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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, January 4, 2005

Vice-Chairman Wayne Sagrera presiding.

Terry Denmon
Earl King
Frederic Miller
Henry Mouton
Robert Samanie, III
Jerry Stone

Secretary Dwight Landreneau was also present.

Vice-Chairman Sagrera called for a motion for approval of the **December 2, 2004 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Mouton and seconded by Commissioner Stone. The motion passed with no opposition.

Under **Commission Special Announcements** for this month, Vice-Chairman Sagrera congratulated Commissioner Miller on his appointment and stated he looked forward to working with him on the Commission.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for December** began with Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze stating there were 1,093 citations and 119 written warnings issued and agents helped with 51 public assists. The main activity for the month was deer hunting followed by waterfowl. Statewide seizures included 67 illegal deer and 37 of those were from the Region 6 area in which the 6 point rule was violated. On the wildlife management areas, agents made public contact with about 5,800 people. A new report included this time was entitled **Monthly Boating Accident Report**. There were 6 accidents reported with 10 injuries and 2 fatalities. Commissioner Stone asked that a life jacket percentage be included on the accident report. Commissioner Miller asked Lt. Col. LaCaze if he could tell how many of the accidents involved alcohol? Lt. Col. LaCaze stated he would have to check. Commissioner Miller asked that information be included also. Going on, Lt. Col. LaCaze reported on a hunting accident that occurred on December 27 in Caldwell Parish and News Releases on sentencing and cases made for littering, over the limit and baiting of ducks. The training academy began with 17 new cadets going through orientation, PT training and classroom work and would continue for another 24 weeks. Lt. Col. LaCaze then explained why it was difficult to find

people that are interested in becoming an agent as requested by Commissioner Mouton. Commissioner Denmon asked about the violations on the 6 point rule and was it for a three year period? Lt. Col. LaCaze stated this was the third year on the regulation. Commissioner Denmon then asked if it would just go away and a report be rendered? Mr. Dave Moreland stated the regulation would go back to the way it was and a final report would be developed.

A Declaration of Emergency - Red Snapper Recreational Season was the first agenda item for Mr. Harry Blanchet. The red snapper season was set in conjunction with the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. This has been in place for the last several years. The Resolution would allow the Secretary to close the recreational red snapper season when the season is closed in federal waters. Also, the Resolution would allow the Secretary to modify the seasons if necessary. Vice-Chairman Sagrera asked Mr. Blanchet to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Samanie made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner King.

Commissioner Miller asked if the 2005 recreational quota of 4.7 million pounds was the same as 2004? Mr. Blanchet answered yes. Then Commissioner Miller asked if the Gulf Council was doing a stock assessment on red snapper and if there was any indication of what it looked like? Mr. Blanchet stated the stock assessment was a three phase system, the first being a data workshop and this has been done; then there was an analyses workshop and this phase was still ongoing; and the last would be completion of an assessment report.

Hearing no further questions, the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

Resolution

2005 Recreational Red Snapper Season
January 4, 2005

WHEREAS, the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has put into place a regulatory amendment under the framework procedure of the reef fish fishery management plan that establishes a recreational red snapper quota equal to the recreational allocation, and authorizes the closure of the fishery for the remainder of the fishing year (=calendar year) in Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico when the quota is reached or is projected to be reached, and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Council recommended to NMFS that the 2005 recreational quota for red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico be set at 4.47 million pounds, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has closed the recreational fishing season for red snapper effective midnight October 31, 2004 until April 21, 2005 by reducing the bag limit to zero in the EEZ off of Louisiana for that time period, and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has enacted a closure in Louisiana state waters consistent with the EEZ closure which is preferable as it assists in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2005 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 allow the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2005 season for the recreational harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the recreational red snapper season when he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also hereby authorizes the Secretary to modify the opening and closing dates in State waters if he is notified that the opening and closing of Federal waters are other than those specified

in this Declaration of Emergency, and to open an additional recreational red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened an additional recreational season, and to close such season when he is informed that the recreational quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding red snapper harvest including size, daily take and possession limits established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open season hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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 Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2005 recreational red snapper season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Wayne J. Sagera, Vice-Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2005 Recreational Red Snapper Season

The red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council). Regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore. Rules were established by NMFS to close recreational harvest season in the EEZ off of Louisiana effective midnight October 31, 2004 until 12:01 a.m., April 21, 2005 by reducing the bag limit to zero, and NMFS requested that consistent regulations be established in Louisiana waters. NMFS typically requests consistent regulations in order to enhance the effectiveness and enforceability of regulations for EEZ waters.

In order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2005 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted.

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following seasons for recreational harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters:

The season for the recreational fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will remain closed until 12:01 a.m., April 21, 2005 by reducing the bag limit to zero for that time period. The season will open at 12:01 a.m., April 21, 2005 and continue until midnight October 31, 2005.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the recreational red snapper season when he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled or is projected to be filled.

The Commission also hereby authorizes the Secretary to modify the opening and closing dates in State waters if he is notified that the opening and closing of Federal waters are other than those specified in this Declaration of Emergency, and to open an additional recreational red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened an additional recreational season, and to close such season when he is informed that the recreational quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled.

Effective with the recreational red snapper season closure, no person, except those who possess a Class 1 or Class 2 commercial red snapper license issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish and who are legally taking red snapper during an open commercial season, shall possess any red snapper whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters.

Wayne J. Sagrera
Vice-Chairman

Next, Mr. Harry Blanchet handled a **Declaration of Emergency - Reef Fish (Including Red Snapper) Commercial Seasons**. Last year, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Gulf Council split and established new quotas on tilefish. This Resolution would cover all of those commercial quotas and also would give the Secretary authority to set the seasons when the seasons are established in federal waters. Mr. Blanchet then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. A motion by Commission Mouton

to accept the Resolution was made. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2005 REEF FISH (INCLUDING RED SNAPPER) COMMERCIAL SEASONS

January 4, 2005

- WHEREAS, the reef fish complex is composed of several groups of species that inhabit marine waters off the coast of Louisiana, including red snapper, other species of snappers, groupers, amberjacks, triggerfishes, grunts, wrasses, sea basses, tilefishes and porgies, with the species listed in LAC 76:VII.335, and
- WHEREAS, the reef fish fisheries are cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and
- WHEREAS, some species such as the red snapper are managed with species-specific seasons, while others are managed as species groups, such as the shallow-water and deep-water groupers and tilefishes, and
- WHEREAS, rules are established by NMFS, to provide for commercial harvest seasons for red snapper in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and
- WHEREAS, commercial quotas have been established for some of these species groups, which have the potential to be filled during the course of the fishing year, and
- WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and
- WHEREAS, the NMFS and the Gulf Council regularly request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to implement consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and
- WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 allow the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2005 seasons for commercial harvest of reef fish including red snapper in Louisiana state waters as described in the attached Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is hereby authorized to close the 2005 commercial red snapper seasons in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by the Regional Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the designated portions of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico have been filled, or are projected to be filled, for each set of seasons, and such closure order shall close the season until the date set for the re-opening of the commercial red snapper season in Federal waters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening and closing dates for the commercial red snapper seasons in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the seasons be modified in Louisiana state waters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the season for the commercial harvest of any species or group of species of fishes listed in LAC 76:VII.335, and to re-open and re-close these seasons in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the same season has been modified in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding reef fish harvest, including possession limits, permit requirements and size limits established by the

Commission shall be in effect during the open seasons hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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 Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting 2005 commercial reef fish seasons in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Wayne J. Sagrera, Vice-Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2005 Reef Fish (Including Red Snapper) Commercial Seasons

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby declares:

Red snapper commercial seasons: The 2005 seasons for the commercial harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters are as follows: the first commercial fishing season for red snapper will open at 12 noon on February 1, 2005, and remain open until 12:00 noon on February 10. This pattern will continue each month until two-thirds of the 2005 commercial quota for red snapper is harvested. The second commercial red snapper season will open at 12 noon on October 1, 2005, and remain open until 12 noon on October 10, and will also continue in this format each month until the entire 2005 quota is harvested.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is hereby authorized to close the 2005 commercial red snapper seasons in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by the Regional Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the designated portions of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico have been filled, or are projected to be filled, for each set of seasons, and such closure order shall close the season until the date set for the re-opening of the commercial red snapper season in Federal waters. All applicable rules regarding red snapper harvest including trip limits, permit requirements, and

size limits, established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open seasons hereby established.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening and closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters.

Commercial Seasons for Reef Fish: In addition to the seasons set forth above for the commercial harvest of red snapper, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is hereby authorized to close the season for the commercial harvest of any species or group of species of fishes listed in LAC 76:VII.335, Reef Fish - Harvest Regulations, in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the applicable commercial quota has been harvested in the Gulf of Mexico, and if he is requested by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the State of Louisiana enact compatible regulations in Louisiana state waters.

The Commission also hereby grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to re-open and close the commercial seasons described here in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of these fish species in the Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters.

Effective with seasonal closures under this Emergency Rule, no person shall commercially harvest, possess, purchase, exchange, barter, trade, sell, or attempt to purchase, exchange, barter, trade, or sell the affected species of fish, whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters. Also effective with this closure, no person shall possess the affected species of fish in excess of a daily bag limit, which may only be in possession during the open recreational season by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Nothing shall prohibit the possession or sale of fish by a commercial dealer if legally taken prior to the closure providing that all commercial dealers possessing such fish taken legally prior to the closure shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6.

Wayne J. Sagrera
Vice-Chairman

The last item for Mr. Harry Blanchet was a **Declaration of Emergency - King Mackerel Commercial Season**. This Resolution would set the commercial king mackerel season to start in July and carry on until the quota was reached. Mr. Blanchet then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Miller made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner King. The motion passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2005 COMMERCIAL KING MACKEREL SEASON January 4, 2005

WHEREAS, the king mackerel fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U. S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, NMFS requests consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters, which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, the 2005 commercial king mackerel season in EEZ waters is scheduled to open on July 1, 2005, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons by emergency rule and R.S. 49:967 allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto by emergency rule, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2005 season for commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or is projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2006, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2006 commercial king mackerel season in Federal waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also authorizes the Secretary to open additional commercial king mackerel seasons in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened such additional seasons and to close such seasons when he is informed that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding the commercial king mackerel harvest including trip and size limits established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open season hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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 Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2005 commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Wayne J. Sagraera, Vice-Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2005 Commercial King Mackerel Season

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto by emergency rule, and R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:326.3 which provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby

sets the following season and trip limits for the commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters:

The commercial season for king mackerel in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2005 and remain open until the allotted portion of the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or is projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2006, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2006 commercial king mackerel season in Federal waters.

The Commission also authorizes the Secretary to open additional commercial king mackerel seasons in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened such additional seasons and to close such seasons when he is informed that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled.

Effective with seasonal closures under this Emergency Rule, no person shall commercially harvest, possess, purchase, exchange, barter, trade, sell, or attempt to purchase, exchange, barter, trade, or sell king mackerel, whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters. Also effective with this closure, no person shall possess king mackerel in excess of a daily bag limit, which may only be in possession during the open recreational season by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Nothing shall prohibit the possession or sale of fish by a commercial dealer if legally taken prior to the closure providing that all commercial dealers possessing such fish taken legally prior to the closure shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6.

Wayne J. Segrera
Vice-Chairman

Consideration of Offshore Territorial Sea Shrimp Closure was presented by Mr. Marty Bourgeois. This action would close a portion of state outside waters from the western shore of Freshwater Bayou Canal east to the eastern shore of Belle Pass. This closure would become effective Monday, January 10 at 6 AM. Current sampling indicates there are significant numbers of small overwintering white shrimp which average smaller than the minimum, legal possession count. Additional shrimp are expected to recruit

to these areas as time goes on and water temperatures remain cold which means growth will be slow. Mr. Bourgeois added that the Resolution would authorize the Secretary to close to shrimping any portion of the remaining open state waters if there was a need to do so. Other authorities for the Secretary included: reopening a season when a closure was no longer needed and opening special seasons for white shrimp in inside waters. He then noted this action was similar to that adopted by the Commission at the January 2004 meeting.

Mr. Carl Gremillion asked if this action was within the three mile limit? Mr. Bourgeois answered yes, it was state outside waters which extends three miles.

Hearing no further questions, Commissioner Mouton made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Stone. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2005 Closure of State Outside Waters to Shrimping
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
January 4, 2005

- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the open shrimp seasons for all or part of the state waters shall be fixed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the Commission shall also have the right to set special seasons for all or part of the state waters, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the Commission shall have the authority to open or close outside waters by zone each year as it deems appropriate upon inspection of and based upon technical and biological data which indicates that marketable shrimp, in sufficient quantities, are available for harvest, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides that the possession count on saltwater white shrimp for each cargo lot shall average no more than 100 (whole specimens) count per pound, except during the time period from October fifteenth through the third Monday in December when there shall be no count, and

WHEREAS, in state outside waters, water temperatures remain below 15 degrees Centigrade and the growth rate of white shrimp is therefore slow, and

WHEREAS, current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated that white shrimp in a portion of state outside waters average smaller than 100 possession count and additional small white shrimp are expected to recruit to these waters during the remainder of winter and early spring, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby order a closure to shrimping in that portion of state outside waters, south of the Inside/Outside Shrimp Line as described in R.S. 56:495, from the western shore of Freshwater Bayou Canal at longitude 92° 18' 33" W to the eastern shore of Belle Pass at latitude 29° 05' 07" N and longitude 90° 13' 30" W, at 6 a.m. on Monday, January 10, 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close to shrimping, if necessary to protect small white shrimp, any part of remaining state outside waters, if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop, and to reopen any area closed to shrimping when the closure is no longer necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to open special seasons for the harvest of white shrimp in any portion of the State's inside waters where such a season would not detrimentally impact developing brown shrimp populations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Declaration of Emergency closing state outside waters is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Wayne J. Sagrera, Vice-Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 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 have the authority to open or close state outside waters to shrimping by zone each year as it deems appropriate, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby orders a closure to shrimping in that portion of state outside waters, south of the Inside/Outside Shrimp Line as described in R.S. 56:495, from the western shore of Freshwater Bayou Canal at longitude 92° 18' 33" W to the eastern shore of Belle Pass at latitude 29° 05' 07" N and longitude 90° 13' 30" W. This closure is effective at 6 a.m., Monday, January 10, 2005.

R.S. 56:498 provides that the possession count on saltwater white shrimp for each cargo lot shall average no more than 100 (whole specimens) count per pound except during the time period from October fifteenth through the third Monday in December. Current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated that white shrimp in this portion of state outside waters do not average 100 possession count and additional small white shrimp are expected to recruit to these waters. This action is being taken to protect these small white shrimp and provide them the opportunity to grow to a larger and more valuable size.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close to shrimping, if necessary to protect small white shrimp, any part of remaining state outside waters, if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop, and to reopen any area closed to shrimping when the closure is no longer necessary; and hereby authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to open and close special shrimp seasons in any portion of state inside waters where such a season would not detrimentally impact developing brown shrimp populations.

Wayne J. Segrera
Vice-Chairman

Amendment to Notice of Intent - License Fee Waivers began with Mr. Don Puckett stating this action would amend the Notice of Intent presented and approved at the December meeting. He explained the formatting contained in the proposed rule by noting an existing rule already addressed only individual non-resident outdoor sports writers. They are entitled to receive a license at a reduced fee of \$20. During the last legislative session, approval was given to the Secretary to waive the fee entirely, so the first part amends the existing rule. The other three sections are all new and they deal with the developmentally disabled, youth groups and charitable groups and non-resident outdoor writers that come to Louisiana for a conference sponsored by a bona fide outdoor writing association. The waivers are not a guarantee, each case is examined by the

Secretary based on criteria established by the staff. A few technical changes were made as well as making each waiver valid for three days only.

Commissioner Denmon asked about the requirement of someone having to show proof of membership in a bona fide outdoor press association and asked if it was common. Mr. Puckett commented staff feels they should be a member. Commissioner Denmon then asked if this was directed to writers only? Mr. Puckett noted it was directed toward all of the outdoor press. Commissioner Denmon stated he was involved with outdoor television and he was not sure that those people belong to a bona fide press association. Mr. Puckett stated there has to be some criteria to begin with, but it certainly could be changed or refined. Commissioner Denmon then added the outdoor television industry has exploded over the last 10 years and this has become one of the main media outlets for hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreation. Commissioner Mouton agreed with Commissioner Denmon. Commissioner Denmon asked, if the company shooting the show was a member, would that be good enough? Mr. Puckett stated the license would be issued to the individual participating in the activity. Commissioner Stone asked if the proposal could be amended to say "at the discretion of the Department, others may be included". Secretary Landreneau reiterated they were looking for some type of credential, something that will provide the person is legitimate. He added that if there are major problems, changes can be made. Commissioner Denmon stated his company, when asked, provides written proof that a person is the host of a television show. Secretary Landreneau felt adding Commissioner Stone's language would help clear the matter. Commissioner Stone then made a motion to amend the Notice of Intent to include his language, if it was appropriate. Mr. Puckett suggested taking any other questions and allow him the opportunity to develop some specific language. Commissioner Denmon asked how long would it take for someone to receive a waiver? Secretary Landreneau stated, as long as all of the documentation was in place, the application could be processed within days or even hours. Commissioner Denmon then asked if a letter of waiver would be sufficient if he was stopped by a federal agent? Mr. Puckett noted that the Department will develop communications with the Federal agents when all is approved since it will serve as a valid, state license.

Commissioner Miller stated the language has been changed in the fishing license that the Secretary may issue a letter of waiver to "a" nonresident member press, but for hunting licenses, that was not the same wording. Mr. Puckett stated there was no reason for not making that change and noted it could be done. Then Commissioner Miller felt the statement on providing a final copy of the product was not a complete sentence, it did not indicate to whom the product would be given and the time period for the product. Mr. Puckett stated the answer to the time period would be a reasonable standard and that may vary on the type of media. He

added that if a letter of waiver was issued to an individual and there was no final product, that would be the only waiver given to that person.

Commissioner Denmon asked Commissioner Stone to hold his motion until later in the meeting when Mr. Puckett can incorporate all of the suggested changes. Commissioner Stone withdrew his motion. Commissioner Samanie asked if a motion could be made with the stipulation that the changes be made? Commissioner Denmon stated he would like to see the added language before voting on it. Commissioner Mouton agreed with Commissioner Denmon. The Vice-Chairman requested moving on with the agenda and then coming back to this item.

Amendment of By-Laws was handled also by Mr. Don Puckett. This amendment was published and presented at the December meeting. There was only one change from the previous which did not change the substance, but spoke in terms of conduct of the members of the Commission. It placed the duty on the Chairman that the comment cards are completed. Mr. Puckett then asked for a motion to accept the amendment. Commissioner Denmon made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Samanie. The motion passed with no opposition.

On the next item, **Set May 2005 Meeting Date**, Commissioner Mouton asked Mr. Marty Bourgeois for his input with this being the meeting where the shrimp season was set. Mr. Bourgeois stated the new moon would be on May 8 and typically the highest tidal ranges occur before that moon phase. A scenario could occur where there was a rapid warm-up in the spring, growth was rapid, and the new moon which could trigger a mass movement of shrimp before the Commission could set the season. Mr. Bourgeois reminded everyone there is a statute that requires a 72 hour notice before opening the season. Also, he stated that in 2000, the same scenario was faced and the Commission elected to hold a Special Meeting at which the latest biological information was presented. The Commission did not elect to open the season at that point. Commissioner Denmon suggested setting the meeting as usual, and then the Chairman could call a Special Meeting if necessary. Then the Commissioners agreed to hold the May 2005 Meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2005, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Office.

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman began with Commissioner Mouton nominating Vice-Chairman Sagrera as Chairman for 2005 and it was seconded by Commissioner Samanie. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Puckett stated there was no need for a roll call vote with just one nomination. Vice-Chairman Sagrera was elected Chairman and then he thanked the Commission for their vote. He then asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Stone nominated Commissioner Denmon as Vice-Chairman and he was chosen by acclamation.

