Limits adopted last year** 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. **Page 52, Section G.5.f – Recommended by Field Staff to change the wording** -Portable deer stands (those that are designed to be routinely carried by one person) 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 identification number. 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. **-Page 55, Section G.6.b – Took out Pass-A-Loutre** - 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. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA, houseboats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the hunting season. At all other times of the year, mooring is limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for the mooring of houseboats on Atchafalaya Delta WMA. **Page 57, Section G.6.b – Changed the Verbiage**
g. Trash must be contained at all times while camping.
h. No burning trash.

Page 61, Section G.9.i - To aid in enforcement of trail regulations and better define available trails NOTE: Only ATV and UTV trails are marked with signs and/or paint, and depicted on WMA maps are open for use. **Page 63, Section G.9.n - Signage for Roads** 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. **Page 66, Section G.15 - Take of hogs in spring squirrel season on WMAs** - 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. **Page 67, Section G.15** Experimental trapping of feral hogs will be allowed by permit only on Boeuf, Clear Creek, Jackson-Bienville, Manchac, Pearl River, Red River, Sherburne, Thistlethwaite, Three Rivers, and West Bay WMAs. No live take will be allowed. Permit available through pre-application lottery. Contact LDWF Field Office Commissioner Graham questioned, is there anything in the regulations addressing what to do with the hog once trapped – Mr. Smith stated it will be by Permit Only and that is specifically addressed in the permit that no live take will be allowed. **Page 71, Section G.17.q** Ouachita -Waterfowl Refuge: North of LA 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping and ATV use during duck season including early teal season, EXCEPT hunting allowed during Waterfowl Falconry Season. **-Page 69, Section G.17.w** -Salvador/Timken -Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. This was amended earlier in the meeting to allow deer hunting all day; was voted on and will change in the document. Mr. Smith concluded his presentation and asked for questions / Comments from the Public. Commissioner Manuel asked: Once promulgated and printed, how thick will the pamphlet be? Jimmy Anthony stated it will be smaller, as it has been consolidated to reduce. Larry Robichaux (from the public) commented on Attakapas WMA; would like the Commission to consider additional Hog hunting opportunities. Mr. Smith stated it would be discussed amongst Field Staff to consider. Commissioner Sagera made a Motion to Pass, Commissioner Drost second; All in Favor; There being no opposition the motion passed.

(The Full Text of the
Notice of Intent is made a
Part of the Record)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give
notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations

governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§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 separate pamphlet.

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 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, steel 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). Antlerless deer harvested on property enrolled in DMAP does not count in the season or daily bag limit for hunters. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved. DMAP participants must follow the deer season schedule established for their respective areas.

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

a. Definitions

Exotics: For purposes of this rule 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 rule means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

Same as Outside: For purposes of this rule 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 rule 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 longbow (including compound bow and crossbow) and arrow; 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, and the Bayou des Ourses, Bodcau, Bonnet Carre, Indian Bayou, Loggy Bayou and Soda Lake tracts owned by the Corps of Engineers but does not apply to state wildlife refuges, ~~the Kisatchie National Forest,~~ or other federally owned refuges and lands. On state WMAs, 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, ~~All persons born on or after September 1, 1969 must show proof of satisfactorily completing a Hunter Safety course approved by LDWF to purchase a Basic Hunting License, 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 younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by, and is under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older. 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 longbow (including compound bow and crossbow) and arrow or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest 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 a .22 caliber rimfire or a primitive firearm larger than .36 caliber. It shall be legal to hunt or take squirrels, rabbits, and outlaw quadrupeds with air rifles. During closed deer gun season, it shall be

illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

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 any device to deaden or silence the sound of the discharge thereof; or 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. For specific details contact a region office near you. 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 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, Attwater'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 where legal, 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 season 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 & 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 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 of his 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 with a gun during open season while on a public highway 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 rights-of-way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.

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 during any special gobbler season when killing of turkey hens is prohibited, 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 7 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 web site.

2. 2013-2014 Season. One antlered and one antlerless deer per day (when legal) except on National Forest Lands, and some Federal Refuges (check refuge regulations) where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Season limit is six, ~~three antlered bucks and three antlerless deer~~ not to exceed 3 antlered deer or 4 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 segments included) ~~in the following parishes:~~ except in West Carroll Parish, and ~~except those lands within the Morganza Floodway and Atchafalaya Basin,~~ and except Deer Areas 4,7,9, and 10 as specified in deer hunting schedule. Consult deer hunting schedule in the regulations pamphlet, ~~modern firearms table~~ 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. ~~2013-14~~ 2014-15 Season. One antlered and one antlerless deer per day (when legal) except on National Forest Lands, 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 ~~bucks~~ deer or 4 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 segments included) ~~in the following parishes:~~ except in West Carroll Parish and ~~except those lands within the Morganza Floodway and Atchafalaya Basin,~~ and except Deer Areas 4,7,9, and 10 as specified in deer hunting schedule. Consult deer hunting schedule in the regulations pamphlet, ~~modern firearms table~~ 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 in Thistlethwaite WMA, see specific Thistlethwaite WMA regulations for more information, and 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, ~~Sherburne 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

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 Segment: (Special license and primitive firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) 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 specified on Public Areas. 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 Primitive Firearms For Special Season: 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, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets and may be fitted with magnified scopes. This includes muzzleloaders known as "inline" muzzleloaders.

b. Single shot, breech loading rifles, ~~.38~~ .35 caliber or larger, or of a Commission approved caliber having an exposed hammer that use metallic cartridges loaded either with black powder or modern smokeless powder and may be fitted with magnified scopes.

