

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 02, 2013

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BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, May 2, 2013

Chairman Ronny Graham presiding

Pat Manuel  
Will Drost  
Billy Broussard  
Stephen Sagera  
Ann Taylor  
Dan Davis

Secretary Barham was also present

Chairman Graham called for a motion for approval of the **May 2, 2013 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Broussard and seconded by Commissioner Manuel. Chairman Graham called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.

For the agenda item, **Commission Special Announcements/Personal Privilege**, The newly appointed Commissioner, Dan Davis was in attendance and was introduced. Secretary Barham spoke on Mr. Davis's background and professional accomplishments.

Lt. Col. Jeff Mayne stated, for the agenda item, **To Hear Enforcement & Aviation Reports/April**, the department's planes flew a total of 66.0 aviation hours for the month. There were seven (7) boating accidents reported with three (3) injuries and one (1) fatality. Three (3) news releases were discussed. First, on April 11, a Boothville man plead guilty to one count of criminal damage and one count of harassing a person lawfully fishing in Plaquemines Parish.

Second, a Texas man was arrested on seven felony violations for illegally obtaining a Louisiana residential commercial fishing, vessel and crab trap licenses in 2010 and 2011. The Third news release was, Two Louisiana Men Charged with Alligator Violations and Arrested. The two men were arrested for taking alligators during a closed season, hunting alligators at night with a firearm, illegal possession of alligators, taking alligators without a license and several other related charges.

LDWF Agents made six (6) turkey baiting cases during the opening weekend of the 2013 turkey hunting season.

There were a total of 1024 cases, 542 written warnings issued during April and agents helped with 44 public assists.

Col Mayne stated that May 11, 2013 is designated as Boating Lagniappe Day and boater safety classes will be offered in eight different locations

For the agenda item, **To Consider a Resolution to Rename the Three Rivers Red River WMA Complex to the Richard K. Yancey WMA**, was presented by Secretary Barham.

Secretary Barham is recommending that in order to recognize Richard K. Yancey's contribution to the wildlife management of the state, that the Red River and Three Rivers Wildlife Management Areas be re-named the "Richard K. Yancey Wildlife Management Area".

Secretary Barham stated that Richard Yancey was employed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for 31, from 1948 through 1979, beginning his career as a Project Leader, he then became the first state waterfowl leader, advanced to Chief of Fur and Refuge Division, Assistant Director of Wildlife and Assistant Secretary of the Office of Wildlife. Over the course of his career he served on numerous Executive Committees, Associations and Commissions. He received numerous awards, including the National Wildlife Foundation Wildlife Conservationist of the Year in the U.S for outstanding contributions to the wise use and management of the Nations natural resources, the Ducks Unlimited Outstanding Service Award, the Louisiana Outdoor Writers Conservationist of the Year, the LSU Forestry Alumni of the Year Award, the Governor's Award for Outstanding Professional in LA for Wildlife, the George Connell Outstanding Conservationist Award and the T.A. Thompson Memorial Award Outstanding Conservationist.

Mr. Hugh Bateman, former LDWF employee and friend of spoke about the importance of Mr. Yancey's work. Mr. Bateman stated that Richard Yancey recognized the importance of acquiring and preserving areas of the state for managing and harvesting wild birds, wild quadrupeds and fish to afford maximum public hunting and fishing opportunity as a prime function of the Department

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

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

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE RICHARD K. YANCEY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA Adopted by the  
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

May 2, 2013

WHEREAS, Richard K. Yancey was employed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for 31 years, from 1948 through 1979, beginning his career as a Project Leader, he then became the first state waterfowl leader, advanced to Chief of the Fur and Refuge Division, Assistant Director of Wildlife and Assistant Secretary of the Office of Wildlife, and

WHEREAS, over the course of his career, he served on the Executive Committee of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (State, Provincial and Federal Agencies of Canada, the US and Mexico), Chairman of International Treaties Committee and Migratory Wildlife Committee, Representative to joint U.S.-Canadian Steering Committee '84-'86, Migratory Species Convention Member, U.S. Dept. of State delegation, Bonn, Germany '79, Chairman of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions '80, President of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies '81, Chairman of the Miss. Flyway Council Regulations Committee, Technical Committee and Flyway Council, Advisor to the Mississippi Forestry Association Board of Directors and the MSU and LSU Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit Advisor, and Co-Chairman of the Tensas Conservancy Coalition '81-'85, creating the Tensas National Wildlife Refuge and Big Lake Wildlife Management Area to be preserved in Perpetuity, and