Vice-Chairman Sagrera then asked for **Public Comments**. Commissioner Mouton stated he has received 8 or 10 telephone calls and several e-mails on the outdoor press license and felt the public was not reading the proposed rule correctly which was causing all of the concerns.

Mr. Vince Accardo wished to express concern on a safety problem in St. Tammany Parish. He felt this parish was one of the fastest growing areas in the State and every time someone moves in, the habitat acreage goes down. Deer hunting is what he grew up doing and asked that it not be tampered with, but should be managed so it would continue. Mr. Accardo commented the corridor between Highway 59 and Slidell and Highway 36 and I-10 has so much traffic that it was now a major highway. One problem now was during the dog hunting season, there are times when the dogs become lost, cross the highways and are killed. Mr. Accardo felt that another problem that was compounding the situation was hunters parking on the highway, standing in their vehicles with hunter orange vest on, trying to see their dogs before they reach the highways. He suggested that the rules be changed as it related to dog hunting.

Mr. Wayne Messina began stating he was not representing anyone but himself and emphasized the fact that he loves to hunt and fish. He then asked the Commission to think of going to a doe tagging system for the State. Mr. Messina then explained how the system works in Arkansas. In Area 6 where he hunts, Mr. Messina commented there were 11 doe days this year with eight not being good for hunting and leaving only three decent days. Doe days present the situation where you have to hunt if you hope to kill. In Area 6, does are not seen until the weather gets cold which was now, but the doe days are over. Mr. Messina stated he has talked to Mr. Dave Moreland on this subject and has been told there was an expense involved. He recommended charging an additional fee to cover the cost of the tags. Again, Mr. Messina suggested going with a tagging system and allow the harvest of four bucks and two does. Vice-Chairman Sagrera stated the Department and Commission are looking at several options and tagging was one such option. Mr. Messina then thought, with all of the research being conducted, that removing a jaw bone from one of the does and sending it into the Department could help.

Moving back to item 9, **Amendment to Notice of Intent - License Fee Waivers**, Mr. Puckett stated he was informed that on an application, there was a place for anticipated publication date of the article. Addressing Commissioner Denmon's issue, in paragraph 3, after the sentence "Evidence of such status...", new language would read as: "In lieu of membership in a bona fide outdoor press association, the Secretary for good cause shown, including but not limited to clippings or tear sheets of articles or broadcast copies of previous work, may waive this requirement". This would require a demonstration of past publications and not just word of mouth.

Commissioner Stone felt this new language was satisfactory to him. Mr. Puckett asked if a motion to adopt the new language was made, that Commissioner Miller's suggested technical changes also be included. Vice-Chairman Sagrera asked for a motion to amend the Notice of Intent as read by Mr. Puckett. Commissioner Stone made that motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Denmon. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the amended 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 amend and enact provisions for special licenses and license fee waivers.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part I. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and Agencies Thereunder

Chapter 3. Special Powers and Duties

Subchapter H. Electronic Licenses Issuance

§327. Recreational Electronic Licensing

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~~F. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing license the Department may issue a special Outdoor Press Fishing License to nonresident members of the outdoor press which will include basic and saltwater fishing, in lieu of basic hunting and Louisiana duck license the Department may issue a special Outdoor Press Hunting License to nonresident members of the outdoor press which will include migratory bird hunting and Louisiana duck license.~~

~~1. A fee of twenty dollars will be charged for each outdoor press fishing license issued and the license shall be valid for a period of four consecutive days, a fee of twenty dollars will be charged for each Outdoor Press Hunting License and the license shall be valid for a period of three consecutive days, or a fee of twenty dollars will be charged for both if purchased for periods that begin on the same date.~~

~~2. All Outdoor Press licenses will be issued from the Baton Rouge Headquarters location.~~

~~3. To qualify for certification an applicant must submit to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism one or more of the following:~~

~~a. Recent tear sheets of published articles;~~

~~b. Letter of assignment from publication, television or radio company;~~

~~c. A written recommendation from one of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism's international offices;~~

~~d. A written recommendation from Travel South USA, Louisiana Travel Promotion Association or similar organizations;~~

~~4. In no case will the Department of Culture, Recreational and Tourism forward an application from any individual or group not directly involved in producing stories or broadcast materials pertaining to Louisiana fishing and/or outdoor recreation opportunities.~~

~~5. Certified applications with all supporting documents and license fees shall be forwarded to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for approval. The license fee shall be returned to the applicant for any application not certified by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism or approved by the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.~~

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(21), R.S. 56:641.1 and R.S. 56:647.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Office of Management and Finance, LR 24:505 (March 1998), amended by Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 26:1078 (May 2000), amended by Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Office of Management and Finance, LR 27:1243 (August 2001), amended by Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 28:354 (February 2002), LR 28:2570 (December 2002), LR 31: .

Subchapter I. Special Licenses and License Fee Waivers

§329. Outdoor Press Licenses

A. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing license, the Department Secretary may issue a special Outdoor Press Fishing License or a letter of waiver of license fees for fishing to a nonresident members of the outdoor

~~press which will include basic and saltwater fishing. in lieu of basic hunting and Louisiana duck license For the purpose of hunting, the Department Secretary may issue a special Outdoor Press Hunting License or a letter of waiver of license fees for hunting to a nonresident members of the outdoor press who meet all other legal requirements to obtain a hunting license. Such waiver may include basic hunting, big game, bow, muzzleloader, turkey, Louisiana duck license and WMA hunting permit. ~~to nonresident members of the outdoor press which will include migratory bird hunting and Louisiana duck license.~~~~

1. A fee of twenty dollars will be charged for each Outdoor Press Fishing License issued, ~~and the license~~ Each license or letter of authorization waiver to fish under this provision shall be valid for a period of four three consecutive days. ~~or a~~ A fee of twenty dollars will be charged for each Outdoor Press Hunting License, ~~and the license~~ Each license or letter of authorization waiver for hunting shall be valid for a period of three consecutive days. ~~or a~~ A fee of twenty dollars will be charged for both if purchased for periods that begin on the same date. Be it further provided that the Secretary may waive the above referenced fees in accordance with law.

2. ~~All Outdoor Press licenses~~ Each license or letter of authorization waiver will be issued from the Baton Rouge Headquarters location.

3. To qualify for ~~certification~~ a special Outdoor Press Hunting or Fishing license or letter of waiver, an applicant must submit to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism Wildlife and Fisheries an original completed application form with a legible photostatic copy of the applicant's driver's license, and proof of membership in a bona fide outdoor press association recognized by the Department. Evidence of such status shall be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Secretary. In lieu of membership in a bona fide outdoor press association, the Secretary, for good cause shown, including but not limited to clippings or tear sheets of articles or broadcast copies of previous work, may waive this requirement. ~~and one or more of the following:~~ In addition, the applicant shall submit a letter of assignment from the publication, television or radio company.

~~a. Recent tear sheets of published articles, or~~

~~b. Letter of assignment from the publication, television or radio company.~~

~~c. A written recommendation from one of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism's international offices,~~

~~d. A written recommendation from Travel South USA, Louisiana Travel Promotion Association or similar organizations,~~

4. In no case will the Department of Culture, Recreational and Tourism forward Secretary approve an application from any individual or group not directly involved in producing stories or broadcast materials pertaining to Louisiana fishing, hunting and/or outdoor recreation opportunities.

5. ~~Certified~~ Only certified completed applications with all supporting documents and applicable license fees attached, as specified in subsection 3 above, shall be forwarded to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for approval. ~~The license fee shall be returned to the applicant for any application not certified by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism or approved by the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. considered for approval.~~

6. The applicant shall be required, upon completion of the assignment, to provide a copy of the final product.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:109 and R.S. 56:647.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 31: .

§331. Special Disability Fishing and Hunting Licenses

A. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing licenses the Department may issue a Special Disability Fishing License to residents who qualify as "developmentally disabled" as defined in R.S. 28:751; and in lieu of basic hunting, big game hunting, bow, muzzleloader, turkey stamp, and duck hunting licenses, and WMA hunting permit, the Department may issue a Special Disability Hunting License to residents who qualify as "developmentally disabled" as defined in R.S. 28:751 and who meet all other legal requirements to obtain a hunting license. Developmentally disabled may include, but is not limited to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, downs syndrome, spina bifida, and multiple sclerosis.

1. Special Disability licenses shall be issued annually and will be exempt from license fees.

2. Anyone fishing with a Special Disability Fishing license must be accompanied by a validly licensed fisherman. Anyone hunting with a Special Disability Hunting license must be accompanied by a validly licensed hunter.

3. All Special Disability Fishing and Hunting licenses shall be issued from the Baton Rouge Headquarters location.

4. To qualify for Special Disability licenses an applicant must submit to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the following:

a. A valid Louisiana Driver's license or Identification Card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;

b. A completed application form for Developmentally Disabled license(s);

c. Proof that applicant has resided in Louisiana consecutively for the immediate twelve months prior to making application as required by the Department (i.e. resident driver's license of guardian or care giver, voter's registration card, vehicle registration, certification by guardian or care giver, etc.).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:104, R.S. 56:109 and R.S. 56:302.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 31: .

§333. Charitable Organizations, Youth Groups and Schools; Fee Waivers

A. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing licenses the Secretary may issue a letter of waiver of fees for fishing to members of bona fide charitable organizations, youth groups or schools. For the purpose of hunting, the Secretary may issue a letter of waiver of license fees for hunting to members of bona fide charitable organizations, youth groups or schools who meet all other legal requirements to obtain a hunting license, which will include basic hunting, big game, bow, muzzleloader, turkey, Louisiana duck license and WMA hunting permit.

B. Evidence of such status shall be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

C. Each letter authorizing a waiver of fees under this provision shall be valid for a period not to exceed three consecutive days.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:104, R.S. 56:109 and R.S. 56:302.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 31: .

§335. Conferences; Fee Waivers

A. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing licenses the Secretary may issue a letter of waiver of fees for fishing to registered non-resident participants in conferences hosted by bona fide outdoor press associations recognized by the Department.

B. For the purpose of hunting, the Secretary may issue a letter of waiver of license fees for hunting to registered non-resident participants in conferences hosted by bona fide outdoor press associations recognized by the Department who meet all other legal requirements to obtain a hunting license. Such waiver may include basic hunting, big game, bow, muzzleloader, turkey, Louisiana duck license and WMA hunting permit.

C. Evidence of such status shall be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

D. Each letter authorizing a waiver of fees under this provision shall be valid for a period not to exceed three consecutive days. The said three day period shall be at designated times which are during or immediately contiguous to the official dates of the conference.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:104, R.S. 56:109 and R.S. 56:302.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 31: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact 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 relative to the proposed rule to Janis Landry, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, March 3, 2005.

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

Wayne J. Sagrera
Vice-Chairman

Vice-Chairman Sagrera asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for the item, Update on St. John the Baptist Parish, et al. v. State of Louisiana, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 40th JDC, Parish of St. John the Baptist, No. 45016, Div. B. Mr. Puckett stated his report could be given in open session. The status of the case is that a trial date has been set for March 15, 2005. Commissioner Stone asked if there has been any indication something may come up in the next Legislative Session. Mr. Puckett stated there has been bills in each of the last sessions and would be surprised if there was not one this year.

There being no further business, Commissioner Miller made a motion to Adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner King.



Dwight Landreneau
Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

DWIGHT LANDRENEAU
SECRETARY

February 2, 2005

The attached should replace the January 2005 Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meeting Minutes sent to you recently. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 225-765-2806.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan Falcon

Susan C. Falcon
Commission Secretary

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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

MINUTES

JANUARY 4, 2005

WAYNE J. SAGRERA
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OF .

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, January 4, 2005

Vice-Chairman Wayne Sagrera presiding.

Terry Denmon
Earl King
Frederic Miller
Henry Mouton
Robert Samanie, III
Jerry Stone

Secretary Dwight Landreneau was also present.

Vice-Chairman Sagrera called for a motion for approval of the **December 2, 2004 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Mouton and seconded by Commissioner Stone. The motion passed with no opposition.

Under **Commission Special Announcements** for this month, Vice-Chairman Sagrera congratulated Commissioner Miller on his appointment and stated he looked forward to working with him on the Commission.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for December** began with Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze stating there were 1,093 citations and 119 written warnings issued and agents helped with 51 public assists. The main activity for the month was deer hunting followed by waterfowl. Statewide seizures included 67 illegal deer and 37 of those were from the Region 6 area in which the 6 point rule was violated. On the wildlife management areas, agents made public contact with about 5,800 people. A new report included this time was entitled Monthly Boating Accident Report. There were 6 accidents reported with 10 injuries and 2 fatalities. Commissioner Stone asked that a life jacket percentage be included on the accident report. Commissioner Miller asked Lt. Col. LaCaze if he could tell how many of the accidents involved alcohol? Lt. Col. LaCaze stated he would have to check. Commissioner Miller asked that information be included also. Going on, Lt. Col. LaCaze reported on a hunting accident that occurred on December 27 in Caldwell Parish and News Releases on sentencing and cases made for littering, over the limit and baiting of ducks. The training academy began with 17 new cadets going through orientation, PT training and classroom work and would continue for another 24 weeks. Lt. Col. LaCaze then explained why it was difficult to find

people that are interested in becoming an agent as requested by Commissioner Mouton. Commissioner Denmon asked about the violations on the 6 point rule and was it for a three year period? Lt. Col. LaCaze stated this was the third year on the regulation. Commissioner Denmon then asked if it would just go away and a report be rendered? Mr. Dave Moreland stated the regulation would go back to the way it was and a final report would be developed.

A Declaration of Emergency - Red Snapper Recreational Season was the first agenda item for Mr. Harry Blanchet. The red snapper season was set in conjunction with the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. This has been in place for the last several years. The Resolution would allow the Secretary to close the recreational red snapper season when the season is closed in federal waters. Also, the Resolution would allow the Secretary to modify the seasons if necessary. Vice-Chairman Sagrera asked Mr. Blanchet to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Samanie made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner King.

Commissioner Miller asked if the 2005 recreational quota of 4.7 million pounds was the same as 2004? Mr. Blanchet answered yes. Then Commissioner Miller asked if the Gulf Council was doing a stock assessment on red snapper and if there was any indication of what it looked like? Mr. Blanchet stated the stock assessment was a three phase system, the first being a data workshop and this has been done; then there was an analyses workshop and this phase was still ongoing; and the last would be completion of an assessment report.

Hearing no further questions, the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

Resolution

2005 Recreational Red Snapper Season January 4, 2005

WHEREAS, the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has put into place a regulatory amendment under the framework procedure of the reef fish fishery management plan that establishes a recreational red snapper quota equal to the recreational allocation, and authorizes the closure of the fishery for the remainder of the fishing year (=calendar year) in Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico when the quota is reached or is projected to be reached, and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Council recommended to NMFS that the 2005 recreational quota for red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico be set at 4.47 million pounds, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has closed the recreational fishing season for red snapper effective midnight October 31, 2004 until April 21, 2005 by reducing the bag limit to zero in the EEZ off of Louisiana for that time period, and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has enacted a closure in Louisiana state waters consistent with the EEZ closure which is preferable as it assists in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2005 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 allow the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2005 season for the recreational harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the recreational red snapper season when he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also hereby authorizes the Secretary to modify the opening and closing dates in State waters if he is notified that the opening and closing of Federal waters are other than those specified

in this Declaration of Emergency, and to open an additional recreational red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened an additional recreational season, and to close such season when he is informed that the recreational quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding red snapper harvest including size, daily take and possession limits established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open season hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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 Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2005 recreational red snapper season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Wayne J. Sagrera, Vice-Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2005 Recreational Red Snapper Season

The red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council). Regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore. Rules were established by NMFS to close recreational harvest season in the EEZ off of Louisiana effective midnight October 31, 2004 until 12:01 a.m., April 21, 2005 by reducing the bag limit to zero, and NMFS requested that consistent regulations be established in Louisiana waters. NMFS typically requests consistent regulations in order to enhance the effectiveness and enforceability of regulations for EEZ waters.

In order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2005 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted.

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following seasons for recreational harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters:

The season for the recreational fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will remain closed until 12:01 a.m., April 21, 2005 by reducing the bag limit to zero for that time period. The season will open at 12:01 a.m., April 21, 2005 and continue until midnight October 31, 2005.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the recreational red snapper season when he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled or is projected to be filled.

The Commission also hereby authorizes the Secretary to modify the opening and closing dates in State waters if he is notified that the opening and closing of Federal waters are other than those specified in this Declaration of Emergency, and to open an additional recreational red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened an additional recreational season, and to close such season when he is informed that the recreational quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled.

Effective with the recreational red snapper season closure, no person, except those who possess a Class 1 or Class 2 commercial red snapper license issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish and who are legally taking red snapper during an open commercial season, shall possess any red snapper whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters.

Wayne J. Sagrera
Vice-Chairman

Next, Mr. Harry Blanchet handled a **Declaration of Emergency - Reef Fish (Including Red Snapper) Commercial Seasons**. Last year, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Gulf Council split and established new quotas on tilefish. This Resolution would cover all of those commercial quotas and also would give the Secretary authority to set the seasons when the seasons are established in federal waters. Mr. Blanchet then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. A motion by Commission Mouton

to accept the Resolution was made. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2005 REEF FISH (INCLUDING RED SNAPPER) COMMERCIAL SEASONS

January 4, 2005

- WHEREAS, the reef fish complex is composed of several groups of species that inhabit marine waters off the coast of Louisiana, including red snapper, other species of snappers, groupers, amberjacks, triggerfishes, grunts, wrasses, sea basses, tilefishes and porgies, with the species listed in LAC 76:VII.335, and
- WHEREAS, the reef fish fisheries are cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and
- WHEREAS, some species such as the red snapper are managed with species-specific seasons, while others are managed as species groups, such as the shallow-water and deep-water groupers and tilefishes, and
- WHEREAS, rules are established by NMFS, to provide for commercial harvest seasons for red snapper in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and
- WHEREAS, commercial quotas have been established for some of these species groups, which have the potential to be filled during the course of the fishing year, and
- WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and
- WHEREAS, the NMFS and the Gulf Council regularly request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to implement consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and
- WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 allow the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2005 seasons for commercial harvest of reef fish including red snapper in Louisiana state waters as described in the attached Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is hereby authorized to close the 2005 commercial red snapper seasons in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by the Regional Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the designated portions of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico have been filled, or are projected to be filled, for each set of seasons, and such closure order shall close the season until the date set for the re-opening of the commercial red snapper season in Federal waters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening and closing dates for the commercial red snapper seasons in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the seasons be modified in Louisiana state waters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the season for the commercial harvest of any species or group of species of fishes listed in LAC 76:VII.335, and to re-open and re-close these seasons in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the same season has been modified in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding reef fish harvest, including possession limits, permit requirements and size limits established by the

Commission shall be in effect during the open seasons hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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 Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting 2005 commercial reef fish seasons in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Wayne J. Sagrera, Vice-Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2005 Reef Fish (Including Red Snapper) Commercial Seasons

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby declares:

Red snapper commercial seasons: The 2005 seasons for the commercial harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters are as follows: the first commercial fishing season for red snapper will open at 12 noon on February 1, 2005, and remain open until 12:00 noon on February 10. This pattern will continue each month until two-thirds of the 2005 commercial quota for red snapper is harvested. The second commercial red snapper season will open at 12 noon on October 1, 2005, and remain open until 12 noon on October 10, and will also continue in this format each month until the entire 2005 quota is harvested.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is hereby authorized to close the 2005 commercial red snapper seasons in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by the Regional Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the designated portions of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico have been filled, or are projected to be filled, for each set of seasons, and such closure order shall close the season until the date set for the re-opening of the commercial red snapper season in Federal waters. All applicable rules regarding red snapper harvest including trip limits, permit requirements, and

size limits, established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open seasons hereby established.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening and closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters.

Commercial Seasons for Reef Fish: In addition to the seasons set forth above for the commercial harvest of red snapper, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is hereby authorized to close the season for the commercial harvest of any species or group of species of fishes listed in LAC 76:VII.335, Reef Fish - Harvest Regulations, in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the applicable commercial quota has been harvested in the Gulf of Mexico, and if he is requested by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the State of Louisiana enact compatible regulations in Louisiana state waters.