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

d. Special Youth Deer Season on Private Land (either-sex): youths 17 or younger may hunt deer with any legal weapon during the Primitive Firearms Season in each deer hunting area.

12. Archery Segment: Consult regulations pamphlet. WMA seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. 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 Area 6 from October 1-15. Archer's must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime 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: Longbow, 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 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.

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

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

(d). 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, legally posted 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 and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted 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. Special Physically Challenged either-sex deer season on private land: 1st Saturday of October for 2 days. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

15. Special Youth Deer Hunt on Private Lands (Either-Sex). Areas 1, 4, 5, ~~and~~ 6 and 9 - last Saturday of October for 7 days; Area 2 - 2nd Saturday of October for 7 days; and Areas 3, 7, and 8 and 10 - 4th Saturday of September for 7 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. In addition,

F. Description of Areas, ~~2012-2014~~ 2013-2015

1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes are open:

Concordia, ~~East Baton Rouge~~, East Carroll, ~~East Feliciana~~, Franklin, Madison, Richland, ~~St. Helena~~, Tensas ~~Washington~~.

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. East Carroll - East of mainline Mississippi River Levee and south and east of LA 877 from West Carroll Parish line to LA 580, south of LA 580 to US 65, west of US 65 to Madison Parish line.~~

~~iii.~~ Grant - East of US 165 and south of LA 8.

iiii. 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.

~~v. Livingston - North of I 12.~~

~~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.

~~vii.~~ Rapides - East of US 165 and north of Red River.

~~viii. St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of LA 1077 to LA 22, south of LA 22 to Tchefunete River, west of Tchefunete River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.~~

~~ix. Tangipahoa - North of I-12.~~

~~x. - West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion known as Raccourei and Turnbull Island.~~

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. 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~~

~~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.~~

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.

vi. 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.

viii. 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~~

~~_____ faw River from LA 1045 southward to LA 16
at Montpelier.~~

~~ix. 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.~~

~~_____ x. 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.~~

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 and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District described in Area 2 description shall be still hunting only.

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. All of Acadia, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes are open.~~

~~b. a.~~ Portions of the following parishes are also 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.

~~iiiv. Calcasieu - South of US 90 from Sulphur to Texas state line. Also East of LA 27 from Sulphur northward to the parish line, and north of I-10.~~

~~iv. Iberia - West of US 90 and north of LA 14.~~

~~iv. Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of US 190. North of I-10 and south of US 190.~~

~~vi. Lafayette - West of I-49 and US 90 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. ~~See Area 1.~~ 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

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.

6. Area 6

- a. All of ~~the following parishes are open:~~

~~Ascension, Assumption, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Martin, Terrebonne, West Baton Rouge.~~ 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. Iberia - East of US 90.~~

~~iiii. Lafayette - East of I-49 and US 90.~~ North of I-10 and east of I-49.

~~v. Livingston - South of I-12.~~

~~vi. 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.~~

~~vii. St. Landry - East of US 167.~~

~~viii. St. Martin - North of I-10.~~

vii. East Baton Rouge- North of I-110 and
west of US 61.

xiii. West Feliciana - West of US 61.

ix. East Feliciana- West of US 61.

x. West Baton Rouge- North I-10.

~~viii. St. Mary - 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 southward to Bayou Shaffer, north of Bayou
Shaffer to Bateman Lake, north and west of Bayou Chene from
Bateman Lake to Lake Palourde.~~

~~ix. 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.~~

~~x. Tangipahoa - South of I 12.
of Mississippi River, known as Raccourei and
Turnbull Islands.~~

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. Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi River.~~

~~iii. 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.~~

~~iv. 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.~~

~~v. 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.~~

~~vi. St. Landry - Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by LA 359, west by LA 10, and south by LA 103.~~

~~vii. 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.~~

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 southward to Bayou Shaffer, north of Bayou Shaffer to Bateman Lake, north and west of Bayou Chene from Bateman Lake to Lake Palourde.

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 east of LA 27 from the parish line southward to Sulphur and north of US 90 from Sulphur to the Texas state line.~~ 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.

ii. Iberville- South of I-10, west of the
Atchafalaya Basin Protection levee, then south of Uppper Grand
River to the Intracoastal Canal at Jack Miller, then south of
Hwy 75.

iii. Lafayette- South of I-10 and east of US
90.

iv. Livingston- South of I-12.

v. St. Martin- South of I-10.

vi. St. Mary- 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 southward to Bayou Shaffer, north of Bayou
Shaffer to Bateman Lake, north and west of Bayou Chene from
Bateman Lake to Lake Palourde.

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. Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi
River.

ii. 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.

iii. 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

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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 4:00 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 acorn 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 5 gallons per person per day.