WHEREAS, he received numerous awards, including the National Wildlife Foundation Wildlife Conservationist of the Year in the U.S. for outstanding contributions to the wise use and management of the Nation's natural resources (1980), the Ducks Unlimited Outstanding Service Award (1970), the Louisiana Outdoor Writers Conservationist of the Year (1969), the LSU Forestry Alumni of the Year Award (1969), the Governor's Award for Outstanding Professional in LA for Wildlife (1964), the George Connell Outstanding Conservationist Award (1963), and the T.A. Thompson Memorial Award Outstanding Conservationist (1963-64), and

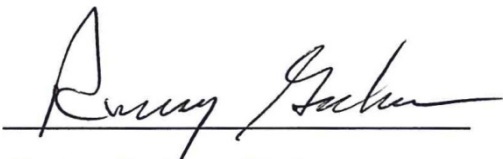
WHEREAS, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Forestry and Master of Science in Wildlife Management, both from LSU, and published over 100 publications in the field of wildlife management, and

WHEREAS, he recognized the importance of acquiring and preserving areas of the state for managing and harvesting wild birds, wild quadrupeds, and fish to afford maximum public hunting and fishing opportunity as a prime function of the Department, and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, in order to recognize Richard K. Yancey's contribution to the wildlife management of the state, that the Red River and Three Rivers Wildlife Management Areas be re-named the "Richard K. Yancey Wildlife Management Area".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby re-name Red River and Three Rivers Wildlife Management Areas the "Richard K. Yancey Wildlife Management Area"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, on behalf of the Commission, to take all actions necessary in furtherance of renaming the Red River and Three Rivers WMAs the "Richard K. Yancey Wildlife Management Area".



Ronny Graham, Chairman



Robert Barham, Secretary

The next two items, **To Hear Final Public Comment Presentation on 2013-2015 Hunting Season Dates and To Consider Notice of Intent and Amended Notice of Intent for the 2013-2015 Hunting Season Dates**, was handled by Mr. Steve Smith, the WLF WMA Program Manager. Mr. Smith began by going over the Public Comments that were received. Each Commissioner was given a copy of all the comments in the packet provided by Wendy. Each packet consisted of a compilation page of comments and a copy of all emails received. There were a total of 7 new comments received of which Two (2) were in Favor of the NOI, Five (5) were Opposed. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Broussard and seconded by Commissioner Manuel. Chairman Graham called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.

The next two items, **To Hear Final Public Comment Presentation on Notice of Intent for 2013-2014 General and WMA Hunting Rules and Regulations and To Consider Notice of Intent and Amended Notice of Intent for 2013-2014 General and WMA Hunting Rules and Regulations** was also handled by Mr. Steve Smith. Mr. Smith stated there were a total of Two (2) new Comments received. One (1) Comment was in Opposition and One (1) Comment was in Favor. There were no other questions or comments. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Broussard and seconded by Commissioner Drost. Chairman Graham called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.

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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of November CLOSES: Last Day of February	10	20
Rabbit and Squirrel	OPENS: 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of October CLOSES: Last Day of February	8	16
Squirrel*	OPENS: 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of May for 23 days	3	6
Deer <del>2012-13</del> 2013-14	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	<del>6/season (3 antlered deer &amp; 3 antlerless deer)</del> <u>6/season (not to exceed 3 antlered deer or 4 antlerless deer)</u>
Deer <del>2013-14</del> <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	<p>OPENS: 1<sup>st</sup> day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. after 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan.</p>
2	<p>OPENS: 1<sup>st</sup> 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.</p>	<p>OPENS: Last Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Tues. before 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Wed. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there</p>	<p>OPENS: Wed. before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Thurs. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats.</p>

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

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

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

~~\*Except lands within the Morganza Floodway and Atchafalaya Basin.~~

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

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

			<p><u>(BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day.</u></p> <p><u>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving day. (EITHER SEX)</u></p>	<p><u>after 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: Sat. after Christmas.</u></p> <p><u>CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. in Jan.</u></p> <p><u>CLOSES: Sun. after 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. in Jan. (EITHER SEX)</u></p>
10	<p><u>OPENS: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Sept.</u></p> <p><u>CLOSES: Jan. 15</u></p>	<p><u>OPENS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Oct.</u></p> <p><u>CLOSES: Fri. before 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct. (EITHER SEX)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day</u></p> <p><u>CLOSES: Fri. before 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY)</u></p>	<p><u>OPENS: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct.</u></p> <p><u>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec.</u></p> <p><u>CLOSES: After 37 days (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct.</u></p> <p><u>CLOSES: Sun. after 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. in Oct. (EITHER SEX)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov.</u></p> <p><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>	<u>OPENS: 1<sup>st</sup> day of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</u>	<u>OPENS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri. after 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov.</u> <u>OPENS: Mon.</u>	<u>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it</u>	<u>OPENS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open</u>