The Commission also hereby grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to re-open and close the commercial seasons described here in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of these fish species in the Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters.

Effective with seasonal closures under this Emergency Rule, no person shall commercially harvest, possess, purchase, exchange, barter, trade, sell, or attempt to purchase, exchange, barter, trade, or sell the affected species of fish, whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters. Also effective with this closure, no person shall possess the affected species of fish in excess of a daily bag limit, which may only be in possession during the open recreational season by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Nothing shall prohibit the possession or sale of fish by a commercial dealer if legally taken prior to the closure providing that all commercial dealers possessing such fish taken legally prior to the closure shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6.

Wayne J. Sagrera
Vice-Chairman

The last item for Mr. Harry Blanchet was a **Declaration of Emergency - King Mackerel Commercial Season**. This Resolution would set the commercial king mackerel season to start in July and carry on until the quota was reached. Mr. Blanchet then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Miller made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner King. The motion passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2005 COMMERCIAL KING MACKEREL SEASON January 4, 2005

WHEREAS, the king mackerel fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U. S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, NMFS requests consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters, which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, the 2005 commercial king mackerel season in EEZ waters is scheduled to open on July 1, 2005, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons by emergency rule and R.S. 49:967 allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto by emergency rule, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2005 season for commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or is projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2006, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2006 commercial king mackerel season in Federal waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also authorizes the Secretary to open additional commercial king mackerel seasons in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened such additional seasons and to close such seasons when he is informed that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding the commercial king mackerel harvest including trip and size limits established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open season hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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 Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2005 commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Wayne J. Sagrera, Vice-Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2005 Commercial King Mackerel Season

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto by emergency rule, and R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:326.3 which provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby

sets the following season and trip limits for the commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters:

The commercial season for king mackerel in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2005 and remain open until the allotted portion of the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or is projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2006, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2006 commercial king mackerel season in Federal waters.

The Commission also authorizes the Secretary to open additional commercial king mackerel seasons in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened such additional seasons and to close such seasons when he is informed that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled.

Effective with seasonal closures under this Emergency Rule, no person shall commercially harvest, possess, purchase, exchange, barter, trade, sell, or attempt to purchase, exchange, barter, trade, or sell king mackerel, whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters. Also effective with this closure, no person shall possess king mackerel in excess of a daily bag limit, which may only be in possession during the open recreational season by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Nothing shall prohibit the possession or sale of fish by a commercial dealer if legally taken prior to the closure providing that all commercial dealers possessing such fish taken legally prior to the closure shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6.

Wayne J. Segrera
Vice-Chairman

Consideration of Offshore Territorial Sea Shrimp Closure was presented by Mr. Marty Bourgeois. This action would close a portion of state outside waters from the western shore of Freshwater Bayou Canal east to the eastern shore of Belle Pass. This closure would become effective Monday, January 10 at 6 AM. Current sampling indicates there are significant numbers of small overwintering white shrimp which average smaller than the minimum, legal possession count. Additional shrimp are expected to recruit

to these areas as time goes on and water temperatures remain cold which means growth will be slow. Mr. Bourgeois added that the Resolution would authorize the Secretary to close to shrimping any portion of the remaining open state waters if there was a need to do so. Other authorities for the Secretary included: reopening a season when a closure was no longer needed and opening special seasons for white shrimp in inside waters. He then noted this action was similar to that adopted by the Commission at the January 2004 meeting.

Mr. Carl Gremillion asked if this action was within the three mile limit? Mr. Bourgeois answered yes, it was state outside waters which extends three miles.

Hearing no further questions, Commissioner Mouton made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Stone. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2005 Closure of State Outside Waters to Shrimping
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
January 4, 2005

- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the open shrimp seasons for all or part of the state waters shall be fixed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the Commission shall also have the right to set special seasons for all or part of the state waters, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the Commission shall have the authority to open or close outside waters by zone each year as it deems appropriate upon inspection of and based upon technical and biological data which indicates that marketable shrimp, in sufficient quantities, are available for harvest, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides that the possession count on saltwater white shrimp for each cargo lot shall average no more than 100 (whole specimens) count per pound, except during the time period from October fifteenth through the third Monday in December when there shall be no count, and

WHEREAS, in state outside waters, water temperatures remain below 15 degrees Centigrade and the growth rate of white shrimp is therefore slow, and

WHEREAS, current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated that white shrimp in a portion of state outside waters average smaller than 100 possession count and additional small white shrimp are expected to recruit to these waters during the remainder of winter and early spring, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby order a closure to shrimping in that portion of state outside waters, south of the Inside/Outside Shrimp Line as described in R.S. 56:495, from the western shore of Freshwater Bayou Canal at longitude 92° 18' 33" W to the eastern shore of Belle Pass at latitude 29° 05' 07" N and longitude 90° 13' 30" W, at 6 a.m. on Monday, January 10, 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close to shrimping, if necessary to protect small white shrimp, any part of remaining state outside waters, if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop, and to reopen any area closed to shrimping when the closure is no longer necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to open special seasons for the harvest of white shrimp in any portion of the State's inside waters where such a season would not detrimentally impact developing brown shrimp populations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Declaration of Emergency closing state outside waters is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Wayne J. Sagrera, Vice-Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 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 have the authority to open or close state outside waters to shrimping by zone each year as it deems appropriate, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby orders a closure to shrimping in that portion of state outside waters, south of the Inside/Outside Shrimp Line as described in R.S. 56:495, from the western shore of Freshwater Bayou Canal at longitude 92° 18' 33" W to the eastern shore of Belle Pass at latitude 29° 05' 07" N and longitude 90° 13' 30" W. This closure is effective at 6 a.m., Monday, January 10, 2005.

R.S. 56:498 provides that the possession count on saltwater white shrimp for each cargo lot shall average no more than 100 (whole specimens) count per pound except during the time period from October fifteenth through the third Monday in December. Current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated that white shrimp in this portion of state outside waters do not average 100 possession count and additional small white shrimp are expected to recruit to these waters. This action is being taken to protect these small white shrimp and provide them the opportunity to grow to a larger and more valuable size.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close to shrimping, if necessary to protect small white shrimp, any part of remaining state outside waters, if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop, and to reopen any area closed to shrimping when the closure is no longer necessary; and hereby authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to open and close special shrimp seasons in any portion of state inside waters where such a season would not detrimentally impact developing brown shrimp populations.

Wayne J. Sagrera
Vice-Chairman

Amendment to Notice of Intent - License Fee Waivers began with Mr. Don Puckett stating this action would amend the Notice of Intent presented and approved at the December meeting. He explained the formatting contained in the proposed rule by noting an existing rule already addressed only individual non-resident outdoor sports writers. They are entitled to receive a license at a reduced fee of \$20. During the last legislative session, approval was given to the Secretary to waive the fee entirely, so the first part amends the existing rule. The other three sections are all new and they deal with the developmentally disabled, youth groups and charitable groups and non-resident outdoor writers that come to Louisiana for a conference sponsored by a bona fide outdoor writing association. The waivers are not a guarantee, each case is examined by the

Secretary based on criteria established by the staff. A few technical changes were made as well as making each waiver valid for three days only.

Commissioner Denmon asked about the requirement of someone having to show proof of membership in a bona fide outdoor press association and asked if it was common. Mr. Puckett commented staff feels they should be a member. Commissioner Denmon then asked if this was directed to writers only? Mr. Puckett noted it was directed toward all of the outdoor press. Commissioner Denmon stated he was involved with outdoor television and he was not sure that those people belong to a bona fide press association. Mr. Puckett stated there has to be some criteria to begin with, but it certainly could be changed or refined. Commissioner Denmon then added the outdoor television industry has exploded over the last 10 years and this has become one of the main media outlets for hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreation. Commissioner Mouton agreed with Commissioner Denmon. Commissioner Denmon asked, if the company shooting the show was a member, would that be good enough? Mr. Puckett stated the license would be issued to the individual participating in the activity. Commissioner Stone asked if the proposal could be amended to say "at the discretion of the Department, others may be included". Secretary Landreneau reiterated they were looking for some type of credential, something that will provide the person is legitimate. He added that if there are major problems, changes can be made. Commissioner Denmon stated his company, when asked, provides written proof that a person is the host of a television show. Secretary Landreneau felt adding Commissioner Stone's language would help clear the matter. Commissioner Stone then made a motion to amend the Notice of Intent to include his language, if it was appropriate. Mr. Puckett suggested taking any other questions and allow him the opportunity to develop some specific language. Commissioner Denmon asked how long would it take for someone to receive a waiver? Secretary Landreneau stated, as long as all of the documentation was in place, the application could be processed within days or even hours. Commissioner Denmon then asked if a letter of waiver would be sufficient if he was stopped by a federal agent? Mr. Puckett noted that the Department will develop communications with the Federal agents when all is approved since it will serve as a valid, state license.

Commissioner Miller stated the language has been changed in the fishing license that the Secretary may issue a letter of waiver to "a" nonresident member press, but for hunting licenses, that was not the same wording. Mr. Puckett stated there was no reason for not making that change and noted it could be done. Then Commissioner Miller felt the statement on providing a final copy of the product was not a complete sentence, it did not indicate to whom the product would be given and the time period for the product. Mr. Puckett stated the answer to the time period would be a reasonable standard and that may vary on the type of media. He

added that if a letter of waiver was issued to an individual and there was no final product, that would be the only waiver given to that person.

Commissioner Denmon asked Commissioner Stone to hold his motion until later in the meeting when Mr. Puckett can incorporate all of the suggested changes. Commissioner Stone withdrew his motion. Commissioner Samanie asked if a motion could be made with the stipulation that the changes be made? Commissioner Denmon stated he would like to see the added language before voting on it. Commissioner Mouton agreed with Commissioner Denmon. The Vice-Chairman requested moving on with the agenda and then coming back to this item.

Amendment of By-Laws was handled also by Mr. Don Puckett. This amendment was published and presented at the December meeting. There was only one change from the previous which did not change the substance, but spoke in terms of conduct of the members of the Commission. It placed the duty on the Chairman that the comment cards are completed. Mr. Puckett then asked for a motion to accept the amendment. Commissioner Denmon made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Samanie. The motion passed with no opposition.

On the next item, **Set May 2005 Meeting Date**, Commissioner Mouton asked Mr. Marty Bourgeois for his input with this being the meeting where the shrimp season was set. Mr. Bourgeois stated the new moon would be on May 8 and typically the highest tidal ranges occur before that moon phase. A scenario could occur where there was a rapid warm-up in the spring, growth was rapid, and the new moon which could trigger a mass movement of shrimp before the Commission could set the season. Mr. Bourgeois reminded everyone there is a statute that requires a 72 hour notice before opening the season. Also, he stated that in 2000, the same scenario was faced and the Commission elected to hold a Special Meeting at which the latest biological information was presented. The Commission did not elect to open the season at that point. Commissioner Denmon suggested setting the meeting as usual, and then the Chairman could call a Special Meeting if necessary. Then the Commissioners agreed to hold the May 2005 Meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2005, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Office.

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman began with Commissioner Mouton nominating Vice-Chairman Sagrera as Chairman for 2005 and it was seconded by Commissioner Samanie. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Puckett stated there was no need for a roll call vote with just one nomination. Vice-Chairman Sagrera was elected Chairman and then he thanked the Commission for their vote. He then asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Stone nominated Commissioner Denmon as Vice-Chairman and he was chosen by acclamation.

Vice-Chairman Sagrera then asked for **Public Comments**. Commissioner Mouton stated he has received 8 or 10 telephone calls and several e-mails on the outdoor press license and felt the public was not reading the proposed rule correctly which was causing all of the concerns.

Mr. Vince Accardo wished to express concern on a safety problem in St. Tammany Parish. He felt this parish was one of the fastest growing areas in the State and every time someone moves in, the habitat acreage goes down. Deer hunting is what he grew up doing and asked that it not be tampered with, but should be managed so it would continue. Mr. Accardo commented the corridor between Highway 59 and Slidell and Highway 36 and I-10 has so much traffic that it was now a major highway. One problem now was during the dog hunting season, there are times when the dogs become lost, cross the highways and are killed. Mr. Accardo felt that another problem that was compounding the situation was hunters parking on the highway, standing in their vehicles with hunter orange vest on, trying to see their dogs before they reach the highways. He suggested that the rules be changed as it related to dog hunting.

Mr. Wayne Messina began stating he was not representing anyone but himself and emphasized the fact that he loves to hunt and fish. He then asked the Commission to think of going to a doe tagging system for the State. Mr. Messina then explained how the system works in Arkansas. In Area 6 where he hunts, Mr. Messina commented there were 11 doe days this year with eight not being good for hunting and leaving only three decent days. Doe days present the situation where you have to hunt if you hope to kill. In Area 6, does are not seen until the weather gets cold which was now, but the doe days are over. Mr. Messina stated he has talked to Mr. Dave Moreland on this subject and has been told there was an expense involved. He recommended charging an additional fee to cover the cost of the tags. Again, Mr. Messina suggested going with a tagging system and allow the harvest of four bucks and two does. Vice-Chairman Sagrera stated the Department and Commission are looking at several options and tagging was one such option. Mr. Messina then thought, with all of the research being conducted, that removing a jaw bone from one of the does and sending it into the Department could help.

Moving back to item 9, **Amendment to Notice of Intent - License Fee Waivers**, Mr. Puckett stated he was informed that on an application, there was a place for anticipated publication date of the article. Addressing Commissioner Denmon's issue, in paragraph 3, after the sentence "Evidence of such status...", new language would read as: "In lieu of membership in a bona fide outdoor press association, the Secretary for good cause shown, including but not limited to clippings or tear sheets of articles or broadcast copies of previous work, may waive this requirement". This would require a demonstration of past publications and not just word of mouth.

Commissioner Stone felt this new language was satisfactory to him. Mr. Puckett asked if a motion to adopt the new language was made, that Commissioner Miller's suggested technical changes also be included. Vice-Chairman Sagrera asked for a motion to amend the Notice of Intent as read by Mr. Puckett. Commissioner Stone made that motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Denmon. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the amended 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 amend and enact provisions for special licenses and license fee waivers.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part I. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and Agencies Thereunder

Chapter 3. Special Powers and Duties

Subchapter H. Electronic Licenses Issuance

§327. Recreational Electronic Licensing

A. - O. * * *

~~P. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing license the Department may issue a special Outdoor Press Fishing License to nonresident members of the outdoor press which will include basic and saltwater fishing, in lieu of basic hunting and Louisiana duck license the Department may issue a special Outdoor Press Hunting License to nonresident members of the outdoor press which will include migratory bird hunting and Louisiana duck license.~~

~~1. A fee of twenty dollars will be charged for each outdoor press fishing license issued and the license shall be valid for a period of four consecutive days; a fee of twenty dollars will be charged for each Outdoor Press Hunting License and the license shall be valid for a period of three consecutive days; or a fee of twenty dollars will be charged for both if purchased for periods that begin on the same date.~~

~~2. All Outdoor Press licenses will be issued from the Baton Rouge Headquarters location.~~

~~3. To qualify for certification an applicant must submit to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism one or more of the following:~~

~~a. Recent tear sheets of published articles,~~

~~b. Letter of assignment from publication, television or radio company,~~

~~c. A written recommendation from one of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism's international offices,~~

~~d. A written recommendation from Travel South USA, Louisiana Travel Promotion Association or similar organizations,~~

~~4. In no case will the Department of Culture, Recreational and Tourism forward an application from any individual or group not directly involved in producing stories or broadcast materials pertaining to Louisiana fishing and/or outdoor recreation opportunities.~~

~~5. Certified applications with all supporting documents and license fees shall be forwarded to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for approval. The license fee shall be returned to the applicant for any application not certified by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism or approved by the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.~~

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(21), R.S. 56:641.1 and R.S. 56:647.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Office of Management and Finance, LR 24:505 (March 1998), amended by Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 26:1078 (May 2000), amended by Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Office of Management and Finance, LR 27:1243 (August 2001), amended by Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 28:354 (February 2002), LR 28:2570 (December 2002), LR 31: .

Subchapter I. Special Licenses and License Fee Waivers

§329. Outdoor Press Licenses

A. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing license, the Department Secretary may issue a special Outdoor Press Fishing License or a letter of waiver of license fees for fishing to a nonresident members of the outdoor

press which will include basic and saltwater fishing, ~~in lieu of basic hunting and Louisiana duck license~~ For the purpose of hunting, the Department Secretary may issue a special Outdoor Press Hunting License or a letter of waiver of license fees for hunting to a nonresident members of the outdoor press who meet all other legal requirements to obtain a hunting license. Such waiver may include basic hunting, big game, bow, muzzleloader, turkey, Louisiana duck license and WMA hunting permit. ~~to nonresident members of the outdoor press which will include migratory bird hunting and Louisiana duck license.~~

1. A fee of twenty dollars will be charged for each Outdoor Press Fishing License issued, ~~and the license~~ Each license or letter of authorization waiver to fish under this provision shall be valid for a period of four ~~three~~ consecutive days. ~~A fee of twenty dollars will be charged for each Outdoor Press Hunting License, and the license~~ Each license or letter of authorization waiver for hunting shall be valid for a period of three consecutive days. ~~or a~~ A fee of twenty dollars will be charged for both if purchased for periods that begin on the same date. Be it further provided that the Secretary may waive the above referenced fees in accordance with law.

2. ~~All Outdoor Press licenses~~ Each license or letter of authorization waiver will be issued from the Baton Rouge Headquarters location.

3. To qualify for ~~certification a special Outdoor Press Hunting or Fishing license or letter of waiver,~~ an applicant must submit to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism Wildlife and Fisheries an original completed application form with a legible photostatic copy of the applicant's driver's license, and proof of membership in a bona fide outdoor press association recognized by the Department. Evidence of such status shall be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Secretary. In lieu of membership in a bona fide outdoor press association, the Secretary, for good cause shown, including but not limited to clippings or tear sheets of articles or broadcast copies of previous work, may waive this requirement. and one or more of the following: In addition, the applicant shall submit a letter of assignment from the publication, television or radio company.

a. ~~Recent tear sheets of published articles, or~~

~~Letter of assignment from the publication, television or radio company.~~

c. ~~A written recommendation from one of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism's international offices,~~

~~d. A written recommendation from Travel South USA, Louisiana Travel Promotion Association or similar organizations;~~

4. In no case will the Department of Culture, Recreational and Tourism forward Secretary approve an application from any individual or group not directly involved in producing stories or broadcast materials pertaining to Louisiana fishing, hunting and/or outdoor recreation opportunities.

5. ~~Certified~~ Only certified completed applications with all supporting documents and applicable license fees attached, as specified in subsection 3 above, shall be forwarded to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for approval. The license fee shall be returned to the applicant for any application not certified by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism or approved by the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. considered for approval.

6. The applicant shall be required, upon completion of the assignment, to provide a copy of the final product.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:109 and R.S. 56:647.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 31: .

§331. Special Disability Fishing and Hunting Licenses

A. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing licenses the Department may issue a Special Disability Fishing License to residents who qualify as "developmentally disabled" as defined in R.S. 28:751; and in lieu of basic hunting, big game hunting, bow, muzzleloader, turkey stamp, and duck hunting licenses, and WMA hunting permit, the Department may issue a Special Disability Hunting License to residents who qualify as "developmentally disabled" as defined in R.S. 28:751 and who meet all other legal requirements to obtain a hunting license. Developmentally disabled may include, but is not limited to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, downs syndrome, spina bifida, and multiple sclerosis.

1. Special Disability licenses shall be issued annually and will be exempt from license fees.

2. Anyone fishing with a Special Disability Fishing license must be accompanied by a validly licensed fisherman. Anyone hunting with a Special Disability Hunting license must be accompanied by a validly licensed hunter.