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

1. 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, birdwatching, 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. (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 ~~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. 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. ~~Hogs may not 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 ~~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. 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.

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 cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during modern firearm deer season 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).

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

g. Discharging of firearms on or hunting from designated roads, ATV/UTV trails and their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearm and muzzleloader deer season.

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- ~~Three antlered and three antlerless per season~~ , not to exceed three antlered deer or four antlerless deer per season(all segments included) by all methods of take.

c. Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included).

d. 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. Portable deer stands (those that are designed to be routinely carried by one person) 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 ~~Big Game Hunting License number (or Lifetime License Number)~~ 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 or hog 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 permits 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, 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, high tension power lines, 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 sixteen (16) consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. 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.

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. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA ~~and Pass-a-Loutre~~, houseboats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the hunting season. At all other times of the year, mooring is limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for the mooring of houseboats on ~~Pass-a-Loutre and~~ Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. Permits must be obtained from the New Iberia office.

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. No burning trash.

i. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.

j. 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 25 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 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) is defined as 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 (4) 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 ~~having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub~~ (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. 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. ATVs are restricted to marked ATV trails only, EXCEPT when WMA roads are closed to LMVs, ATVs may then use those roads when allowed. WMA maps available at all ~~region~~ LDWF Field offices. This restriction does not apply to bicycles. NOTE: All Only ATV and UTV trails ~~are~~ marked with signs and/or paint, ~~but not all ATV and UTV trails appear on WMA maps 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 4:00 AM, 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 Three Rivers 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: 1st Saturday of May for 9 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, 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. ~~Consult regulations pamphlet for specific WMA regulations.~~ Feral hogs may be taken during any open legal hunting season, ~~EXCEPT during the spring squirrel season,~~ on ~~designated~~ WMAs by properly licensed and/or permitted hunters using only guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. 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, Red River, Sabine, Sabine Island, ~~and~~ Three Rivers, and West Bay WMAs (~~consult Bodcau, Boeuf, Clear Creek, Dewey Wills, Little River, Jackson-Bienville, Little River, Pass-a-Loutre, Pearl River, Red River, Sabine, Sabine Island, and Three Rivers, and West Bay WMAs regulations~~) 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, and 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 WMAs from February 16 through March 31

with 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.

Experimental trapping of feral hogs will be allowed by permit only on Boeuf, Clear Creek, Jackson-Bienville, Manchac, Pearl River, Red River, Sherburne, Thistlethwaite, Three Rivers, and West Bay WMAs. No live take will be allowed. Permit available through pre-application lottery. Contact LDWF Field Office.

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. ~~Acadiana Conservation Corridor.~~

ab. 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.

be. Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the LDWF at any time. All 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.

~~d. Attakapas.~~

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

~~f. Bayou Pierre~~

~~g. Bens Creek~~

dh. Big Colewa Bayou. All nighttime activities prohibited.

~~i. Big Lake.~~

~~ej.~~ Biloxi. All ~~All Terrain Vehicles~~ ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules are prohibited. Mud Boats or air-cooled propulsion vessels powered by more than 36 total horsepower are prohibited on the WMA. All ~~All Terrain vehicles~~ ATVs, UTVs, and motorcycles are prohibited.

~~k. Bodcau.~~

~~l. Boeuf.~~

~~m. Buckhorn.~~

~~fn.~~ Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year. All game harvested must be reported on self-clearing checkout permit. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the ~~Region~~ LDWF Field Office for specific details. No hunting in restricted areas.

~~o. Clear Creek (formerly Boise-Vernon).~~

~~gp.~~ Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.

~~hq.~~ Elbow Slough. Steel shot only for all hunting. All motorized vehicles prohibited.

~~ir.~~ Elm Hall. No ATVs or UTVs allowed.

~~s. Floy Ward McElroy.~~

jt. Fort Polk. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year. New special regulations apply to ATV users.

ku. 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 ~~Region~~ Field Office. No hunting in restricted area.

~~v. Jackson Bienville.~~

lw. Joyce. Swamp Walk: ~~Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations.~~ No loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. ~~Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.~~

mx. Lake Boeuf. Hunting allowed until 12:00 noon on all game. All nighttime activities prohibited. ~~All~~ All Terrain vehicles, motorcycles, horses, and mules are prohibited.

ny. Lake Ramsay. Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

~~z. Little River.~~

~~aa. Loggy Bayou.~~

obb. Manchac. Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

pee. Maurepas Swamp. No loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of Nature Trail.

qed. 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. ~~Commercial Fishing: Closed~~. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

ree. 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 ~~All Terrain vehicles~~ 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. Limited access area - no internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations.

sff. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 p.m. to 4:00_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.

tgg. Peason Ridge. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users.

uhh. 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 ~~boat or group~~ 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, and 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 ~~All Terrain Vehieles~~ ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules prohibited.

vii. Pomme de Terre. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday, EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas ~~Region~~ 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 ~~boat or group~~ daily person per day.

wjj. Red River. Recreational crawfishing: Yakey Farms only March 15-July 31. ~~100 pounds per vehicle or group per day~~ 100 pounds per person per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed. ~~Commercial crawfishing now allowed.~~

xkk. Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. Internal combustion engines and craft limited to 10 h.p. rating or less in the Greentree Reservoirs. 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.