		<u>after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</u> <u>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</u>	<u>will open on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri. before 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec.</u>  <u>OPENS: Mon. after 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan.</u> <u>CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.</u>	<u>on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan.</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>OPENS: 1<sup>st</sup> day of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</u>	<u>OPENS: Next to last Sat. of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri. before last Sat. of Oct.</u>  <u>OPENS: Mon. after the last day of Modern Firearm Season in Jan.</u> <u>CLOSES: After 7 days.</u>	<u>OPENS: Last Sat. of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Tues. before 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec.</u>	<u>OPENS: Wed. before the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. on odd years and Thurs. during even numbered years</u> <u>CLOSES: 40 days after opening in odd numbered years or 39 days after opening in</u>

				<u>even numbered years</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>OPENS:</u> <u>3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.</u> <u>of Sept.</u> <u>CLOSES:</u> <u>Jan. 15</u>	<u>OPENS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat.</u> <u>of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri.</u> <u>before 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.</u> <u>of Oct.</u>  <u>OPENS: Mon.</u> <u>after</u> <u>Thanksgiving Day</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri.</u> <u>before 1<sup>st</sup> Sat.</u> <u>of Dec.</u>	<u>OPENS: 3<sup>rd</sup></u> <u>Sat. of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u> <u>after</u> <u>Thanksgiving</u> <u>Day</u>  <u>OPENS: 1<sup>st</sup></u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>CLOSES: After</u> <u>37 days</u>	
<u>4</u>	<u>OPENS:</u> <u>1<sup>st</sup> day</u> <u>of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES:</u> <u>Last day</u> <u>of Jan.</u>	<u>OPENS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat.</u> <u>of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri.</u> <u>after 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.</u> <u>of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri.</u> <u>before 2<sup>nd</sup></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 1<sup>st</sup></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 1<sup>st</sup> Sat.</u> <u>of Jan.</u> <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>OPENS: 2<sup>nd</sup></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 1<sup>st</sup></u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u> <u>after 1<sup>st</sup></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: 2<sup>nd</sup></u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u>  <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u> <u>after 2<sup>nd</sup></u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>(EITHER SEX)</u>  <u>OPENS: 3<sup>rd</sup></u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u>  <u>CLOSES: Sun.</u> <u>after 3<sup>rd</sup></u> <u>Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>(EITHER SEX)</u>

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<u>5</u>	<u>OPENS:</u> <u>1<sup>st</sup> day</u> <u>of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES:</u> <u>Last day</u> <u>of Jan.</u>	<u>OPENS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat.</u> <u>of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri.</u> <u>before 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.</u> <u>of Nov. (EITHER</u> <u>SEX)</u>  <u>OPENS: Day after</u> <u>the close of</u> <u>Modern Firearm</u> <u>Season</u>	<u>OPENS: Day</u> <u>after</u> <u>Thanksgiving</u> <u>Day</u> <u>CLOSES: 2nd</u> <u>Sun. of Jan.</u> <u>(BUCKS ONLY)</u>	

		<u>CLOSES: After 7 consecutive days (EITHER SEX)</u>		
<u>6*</u>	<u>OPENS: 1<sup>st</sup> day of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1<sup>st</sup> 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</u>	<u>OPENS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri. before 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri. before 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec.</u>	<u>OPENS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan.</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>OPENS: 1<sup>st</sup> day of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</u>	<u>OPENS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri. before 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct. (EITHER SEX)</u>  <u>OPENS: 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri. before 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY).</u>	<u>OPENS: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. of Oct. (EITHER SEX)</u>  <u>OPENS: Mon. after 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri. Before 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY)</u>  <u>OPENS: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX)</u>  <u>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving.</u>	<u>OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day</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>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving. (EITHER SEX)</u>	
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<u>9</u>	<u>OPENS: 1<sup>st</sup> day of Oct. CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1<sup>st</sup> 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</u>	<u>OPENS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY)</u>  <u>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan. (EITHER SEX 1<sup>ST</sup> 7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)</u>	<u>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</u>  <u>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving</u>	<u>OPENS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</u>  <u>OPENS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</u>  <u>OPENS: Sat. after Christmas. CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas.</u>