3. All Special Disability Fishing and Hunting licenses shall be issued from the Baton Rouge Headquarters location.

4. To qualify for Special Disability licenses an applicant must submit to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the following:

a. A valid Louisiana Driver's license or Identification Card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;

b. A completed application form for Developmentally Disabled license(s);

c. Proof that applicant has resided in Louisiana consecutively for the immediate twelve months prior to making application as required by the Department (i.e. resident driver's license of guardian or care giver, voter's registration card, vehicle registration, certification by guardian or care giver, etc.).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:104, R.S. 56:109 and R.S. 56:302.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 31: .

§333. Charitable Organizations, Youth Groups and Schools; Fee Waivers

A. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing licenses the Secretary may issue a letter of waiver of fees for fishing to members of bona fide charitable organizations, youth groups or schools. For the purpose of hunting, the Secretary may issue a letter of waiver of license fees for hunting to members of bona fide charitable organizations, youth groups or schools who meet all other legal requirements to obtain a hunting license, which will include basic hunting, big game, bow, muzzleloader, turkey, Louisiana duck license and WMA hunting permit.

B. Evidence of such status shall be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

C. Each letter authorizing a waiver of fees under this provision shall be valid for a period not to exceed three consecutive days.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:104, R.S. 56:109 and R.S. 56:302.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 31: .

§335. Conferences; Fee Waivers

A. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing licenses the Secretary may issue a letter of waiver of fees for fishing to registered non-resident participants in conferences hosted by bona fide outdoor press associations recognized by the Department.

B. For the purpose of hunting, the Secretary may issue a letter of waiver of license fees for hunting to registered non-resident participants in conferences hosted by bona fide outdoor press associations recognized by the Department who meet all other legal requirements to obtain a hunting license. Such waiver may include basic hunting, big game, bow, muzzleloader, turkey, Louisiana duck license and WMA hunting permit.

C. Evidence of such status shall be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

D. Each letter authorizing a waiver of fees under this provision shall be valid for a period not to exceed three consecutive days. The said three day period shall be at designated times which are during or immediately contiguous to the official dates of the conference.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:104, R.S. 56:109 and R.S. 56:302.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 31: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact 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 relative to the proposed rule to Janis Landry, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, March 3, 2005.

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

Wayne J. Sagrera
Vice-Chairman

Vice-Chairman Sagrera asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for the item, Update on St. John the Baptist Parish, et al. v. State of Louisiana, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 40th JDC, Parish of St. John the Baptist, No. 45016, Div. B. Mr. Puckett stated his report could be given in open session. The status of the case is that a trial date has been set for March 15, 2005. Commissioner Stone asked if there has been any indication something may come up in the next Legislative Session. Mr. Puckett stated there has been bills in each of the last sessions and would be surprised if there was not one this year.

There being no further business, Commissioner Miller made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner King.



Dwight Landreneau
Secretary

DL:scf

Falcon, Susan

From: frederic l. miller [fredricmiller@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2005 10:38 AM
To: sfalcon@wlf.louisiana.gov
Subject: JANUARY, 2004 MINUTES

DEAR SUSAN--I NOTICED A COUPLE OF TYPOS IN THE JANUARY MINUTES.

ON PAGE 15, EIGHTH LINE FROM THE BOTTOM THE WORD "RECEIVED" SHOULD BE "RECEIVE".

ON PAGE 17, IN THE SECTION "AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS", FIFTH SENTENCE, THE WORD "ONTO" SHOULD BE "ON".

ON PAGE 17, LAST WORD ON THE PAGE. THE WORD "ACCLIMATION" SHOULD BE "ACCLAMATION".

SORRY TO NITPICK--I TOLD YA'LL YOU WOULD RUE THE DAY YOU HAD A LAWYER ON THE COMMISSION. BUT, I READ THINGS CLOSELY FOR A LIVING--FORCE OF HABIT. AND, ABOVE ALL ELSE, I KNOW THAT WE WANT THINGS RIGHT.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP. FRED MILLER

Marianne,

Please review.

Thanks,

Susan Falcon

1/12/2005



MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, January 4, 2005

Sagrera presiding.

Frederic Miller
Henry Mouton
Robert Samanie, III
Jerry Stone

Secretary Dwight Landreneau was also present.

Vice-Chairman Sagrera called for a motion for approval of the **December 2, 2004 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Mouton and seconded by Commissioner Stone. The motion passed with no opposition.

Under **Commission Special Announcements** for this month, Vice-Chairman Sagrera congratulated Commissioner Miller on his appointment and stated he looked forward to working with him on the Commission.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for December** began with Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze stating there were 1,093 citations and 119 written warnings issued and agents helped with 51 public assists. The main activity for the month was deer hunting followed by waterfowl. Statewide seizures included 67 illegal deer and 37 of those were from the Region 6 area in which the 6 point rule was violated. On the wildlife management areas, agents made public contact with about 5,800 people. A new report included this time was entitled Monthly Boating Accident Report. There were 6 accidents reported with 10 injuries and 2 fatalities. Commissioner Stone asked that a life jacket percentage be included on the accident report. Commissioner Miller asked Lt. Col. LaCaze if he could tell how many of the accidents involved alcohol? Lt. Col. LaCaze stated he would have to check. Commissioner Miller asked that information be included also. Going on, Lt. Col. LaCaze reported on a hunting accident that occurred on December 27 in Caldwell Parish and News Releases on sentencing and cases made for littering, over the limit and baiting of ducks. The training academy began with 17 new cadets going through orientation, PT training and classroom work and would continue for another 24 weeks. Lt. Col. LaCaze then explained why it was difficult to find

people that are interested in becoming an agent as requested by Commissioner Mouton. Commissioner Denmon asked about the violations on the 6 point rule and was it for a three year period? Lt. Col. LaCaze stated this was the third year on the regulation. Commissioner Denmon then asked if it would just go away and a report be rendered? Mr. Dave Moreland stated the regulation would go back to the way it was and a final report would be developed.

A Declaration of Emergency - Red Snapper Recreational Season was the first agenda item for Mr. Harry Blanchet. The red snapper season was set in conjunction with the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. This has been in place for the last several years. The Resolution would allow the Secretary to close the recreational red snapper season when the season is closed in federal waters. Also, the Resolution would allow the Secretary to modify the seasons if necessary. Vice-Chairman Sagrera asked Mr. Blanchet to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Samanie made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner King.

Commissioner Miller asked if the 2005 recreational quota of 4.7 million pounds was the same as 2004? Mr. Blanchet answered yes. Then Commissioner Miller asked if the Gulf Council was doing a stock assessment on red snapper and if there was any indication of what it looked like? Mr. Blanchet stated the stock assessment was a three phase system, the first being a data workshop and this has been done; then there was an analyses workshop and this phase was still ongoing; and the last would be completion of an assessment report.

Hearing no further questions, the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

Resolution

2005 Recreational Red Snapper Season
January 4, 2005

WHEREAS, the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following seasons for recreational harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters:

The season for the recreational fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will remain closed until 12:01 a.m., April 21, 2005 by reducing the bag limit to zero for that time period. The season will open at 12:01 a.m., April 21, 2005 and continue until midnight October 31, 2005.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the recreational red snapper season when he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled or is projected to be filled.

The Commission also hereby authorizes the Secretary to modify the opening and closing dates in State waters if he is notified that the opening and closing of Federal waters are other than those specified in this Declaration of Emergency, and to open an additional recreational red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened an additional recreational season, and to close such season when he is informed that the recreational quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled.

Effective with the recreational red snapper season closure, no person, except those who possess a Class 1 or Class 2 commercial red snapper license issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish and who are legally taking red snapper during an open commercial season, shall possess any red snapper whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters.

Wayne J. Sagrera
Vice-Chairman

Next, Mr. Harry Blanchet handled a **Declaration of Emergency - Reef Fish (Including Red Snapper) Commercial Seasons**. Last year, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Gulf Council split and established new quotas on tilefish. This Resolution would cover all of those commercial quotas and also would give the Secretary authority to set the seasons when the seasons are established in federal waters. Mr. Blanchet then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. A motion by Commission Mouton

to accept the Resolution was made. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2005 REEF FISH (INCLUDING RED SNAPPER) COMMERCIAL SEASONS

January 4, 2005

- WHEREAS, the reef fish complex is composed of several groups of species that inhabit marine waters off the coast of Louisiana, including red snapper, other species of snappers, groupers, amberjacks, triggerfishes, grunts, wrasses, sea basses, tilefishes and porgies, with the species listed in LAC 76:VII.335, and
- WHEREAS, the reef fish fisheries are cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and
- WHEREAS, some species such as the red snapper are managed with species-specific seasons, while others are managed as species groups, such as the shallow-water and deep-water groupers and tilefishes, and
- WHEREAS, rules are established by NMFS, to provide for commercial harvest seasons for red snapper in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and
- WHEREAS, commercial quotas have been established for some of these species groups, which have the potential to be filled during the course of the fishing year, and
- WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and
- WHEREAS, the NMFS and the Gulf Council regularly request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to implement consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and
- WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and

The last item for Mr. Harry Blanchet was a **Declaration of Emergency - King Mackerel Commercial Season**. This Resolution would set the commercial king mackerel season to start in July and carry on until the quota was reached. Mr. Blanchet then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Miller made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner King. The motion passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2005 COMMERCIAL KING MACKEREL SEASON
January 4, 2005

- WHEREAS, the king mackerel fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and
- WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U. S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and
- WHEREAS, NMFS requests consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters, which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and
- WHEREAS, the 2005 commercial king mackerel season in EEZ waters is scheduled to open on July 1, 2005, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons by emergency rule and R.S. 49:967 allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto by emergency rule, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2005 season for commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters, and

sets the following season and trip limits for the commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters:

The commercial season for king mackerel in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2005 and remain open until the allotted portion of the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or is projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2006, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2006 commercial king mackerel season in Federal waters.

The Commission also authorizes the Secretary to open additional commercial king mackerel seasons in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened such additional seasons and to close such seasons when he is informed that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled.

Effective with seasonal closures under this Emergency Rule, no person shall commercially harvest, possess, purchase, exchange, barter, trade, sell, or attempt to purchase, exchange, barter, trade, or sell king mackerel, whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters. Also effective with this closure, no person shall possess king mackerel in excess of a daily bag limit, which may only be in possession during the open recreational season by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Nothing shall prohibit the possession or sale of fish by a commercial dealer if legally taken prior to the closure providing that all commercial dealers possessing such fish taken legally prior to the closure shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6.

Wayne J. Sagrera
Vice-Chairman

Consideration of Offshore Territorial Sea Shrimp Closure was presented by Mr. Marty Bourgeois. This action would close a portion of state outside waters from the western shore of Freshwater Bayou Canal east to the eastern shore of Belle Pass. This closure would become effective Monday, January 10 at 6 AM. Current sampling indicates there are significant numbers of small overwintering white shrimp which average smaller than the minimum, legal possession count. Additional shrimp are expected to recruit

to these areas as time goes on and water temperatures remain cold which means growth will be slow. Mr. Bourgeois added that the Resolution would authorize the Secretary to close to shrimping any portion of the remaining open state waters if there was a need to do so. Other authorities for the Secretary included: reopening a season when a closure was no longer needed and opening special seasons for white shrimp in inside waters. He then noted this action was similar to that adopted by the Commission at the January 2004 meeting.

Mr. Carl Gremillion asked if this action was within the three mile limit? Mr. Bourgeois answered yes, it was state outside waters which extends three miles.

Hearing no further questions, Commissioner Mouton made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Stone. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2005 Closure of State Outside Waters to Shrimping
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
January 4, 2005

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the open shrimp seasons for all or part of the state waters shall be fixed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the Commission shall also have the right to set special seasons for all or part of the state waters, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the Commission shall have the authority to open or close outside waters by zone each year as it deems appropriate upon inspection of and based upon technical and biological data which indicates that marketable shrimp, in sufficient quantities, are available for harvest, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides that the possession count on saltwater white shrimp for each cargo lot shall average no more than 100 (whole specimens) count per pound, except during the time period from October fifteenth through the third Monday in December when there shall be no count, and

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 have the authority to open or close state outside waters to shrimping by zone each year as it deems appropriate, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby orders a closure to shrimping in that portion of state outside waters, south of the Inside/Outside Shrimp Line as described in R.S. 56:495, from the western shore of Freshwater Bayou Canal at longitude 92° 18' 33" W to the eastern shore of Belle Pass at latitude 29° 05' 07" N and longitude 90° 13' 30" W. This closure is effective at 6 a.m., Monday, January 10, 2005.

R.S. 56:498 provides that the possession count on saltwater white shrimp for each cargo lot shall average no more than 100 (whole specimens) count per pound except during the time period from October fifteenth through the third Monday in December. Current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated that white shrimp in this portion of state outside waters do not average 100 possession count and additional small white shrimp are expected to recruit to these waters. This action is being taken to protect these small white shrimp and provide them the opportunity to grow to a larger and more valuable size.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close to shrimping, if necessary to protect small white shrimp, any part of remaining state outside waters, if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop, and to reopen any area closed to shrimping when the closure is no longer necessary; and hereby authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to open and close special shrimp seasons in any portion of state inside waters where such a season would not detrimentally impact developing brown shrimp populations.

Wayne J. Sagrera
Vice-Chairman

Amendment to Notice of Intent - License Fee Waivers began with Mr. Don Puckett stating this action would amend the Notice of Intent presented and approved at the December meeting. He explained the formatting contained in the proposed rule by noting an existing rule already addressed only individual non-resident outdoor sports writers. They are entitled to received a license at a reduced fee of \$20. During the last legislative session, approval was given to the Secretary to waive the fee entirely, so the first part amends the existing rule. The other three sections are all new and they deal with the developmentally disabled, youth groups and charitable groups and non-resident outdoor writers that come to Louisiana for a conference sponsored by a bona fide outdoor writing association. The waivers are not a guarantee, each case is examined by the

Secretary based on criteria established by the staff. A few technical changes were made as well as making each waiver valid for three days only.

Commissioner Denmon asked about the requirement of someone having to show proof of membership in a bona fide outdoor press association and asked if it was common. Mr. Puckett commented staff feels they should be a member. Commissioner Denmon then asked if this was directed to writers only? Mr. Puckett noted it was directed toward all of the outdoor press. Commissioner Denmon stated he was involved with outdoor television and he was not sure that those people belong to a bona fide press association. Mr. Puckett stated there has to be some criteria to begin with, but it certainly could be changed or refined. Commissioner Denmon then added the outdoor television industry has exploded over the last 10 years and this has become one of the main media outlets for hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreation. Commissioner Mouton agreed with Commissioner Denmon. Commissioner Denmon asked, if the company shooting the show was a member, would that be good enough? Mr. Puckett stated the license would be issued to the individual participating in the activity. Commissioner Stone asked if the proposal could be amended to say "at the discretion of the Department, others may be included". Secretary Landreneau reiterated they were looking for some type of credential, something that will provide the person is legitimate. He added that if there are major problems, changes can be made. Commissioner Denmon stated his company, when asked, provides written proof that a person is the host of a television show. Secretary Landreneau felt adding Commissioner Stone's language would help clear the matter. Commissioner Stone then made a motion to amend the Notice of Intent to include his language, if it was appropriate. Mr. Puckett suggested taking any other questions and allow him the opportunity to develop some specific language. Commissioner Denmon asked how long would it take for someone to receive a waiver? Secretary Landreneau stated, as long as all of the documentation was in place, the application could be processed within days or even hours. Commissioner Denmon then asked if a letter of waiver would be sufficient if he was stopped by a federal agent? Mr. Puckett noted that the Department will develop communications with the Federal agents when all is approved since it will serve as a valid, state license.

Commissioner Miller stated the language has been changed in the fishing license that the Secretary may issue a letter of waiver to "a" nonresident member press, but for hunting licenses, that was not the same wording. Mr. Puckett stated there was no reason for not making that change and noted it could be done. Then Commissioner Miller felt the statement on providing a final copy of the product was not a complete sentence, it did not indicate to whom the product would be given and the time period for the product. Mr. Puckett stated the answer to the time period would be a reasonable standard and that may vary on the type of media. He

added that if a letter of waiver was issued to an individual and there was no final product, that would be the only waiver given to that person.

Commissioner Denmon asked Commissioner Stone to hold his motion until later in the meeting when Mr. Puckett can incorporate all of the suggested changes. Commissioner Stone withdrew his motion. Commissioner Samanie asked if a motion could be made with the stipulation that the changes be made? Commissioner Denmon stated he would like to see the added language before voting on it. Commissioner Mouton agreed with Commissioner Denmon. The Vice-Chairman requested moving on with the agenda and then coming back to this item.

Amendment of By-Laws was handled also by Mr. Don Puckett. This amendment was published and presented at the December meeting. There was only one change from the previous which did not change the substance, but spoke in terms of conduct of the members of the Commission. It placed the duty onto the Chairman that the comment cards are completed. Mr. Puckett then asked for a motion to accept the amendment. Commissioner Denmon made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Samanie. The motion passed with no opposition.

On the next item, **Set May 2005 Meeting Date**, Commissioner Mouton asked Mr. Marty Bourgeois for his input with this being the meeting where the shrimp season was set. Mr. Bourgeois stated the new moon would be on May 8 and typically the highest tidal ranges occur before that moon phase. A scenario could occur where there was a rapid warm-up in the spring, growth was rapid, and the new moon which could trigger a mass movement of shrimp before the Commission could set the season. Mr. Bourgeois reminded everyone there is a statute that requires a 72-hour notice before opening the season. Also, he stated that in 2000, the same scenario was faced and the Commission elected to hold a Special Meeting at which the latest biological information was presented. The Commission did not elect to open the season at that point. Commissioner Denmon suggested setting the meeting as usual, and then the Chairman could call a Special Meeting if necessary. Then the Commissioners agreed to hold the May 2005 Meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2005, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Office.

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman began with Commissioner Mouton nominating Vice-Chairman Sagrera as Chairman for 2005 and it was seconded by Commissioner Samanie. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Puckett stated there was no need for a roll call vote with just one nomination. Vice-Chairman Sagrera was elected Chairman and then he thanked the Commission for their vote. He then asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Stone nominated Commissioner Denmon as Vice-Chairman and he was chosen by acclamation.

Vice-Chairman Sagrera then asked for **Public Comments**. Commissioner Mouton stated he has received 8 or 10 telephone calls and several e-mails on the outdoor press license and felt the public was not reading the proposed rule correctly which was causing all of the concerns.

Mr. Vince Accardo wished to express concern on a safety problem in St. Tammany Parish. He felt this parish was one of the fastest growing areas in the State and every time someone moves in, the habitat acreage goes down. Deer hunting is what he grew up doing and asked that it not be tampered with, but should be managed so it would continue. Mr. Accardo commented the corridor between Highway 59 and Slidell and Highway 36 and I-10 has so much traffic that it was now a major highway. One problem now was during the dog hunting season, there are times when the dogs become lost, cross the highways and are killed. Mr. Accardo felt that another problem that was compounding the situation was hunters parking on the highway, standing in their vehicles with hunter orange vest on, trying to see their dogs before they reach the highways. He suggested that the rules be changed as it related to dog hunting.

Mr. Wayne Messina began stating he was not representing anyone but himself and emphasized the fact that he loves to hunt and fish. He then asked the Commission to think of going to a doe tagging system for the State. Mr. Messina then explained how the system works in Arkansas. In Area 6 where he hunts, Mr. Messina commented there were 11 doe days this year with eight not being good for hunting and leaving only three decent days. Doe days present the situation where you have to hunt if you hope to kill. In Area 6, does are not seen until the weather gets cold which was now, but the doe days are over. Mr. Messina stated he has talked to Mr. Dave Moreland on this subject and has been told there was an expense involved. He recommended charging an additional fee to cover the cost of the tags. Again, Mr. Messina suggested going with a tagging system and allow the harvest of four bucks and two does. Vice-Chairman Sagrera stated the Department and Commission are looking at several options and tagging was one such option. Mr. Messina then thought, with all of the research being conducted, that removing a jaw bone from one of the does and sending it into the Department could help.