~~11. Sabine.~~

~~ymm.~~ 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.

~~znn.~~ Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game, EXCEPT deer. ~~All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging.~~ 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 ~~boat or group~~ 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.

aaee. Sandy Hollow. Bird Dog Training: Consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited). Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from ~~Baton Rouge Region~~ 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.

bbpp. Sherburne. Crawfishing: Recreational crawfishing only on the South Farm Complexes. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per ~~vehicle or boat~~ person per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed on farm complexes. ~~Commercial crawfishing not allowed.~~ Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA.

Contact the ~~Region~~ 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.

~~qq.~~ ~~Sicily Island Hills.~~

ccrr. Soda Lake. No motorized vehicles allowed. Bicycles allowed. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer and falconry.

ddss. 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 ~~Region~~ 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.

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

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

~~vv. Three Rivers.~~

~~gg~~. Tunica Hills. Camping limited to tents only in designated area.

~~hh~~. Union. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

~~yy. West Bay.~~

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: .

~~Public hearings will be held at the following locations: March 13 beginning at 6:00 p.m., at Alexandria Convention Hall, 915 Third Street, Alexandria; March 13 beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the LDWF Office, 9961 Highway 80, Minden; March 14 beginning at 6:30 p.m., Yambilee Festival Building, 1939 W. Landry, Opelousas; March 21 beginning at 6:00 p.m., St. John Parish Council Chambers, 1801 W. Airline Highway, Laplace; March 15 beginning at 6:00 p.m., Bastrop Visitor Center, 124 North Washington Street, Bastrop; and March 15 beginning at 6:30 p.m., LSU Ag Center (next to Burton Coliseum), 7101 Gulf Highway, Lake Charles. Also comments will be accepted at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from March through May. Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until 4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 3, 2012 to Mr. Randy Myers, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898 9000, or via email to rmyers@wlf.la.gov.~~

Public hearings will be held at the following locations: March 19 beginning at 6:00 p.m., at LDWF Minden Office, 9961 Highway 80, Minden; March 19 beginning at 6:00 p.m., at the St. Tammany Parish Council Chambers, 21490 Koop Drive, Mandeville; March 20 beginning at 6:00 p.m., LDWF Monroe Office, 368 Centurytel

Elementary School Resource Center, 75 East Chalmette Circle, Chalmette; March 21 beginning at 6:00 p.m., USGS National Wetlands Research Center, 700 Cajundome Boulevard, Lafayette; March 26 beginning at 6:30 p.m., LSU Ag Center (next to Burton Coliseum), 7101 Gulf Highway, Lake Charles; March 27 beginning at 6:00 p.m., Alexandria Convention Hall, 915 3rd Street, Alexandria; March 27 beginning at 6:00 p.m., Houma Municipal Auditorium, 880 Verret St., Houma; March 28 beginning at 6:00 p.m., Waddill Outdoor Education Center, 4142 North Flannery Road, Baton Rouge. Also comments will be accepted at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from March through May. Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until 4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 2, 2013 to Mr. Steve Smith, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000, or via email to ssmith@wlf.la.gov.

The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

In accordance with Act 1183 of the 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).

Ronald Graham

Chairman

Mr. Scott Durham handled the next agenda item, **To receive and consider a Notice of Intent on DMAP Fee Corrections**. Mr. Durham began by stating this is a Notice of Intent to correct some typographical errors in the Louisiana State Register. The corrections were made to perfectly match the wording in the pamphlets. Commissioner Drost made a Motion, Commissioner Manuel second; All in favor; There being no opposition the motion passed.

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby advertise their intent to amend the regulations for the Deer Management Assistance Program.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§111. Rules and Regulations for Participation in the Deer Management Assistance Program

A. – A.1.c. ...

d. Fee schedule:

- i. ~~Level~~Tier 1— ~~\$250 + \$50~~, fee dependent on acreage;
 - a. 1,000 – 1,500 acres, \$250
 - ab. 1,501 – 10,000 acres ~~>1,500 acres but <10,000 acres,~~
additional ~~\$100~~\$300;
 - bc. ~~>10,000 acres but <20,000~~ 10,001 – 20,000 acres - \$500;
 - ed. ~~>20,000 acres but <50,000~~ 20,001 – 50,000 acres - \$1,500;
 - de. ~~>50,000 acres but <75,000~~ 50,001 – 75,000 acres - \$2,500;
 - ef. >75,000 acres - \$3,750 minimum, to be negotiated;
- ii. ~~Level~~Tier 2— ~~\$100 + \$50~~ ~~100~~, fee dependent on acreage;
 - a. ~~>500 but <1,500~~ 500 – 1,500 acres, \$150;
 - b. ~~>1,500 acres but <10,000~~ 1,501 – 10,000 acres, additional
~~\$100~~ \$200;
 - c. ~~10,000 acres but <20,000~~ 10,001 – 20,000 acres - \$500;
 - d. ~~>20,000 acres but <50,000~~ 20,001 – 50,000 acres - \$1,500;
 - e. ~~>50,000 acres but <75,000~~ 50,001 – 75,000 acres - \$2,500;
 - f. >75,000 acres - \$3,750 minimum, to be negotiated;
- iii. ~~Level~~Tier 3— ~~\$100 + \$50~~ ~~100~~, fee dependent on acreage;
 - a. ~~<500~~ 40 – 500 acres, ~~no additional cost~~\$100;
 - b. ~~>500 but <1,500~~ 501 – 1,500 acres, additional ~~\$50~~\$150;
 - c. ~~>1,500 acres but <10,000~~ 1,501 – 10,000 acres, additional
~~\$100~~ \$200;
 - d. ~~>10,000 acres but <20,000~~ 10,001 – 20,000 acres - \$500;
 - e. ~~>20,000 acres but <50,000~~ 20,001 – 50,000 acres - \$1,500;
 - f. ~~>50,000 acres but <75,000~~ 50,001 – 75,000 acres - \$2,500;