			<u>day. (EITHER SEX)</u>	<u>(EITHER SEX)</u>  <u>OPENS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. in Jan.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. in Jan.</u> <u>(EITHER SEX)</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>OPENS: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Sept.</u> <u>CLOSES: Jan. 15</u>	<u>OPENS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri. before 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct. (EITHER SEX)</u>  <u>OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day</u> <u>CLOSES: Fri. before 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY)</u>	<u>OPENS: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</u>  <u>OPENS: 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec.</u> <u>CLOSES: After 37 days (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</u>  <u>OPENS: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. in Oct. (EITHER SEX)</u>  <u>OPENS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX)</u>  <u>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving.</u> <u>CLOSES: Sun. after</u>	

			<u>Thanksgiving.</u> <u>(EITHER 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>	
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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 <sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

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

Chairman Graham announced the next item, **Recognition of Partner's Roles in LDWF Education Programs.** Fred Kimmel recognized and awarded volunteers and corporate sponsors for their roles in the Wildlife Education Program

Recognized are – Pete LeRoy volunteer for 14 years working with Women in the Wild and Fun Camps

Kimberly Cedars volunteer for 9 years with Women in the Wild, Fun Camps and Education Classes

Christine Sedatol with Cabella's Store working with Women in the Wild and Education Classes

Victoria Waite volunteers with the set up and take down for all events

Chairman Graham announced the next item, **To Consider a Declaration of Emergency on Fisheries Closures due to Oil Spill,** to be handled by Marty Bourgeois. There were no questions or comments. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Broussard and seconded by Commissioner Manuel. Chairman Graham called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.

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

## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

### Recreational and Commercial Fisheries Closure May 9, 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 May 9, 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 "Ronny" Graham

Chairman



Chairman Graham announced the next item, **To Consider a Declaration of Emergency on Setting the Opening Dates of the 2013 Spring Inshore and Territorial Sea Shrimp Seasons**, to be handled by Marty Bourgeois. Mr. Bourgeois asked the Commission to consider a Declaration of Emergency on setting the opening dates of the 2013 Spring Inshore and Territorial Sea Shrimp Seasons.

Mr Bourgeois prepared and shared a presentation. The Following dates were recommended and eventually agreed upon

27<sup>th</sup> – Ponchartrain, 20<sup>th</sup>- Barataria, 13<sup>th</sup>- Terrebonne/Calliou, 13<sup>th</sup> – Vermilion/Teche, 27<sup>th</sup> – Sabine/Calcasieu

If a Special Season is considered it is recommended to be on May 8<sup>th</sup> 2013

Dean Blanchard (member of the public) asked to address the Commission – Has Shrimping operation in the Grand Isle Barataria Area. Mr Blanchard agrees that the 20<sup>th</sup> is good date to open the season. He stated that he feels since the BP Oil Spill that the market for shrimp has gone backwards and asked where the salinity reports are? He also stated that he thinks the state is flooding Barataria with fresh water.

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

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

#### DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Spring Inshore Shrimp Season Opening Dates  
May 2, 2013

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all or part of inside waters and shall have the authority to open or close outside waters and to increase the minimum mesh size provided in R.S. 56:499 for any

trawl, skimmer net, or butterfly net for the duration of any special shrimp season or regular shrimp season extension, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set a special shrimp season and the 2013 Spring Shrimp Season in Louisiana state waters to open as follows:

That portion of state inside waters from south of 29 degrees 13 minutes 00 seconds north latitude from 90 degrees 18 minutes 00 seconds west longitude westward to 90 degrees 34 minutes 00 seconds west longitude, and those inside waters south of 29 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds north latitude from 90 degrees 34 minutes 00 seconds west longitude westward to 90 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds west longitude to open at 6:00 am May \_\_, 2013 and to close at 6:00 am May \_\_, 2013. The minimum mesh size used in any trawl, skimmer net or butterfly net in these waters during this special shrimp season shall be one and one-half inches stretched mesh, and

That portion of state inside waters from the Mississippi/Louisiana state line to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River to open at 6:00 am May \_\_, 2013, and

That portion of state inside waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to the eastern shore of Bayou Lafourche to open at 6:00 am May \_\_, 2013, and,

That portion of state inside waters from the eastern shore of Bayou Lafourche westward to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island to open at 6:00 am May \_\_, 2013, and

That portion of state outside waters south of the inside/outside shrimp line as described in R.S. 56:495 from the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel at Eugene Island as delineated by the River Channel Buoy Line to the western shore of Freshwater Bayou at 92 degrees 18 minutes 33 seconds west longitude to open at 6:00 am May \_\_, 2013, and

That portion of state inside waters from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island to the Louisiana/Texas state line, to open at 6:00 am May \_\_, 2013,

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

Ronald "Ronny" Graham

Chair

Chairman Graham announced the next item, **To Consider Notice of Intent for Traversing Louisiana Waters by Mississippi Residents**, to be handled by Harry Blanchet. Mr. Blanchet explained that this will allow people out of Mississippi waters to traverse through Louisiana waters to their Mississippi home port. They are not allowed to stop and fish in Louisiana waters and they have to have a license. Motion passed by Mississippi Commission and they requested we consider an agreement. This NOI does not apply to Commercial fisheries. There were no Comments heard. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Broussard and seconded by Commissioner Sagrera. Chairman Graham called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.