Moving back to item 9, **Amendment to Notice of Intent - License Fee Waivers**, Mr. Puckett stated he was informed that on an application, there was a place for anticipated publication date of the article. Addressing Commissioner Denmon's issue, in paragraph 3, after the sentence "Evidence of such status...", new language would read as: "In lieu of membership in a bona fide outdoor press association, the Secretary for good cause shown, including but not limited to clippings or tear sheets of articles or broadcast copies of previous work, may waive this requirement". This would require a demonstration of past publications and not just word of mouth.

Commissioner Stone felt this new language was satisfactory to him. Mr. Puckett asked if a motion to adopt the new language was made, that Commissioner Miller's suggested technical changes also be included. Vice-Chairman Sagrera asked for a motion to amend the Notice of Intent as read by Mr. Puckett. Commissioner Stone made that motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Denmon. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the amended 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 amend and enact provisions for special licenses and license fee waivers.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part I. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and Agencies Thereunder

Chapter 3. Special Powers and Duties

Subchapter H. Electronic Licenses Issuance

§327. Recreational Electronic Licensing

A. - O. * * *

~~P. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing license the Department may issue a special Outdoor Press Fishing License to nonresident members of the outdoor press which will include basic and saltwater fishing; in lieu of basic hunting and Louisiana duck license the Department may issue a special Outdoor Press Hunting License to nonresident members of the outdoor press which will include migratory bird hunting and Louisiana duck license.~~

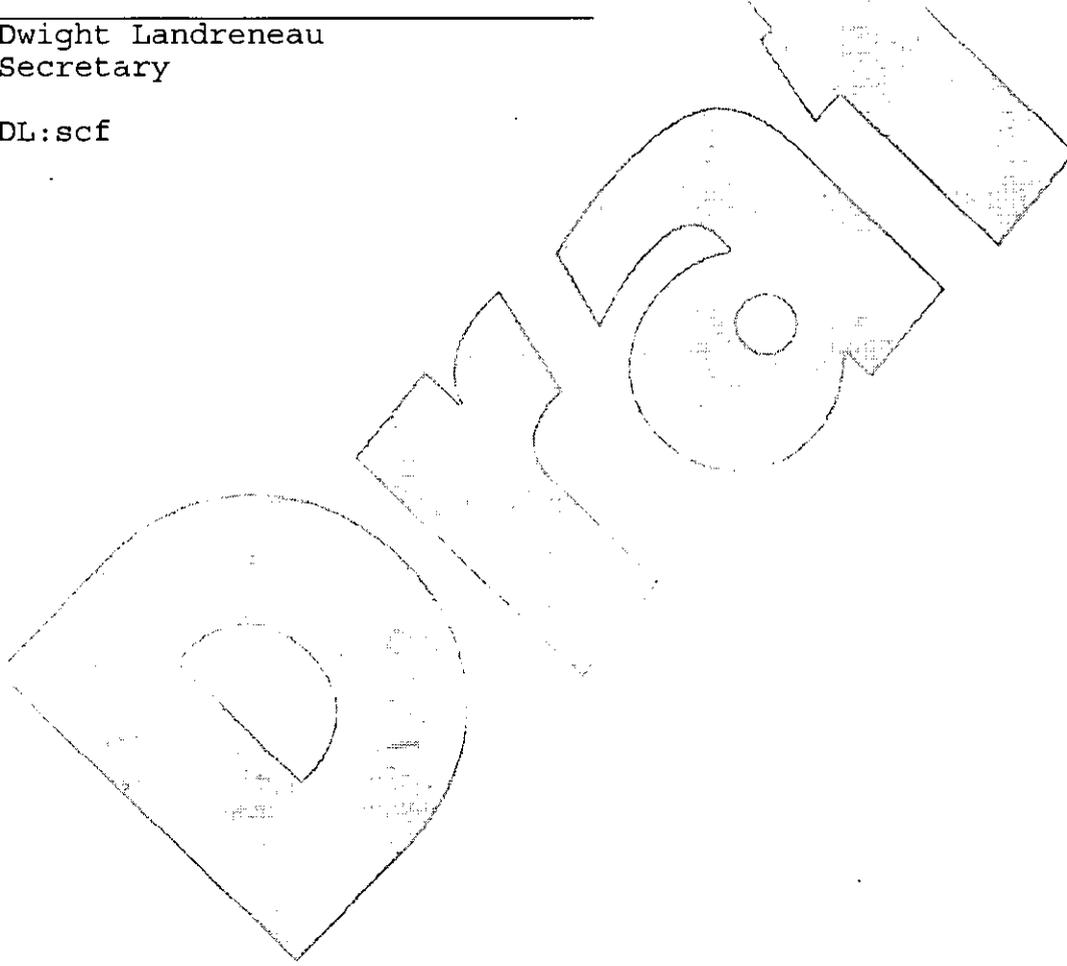
~~1. A fee of twenty dollars will be charged for each outdoor press fishing license issued and the license shall be valid for a period of four consecutive days; a fee of twenty dollars will be charged for each Outdoor Press Hunting License and the license shall be valid for a period of three consecutive days; or a fee of twenty dollars will be charged for both if purchased for periods that begin on the same date.~~

Vice-Chairman Sagrera asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for the item, Update on St. John the Baptist Parish, et al. v. State of Louisiana, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 40th JDC, Parish of St. John the Baptist, No. 45016, Div. B. Mr. Puckett stated his report could be given in open session. The status of the case is that a trial date has been set for March 15, 2005. Commissioner Stone asked if there has been any indication something may come up in the next Legislative Session. Mr. Puckett stated there has been bills in each of the last sessions and would be surprised if there was not one this year.

There being no further business, Commissioner Miller made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner King.

Dwight Landreneau
Secretary

DL:scf



Finding shell beds is another tip. Shell beds around old well-heads, oyster beds in open water and along the banks and areas around standing platforms in the ends of canals were more productive than muddy bottoms. Hard-sand bottoms were a good second choice of productive spots.

The Sulphur Mine Lake near Golden Meadow turned out to be a bust this week, but the bayous and canals off the lake are holding specks and redds.

Trout hot spots in the Delacroix-Hopedale area were Baker's Bay, Big Oyster Bayou and Grand Point Bay, Second Bay, Third Bay, Big Four Bayou, Battleground Bay and Stump Lagoons.

Lake Eugenie is another spot where trout have been active during the middle of the day.

Freshwater

The marshes near Gibson and Amelia are giving up bass on plastic worms, small jigs-n-pigs and slow-rolled spinnerbaits. False River is producing bass and sac-a-lait around piers on north and south ends of the oxbow lake.

The sac-a-lait bite is slow in the Archafalaya and on the Lake Verret side. High water is the problem in Archafalaya. Bay Alcide and Texaco Canals best spots near Verret.

Weather

Today's rain comes on a cold front that's predicted to hit the Gulf and come back Saturday as a warm front. Rain is in the forecast through Tuesday. Along the coast, expect east near 10-knot winds Friday, 10-15 knot southeast winds Saturday and southerly winds Sunday.

After two weeks on a fall, the Mississippi and Archafalaya rivers are rising. The Mississippi will continue upward to a predicted Jan. 24 crest of 35 feet at Baton Rouge and to 14.5 feet at

IWFEC votes to close part of Louisiana waters to shrimping

BY JOE MACALUSO
Advocate outdoors writer

Shrimpers working state waters from Freshwater Bayou Canal east to Belle Pass got news during Tuesday's Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting that their trawling season will end at 6 a.m. Monday.

State biologist Marty Bourgeois told the commission that "...a significant number of small overwintering white shrimp, shrimp smaller than the 100-count requirement (100 to the pound) were showing up."

The commission voted to close the area to trawling after Bourgeois said water temperatures are colder than 15-degrees Centigrade (67-degrees Fahrenheit), which, he explained, will retard the growth of the small

shrimp to marketable size.

The closure does not affect state offshore waters east of Belle Pass nor west of Freshwater Bayou Canal.

Other fisheries items on the agenda of the first meeting of the year included the closing and/or opening of commercial seasons on king mackerel and reef fish, including red snapper, and the recreational red snapper season.

The moves bring the state in line with expected Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council actions that will open the commercial red snapper Feb. 1, the recreational red snapper season April 21 and the commercial king mackerel season July 1. The most debated agenda item came in a Notice of Intent's quali-

cations for license-fee waivers for out-of-state media, the developmentally disabled, youth groups and charitable organizations. Stipulations were added to identify media coming to Louisiana to generate outdoor material for print and electronic media.

The seven-man commission also learned that Wildlife and Fisheries enforcement agents issued 1,093 citations and 119 written warnings during December. Enforcement Division spokesman Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze said field agents seized 67 whitetail deer the division alleges were taken illegally. LaCaze said 37 of the deer came from Pointe Coupee, Iberville and West Baton Rouge parishes where the experi-

mental three-year, six-point rule on whitetail bucks expires with the current 2004-05 season. He said most of the 37 deer were bucks that did not meet the stipulations of the bucks having six or more point in their antlers.

The Enforcement Division report also indicated there were 81 citations for taking deer during illegal hours, "spotlighting" deer or taking more than the limit of deer.

REPORT

The Advocate, Thursday, 1/6/2005

A new addition to the report, the Monthly Boating Accident Report, identified two fatalities and 10 injuries among the six reported on-the-water accidents during December.

The deaths came from "single operator" incidents in Grand and Cameron parishes when the lone

men in the boats "apparently" fell overboard.

LDWF attorney Don Puckett said the suit involving the LDWF and camp owners/clubs in St. John the Baptist Parish — the camps are on the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area — is set for trial March 15.

In other action, the IWFEC elected Wayne Segreya of New Iberia to the chairman's post and Monroe's Terry Denmon as vice-chair for 2005. Shreveport attorney Fred Miller, an active member of the Coastal Conservation Association-Louisiana, was named to take the commission spot vacated in December by the expiration of the six-year of Lafayette's Bill Bushice.

CALENDAR

TODAY

GULF OF MEXICO FMC MEETING: 8:30 a.m., Airport Ramada Inn, 110 James Drive East, St. Rose. Agenda items: Status of Gulf of Mexico shrimp stocks, biological & economic aspects of 2004 Texas shrimp closure.

FRIDAY

SOUTHERN LOUISIANA BOAT SPORT & RV SHOW: Jan. 7-9, Terrebonne Civic Center, Houma. Call (337) 436-4355 or e-mail: baecenter-prises@yahoo.com.

NATURE AT NIGHT: 6 p.m., Tickfaw State Park, Springfield. How nocturnal animals adapt to life after dark. Also Jan. 14, 1, 28 & Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25. Call 225-294-2218.

SATURDAY

HANDGUN METALLIC SILHOUETTE MATCH: 9 a.m., Ascension Parish Sheriff's Range, St. Landry Road, Gonzales. Smallbore & Field Pistol classes. Fee \$7. IHMSA-sanctioned match. Sponsored by Ascension Silhouette Club, Gonzales. Call Phillip Brand (225) 644-6792.

AMAZING ANIMALS: 9 a.m., Tickfaw State Park, Springfield. Children's study of animals' habitat, feeding habits & care of

TIDES

Tidal movement and high-tide ranges at four sites on the Louisiana coast with ranges in parentheses.

	Chef Pass		Grand Isle		South Pass		Wine Island	
	HI (R)	LO	HI (R)	LO	HI (R)	LO	HI (R)	LO
Friday	11:31p (1.2)	10:03a	8:05p (1.0)	6:36a	5:23p (1.3)	3:48a	6:59p (1.4)	6:04a
Saturday	---	11:13a	9:08p (1.1)	7:46a	6:18p (1.4)	4:40a	8:02p (1.6)	7:14a
Sunday	12:34a (1.3)	12:23p	10:11p (1.2)	8:56a	7:17p (1.5)	5:36a	9:05p (1.7)	8:24a
Monday	1:37a (1.4)	1:25p	11:10p (1.3)	9:58a	8:15p (1.4)	6:33a	10:04p (1.7)	9:26a
Tuesday	2:36a (1.4)	2:17p	---	10:50a	9:12p (1.3)	7:29a	10:58p (1.6)	10:18a
Wednesday	3:30a (1.3)	2:57p	12:04a (1.1)	11:30a	10:05p (1.1)	8:22a	11:46p (1.3)	10:58a
Thursday	4:18a (1.1)	3:23p	12:52a (0.9)	11:56a	10:54p (0.8)	9:06a	---	11:24a

Grand Isle's tide is the reading at Caminada Pass. (R means tidal range in feet. An 'a' after a time means a.m.; a 'p' after a time means p.m. Times

Also Jan. 15, 22, 29 & Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26. Call (225) 294-2218.

LIVE ANIMAL PRESENTATION: 1:30 p.m., Tickfaw State Park, Springfield. Park naturalist study of local & exotic wildlife. Also Jan. 15, 22, 29 & Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26. Call (225) 294-2218.

NATURE IN THE AFTERNOON: 3 p.m., Tickfaw State Park, Springfield. Topics vary each week. Also Jan. 15, 22, 29 & Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26. Call (225) 294-2218.

WINTER NIGHT HIKE: 6 p.m., Sam Houston Jones State Park, Lake Charles. Study/hike of nocturnal animals. Call 1-888-677-7664.

MONDAY

RED STICK FLY FISHERS PROGRAM: 7 p.m., Louisiana Room, Wildlife & Fisheries headquarters, Quail Drive, Baton Rouge. Call Frank Genuisa (225) 664-5319 or Web site: www.rsf.org.

GULF OF MEXICO FMC MEETING: Jan. 10-13, Sheraton Hotel, Baton Rouge. Agenda items: Reef Fish Amendment, Migratory Pelagic Species Amendment, Essential Fish Habitat Amendment, Texas Shrimp Closure, Fish Permits, meetings, hearings, public comment scheduled mornings & afternoons all three days. Call Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council (813) 228-24.

HUNTING SEASONS

PINTAILS: Through Friday, second split, East & West Duck Zones. Daily limit 1 to be included in six-per-day duck limit.

DEER AREAS 1 & 8: Through Sunday, modern firearms season, with or without dogs.

DEER AREAS 3 & 4: Through Sunday, modern firearms still-hunt only.

DOVES: Through Monday, third split, statewide.

Shooting hours today noon-sunset, then one-half hour before sunset to sunset all other days. Daily limit 12. Possession limit 24.

RAILS & GALLINULES: Through Wednesday,

DEER AREA 2: Through Jan. 16, modern firearms season, with or without dogs.

DUCKS-WEST ZONE: Through Jan. 23, second split. Consult Louisiana Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations 2004-2005 pamphlet for daily/possession limits.

DEER AREA 6: Through Jan. 23, modern firearms season with or without dogs.

DUCKS-EAST ZONE: Through Jan. 30, second split. Consult Louisiana Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations 2004-2005 pamphlet for daily/possession limits.

ARCHERY DEER AREAS 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7: Through Jan. 31, Deer Area 6 is area south of U.S. 90.

Either-sex deer can be taken, but bucks only during bucks-only gun season.

WOODCOCK: Through Jan. 31, statewide. Daily limit 3. Possession limit 6.

GESE: Through Feb. 11, statewide. Consult Louisiana Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations 2004-2005 pamphlet for daily/possession limits, species regulations and shooting hours.

ARCHERY DEER AREA 6: Through Feb. 15, for deer, Deer Area 6 (north of U.S. 90). Either-sex deer can be taken, but bucks only during bucks-only gun season. Daily limit is 1 antlered or antlerless deer.

SNIPE: Through Feb. 20, Statewide. Daily limit is 8. Possession limit is 16.

COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Tuesday, January 4, 2005
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife and Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Wayne Sagrera (Vice-Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	___
Terry Denmon	<u>✓</u>	___
Fred Miller	<u>✓</u>	___
Jerry Stone	<u>✓</u>	___
Henry Mouton	<u>✓</u>	___
Earl King	<u>✓</u>	___
Bobby Samanie	<u>✓</u>	___

Mr. ^{Vice} Chairman:

There are 7 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.
Secretary Landreneau is also present.

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BATON ROUGE, LA
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**WMA PUBLIC CONTACTS
FOR DECEMBER 2004**

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257

REGION II

371

REGION III

474

REGION IV

794

REGION V

392

REGION VI

760

REGION VII

1423

REGION VIII

539

REGION IX

847

TOTAL CONTACTS

5837

LaCaze, B "Keith"

From: DeGraff, Jeffrey
Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2004 4:20 PM
To: Burke, Marianne
Subject: LDWF Region 5 News (December 28, 2004)

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2004-410

EVANGELINE PARISH MAN SENTENCED FOR LITTERING

On December 16, Russell Paul Ryder Jr., 37, of Basile appeared before Judge Joel Davis of the 33rd Judicial District Court in Allen Parish. The judge rendered verdict of guilty on the charge of littering.

Judge Davis sentenced Ryder to pay a fine of \$300, plus \$99 in court costs. In addition to the fine Judge Davis ordered Ryder to perform eight hours of community service, picking up litter in the parish.

The case was initiated on July 18 when enforcement agents from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries working the Calcasieu River area near Highway 26 saw Ryder discarding a bag of trash in the wooded area along the Calcasieu River.

Assistant District Attorney Rodney Bertrand prosecuted the case for the state. Agents participating in the case were Sergeant Chris Cormier and Senior Agents Keith Aucoin and Joey James.

EDITORS: For more information, contact Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze at 225/765-2469 (klacaze@wlf.louisiana.gov).

LaCaze, B "Keith"

From: DeGraff, Jeffrey
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To: Burke, Marianne
Subject: LDWF Region 6 News (December 28, 2004)

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2004-411

IBERVILLE PARISH NIGHT HUNTERS APPREHENDED

On December 13, enforcement agents from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries apprehended Blake Hood, 17, Anthony Trepagnier III, 20, Joshua Comeaux, 20, and Benjamin Latour, 21, all of Donaldsonville, for allegedly hunting deer during illegal hours, hunting from a moving vehicle and hunting from a public road. Latour was additionally cited for driving without an operator's license.

Agents allegedly observed the four men hunting from a vehicle, and after hearing gunshots stopped the vehicle and found a freshly killed eight-point buck at the scene. All four subjects were arrested and booked into the Iberville Parish jail. Two rifles were seized and are being held as evidence. The deer was seized and donated to charity. All four subjects were additionally charged a civil restitution in the amount of \$524.54 for replacement value of the deer.

The penalty for hunting deer during illegal hours is a fine of \$900 to \$950, jail for up to 120 days, or both, plus court costs and forfeiture of anything seized. Hunting from a moving vehicle is punishable by a fine of \$250 to \$500, jail for up to 90 days, or both, plus court costs. The penalty for hunting from a public road is a fine of \$100 to \$350, jail for up to 60 days, or both, plus court costs.

Agents participating in the case were Sergeant Ronald Hebert and Senior Agents Jordan Bayham and Jerry Stassi.

EDITORS: For more information, contact Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze at 225/765-2469 (klacaze@wlf.louisiana.gov).

2004-412

ST. LANDRY PARISH NIGHT HUNTERS ARRESTED

In the early morning hours of December 22, enforcement agents from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries apprehended and cited two night hunters in the Palmetto area of St. Landry Parish for allegedly hunting deer during illegal hours and hunting from a moving vehicle.

Marshall Clay Arnold, 29, of Palmetto and a 16-year-old juvenile were apprehended after agents watched them shoot two doe deer from their vehicle on the Spillway levee north of Palmetto. Arnold was additionally cited for contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile and booked into the St. Landry Parish Jail. The juvenile was released to a family member.

Two doe deer and a 12-gauge pump shotgun were confiscated. The deer were donated to charity and the shotgun will be held for evidence. A civil restitution citation in the amount of \$524.54 was issued to Arnold for each deer taken.

The penalty for hunting deer during illegal hours is a fine of \$900 to \$950, jail for up to 120 days, or both, plus cost of court and forfeiture of anything seized. Hunting from a moving vehicle is punishable by a fine of \$250 to \$500, jail for up to 90 days, or both, plus cost of court. The penalty for contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile is a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment or not more than 6 months or both.

Agents participating in the case were Sergeant Travis Huval and Agent Donnie Bozeman.

EDITORS: For more information, contact Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze at 225/765-2469 (klacaze@wlf.louisiana.gov).