- g. >75,000 acres - \$3,750 minimum, to be negotiated;
 - iv. ~~Level~~Tier 4—no acreage minimum, no fee.
- A.1.e. - B.b. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:110.1 and R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17:204 (February 1991), amended LR 25:1656 (September 1999), LR 26:2011 (September 2000), LR 30:2496 (November 2004), LR 34:1427 (July 2008), LR 35:1910 (September 2009), LR 39: .

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until 4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 2, 2013 to Mr. Scott Durham, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000.

The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

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Ronald Graham

Chairman

Chairman Graham announced that the next item, **To receive and consider a resolution to add the Rathborne Tract to the Maurepas Swamp WMA**, will be moved to the March meeting.

There were No Comments

Commissioner Sagera made a Motion to move, Commissioner Taylor second; All in favor;

There being no opposition the motion passed.

The next item, **To consider the Alternative Oyster Culture Permit proposed Rule for final Rule**, was handled by Mr. Cole Garrett.

Mr. Garrett stated no additional comments were received other than the ones presented to the Commission in November and would like to move forward to Legislative Oversight and Final Rule if it is the will of the Commission. There were no Comments. Commissioner Sagera made a Motion to move, Commissioner Manuel second, All in favor; There being no opposition the motion passed.

Mr. Harry Blanchet handled the next agenda item, **To receive and consider a Declaration of Emergency on Fisheries Closures due to Oil Spill**. Mr. Blanchet began by stating this is a continuation of closures which are continually being monitored and noted that No changes have been made from the previous closures. There were no comments from the public.

Commissioner Sagera made a Motion to Move, Commissioner Drost second, All in favor; There being no opposition the motion passed.

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

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Recreational and Commercial Fisheries Closure
February 7, 2013

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953 of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under the authority of R.S. 56:6.1, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby closes

all commercial fishing, effective immediately February 7, 2013 in the following areas:

Those waters north of 28 degrees 56 minutes 30 seconds north latitude and south of 28 degrees 59 minutes 30 seconds north latitude from the eastern shore of Southwest Pass of the Mississippi River eastward to a line beginning at 28 degrees 59 minutes 30 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 19 minutes 50 seconds west longitude and ending at 28 degrees 56 minutes 30 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 23 minutes 00 seconds west longitude, and those waters north of 29 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and south of 29 degrees 02 minutes 20 seconds north latitude from the western shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to 89 degrees 15 minutes 25 seconds west longitude, and those waters north of 28 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds north latitude and south of 29 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds north latitude from the western shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to 89 degrees 15 minutes 25 seconds west longitude and southeastward along a line beginning at 29 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 15 minutes 25 seconds west longitude and ending at 28 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds west longitude, and those waters west of the western shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River south of 28 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds north latitude bounded by the

following coordinates: 1) 28 degrees 59 minutes 15 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds west longitude, 2) 28 degrees 58 minutes 20 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds west longitude, 3) 28 degrees 59 minutes 01 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds west longitude, 4) 28 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds west longitude, and those waters east of the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River and south of 29 degrees 01 minutes 50 seconds north latitude eastward to a line beginning at 29 degrees 01 minutes 50 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 07 minutes 20 seconds west longitude and ending at 28 degrees 59 minutes 35 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 08 minutes 00 seconds west longitude, and those waters adjacent to but not including Northeast Pass and Southeast Pass of the Mississippi River and bounded by the following coordinates: 1) 29 degrees 08 minutes 35 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 04 minutes 20 seconds west longitude, 2) 29 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 02 minutes 10 seconds west longitude, 3) 29 degrees 04 minutes 50 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 04 minutes 10 seconds west longitude, 4) 29 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 05 minutes 10 seconds west longitude, and those waters south and west of Pass a Loutre of the Mississippi River and east of 89 degrees 05 minutes 35