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

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

**Department of Wildlife and Fisheries**

**Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**

**Traversing Louisiana Territorial Waters by Mississippi Residents (LAC  
76:VII.375)**

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to enact a Rule, LAC 76:VII.375, allowing Mississippi residents to traverse specified Louisiana waters without possessing a Louisiana fishing license. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S.56:6(28) and 56:373. Said Rule is attached to and made part of this Notice of Intent.

The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

**Title 76**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life**

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

**§375. Traversing Louisiana Territorial Waters by Mississippi Residents**

**A. Purpose**

Pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 56:673 and in response to a resolution from the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources to provide for a recreational fishing vessel traversing corridor east of the Mississippi River in Louisiana territorial waters to enhance safe passage for Mississippi residents fishing the Federal Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), the Commission hereby enters into an agreement with the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources as follows.

## B. Traversing Corridor

For the purposes of this agreement the traversing corridor is established as those waters of Mississippi Sound, Breton Sound and Chandeleur Sound eastward from the double rig line as defined in Louisiana Revised Statutes 56:495.1(A) 2 to the eastern most extent of Louisiana territorial waters.

## C. Eligibility

To be eligible to traverse Louisiana state waters under this agreement, anglers must comply with all of the following:

1. Anglers must be a licensed fisherman for the state of Mississippi (resident or non-resident), or be legally able to fish in Mississippi waters; and provide proof of such while traversing waters within the territorial boundaries of Louisiana.
2. With the exception of licensed Mississippi charter vessels and persons aboard such charters, anglers MUST NOT be licensed to fish by the state of Louisiana. If an angler is a holder of a Louisiana fishing license then they must comply with the requirements for the state of Louisiana while possessing fish in Louisiana waters, regardless if only traversing.
3. Persons aboard vessels which are registered or documented in the state of Louisiana are required to comply with Louisiana fisheries regulations while fishing or possessing fish in Louisiana waters or outside of Louisiana waters when the fishery management plan for that fishery was delegated to Louisiana for that fishery.
4. Vessels in the traversing corridor must be moving and anglers can not be in the act of fishing by any means.
5. The only fish species allowed on the vessel while traversing are the following federally managed species or species groups:
  - a. Reef Fish
  - b. Highly Migratory Species
  - c. Coastal Pelagics
  - d. Triggerfishes
6. If the state of Mississippi is not participating in a regional management program for that species all fishermen must comply with applicable federal fisheries regulations for that species if not fishing under a Louisiana regional management program for that species.

7. Regional management is considered to be a state exercising management over that fishery under state laws and regulations where delegated authority for a federal fishery management plan for that fishery has been approved by the Gulf Management Council.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S.56:6(28) and R.S. 56:673.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 39:\_\_\_

### **Family Impact Statement**

In accordance with Act 1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent. This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

### **Public Comments**

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to Jason Adriance, Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, or via e-mail to jadriance@wlf.la.gov prior to Thursday, July 12, 2013.

Ronnie Graham,

Chairman

Chairman Graham announced the next item, **To Set the September 2013 Meeting Date.** A discussion took place and the meeting is set for September 5th, 2013. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Broussard and seconded by Commissioner Manuel. Chairman Graham called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.

Chairman Graham announced the next item, **To Hear Public Comments;** Rebecca Triche, Executive Director of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation voiced her concern over the Artificial Reef Fund Raid by the Governor. The Federation believes the funds are protected by the constitution. The Federation also believes the funds should be used for what they were donated for, and raiding the fund is illegal. There were no other comments or questions heard.

Chairman Graham announced the next item, **To Hear Request for Designation of “Free Fishing Days” Scheduling in June,** which was handled by Fred Kimmel. This year’s Free Fishing Days will coincide with National Fishing Week, June 8-9<sup>th</sup> 2013. Recreational fishermen do not have to have a recreational license to fish. There were no comments or questions heard.

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 the Commission will take no action at this time.

There being no further business, Chairman Graham **Adjourned** the meeting.

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Ronny Graham  
Chairman