2004-413

TROPHY DEER POACHED IN IBERVILLE PARISH

Agents from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division cited an Iberville Parish man on December 15 for allegedly taking a trophy buck during illegal hours and from a vehicle.

Brandon J. Canella, 25, of Plaquemine was cited after agents received a tip that a large buck deer had been poached. An investigation revealed the nine-point buck had been taken after legal hours ended and with the aid of Canella's truck headlights.

He was also issued a civil restitution summons in the amount of \$524.54 for replacement value of the deer. The deer was seized and donated to charity.

The penalty for hunting or taking deer during illegal hours or with an artificial light is a fine of \$900 to \$950, jail for not more than 120 days, or both, plus court costs and forfeiture to the commission of anything seized. The penalty for hunting from a moving vehicle is a fine of \$250 to \$500, jail for not more than 90 days, or both, plus court costs.

Agents participating in the case were Lieutenant Darryl Moore, Sergeant Ronald Hebert, and Senior Agents Jordan Bayham and Jerry Stassi.

EDITORS: For more information, contact Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze at 225/765-2469 (klacaze@wlf.louisiana.gov).

LaCaze, B "Keith"

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2004-414

HUNTERS SENTENCED FOR OVERLIMIT AND BAITING DUCKS

On December 9, Herschel Blood, 50, of Centerville and Billy Skipper, 71, of Pierre Part appeared before Magistrate Judge Alma Chazez of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana in New Orleans and pled guilty to violating the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Magistrate Chazez accepted their pleas to the charges of taking over the limit of ducks and hunting ducks over a baited area.

Blood and Skipper were each ordered to pay a fine of \$1,820 and to serve two years probation, during which they cannot hunt migratory birds.

The violations occurred on September 13, 2003, in Terrebonne Parish near Swing Bayou when agents from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries located an area that was baited with milo and holding a large number of ducks. The agents set up surveillance on the opening day of teal season, and witnessed the men take 30 blue winged teal. The limit during the special teal season is four teal per hunter.

Agents participating in the case were Senior Agent Chad Hebert, Sergeant Max Dupre, and Captain Sammy Martin.

EDITORS: For more information, contact Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze at 225/765-2469 (klacaze@wlf.louisiana.gov).

LaCaze, B "Keith"

From: Ferrington, Johnny
Sent: Monday, January 03, 2005 9:08 AM
To: LaCaze, B "Keith"
Subject: Hunting Accident

On 12-27-04 a Terral Coon from Jena La. was killed while exiting from his 4-wheeler. He and his wife were returning from hunting and he stood up to let her off. When she stood up to get off her gun discharged, hitting Mr. Coon. He later died in hospital. This was in Caldwell Parish

MONTHLY BOATING ACCIDENT REPORT

DECEMBER 2004

Number of Boating Accidents Reported:	6
Number of Injuries:	10
Number of Fatalities:	2

12/3 Plaquemines Parish

2 boat collision at intersection of Bayou Mandeville and 40 Arpent Canal.
3 were injured with 2 in serious condition requiring air transport to local hospitals

12/12 Grant Parish

Single operator apparently fell overboard in Red River and drowned.

12/21 St. Bernard Parish

2 vessel collision in a bend in Bayou Muscellini. 2 injured.

12/27 Cameron Parish

Single operator in Calcasieu Lake apparently fell overboard and was struck by propeller and killed.

12/28 Lafourche Parish

2 vessels collided in turn in 4 Bayous on Pointe au Chien WMA, injuring 3 people.

12/30 St. Mary Parish

2 vessel collision at intersection of Wax Bayou and Adam's Crossing, with two injuries and sinking of one of the vessels.

Notice: This report only represents accidents reported to and investigated by the Enforcement Division. Some or all of these accidents are still under investigation and cause or fault may or may not have been determined. Information provided is for informational purposes only. For more information contact Lt. Colonel Brian Spillman, Boating Law Administrator at 225-765-2987.

ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT
DECEMBER 2004

185 – Amph. – 61092
Hrs. - 2

185 – Amph. – 1322R
Hrs. - 32.7

210 – 9467Y
Hrs. - 54.3

Enforcement Hours - 23.9

Other Division - 65.1

Total Plane Use - 89.0

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

DECEMBER, 2004

REGION 1: MINDEN

**PARISHES: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER,
CADDO, CLAIBORNE,
WEBSTER, RED RIVER,
DESOTO**

TOTAL CASES	70
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	Boating Safety
4	Angling W/O Resident License
6	Hunting W/O Resident License
2	Hunting W/O Non-Resident License
1	Bow Hunt W/O Bow License
4	Hunt From Moving Vehicle
4	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours Or W/Artificial Light
1	Hunt, Stand, Loiter From Public Road
1	Obtain License Fraudulently
6	Hunting W/O Resident Big Game License
2	Hunting W/O Non-Resident Big Game License
2	Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours Or With Artificial Light
2	Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road
1	Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer Open Season
1	Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer Open Season
6	Failure To Wear Hunter Orange

1	Hunt Ducks W/O Federal Stamp
1	Violate MGB Tagging Requirements
13	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
1	Hunt On WMA W/O Hunting Permit
2	Illegal Spotighting From Public Road
1	Intentional Littering
1	Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries
1	Operate ATV On Public Road
2	Discharge Firearm From Public Road

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	27	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1		Boating Safety
1		Angling W/O License
4		Failure To Wear Hunter Orange
14		Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
5		Use WMA W/O License Or Stamp
2		Hunt On WMA W/O WMA Hunting Permit

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
6 Rabbits (Donated); 1 Spotlight (Being Held At R-1 Office); 1 Remington 7MM Magnum Ultra Rife (Being Held At R-1 Office); 1 Mossberg 12 Ga. Shotgun (Being Held At R-1 Office); 1 Remington 22 Cal. Rifle W/Scope (Being Held At R-1 Office); 1- 6 Volt Flashlight (Being Held At R-1 Office); 1 Remington 700 .260 Cal. Rifle W/Redfield Scope (Being Held At R-1 Office); 1 Spike Buck (Disposed Of); 1 Remington 700 .270 Cal. Rifle (Being Held At R-1 Office); 1 Spike Buck (Donated); 1 Browning 270 Cal. Rifle (Being Held At R-1 Office); 2 Ducks (1 Gadwall Hen And 1 Greenwing Teal Drake); 1 - 15 Hp. Evinrude Motor (Being Held At R-1 Office).

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Boating
0	Commercial Fishing
2	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
20	Miscellaneous
4	Recreational Fishing
39	State Hunting/Trapping
27	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Public Assistance

REGION 2: MONROE**PARISHES: E. CARROLL, JACKSON,
LINCOLN, MOREHOUSE,
OUACHITA, RICHALND,
UNION, W. CARROLL**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Angle Without A Resident License
6	Hunt From A Moving Vehicle
1	Hunt Deer Illegal Hours
8	Hunt Deer From A Public Road
4	Operate An ATV On A Public Road
1	Take Illegal Deer Open Season
2	Possess An Illegal Deer Open Season
1	Hunt Without A WMA Permit
6	Boating Safety
2	Fail To Wear Hunter's Orange
6	Hunt Without A Basic License
1	Take Wild Quadrupeds With An Artificial Light
1	Driving While Intoxicated
1	Resisting An Officer
1	Impeding Traffic
1	Open Container

2	Possess Fur Bearing Animal Without A License
2	Take Fur Bearing Animal Without A License
1	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
1	Hunt Without Resident Big Game License
9	Fail To Abide By WMA Rules and Regulations
1	Violate MGB Treaty Act-Lead Shot
1	Hunt MGB Without State MBB License
1	Discharge Firearm From Public Road
1	Contributing To The Delinquency Of A Minor
1	Aggravated Assault
1	Illegal Use Of A Firearm
1	Hunt, Stand, Liter From Public Road
5	Littering
1	Resist Officer By Flight

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 9

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Hunt Without A Basic License
1	Hunt Without A Big Game License
3	Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations On WMA
3	Fail To Wear Hunter's Orange

1	Hunt, Stand, Loiter From Public Road
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CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1- Ruger 7MM Mag. Rifle; 1- 9 Pt. Deer; 7-Beavers; 3- Raccoon Hides; 1- Otter; 1- Bag Of Marijuana; 6 -Lead Shot Shells; 3-Deer

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
6	Boating
-0-	Commercial Fishing
1	Federal Migratory
5	Littering
12	Miscellaneous
1	Recreational Fishing
46	State Hunting/Trapping
9	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
10	Public Assistance

REGION 3: ALEXANDRIA

**PARISHES: AVOYELLES, GRANT,
NATCHITOCHEs,
RAPIDES, SABINE,
VERNON, WINN**

TOTAL CASES	130
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
10	Boating
2	Angling W/O A License
3	Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer Open Season
8	Hunt From Moving Vehicle
17	Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road
1	Discharge Firearm From Public Road
5	Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer
5	Take Deer Illegal Hours With Artificial Light
3	Fail To Maintain Sex ID (Deer)
1	Take Over Limit Deer
3	Hunt W/O Resident License
1	Hunt MGB W/O State License
1	Hunt With Unplugged Gun
4	Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
3	Failure To Wear Hunter Orange
5	Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road

3	Hunt On DMAP Land W/O Permit From Owner
3	Hunt Deer Illegal Method
3	Hunt Wild Quads Illegal Hours
2	Field Possession Of Deer Meat W/O Tag
2	Hunt On WMA W/O WMA Hunting Permit
1	Take Deer With Illegal Weapon
24	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations
2	Hunt MGB From Moving Motorboat
2	Hunt Ducks Closed Season
1	Hunt Ducks W/O Federal Stamp
4	Hunt MGB Illegal Hours
1	Hunt MGB With Unplugged Gun
1	Hunt With Unsigned Federal Duck Stamp
1	Take/Possess Over Limit Of Ducks
1	Hunt MGB Over Baited Area
1	Take Over Limit Of Ducks
1	Intentional Littering
1	Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle
1	Possession Of Alcohol By Person Under 21
1	Operate ATV On Public Road

2	Possession Of Cocaine
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WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL - 3	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations
1	Hunt On WMA W/O WMA Hunting Permit

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
3 Shotguns, 7 Rifles, 10 Deer, 16 Ducks, 3 Spotlights, 1 Federal Duck Stamp.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
10	Boating
0	Commercial Fishing
14	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
5	Miscellaneous
2	Recreational Fishing
98	State Hunting/Trapping

3	Written Warnings
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TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
10	Public Assistance

REGION 4: FERRIDAY

**PARISHES: CALDWELL, CATAHOULA,
CONCORDIA, FRANKLLIN,
LASALLE, MADISON, TENSAS**

TOTAL CASES	80
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Boating Safety Violation
6	Hunting W/O Resident License
1	Hunting W/O Non-Resident License
5	Hunting From Moving Vehicle
1	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours
1	Hunt MGB W/O State Migratory License
6	Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
4	Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours
5	Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road
4	Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer Open Season
8	Fail Comply W/Hunters Orange Regulations
1	Hunting Ducks Closed Season
25	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
7	Hunt On WMA Without WMA Hunting Permit
1	Illegal Possession of Marijuana
1	Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries (Aggravated Flight From Officer)

1	Obtain License By Fraud
1	Flight From An Officer
1	Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
20	
1	Boating Safety Violation
2	Failure Comply W/Hunters Orange Regulations
17	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 Shotgun; 3 Rifles; 1 Spotlight; 4 Deer

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Boating
0	Commercial Fishing
1	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
5	Miscellaneous

0	Recreational Fishing
73	State Hunting/Trapping
20	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
7	Public Assistance

REGION 5: LAKE CHARLES

**PARISHES: BEAUREGARD, CALCASIEU,
EVANGELINE, ALLEN,
CAMERON, ACADIA,
VERMILION, JEFF DAVIS**

TOTAL CASES	77
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
10	Boating
5	Angling W/O A License
4	Angling W/O A License – Non. Res.
1	Violate Recreational Gear License Requirements
1	Take Or Poss. Undersize Black Drum (Rec)
1	Take Or Poss. Overlimit Black Drum (Rec)
1	Take Or Sell Comm. Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. License
1	Destroy Legal Crab Traps Or Removing Contents
4	Hunting W/O A Res. License
1	Hntg. W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
3	Hntg. From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
2	Hntg. Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours
3	Hunt, Stand, Loiter From Public Road
1	Hunt W/O Res. Big Game License
1	Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road
1	Poss. Overlimit Of Deer

7	Fail To Wear Hunter's Orange
1	Hntg. MGB W/Unplugged Gun
3	Hntg. MGB Illegal Hours
2	Take/Poss. Overlimit Of Ducks (Field Poss.)
4	Taking Or Poss. Of Other Non Game Birds – No Season
1	Trapping Non Game MGB
1	Hntg. Ducks Or Geese W/O Federal Stamp
3	Hntg. MGB W/O State Migratory License
1	Hntg. MGB W/O State Hunting License
8	Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries
3	Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road
1	Gross Littering
1	Littering
1	Refuse/Misrepresentation Booking Information

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	6	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2		Hunting W/O A Resident License
1		Hntg. W/O A Res. Big Game License
1		Hntg. MGB W/O State MGB License
1		Improper Boat Numbers

1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
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CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
8 Seagulls; 21 Teal; 2 Doe's Donated; 76 Crabs RTW; 1 Boat, Motor & Trailer Held At Rockefeller Refuge; 1-22 Rifle; 2 Shotguns; 7 Shotgun Shells; 1 Spotlight

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
10	Boating
2	Commercial Fishing
16	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
12	Miscellaneous
12	Recreational Fishing
23	State Hunting/Trapping
6	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
3	Public Assistance

REGION 6: OPELOUSAS

**PARISHES: IBERIA, IBERVILLE,
PT. COUPEE, LAFAYETTE,
ST. LANDRY, ST. MARTIN,
W.B.R.**

TOTAL CASES	182
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
30	Boating
1	Hunt W/O Unplugged Gun
2	Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
1	Hunt Doves Closed Season
3	Hunt MGB Illegal Hours
1	Violate Non-Toxic Shot Requirements
1	Take/Possess Over Limit Of Ducks
5	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
2	Contributing To The Delinquency Of A Juvenile
7	Hunt On WMA W/O WMA Hunting Permit
4	Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road
11	Fail To Wear Hunters Orange
11	Hunt W/O Resident License
11	Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
15	Failure To Abide By Commission Rules
3	Possess Over Limit Of Deer

1	Hunt On DMAP Land W/O Permit
15	Hunt From A Moving Vehicle
4	Hunt Wild Quadruped Illegal Hours
9	Hunt From A Public Road
2	Hunt Raccoons Illegally
5	Fail To Maintain Sex Identification
9	Field Possession Of Deer Meat W/O Tag
1	Operate A Vessel While Intoxicated
1	Taking Of Other Non-Game Bird – No Season
2	Hunt Ducks Closed Season
2	Take Illegal Deer Open Season
2	Operate Vehicle While Intoxicated
1	Failure To Maintain Records
1	Gross Littering
2	Angling W/O License
10	Hunt/Take Deer Illegal Hours With Artificial Light
1	Driving W/O Operator's License
2	Hunt Deer Closed Area
1	Improper Lane Usage
1	Hunt W/O Non-Resident License

1	Hunt W/O Non-Resident Big Game License
1	Possession Of A Firearm By A Convicted Felon

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 19	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
6	Boating
2	Hunt W/O Resident License In Possession
1	Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
7	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
3	Fail To Wear Hunters Orange

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 Flashlight, 2 Spotlights, 7 Rifles, 5 Shotguns, 2 Deer Rib Sections, 3 Hind Quarters, 2 Front Shoulders of Deer, 37 Deer, 3 Rifle Cartridges, 2 Doves, 5 Wood Ducks, 7 Raccoons, 1 Cormorant, 1 Shotgun Wadding, 4 Squirrels, 5 Sets Of Horns/Antlers, 1 Box Of Buckshot, 2 Unshot Shells, 2 Fired Buckshot Shells, 1 – 9mm Handgun, 7- .22 Rifle Cartridges, 1 Spent .22 Long Casing

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
30	Boating
1	Commercial Fishing
9	Federal Migratory
1	Littering

24	Miscellaneous
2	Recreational Fishing
115	State Hunting/Trapping
19	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Public Assistance

REGION 7: BATON ROUGE

**PARISHES: ASCENSION, E.B. ROUGE,
E. FELICIANA, LIVINGSTON
ST. HELENA, ST. TAMMANY,
TANGIPAHOA, WASHINGTON,
W. FELICIANA**

TOTAL CASES	138
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
10	Boating Safety
7	Angling Without Resident License
1	Angling Without Basic Non-Resident License
2	Failure To Maintain Records
1	Transport Without Required License
1	Release Exotic Fish Into The Wild
13	Hunt Without Basic Resident
9	Hunt Without Big Game Resident License
2	Hunt Without Resident Muzzle License
18	Failure To Wear Hunters Orange
1	Hunt With Unplugged Gun
2	Hunt On WMA Without Permit
1	Hunt Ducks With Federal Stamp
1	Possess Over Limit Of Ducks
1	Hunt MGB Closed Season (Ducks)

15	Hunt From A Moving Vehicle
12	Hunt Deer From A Public Road
1	Hunt From A Public Road
3	Take Illegal Deer Open Season
2	Take Over The Limit Of Deer
5	Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer
11	Hunt Deer Illegal Hours
10	Violate Rules And Regulations Of WMA
2	Flight From An Officer
1	Reckless Operation Of Vehicle
6	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
8	
2	Angling Without Basic License
5	Violate Rules and Regulations Of WMA
1	No Hunters Orange

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
8—Deer 12—Species Of Exotic Fish	8—Rifles 3—Shotguns 1—.45 Caliber Derringer 4—Q Beams

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
146	
10	Boating
3	Commercial Fishing
3	Federal Migratory
6	Littering
4	Miscellaneous
8	Recreational Fishing
104	State Hunting/Trapping
8	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
7	
	Public Assistance Assist Motorist (6) Lost Hunter (1)

REGION 8: NEW ORLEANS

**PARISHES: PLAQUEMINES, ST. BERNARD,
ORLEANS, JEFFERSON,
ST. CHARLES**

TOTAL CASES	184
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
20	Boating
21	Angling W/O A License
7	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
6	Angling W/O Saltwater License
2	Take/Poss. O/L Red Drum (On Water)
1	Fail To Have Fish Intact(Saltwater)
5	Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum(Recreational) 16" Minimum
6	Take Or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout (Recreational)
2	Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum(Recreational)
3	Take/Poss. O/L Spotted Sea Trout(On Water)
1	Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
3	Fail To Fill Out Trip Ticket
1	Use Saltwater Net Illegally(Gill)
1	Failure To Have Written Permission
19	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
4	Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef

1	Hunting W/O Resident License
3	Possess Wild Quadrupeds W/O A License
1	Failure to Abide By Commission Rules
5	Hunting From Moving Vehicle
2	Hunting W/Unplugged Gun
7	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours
3	Hunt MGB W/O State Migratory License
3	Fail To Comply W/Hunters Orange Regulations
2	Trespass On Marshlands To Take F.B.A.
1	Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun
9	Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
2	Hunting MGB Over Baited Area
3	Rallying MGB
1	Possession Of Live MGB Illegally
2	Hunting Coots Closed Season
2	Take/Possess Over Limit Of Ducks(Field Possession)
1	Hunting Ducks Closed Season
1	Taking Robins – No Season
3	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
5	Hunt On WMA Without WMA Hunting Permit

2	Criminal Trespass
2	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
2	Littering
2	Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries
2	Lacey Act
13	Miscellaneous Federal Violations
1	Injuring Public Records
1	Filing False Public Records