seconds west longitude bounded by the following coordinates: 1) 29 degrees 11 minutes 25 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 03 minutes 30 seconds west longitude, 2) 29 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 02 minutes 25 seconds west longitude, 3) 29 degrees 09 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 05 minutes 35 seconds west longitude, 4) 29 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 05 minutes 35 seconds west longitude, and those waters south of North Pass of the Mississippi River bounded by the following coordinates: 1) 29 degrees 11 minutes 35 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 02 minutes 55 seconds west longitude, 2) 29 degrees 12 minutes 35 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 01 minutes 05 seconds west longitude, 3) 29 degrees 11 minutes 35 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 01 minutes 10 seconds west longitude, 4) 29 degrees 11 minutes 10 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds west longitude, and those state inside and outside waters adjacent to Grand Terre Island bounded by the following coordinates: 1) 29 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 54 minutes 50 seconds west longitude, 2) 29 degrees 17 minutes 10 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 53 minutes 50 seconds west longitude, 3) 29 degrees 15 minutes 40 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 56 minutes 00 seconds west longitude, 4) 29 degrees 17 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 57 minutes 20 seconds

west longitude, and those state inside waters in the upper Barataria Basin north of 29 degrees 26 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and south of 29 degrees 29 minutes 00 seconds north latitude from 89 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds west longitude westward to 89 degrees 57 minutes 00 seconds west longitude, and that portion of state outside waters seaward a distance of one mile from the inside/outside shrimp line from the eastern shore of Belle Pass at 90 degrees 13 minutes 30 seconds west longitude eastward to the western shore of Caminada Pass at 90 degrees 02 minutes 46.597 seconds west longitude.

Recreational fishing is open in all state inside and outside territorial waters, except in the following areas, where only recreational angling and charter boat angling is allowed: those state inside and outside waters adjacent to Grand Terre Island bounded by the following coordinates: 1) 29 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 54 minutes 50 seconds west longitude, 2) 29 degrees 17 minutes 10 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 53 minutes 50 seconds west longitude, 3) 29 degrees 15 minutes 40 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 56 minutes 00 seconds west longitude, 4) 29 degrees 17 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and 89 degrees 57 minutes 20 seconds west longitude, and those state inside waters in the upper Barataria Basin north of 29 degrees 26 minutes 00 seconds north latitude and south of 29 degrees 29 minutes 00

seconds north latitude from 89 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds west longitude westward to 89 degrees 57 minutes 00 seconds west longitude, and that portion of state outside waters seaward a distance of one mile from the inside/outside shrimp line from the eastern shore of Belle Pass at 90 degrees 13 minutes 30 seconds west longitude eastward to the western shore of Caminada Pass at 90 degrees 02 minutes 46.597 seconds west longitude.

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

The Commission hereby grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to open, close, reopen-reclose, broaden or otherwise modify the areas closed and opened to fishing if biological, environmental and technical data indicate the need to do so, or as needed to effectively implement the provisions herein upon notification to the Chairman of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Ronald Graham

Chairman

The next agenda item, **To receive a presentation of Annual Stock Assessment Report for Striped Mullet**, was handled by Mr. Jason Adriance.

Mr. Adriance (Marine Fisheries) began by stating that the Legislature requires that the Commission be provided an Assessment each year of Striped Mullet in Louisiana waters. He stated each Commissioner was provided a copy of the assessment in their packets.

Mr. Adriance stated he did not expect any comments however if any were received they would be provided to the Legislature with the assessment. Commissioner Broussard asked the dates of the report, and Mr. Adriance responded it runs from the 3rd Monday in October through the 3rd Monday in January. There were no other questions or comments

The next agenda item, **Discussion of the 2013 Red Snapper Season**, was handled by Mr. Randy Pausina. Mr. Pausina began by stating he was at the Gulf Coast Council meeting yesterday in Mobile Alabama with the other Gulf States and Federal Partners. Mr. Pausina reminded the Commission that last month he reported that the Gulf Council has moved forward with the process of instituting Regional Management for Red Snapper for the Gulf States, however it's a long federal process that is not expected to be in place until the 2014 Red Snapper season and at this time, the details of the process are unknown. Mr. Pausina stated he expects to learn of the process throughout the year but that in the interim, Louisiana asked for an emergency rule to put the Regional Management in position for the 2013 season which was not passed out of committee. Mr. Pausina concluded that at this time, this was all he had to report on.

Mr. Pausina followed by stating that a vote was taken in committee and that Texas joined Louisiana but the vote was 2 to 8 (only Yay votes were Louisiana and Texas).

Commissioner Graham called for Public Comments: Mr. Chris Macaluso, Louisiana Wildlife Federation informed the Commission that the Wildlife Federation and Fisheries Committee have extensively reviewed the proposal and that there is regional flexibility in season setting not Regional Management. He stated that what it allows the Department to do is allow flexibility in setting creel limits and it doesn't allow the flexibility in how we manage how many fish are taken as a whole. Mr. Macaluso also stated that if Randy Pausina cannot come back from a Council meeting with better and more information, the La. Wildlife Federation may ask the Commission to set the Red Snapper Season and would like the Commission to set boundaries for Louisiana. Mr. Macaluso concluded with the statement that they support this Commission.

Mr. Pausina stated that the 2013 recreational red snapper season was set in June - Commissioner Graham asked Fred Whitrock to verify that the Notice of Intent was passed, confirming the Rule and was voted on in the June meeting and the authority was given to the Secretary.