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 14	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
5	Boating
1	Angling W/O A License
4	Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum(Recreational) 16" Minimum
1	Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum (Recreational) Commission Action
1	Commission Rules And Regulations (Misc.) Snapper (Recreational)
1	Take/Poss. O/L Spotted Sea Trout(On Water)
1	Hunt MGB W/O State Migratory License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
Returned To Water.....Oyster Sacks (75); Donated.....Speckled Trout (172).....Red Drum (23).....Black Drum (5).....Red Drum Fillets (2.4 Lbs.).....Speckled Trout Fillets (8 Lbs.).....Big Eye(100).....Hard Tails (200).....Coots(1).....Ducks(25).....Doves(2).....Dove Breasts (23).....Squirrel(2).....Raccoon(1).....Nutria(25).....Robin (1); Sold @ Bid36 Mullets Sold For \$18.55; Hardware Confiscated.....Bag Of Marijuana(1).....Rifles(2) Shotgun(5).....Rod and Reel(7).....Boat(1).....Motor(1).....Trailer(1).....Cane Poles(7) Dip Net(2).....Spotlight(2)

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
20	Boating
29	Commercial Fishing
22	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
31	Miscellaneous
53	Recreational Fishing
27	State Hunting/Trapping
14	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 9: SCHRIEVER

**PARISHES: ASSUMPTION, ST. JAMES,
ST. JOHN, ST. MARY,
TERREBONNE, LAFOURCHE,
JEFFERSON-GRAND ISLE,
LOWER ST. MARTIN**

TOTAL CASES	161
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
30	Boating
17	Angling Without Fishing License
4	Angling Without Saltwater License
1	Take Over Limit Of Red Drum (On Water)
7	Possess Over Limit Of Red Drum In Excess Of 27" (Recreational)
3	Not Abiding By WMA Rules And Regulations By Having Loaded Gun In Moving Boat
14	Hunt On WMA Without Permit
1	Not Abiding By Commission Rules (Recreational) Over Limit Of Undersized Catfish
1	Not Abiding By Commission Rules (Recreational) Over Limit Black Drum In Excess Of 27 Inches
4	Commission Rules And Regulations (Commercial) Over Limit Red Snapper
3	Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial License
1	Take Commercial Fish Without Vessel License
4	Fail To Comply With Federal Law In EEZ
1	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Vessel License
1	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Commercial Gear License

3	Use Trawl Exceeding Size Requirements (Offshore LA Waters)
1	Failure To Have Written Permission
2	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease
2	Hunt MGB Without State Stamp
1	Hunting Without Resident License
1	Hunting With Unplugged Gun
5	Fail To Wear Hunters Orange
2	Hunt On DMAP Lands Without Permit From Owner
2	Hunting Ducks Without Federal Stamp
2	Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun
7	Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
2	Hunting MGB From Moving Motorboat
2	Possess Untagged MGB
2	Rallying MGB
5	Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only
5	Possess Over Limit Of Ducks (Field Possession)
1	Taking Grebe No Season
3	Angling Without A Non-Resident License
1	Unauthorized Discharge Of Substance (Diesel/Oil)

1	Pollution Of State Waters (Diesel/Oil)
2	Angling Without Non-Resident Saltwater License
2	Fail To Maintain Records
12	Fail To Complete Trip Tickets (Fisherman)
1	Buy Commercial Fish From Unlicensed Fisherman
2	Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 13	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Angling Without Saltwater License
7	Boating
5	Hunt Without WMA Permit

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
4 Sacks Oysters; 8,206 Pounds Shrimp Sold \$9,747.35; 100 Pounds Shrimp; 250 Pounds Crabs; 5 Pintail Ducks; 20 Red Drum; 1 Black Drum; 23 Teal Ducks; 9 Scaups; 2 Grebe; 4 Wood Ducks; 1 Mottled Duck; 9 Coots; 78 Pounds Red Snapper; 1 Deer; 2 Raccoons; 2 Shovelers; 1 Widgeon; 1 Canvas Back; 1 Mallard Duck; 3 Gadwalls; 1 Hooded Merganser; 4 Trawl Nets; 2 Oyster Dredges; 1 Boat (Paper Seizure); 2 Commercial Licenses; 3 Rods And Reels; 547 Copies Of Purchase Receipts; Various Shotgun Shells

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:

TOTAL 174	DESCRIPTION
30	Boating
37	Commercial Fishing

28	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
2	Miscellaneous
36	Recreational Fishing
28	State Hunting/Trapping
13	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
11	Public Assistance

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

COASTAL WATERS

TOTAL CASES	37
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
21	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
9	Take Undersized Oysters From Natural Reef
2	Violate Sanitary Code (Log Book)
2	Unlawfully Take Oysters From Private Lease
1	Failure To Have Written Permission
2	Hunt On WMA Without WMA Permit

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Expired Boat Registration Certificate

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
249 Sacks Of Oysters

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OSF:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating

35	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
2	State Hunting/Trapping
1	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	35
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
13	Fail To Complete Trip Tickets (Fisherman)
2	Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data
4	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Retail Dealer Buy Fish From Other Than Wholesale/Retail DLR
1	Buy/Sell Fish Without Retail Seafood Dealers License
1	Buy Commercial Fish From Unlicensed Fisherman
1	Intentional Littering
4	Commission Rules And Regulations (Over Limit Red Snapper)
4	Fail To Comply With Federal Law In EEZ
2	Transport commercial fish without required license
1	Theft by fraud
1	Buy And Sell Fish Without A Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealers License

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
76 Pounds Of Whole Red Snapper (Donated)

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SIU:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
34	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

S.W.E.P.

COASTAL WATERS

TOTAL CASES	35
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
5	Boating
1	Possess Robin No Season
2	No Gulf Shrimp Permit
2	Violate Live Bait Req. (Comm. Long Liner)
2	Possess Over Limit Ducks
1	Hunt Quadruped Illegal Hours W/Artificial Light
1	Hunt Closed Area (Comm. Rules And Regulations)
3	Possess Undersize Spotted Sea Trout
2	Possess Over Limit Spotted Sea Trout
5	No Basic Fishing License
2	No Salt Water License
1	Angling W/O License Non-Resident
1	Possess Undersize Red Drum
1	Hunt W/O Basic License
1	No Vessel License
3	Use Trawl Exceeding Seize Req. Offshore Territorial Waters
1	Hunt From Moving Vehicle

1	Hunt Or Discharge Gun From Levee
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WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Comm. Rules /Regulations Undersize Mangrove Snapper

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2 Red Drum, 2 Mangrove Snapper (RTW), 46 Spotted Sea Trout, 1-12 Ga. Shot Gun, 4-42' Trawls, 8,237 Lbs. Shrimp Sold @ \$9,480.00, 2 Sets Of Cane Poles And Dip Nets

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SWEP:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Boating
8	Commercial Fishing
2	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
14	Recreational Fishing
6	State Hunting/Trapping
2	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

Note:

185 Boats Checked

60 Hours Ran

REFUGE PATROL

**MARSH ISLAND, ROCKEFELLER,
STATE WILDLIFE**

TOTAL CASES	28
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Angling Without A License
1	Angling Without A License Non-Resident
2	Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
2	Hunt, Stand, Loiter From Public Road
2	Hunt Raccoons Or Opossums Illegally
2	Hunting Ducks Or Geese Without Federal Stamp
5	Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
1	Taking Ibis – No Season
1	Hunt MGB Without State Migratory License
2	Hunt MGB Without State Hunting License
4	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
5	Operate ATV Vehicle On A Public Road

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 Shakespeare Spinning Rod And Reel; 3 Ducks Retained For Educational Purposes; 30 Ibis Retained For Educational Purposes; 1 Revelation .22 Cal. Rifle

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REFUGE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
0	Commercial Fishing
11	Federal Migratory
4	WMA – Refuge
5	Miscellaneous
2	Recreational Fishing
6	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Public Assistance

TOTAL CASES: 1,093

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 119

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 51

Resolution

2005 Recreational Red Snapper Season
January 4, 2005

- WHEREAS, the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and
- WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and
- WHEREAS, NMFS has put into place a regulatory amendment under the framework procedure of the reef fish fishery management plan that establishes a recreational red snapper quota equal to the recreational allocation, and authorizes the closure of the fishery for the remainder of the fishing year (=calendar year) in Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico when the quota is reached or is projected to be reached, and
- WHEREAS, the Gulf Council recommended to NMFS that the 2005 recreational quota for red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico be set at 4.47 million pounds, and
- WHEREAS, NMFS has closed the recreational fishing season for red snapper effective midnight October 31, 2004 until April 21, 2005 by reducing the bag limit to zero in the EEZ off of Louisiana for that time period, and
- WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has enacted a closure in Louisiana state waters consistent with the EEZ closure which is preferable as it assists in enforcement of fishery rules, and
- WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2005 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 allow the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2005 season for the recreational harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters, and

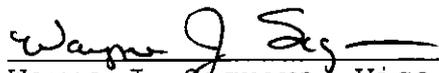
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the recreational red snapper season when he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also hereby authorizes the Secretary to modify the opening and closing dates in State waters if he is notified that the opening and closing of Federal waters are other than those specified in this Declaration of Emergency, and to open an additional recreational red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened an additional recreational season, and to close such season when he is informed that the recreational quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding red snapper harvest including size, daily take and possession limits established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open season hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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 Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2005 recreational red snapper season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.



Wayne J. Sagerera, Vice-Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2005 Recreational Red Snapper Season

The red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council). Regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore. Rules were established by NMFS to close recreational harvest season in the EEZ off of Louisiana effective midnight October 31, 2004 until 12:01 a.m., April 21, 2005 by reducing the bag limit to zero, and NMFS requested that consistent regulations be established in Louisiana waters. NMFS typically requests consistent regulations in order to enhance the effectiveness and enforceability of regulations for EEZ waters.

In order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2005 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted.

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following seasons for recreational harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters:

The season for the recreational fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will remain closed until 12:01 a.m., April 21, 2005 by reducing the bag limit to zero for that time period. The season will open at 12:01 a.m., April 21, 2005 and continue until midnight October 31, 2005.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the recreational red snapper season when he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled or is projected to be filled.

The Commission also hereby authorizes the Secretary to modify the opening and closing dates in State waters if he is notified that the opening and closing of Federal waters are other than those specified in this Declaration of Emergency, and to open an additional recreational red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened an additional recreational season, and to close such season when he is informed that the recreational quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled.

Effective with the recreational red snapper season closure, no person, except those who possess a Class 1 or Class 2 commercial

red snapper license issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish and who are legally taking red snapper during an open commercial season, shall possess any red snapper whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters.

Wayne J. Sagrera

Vice-Chairman

Resolution

2005 Recreational Red Snapper Season
January 4, 2005

- WHEREAS, the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and
- WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and
- WHEREAS, NMFS has put into place a regulatory amendment under the framework procedure of the reef fish fishery management plan that establishes a recreational red snapper quota equal to the recreational allocation, and authorizes the closure of the fishery for the remainder of the fishing year (=calendar year) in Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico when the quota is reached or is projected to be reached, and
- WHEREAS, the Gulf Council recommended to NMFS that the 2005 recreational quota for red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico be set at 4.47 million pounds, and
- WHEREAS, NMFS has closed the recreational fishing season for red snapper effective midnight October 31, 2004 until April 21, 2005 by reducing the bag limit to zero in the EEZ off of Louisiana for that time period, and
- WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has enacted a closure in Louisiana state waters consistent with the EEZ closure which is preferable as it assists in enforcement of fishery rules, and
- WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2005 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 allow the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2005 season for the recreational harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the recreational red snapper season when he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also hereby authorizes the Secretary to modify the opening and closing dates in State waters if he is notified that the opening and closing of Federal waters are other than those specified in this Declaration of Emergency, and to open an additional recreational red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened an additional recreational season, and to close such season when he is informed that the recreational quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding red snapper harvest including size, daily take and possession limits established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open season hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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 Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2005 recreational red snapper season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Wayne J. Segrera, Vice-Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2005 Recreational Red Snapper Season

The red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council). Regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore. Rules were established by NMFS to close recreational harvest season in the EEZ off of Louisiana effective midnight October 31, 2004 until 12:01 a.m., April 21, 2005 by reducing the bag limit to zero, and NMFS requested that consistent regulations be established in Louisiana waters. NMFS typically requests consistent regulations in order to enhance the effectiveness and enforceability of regulations for EEZ waters.

In order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2005 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted.

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following seasons for recreational harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters:

The season for the recreational fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will remain closed until 12:01 a.m., April 21, 2005 by reducing the bag limit to zero for that time period. The season will open at 12:01 a.m., April 21, 2005 and continue until midnight October 31, 2005.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the recreational red snapper season when he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled or is projected to be filled.

The Commission also hereby authorizes the Secretary to modify the opening and closing dates in State waters if he is notified that the opening and closing of Federal waters are other than those specified in this Declaration of Emergency, and to open an additional recreational red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened an additional recreational season, and to close such season when he is informed that the recreational quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled.

Effective with the recreational red snapper season closure, no person, except those who possess a Class 1 or Class 2 commercial

red snapper license issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish and who are legally taking red snapper during an open commercial season, shall possess any red snapper whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters.

Wayne J. Sagrera

Vice-Chairman

RESOLUTION

2005 REEF FISH (INCLUDING RED SNAPPER) COMMERCIAL SEASONS

January 4, 2005

- WHEREAS, the reef fish complex is composed of several groups of species that inhabit marine waters off the coast of Louisiana, including red snapper, other species of snappers, groupers, amberjacks, triggerfishes, grunts, wrasses, sea basses, tilefishes and porgies, with the species listed in LAC 76:VII.335, and
- WHEREAS, the reef fish fisheries are cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and
- WHEREAS, some species such as the red snapper are managed with species-specific seasons, while others are managed as species groups, such as the shallow-water and deep-water groupers and tilefishes, and
- WHEREAS, rules are established by NMFS, to provide for commercial harvest seasons for red snapper in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and
- WHEREAS, commercial quotas have been established for some of these species groups, which have the potential to be filled during the course of the fishing year, and
- WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and
- WHEREAS, the NMFS and the Gulf Council regularly request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to implement consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and
- WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 allow the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2005 seasons for commercial harvest of reef fish including red snapper in Louisiana state waters as described in the attached Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is hereby authorized to close the 2005 commercial red snapper seasons in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by the Regional Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the designated portions of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico have been filled, or are projected to be filled, for each set of seasons, and such closure order shall close the season until the date set for the re-opening of the commercial red snapper season in Federal waters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening and closing dates for the commercial red snapper seasons in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the seasons be modified in Louisiana state waters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the season for the commercial harvest of any species or group of species of fishes listed in LAC 76:VII.335, and to re-open and re-close these seasons in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the same season has been modified in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding reef fish harvest, including possession limits, permit requirements and size limits established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open seasons hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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 Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting 2005 commercial reef fish seasons in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.



Wayne U. Sagrera, Vice Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2005 Reef Fish (Including Red Snapper) Commercial Seasons

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby declares:

Red snapper commercial seasons: The 2005 seasons for the commercial harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters are as follows: the first commercial fishing season for red snapper will open at 12 noon on February 1, 2005, and remain open until 12:00 noon on February 10. This pattern will continue each month until two-thirds of the 2005 commercial quota for red snapper is harvested. The second commercial red snapper season will open at 12 noon on October 1, 2005, and remain open until 12 noon on October 10, and will also continue in this format each month until the entire 2005 quota is harvested.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is hereby authorized to close the 2005 commercial red snapper seasons in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by the Regional Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the designated portions of the commercial red snapper quota for the

Gulf of Mexico have been filled, or are projected to be filled, for each set of seasons, and such closure order shall close the season until the date set for the re-opening of the commercial red snapper season in Federal waters. All applicable rules regarding red snapper harvest including trip limits, permit requirements, and size limits, established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open seasons hereby established.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening and closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters.

Commercial Seasons for Reef Fish: In addition to the seasons set forth above for the commercial harvest of red snapper, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is hereby authorized to close the season for the commercial harvest of any species or group of species of fishes listed in LAC 76:VII.335, Reef Fish - Harvest Regulations, in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the applicable commercial quota has been harvested in the Gulf of Mexico, and if he is requested by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the

State of Louisiana enact compatible regulations in Louisiana state waters.

The Commission also hereby grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to re-open and close the commercial seasons described here in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of these fish species in the Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters.

Effective with seasonal closures under this Emergency Rule, no person shall commercially harvest, possess, purchase, exchange, barter, trade, sell, or attempt to purchase, exchange, barter, trade, or sell the affected species of fish, whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters. Also effective with this closure, no person shall possess the affected species of fish in excess of a daily bag limit, which may only be in possession during the open recreational season by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Nothing shall prohibit the possession or sale of fish by a commercial dealer if legally taken prior to the closure providing that all commercial dealers possessing such fish taken legally prior to the closure shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6.

Wayne J. Sagrera

Vice-Chairman

RESOLUTION

2005 REEF FISH (INCLUDING RED SNAPPER) COMMERCIAL SEASONS

January 4, 2005

- WHEREAS, the reef fish complex is composed of several groups of species that inhabit marine waters off the coast of Louisiana, including red snapper, other species of snappers, groupers, amberjacks, triggerfishes, grunts, wrasses, sea basses, tilefishes and porgies, with the species listed in LAC 76:VII.335, and
- WHEREAS, the reef fish fisheries are cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and
- WHEREAS, some species such as the red snapper are managed with species-specific seasons, while others are managed as species groups, such as the shallow-water and deep-water groupers and tilefishes, and
- WHEREAS, rules are established by NMFS, to provide for commercial harvest seasons for red snapper in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and
- WHEREAS, commercial quotas have been established for some of these species groups, which have the potential to be filled during the course of the fishing year, and
- WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and
- WHEREAS, the NMFS and the Gulf Council regularly request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to implement consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and
- WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 allow the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2005 seasons for commercial harvest of reef fish including red snapper in Louisiana state waters as described in the attached Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is hereby authorized to close the 2005 commercial red snapper seasons in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by the Regional Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the designated portions of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico have been filled, or are projected to be filled, for each set of seasons, and such closure order shall close the season until the date set for the re-opening of the commercial red snapper season in Federal waters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening and closing dates for the commercial red snapper seasons in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the seasons be modified in Louisiana state waters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the season for the commercial harvest of any species or group of species of fishes listed in LAC 76:VII.335, and to re-open and re-close these seasons in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the same season has been modified in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding reef fish harvest, including possession limits, permit requirements and size limits established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open seasons hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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 Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting 2005 commercial reef fish seasons in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Wayne J. Sagraera, Vice Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2005 Reef Fish (Including Red Snapper) Commercial Seasons

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby declares:

Red snapper commercial seasons: The 2005 seasons for the commercial harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters are as follows: the first commercial fishing season for red snapper will open at 12 noon on February 1, 2005, and remain open until 12:00 noon on February 10. This pattern will continue each month until two-thirds of the 2005 commercial quota for red snapper is harvested. The second commercial red snapper season will open at 12 noon on October 1, 2005, and remain open until 12 noon on October 10, and will also continue in this format each month until the entire 2005 quota is harvested.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is hereby authorized to close the 2005 commercial red snapper seasons in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by the Regional Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the designated portions of the commercial red snapper quota for the

Gulf of Mexico have been filled, or are projected to be filled, for each set of seasons, and such closure order shall close the season until the date set for the re-opening of the commercial red snapper season in Federal waters. All applicable rules regarding red snapper harvest including trip limits, permit requirements, and size limits, established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open seasons hereby established.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening and closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters.

Commercial Seasons for Reef Fish: In addition to the seasons set forth above for the commercial harvest of red snapper, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is hereby authorized to close the season for the commercial harvest of any species or group of species of fishes listed in LAC 76:VII.335, Reef Fish - Harvest Regulations, in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the applicable commercial quota has been harvested in the Gulf of Mexico, and if he is requested by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the

State of Louisiana enact compatible regulations in Louisiana state waters.

The Commission also hereby grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to re-open and close the commercial seasons described here in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of these fish species in the Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters.

Effective with seasonal closures under this Emergency Rule, no person shall commercially harvest, possess, purchase, exchange, barter, trade, sell, or attempt to purchase, exchange, barter, trade, or sell the affected species of fish, whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters. Also effective with this closure, no person shall possess the affected species of fish in excess of a daily bag limit, which may only be in possession during the open recreational season by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Nothing shall prohibit the possession or sale of fish by a commercial dealer if legally taken prior to the closure providing that all commercial dealers possessing such fish taken legally prior to the closure shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6.