Mr. Pausina stated the season was set with Three (3) fish limit; Friday, Saturday, Sunday and/or Holidays beginning March 24th. Commissioner Graham stated that the actual dates will be in State Register February and those are the dates to be used. No other Comments or questions were heard.

The next agenda item, **To receive and consider a Notice of Intent to designate the fishing boundary for Lake D'Arbonne for purposes of crappie regulations**, was handled by Mr. Mike Wood. Mr. Wood stated this is a "touch-up" from a rule that has already passed, the 25 fish per person daily limit. This is to establish the boundaries for Bayou D'Arbonne Lake, Union and Lincoln Parishes including all areas between the Bayou D'Arbonne Spillway structure and Gill's Ferry Landing on D'Arbonne Creek and Hogpen Landing and Corney Creek. He concluded by stating this is to simplify the boundaries for anglers and Enforcement Agents

There were no comments or questions heard. Commissioner Broussard made a Motion to Move, Commissioner Sagrera second; All in favor, Motion Passed without opposition

(The Full Text of the
Notice of Intent is made
a part of the record.)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the following Rule on Crappie (*Pomoxis* spp.) on Bayou D'Arbonne Lake, located in Union and Lincoln Parishes, Louisiana.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§197. Crappie Regulations - Daily Take

A. - A.1.a....

B. Bayou D'Arbonne Lake (Union and Lincoln Parishes)
including all areas between the Bayou D'Arbonne spillway
structure and Gill's Ferry Landing on D'Arbonne Creek and Hogpen
Landing on Corney Creek.

1. Daily Limit - 25 fish per person

a. on water possession - same as daily limit
per person.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S.

56:325.1(c).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 30:2339 (October 2004), amended LR 38:2941(November 2012), amended LR 39: .

The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments of the Notice of Intent to Mr. Mike Wood, Director, Inland Fisheries Section, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., April 4, 2013.

In accordance with Act #1183 of the 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).

Mr. Ronald Graham
Chairman

Mr. Brac Salyers handled the next agenda item, **To receive and consider a Notice of Intent related to black bass regulations in the Atchafalaya Basin, Lake Verret, Lake Palourde, and Fausse Pointe Lake.**

Mr. Salyers began by introducing himself, and to discuss the proposed changes for Black Bass regulations in the Atchafalaya Basin, Lake Verret and Lake Palourde Complex. Mr. Salyers stated in August of 1992, Hurricane Andrew hit the Atchafalaya Basin and an estimated 200 million fish were killed in the Basin, of which 5 million were Large Mouth Bass. In response, the WLF Commission passed an Emergency Declaration restricting the harvest of anything smaller than 14 inches. Mr. Salyers continued by stating this was a temporary measure used to allow for reproduction of the Bass and that in the Spring of 1995, it was extended indefinitely.

Mr. Salyers continued by discussing a three year mortality study conducted by LDWF in 2010 and that the study showed that environmental factors have a greater influence than regulations do. It takes 3.4 years to reach 14 inches and seldom reach 5 years.

Mr. Salyers finished by stating that after all of the studies and reviews, Inland Fisheries Staff concluded that the 14 inch restriction be lifted. It is recommended that the daily creel change from 10 to 7 to be implemented for a period of 2 years. Mr. Salyers discussion included the following facts:

- August, 1992 - an Atchafalaya Basin fish kill estimated at 200 million fish resulted from the effects of Hurricane Andrew (5 million were largemouth bass).
- September, 1992 – In response, the Wildlife & Fisheries Commission passed an emergency declaration to restrict harvest of bass smaller than 14 inches. The regulation was intended as a temporary recovery measure to promote recovery of the bass population.
- The regulation was extended in 1995 in an effort to maintain the newly recovered and very abundant bass population. The action received widespread angler support from anglers. Many anglers associated the action as a measure to produce larger bass.
- In 2010, LDWF conducted a mail-out opinion survey of 2000 license holders living within a 60 mile radius of the Atchafalaya Basin. The results indicated angler satisfaction with the current regulations.
 - Note: The results were surprising for many Basin anglers and Inland Fisheries staff. After consideration, some bias was recognized in the survey. It is likely that anglers indicated satisfaction because they assumed that the regulations were current LDWF recommendations. They may not have been aware that the regulations were to have only been temporary.
- 2012 – Analysis of an extensive three year LDWF study determined that 14 inch minimum length limit will not produce increased abundance of large bass and is not suitable for the Atchafalaya Basin.
 - Environmental factors, including water fluctuation and the effects of tropical storms override influence of the harvest regulation.
 - 3.4 years is required for Basin bass to reach 14 inches. Study also described Basin bass as short-lived, seldom reaching 5 years of age.
- Results of the study were released in the attached link and widely distributed in various media, including print, radio, and television. The complete release is included in the

attached link: <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/fishing/ldwf-releases-report-14-minimum-length-limit-largemouth-bass-atchafalaya-basin>

- Public opinion was requested through the Department’s website. Over 450 responses were received. By an overwhelming margin (91%), Atchafalaya Basin anglers expressed agreement with the LDWF study and approval with the concept of removing the 14” minimum length limit for bass.
- Based on the results LDWF study and on angler input, Inland Fisheries staff recommends removal of the 14 inch minimum length limit.
- As a temporary transition measure, a reduction in daily creel from 10 to 7 bass is recommended for two years.
- After two years, black bass regulations for the Atchafalaya Basin, Henderson Lake, and Lake Verret would be consistent with statewide regulations – No length limit with a 10 fish daily creel limit.

Mr. Salyers asked for comments of which the question of the length limit was posed. Mr. Salyers stated that there is no length limit all together. The regulation will be 10 fish daily with no size limit. Mr. Salyers spoke of the public outreach campaigns and angler Exit Surveys; Anglers were catching a multitude of fish with only a small number reaching the 14 inch limit. He continued by talking about the high number of predators in the Basin. Mike Wood reiterated Mr. Salyers points. No other comments or questions. Commissioner Broussard made the Motion to Move, Commissioner Manuel second, All in favor, Motion Passed with no opposition.

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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend rules to change recreational harvest regulations for black bass (*Micropterus spp.*) in the Atchafalaya River Basin and adjacent waters.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§165. Black Bass Regulations—Atchafalaya River Basin, Lake Verret, Lake Palourde Complex

A. The daily creel limit (daily take) for black bass (*Micropterus spp.*) is ~~10~~ 7 fish ~~and the minimum total length limit is 14 inches with no minimum length limit~~ in the area south of U.S. 190 from the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee to the intersection of LA 1 and U.S. 190 due north of Port Allen, east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee from U.S. 190 to U.S. 90, north of U.S. 90 from the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee to LA 20, north and west of LA 20 from U.S. 90 to LA 1 in Thibodaux, south and west of LA 1 from LA 20 to U.S. 190. This rule will expire two years from its effective date.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 19:361 (March 1993), amended LR 21:960 (September 1995), LR 23:998 (August 1997), amended LR 39: .

§189. Black Bass Regulations, Lake Fausse Point/Lake Dauterive Complex

A. The harvest regulations for black bass (*Micropterus spp.*) on the Lake Fausse Point/Lake Dauterive complex located west of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee in Iberia and St. Martin Parishes, Louisiana are as follows.

1. Size Limit— ~~it shall be unlawful to take or possess, while on the water or while fishing in the water, black bass less than 14 inches total length~~ no minimum length limit.

2. Daily Take—no more than ~~10~~ 7 fish.

B. These regulations apply to all areas west of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee from Highway 3083 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers locks at the Charenton Drainage and Navigation Canal, north of and including the Charenton Drainage and

Navigation Canal from the Corps of Engineers locks to Highway 87, north and east of Highway 87 from the Charenton Drainage and Navigation Canal to Highway 320, east of Highway 320 from Highway 87 to Highway 86, south and east of Highway 86 from Highway 320 to Highway 345, east of Highway 345 from Highway 86 to Highway 679, east of Highway 679 from Highway 345 to Highway 3083 and south of Highway 3083 from Highway 679 to the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee. This rule will expire two years from its effective date.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:1990 (October 1999), amended LR 39: .

§149. Black Bass Regulations-Daily Take and Size Limits

A. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission establishes a statewide daily take (creel limit) of 10 fish for black bass (*Micropterus spp.*). The possession limit shall be the same as the daily take on water and twice the daily take off water.

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

B.1. - B.5.a ...

6. Atchafalaya River Basin and adjacent waters:

_____ a. The size and daily take for black bass in the Atchafalaya River Basin and adjacent waters are established in Sections 165 and 189 of this Chapter.

*Maximum total length - The distance in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the most posterior point of the depressed caudal fin as measured with mouth closed on a flat surface.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 14:364 (June 1988), amended LR 17:278 (March 1991), repromulgated LR 17:488 (May 1991), amended LR 17:1122 (November 1991), LR 20:796 (July 1994), LR 23:1168 (September 1997), LR 24:505 (March 1998), LR 26:97 (January 2000), LR 28:104 (January 2002), LR 29:373 (March 2003), LR 30:2339 (October 2004), repromulgated LR 30:2495 (November 2004), amended LR 37:2440 (August 2011), amended LR 39: .

The proposed rulemaking will have no impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments of the Notice of Intent to Mr. Mike Wood, Director, Inland Fisheries Section, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., May 2, 2013.

In accordance with Act #1183 of the 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).

Ronald Graham

Chairman

For the next agenda item, **Election of Vice-Chairman,**

Commissioner Sagrera nominated Commissioner Billy Broussard, Commissioner Manuel second, All in favor, Motion Passed with no opposition.

The Commissioners set the **June Commission Meeting** on June 6, 2013.

For **Public Comments**

Mr. Vic Blanchard, representing Louisiana Landowners Association wants to present letters from the LA Landowners Association and the Louisiana Foresters Association to the Commission in opposition of the existing Gopher Frog on the endangered species list.

The Commissioners went into **Executive Session to Discuss Prospective Litigation relative to return of Artificial Reef Fund Monies**. Returning from Executive Session, Chairman Graham stated that Ann Taylor has been appointed to the Rigs to Reef Committee. He also stated that the Commission will take no action at this time.

There being no further business, Chairman Graham **Adjourned** the meeting.

Ronny Graham
Chairman