Wayne J. Sagrera

Vice-Chairman

RESOLUTION

2005 COMMERCIAL KING MACKEREL SEASON

January 4, 2005

WHEREAS, the king mackerel fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U. S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, NMFS requests consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters, which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, the 2005 commercial king mackerel season in EEZ waters is scheduled to open on July 1, 2005, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons by emergency rule and R.S. 49:967 allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto by emergency rule, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2005 season for commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters, and

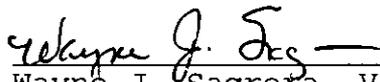
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or is projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2006, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2006 commercial king mackerel season in Federal waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also authorizes the Secretary to open additional commercial king mackerel seasons in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened such additional seasons and to close such seasons when he is informed that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding the commercial king mackerel harvest including trip and size limits established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open season hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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 Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2005 commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.



Wayne J. Sagrera, Vice-Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2005 Commercial King Mackerel Season

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto by emergency rule, and R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:326.3 which provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following season and trip limits for the commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters:

The commercial season for king mackerel in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2005 and remain open until the allotted portion of the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or is projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2006, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2006 commercial king

mackerel season in Federal waters.

The Commission also authorizes the Secretary to open additional commercial king mackerel seasons in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened such additional seasons and to close such seasons when he is informed that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled.

Effective with seasonal closures under this Emergency Rule, no person shall commercially harvest, possess, purchase, exchange, barter, trade, sell, or attempt to purchase, exchange, barter, trade, or sell king mackerel, whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters. Also effective with this closure, no person shall possess king mackerel in excess of a daily bag limit, which may only be in possession during the open recreational season by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Nothing shall prohibit the possession or sale of fish by a commercial dealer if legally taken prior to the closure providing that all commercial dealers possessing such fish taken legally prior to the closure shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6.

Wayne J. Sagrera

Vice-Chairman

RESOLUTION

2005 COMMERCIAL KING MACKEREL SEASON
January 4, 2005

WHEREAS, the king mackerel fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U. S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, NMFS requests consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters, which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, the 2005 commercial king mackerel season in EEZ waters is scheduled to open on July 1, 2005, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons by emergency rule and R.S. 49:967 allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto by emergency rule, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2005 season for commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or is projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2006, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2006 commercial king mackerel season in Federal waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also authorizes the Secretary to open additional commercial king mackerel seasons in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened such additional seasons and to close such seasons when he is informed that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding the commercial king mackerel harvest including trip and size limits established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open season hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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 Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2005 commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Wayne J. Segrera, Vice-Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2005 Commercial King Mackerel Season

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto by emergency rule, and R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:326.3 which provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following season and trip limits for the commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters:

The commercial season for king mackerel in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2005 and remain open until the allotted portion of the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested.

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Effective with seasonal closures under this Emergency Rule, no person shall commercially harvest, possess, purchase, exchange, barter, trade, sell, or attempt to purchase, exchange, barter, trade, or sell king mackerel, whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters. Also effective with this closure, no person shall possess king mackerel in excess of a daily bag limit, which may only be in possession during the open recreational season by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Nothing shall prohibit the possession or sale of fish by a commercial dealer if legally taken prior to the closure providing that all commercial dealers possessing such fish taken legally prior to the closure shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6.

Wayne J. Sagrera

Vice-Chairman

RESOLUTION

2005 Closure of State Outside Waters to Shrimping
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
January 4, 2005

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the open shrimp seasons for all or part of the state waters shall be fixed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the Commission shall also have the right to set special seasons for all or part of the state waters, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the Commission shall have the authority to open or close outside waters by zone each year as it deems appropriate upon inspection of and based upon technical and biological data which indicates that marketable shrimp, in sufficient quantities, are available for harvest, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides that the possession count on saltwater white shrimp for each cargo lot shall average no more than 100 (whole specimens) count per pound, except during the time period from October fifteenth through the third Monday in December when there shall be no count, and

WHEREAS, in state outside waters, water temperatures remain below 15 degrees Centigrade and the growth rate of white shrimp is therefore slow, and

WHEREAS, current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated that white shrimp in a portion of state outside waters average smaller than 100 possession count and additional small white shrimp are expected to recruit to these waters during the remainder of winter and early spring, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby order a closure to shrimping in that portion of state outside waters, south of the Inside/Outside Shrimp Line as described in R.S. 56:495, from the western shore of Freshwater Bayou Canal at longitude 92° 18' 33" W to the eastern shore of Belle Pass at latitude 29° 05' 07" N and longitude 90° 13' 30" W, at 6 a.m. on Monday, January 10, 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close to shrimping, if necessary to protect small white shrimp, any part of remaining state outside waters, if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop, and to reopen any area closed to shrimping when the closure is no longer necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to open special seasons for the harvest of white shrimp in any portion of the State's inside waters where such a season would not detrimentally impact developing brown shrimp populations.

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Wayne J. Sagrera, Vice-Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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Wayne J. Sagrera

Vice-Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby amend and enact provisions for special licenses and license fee waivers.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part I. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
and Agencies Thereunder

Chapter 3. Special Powers and Duties

Subchapter H. Electronic Licenses Issuance

§327. Recreational Electronic Licensing

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~~P. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing license the Department may issue a special Outdoor Press Fishing License to nonresident members of the outdoor press which will include basic and saltwater fishing, in lieu of basic hunting and Louisiana duck license the Department may issue a special Outdoor Press Hunting License to nonresident members of the outdoor press which will include migratory bird hunting and Louisiana duck license.~~

~~1. A fee of twenty dollars will be charged for each outdoor press fishing license issued and the license shall be valid for a period of four consecutive days, a fee of twenty dollars will be charged for each Outdoor Press Hunting License and the license~~

~~shall be valid for a period of three consecutive days, or a fee of twenty dollars will be charged for both if purchased for periods that begin on the same date.~~

~~2. All Outdoor Press licenses will be issued from the Baton Rouge Headquarters location.~~

~~3. To qualify for certification an applicant must submit to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism one or more of the following:~~

~~a. Recent tear sheets of published articles;~~

~~b. Letter of assignment from publication, television or radio company;~~

~~c. A written recommendation from one of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism's international offices;~~

~~d. A written recommendation from Travel South USA, Louisiana Travel Promotion Association or similar organizations;~~

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~~5. Certified applications with all supporting documents and license fees shall be forwarded to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for approval. The license fee shall be returned to the applicant for any application not certified by the Department~~

~~of Culture, Recreation and Tourism or approved by the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.~~

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(21), R.S. 56:641.1 and R.S. 56:647.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Office of Management and Finance, LR 24:505 (March 1998), amended by Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 26:1078 (May 2000), amended by Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Office of Management and Finance, LR 27:1243 (August 2001), amended by Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 28:354 (February 2002), LR 28:2570 (December 2002), LR 31: .

Subchapter I. Special Licenses and License Fee Waivers

§329. Outdoor Press Licenses

A. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing license, the ~~Department~~ Secretary may issue a special Outdoor Press Fishing License or a letter of waiver of license fees for fishing to a nonresident members of the outdoor press which will include basic and saltwater fishing. ~~; in lieu of basic hunting and Louisiana duck license~~ For the purpose of hunting, the Department Secretary may issue a special Outdoor Press Hunting License or a letter of waiver of license fees for hunting to nonresident members of the outdoor press who meet all other legal requirements to obtain a hunting license. Such waiver may include basic hunting, big game, bow, muzzleloader, turkey,

~~Louisiana duck license and WMA hunting permit. to nonresident members of the outdoor press which will include migratory bird hunting and Louisiana duck license.~~

1. A fee of twenty dollars will be charged for each Outdoor Press Fishing License issued, ~~and the license~~ Each license or letter of authorization waiver to fish under this provision shall be valid for a period of four ~~four~~ three consecutive days. ~~or a~~ A fee of twenty dollars will be charged for each Outdoor Press Hunting License ~~and the license~~ Each license or letter of authorization waiver for hunting shall be valid for a period of three consecutive days. ~~or a~~ A fee of twenty dollars will be charged for both if purchased for periods that begin on the same date. Be it further provided that the Secretary may waive the above referenced fees in accordance with law.

2. ~~All Outdoor Press licenses~~ Each license or letter of authorization waiver will be issued from the Baton Rouge Headquarters location.

3. To qualify for ~~certification~~ a special Outdoor Press Hunting or Fishing license or letter of waiver, an applicant must submit to the Department of Culture, ~~Recreation and Tourism~~ Wildlife and Fisheries an original completed application form with a legible photostatic copy of the applicant's driver's license, and proof of membership in a bona fide outdoor press association recognized by the Department. Evidence of such status shall be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Secretary. ~~and one or more~~

~~of the following:~~ In addition, the applicant shall submit a letter of assignment from the publication, television or radio company.

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~~b. Letter of assignment from the publication, television or radio company.~~

~~c. A written recommendation from one of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism's international offices;~~

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4. In no case will the Department of Culture, Recreational and Tourism forward Secretary approve an application from any individual or group not directly involved in producing stories or broadcast materials pertaining to Louisiana fishing, hunting and/or outdoor recreation opportunities.

5. ~~Certified~~ Only certified completed applications with all supporting documents and applicable license fees attached, as specified in subsection 3 above, shall be forwarded to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for approval. The license fee shall be returned to the applicant for any application not certified by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism or approved by the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. considered for approval.

6. The applicant shall be required upon completion of the assignment to provide a copy of the final product.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:109 and R.S. 56:647.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 31: .

§331. Special Disability Fishing and Hunting Licenses

A. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing licenses the Department may issue a Special Disability Fishing License to residents who qualify as "developmentally disabled" as defined in R.S. 28:751; and in lieu of basic hunting, big game hunting, bow, muzzleloader, turkey stamp, and duck hunting licenses, and WMA hunting permit, the Department may issue a Special Disability Hunting License to residents who qualify as "developmentally disabled" as defined in R.S. 28:751 and who meet all other legal requirements to obtain a hunting license. Developmentally disabled may include, but is not limited to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, downs syndrome, spina bifida, and multiple sclerosis.

1. Special Disability licenses shall be issued annually and will be exempt from license fees.

2. Anyone fishing with a Special Disability Fishing license must be accompanied by a validly licensed fisherman. Anyone hunting with a Special Disability Hunting license must be accompanied by a validly licensed hunter.

3. All Special Disability Fishing and Hunting licenses shall be issued from the Baton Rouge Headquarters location.

4. To qualify for Special Disability licenses an applicant must submit to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the following:

a. A valid Louisiana Driver's license or Identification Card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;

b. A completed application form for Developmentally Disabled license(s);

c. Proof that applicant has resided in Louisiana consecutively for the immediate twelve months prior to making application as required by the Department (i.e. resident driver's license of guardian or care giver, voter's registration card, vehicle registration, certification by guardian or care giver, etc.).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:104, R.S. 56:109 and R.S. 56:302.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 31: .

§333. Charitable Organizations, Youth Groups and Schools; Fee Waivers

A. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing licenses the Secretary may issue a letter of waiver of fees for **fishing to members of bona fide charitable organizations, youth groups or schools.** For the purpose of

hunting, the Secretary may issue a letter of waiver of license fees for hunting to members of bona fide charitable organizations, youth groups or schools who meet all other legal requirements to obtain a hunting license, which will include basic hunting, big game, bow, muzzleloader, turkey, Louisiana duck license and WMA hunting permit.

B. Evidence of such status shall be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

C. Each letter authorizing a waiver of fees under this provision shall be valid for a period not to exceed three consecutive days.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:104, R.S. 56:109 and R.S. 56:302.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 31: .

§335. Conferences; Fee Waivers

A. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing licenses the Secretary may issue a letter of waiver of fees for fishing to registered non-resident participants in conferences hosted by bona fide outdoor press associations recognized by the Department.

B. For the purpose of hunting, the Secretary may issue a letter of waiver of license fees for hunting to registered non-resident participants in conferences hosted by bona fide outdoor press associations recognized by the Department who meet all other

legal requirements to obtain a hunting license. Such waiver may include basic hunting, big game, bow, muzzleloader, turkey, Louisiana duck license and WMA hunting permit.

C. Evidence of such status shall be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

D. Each letter authorizing a waiver of fees under this provision shall be valid for a period not to exceed three consecutive days. The said three day period shall be at designated times which are during or immediately contiguous to the official dates of the conference.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:104, R.S. 56:109 and R.S. 56:302.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 31: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact 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 relative to the proposed rule to Janis Landry, Department of Wildlife and

Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, March 3, 2005.

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

Wayne J. Sagrera

Vice-Chairman

ARTICLE II

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CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

In order to maximize public participation in the deliberative process, accurately record public sentiment on matters being considered by the commission, and conduct an orderly and efficient meeting, the chairman will insure that the following rules and procedures are followed:

1. All persons wishing to address the commission on any item being considered shall complete a comment card on a form to be supplied by the Commission. All persons not wishing to speak, but wishing to provide comments to the Commission on matters being considered, shall also complete a comment card.
2. All speakers will conduct themselves in a decorous and courteous manner. Speakers will be encouraged to limit their presentations to five (5) minutes each; provided, however, that the chairman may shorten the permitted speaking time based upon the length of the agenda and the number of persons requesting to speak on any given agenda item.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>May 2005</h1>						
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**PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN
(Pursuant to Article IV of the Bylaws)**

- I. The election procedure shall be by roll call vote.
- II. Election of Chairman
 - A. Chair entertains nominations for chairman
 - any number may be nominated.
 - no second required for nominations.
 - chairman may not serve succeeding terms.
 - B. When it appears that no further nominations are forthcoming, the chair declares nominations closed.
 - C. When nominations are closed, the chair will call for votes for each of the persons nominated - in the order of nomination. If there is only one nominee, the chair declares election by acclamation.
 - D. When any nominee receives a majority vote of the members present, then voting ceases and he is declared chairman.
 - E. In the event that there are more than two nominees for chairman and no nominee receives a majority vote of those present, then the balloting shall be repeated as many times as necessary until one candidate obtains a majority vote. If second and subsequent balloting is required, all nominees are kept on the ballot.
 - F. Outgoing chairman shall continue to preside over election of vice-chairman and until adjournment.
- III. Election of Vice-Chairman

When a chairman is declared, then the Commission proceeds to elect a vice-chairman using the same procedure set out above for chairman. The vice-chairman can succeed himself.
- IV. POINTS OF ORDER - ALL OBJECTIONS, QUESTIONS OR POINTS OF ORDER CONCERNING THE ABOVE PROCEDURE OR THE ELECTION **MUST** BE MADE PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT OF THIS MEETING. IF NOT MADE PRIOR TO THE ADJOURNMENT, THEY ARE WAIVED.

SCHEDULE FOR FINAL RULES TO BE PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER

JAN-05 RULE - Removal of Abandoned Crab Traps

MAR-05 RULE - Designation and Taking of Exotic Fish

APR-05 RULE - Toledo Bend Reciprocal Agreement

 RULE - Freshwater Shrimp, Commercial Harvest

MAY-05 RULE - Special Licenses and License Fee
Waivers



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KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO
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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

DWIGHT LANDRENEAU
SECRETARY

2004-409

NEWS RELEASE

12/28/04

AGENDA FOR FIRST COMMISSION MEETING OF 2005

The next regular public board meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has been scheduled for **9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, January 4, 2005**, at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

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2. Approval of Minutes of December 2, 2004
3. Commission Special Announcements
4. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/December
5. Declaration of Emergency - Red Snapper Recreational Season
6. Declaration of Emergency - Reef Fish (including Red Snapper) Commercial Seasons
7. Declaration of Emergency - King Mackerel Commercial Season
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9. Amendment to Notice of Intent - License Fee Waivers
10. Amendment of By-Laws
11. Set May 2005 Meeting Date
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15. Adjournment

EDITORS: For more information, contact Thomas Gresham at 225/765-2923 (tgresham@wlf.louisiana.gov).

December 22, 2004

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED: 

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State of Louisiana

KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO
GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

DWIGHT LANDRENEAU
SECRETARY

December 22, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: Dwight Landreneau, Secretary 
SUBJECT: January Commission Meeting Agenda

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The following items will be discussed:

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OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

(None)

OFFICE OF FISHERIES

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Division Administrators
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S H E E T



FAX

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*Verbally
Approved by
Wayne Sagrera
12/21/2004 -
2:10PM*

COMMENTS:

Please review and let me know if okay. Thanks.

From the desk of...

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, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: Dwight Landreneau, Secretary
SUBJECT: January Commission Meeting Agenda

The next regular Commission Meeting will be held at 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, January 4, 2005, in the Louisiana Room at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

The following items will be discussed:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of December 2, 2004
3. Commission Special Announcements

WINTON VIDRINE

4. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/December

OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

(None)

OFFICE OF FISHERIES

5. Declaration of Emergency - Red Snapper Recreational Season
6. Declaration of Emergency - Reef Fish (including Red Snapper) Commercial Seasons
7. Declaration of Emergency - King Mackerel Commercial Season

8. Consideration of Offshore Territorial Sea Shrimp Closure
9. Amendment to Notice of Intent - License Fee Waivers
10. Amendment of By-Laws
11. Set May 2005 Meeting Date
12. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman
13. Public Comments
14. Update on St. John the Baptist Parish, et al. v. State of Louisiana, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 40th JDC, Parish of St. John the Baptist, No. 45016, Div. B (Executive Session)

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cc: Janice Lansing
Parke Moore
John Roussel
Brandt Savoie
Bo Boehringer
Don Puckett
Dennis Kropog
Ewell Smith
Division Administrators
Marianne Burke

Amendment to
NOI - License

Fee Waivers

Jan mtg by
Don Puckett

Roussel, John E
Wednesday, December 15, 2004 5:25 PM
Foote, Karen
Porch, Pat; Falcon, Susan; Hanifen, Jim; Bourgeois, Martin; Blanchet, Harry; Landrum, Sue
Subject: RE: January 2005 Commission meeting agenda

OK

-----Original Message-----

From: Foote, Karen
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2004 3:38 PM
To: Roussel, John E
Cc: Porch, Pat; Falcon, Susan; Hanifen, Jim; Bourgeois, Martin; Blanchet, Harry; Landrum, Sue
Subject: January 2005 Commission meeting agenda

If you approve, here are the Marine Fisheries agenda items for January 2005:

Declaration of Emergency - Red Snapper Recreational Season- Harry Blanchet

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Declaration of Emergency - King Mackerel Commercial Season- Harry Blanchet

Consideration of Offshore Territorial Sea Shrimp Closure- Martin Bourgeois

Falcon, Susan

From: Puckett, Don
Sent: Thursday, December 09, 2004 10:34 AM
To: Landry, Janis
Cc: Falcon, Susan
Subject: RE: Muscular sclerosis

We will fix at Jan mtg. Does not delay rulemaking process as the FEIS had not been submitted prior to Dec. mtg. Additionally there may be substantive addition re: Outdoor/wildlife conferences if there is consideration and agreement on verbiage prior to Jan. mtg.

-----Original Message-----

From: Landry, Janis
Sent: Friday, December 03, 2004 8:45 AM
To: Falcon, Susan; Puckett, Don
Subject: Muscular sclerosis

The correct term to be used in this rule is multiple sclerosis.

Boy did I mess that one up???!!!!

Janis Landry

License/Registration Director
(225) 765-2881



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Dear Susan:
Inland Fisheries Division
has no agenda items
for the January 4th Commission
meeting. Thanks
Sincerely,
Bennie Fontenot
Inland Fish. Div.

C. John Rousaf



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*Nothing for Public Information
MB*



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No items unless someone wants to hear about hunting seasons.
A. Marchand



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** Nothing to add to agenda at this time -*

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12/6/04



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COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 1/14/05 Agenda Item Number: 13

Topic: DOE TAGS - DOE DAYS ETC

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): _____

Name: WAYNE N. MESSINA
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: _____

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BE LA 70818

Telephone: 225 261-4771

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PUBLIC SAFETY

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): NEW BUSINESSES

Name: VINCE ACCARDO
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: _____

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