

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

MINUTES

MARCH 4, 2004

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CHAIRMAN

TOLEDO BEND RESERVOIR  
ZWOLLE, LOUISIANA

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Chairman Bill Busbice, Jr. presiding.

Billy Broussard  
Terry Denmon  
Lee Felterman  
Henry Mouton  
Wayne Sagrera

Secretary Dwight Landreneau was also present.

Commissioner Jerry Stone was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Busbice called for a motion for approval of the **February 5, 2004 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Denmon and seconded by Commissioner Sagrera. The motion passed with no opposition.

Under **Commission Special Announcements**, Chairman Busbice thanked Mr. Randy Ziegler for the use of Wildwood Resort and the fact it was donated in lieu of spending money to rent a place. The Chairman then introduced Mr. Jim Pratt with the Sabine River Authority. Mr. Pratt thanked the Department and Commission for coming to Toledo Bend to have their monthly meeting. He then noted Toledo Bend has a wonderful resource which was a result of the Department's managing the fisheries jointly with Texas Parks and Wildlife. Mr. Pratt then hoped the Commission would come back to Toledo Bend annually. Working with Secretary Landreneau was one thing Mr. Pratt looked forward to after the Legislative Session. He also thanked Mr. Ziegler for his interest in the fisheries resources on Toledo Bend. Commissioner Mouton asked Mr. Bennie Fontenot to make sure Toledo Bend was stocked before the next trip.

Chairman Busbice then asked Mrs. Karen Foote to present information on the crab trap removal program. Mrs. Foote announced that the first crab trap sweep in the Terrebonne Parish area resulted in 3,410 traps picked up by 123 volunteers and 53 boats. Those involved included Commissioner Felterman and Senator Reggie Dupre, Conservation organizations and Albertson's managers from southeast Louisiana. Another sweep would occur the next weekend, stated Mrs. Foote. She then noted their goal for a sweep is zero. Commissioner Felterman felt the program was a tremendous success and he looked forward to the future of the program.

Chairman Busbice then read the Commission's Committee assignments. He asked that a Budget Committee of the Commission meet after the April 1 Meeting to discuss the finances of the Department. The Chairman noted the Minerals Committee of the Commission may meet after the May meeting.

Chairman Busbice asked that a meeting be held after the Legislative Session to bring the Commission up to date on ethics and communication. Secretary Landreneau stated he would be glad to help the Commission become a unit by putting together a workshop on the Commission's duties.

**Consideration of Amendment to Spotted Seatrout Rule** began with Commissioner Mouton stating they have worked with the Marine Fisheries and Legal staff on one of the concerns with the proposed rule. He then reminded everyone that the regulation now in effect was a five fish limit on those greater than 25 inches in the Big Lake, Sabine Lake and surrounding areas. The action was to bring that number down to two since the concern of five fish stringer tournament fishing does not occur on those lakes. Commissioner Mouton then noted he wanted to make a motion to amend the original Notice of Intent to reduce the number of fish allowed over 25 inches from five fish per day to two. Also, the Department was requesting the public comment period be extended until April 1, 2004. Mr. Randy Pausina stated data was presented at the December meeting that this was not a biological necessity. He then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Mouton commented this action was not statewide and again stated his motion to support the Resolution. Commissioner Broussard seconded the motion. Chairman Busbice then asked for public comments.

Mr. Frederic Miller, Chairman of CCA of Louisiana, stated they originally brought the proposal to the Commission. After the publication of the original Notice of Intent, he thought the Commission received a good number of replies opposing the five fish limit. CCA supports the two fish limit and requested the Commission act on the motion. Mr. Miller then thanked the Department for the crab trap removal program. He noted CCA provided a number of volunteers and they looked forward to working with the program in the future.

Mr. Kurt Stansell, Hackberry Rod and Gun Club, stated he has had a charter service on Calcasieu Lake for the last 27 years. They have practiced catch and release of big trout for the last 15 years and have not lost any business. He felt the two fish limit was a great step to move towards.

Mr. Sammy Fauk, Economic Development Director for Cameron Parish, stated there was about 10-12 Calcasieu Lake guides at the meeting. The charter fishing industry is very good on those lakes

and all of the guides were in favor of the two fish limit. He then asked the Commission to approve the Resolution.

Mr. George Prett, Lake Charles Chapter of CCA, stated Big Lake was 1/3 the size of Toledo Bend and there are more than 100 guides, part time and full time, on the lake. This does not include the guides that come over from Texas. In order to preserve the resource, they would appreciate allowing only one or two fish.

Commissioner Denmon asked, as a point of clarification, if there was a temporary rule on the five fish limit? Mr. John Roussel stated a Declaration of Emergency was passed and it will expire April 26, 2004. In order to continue with the emergency rule, another would need to be voted on by the Commission in April. Then Commissioner Denmon asked if the proposed rule for a statewide five fish limit was off the table? Mr. Roussel answered yes, it was presented as a statewide regulation, but was amended to be specific to southwest Louisiana.

The motion passed with no opposition. Chairman Busbice stated the Declaration of Emergency would have to be approved again in April. The public involvement on this issue helped the Commission and it was appreciated.

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

#### RESOLUTION

#### SPOTTED SEATROUT RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS

MARCH 4, 2004

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission issued a Notice of Intent at its January 8, 2004 meeting to modify the existing spotted seatrout rule, and

WHEREAS, the intent was to make permanent the size and bag limits passed as a Declaration of Emergency for the Calcasieu Lake, Sabine Lake, and surrounding areas at the December 2003 meeting, and

WHEREAS, public comment has been overwhelmingly in favor of a change from the 5 fish greater than 25 inches to 2, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby amends the previous Notice of Intent from 5 fish to 2 fish greater than 25 inches, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the public comment period relative to the proposed rule will be extended until April 1, 2004, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding the harvest of spotted seatrout, established by the Commission shall be in effect.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

Dwight Landreneau, Secretary  
Department of Wildlife and  
Fisheries

Commissioner Denmon handled the next item, **Discussion of Slot Limit and Size Limit for Black Bass on Poverty Point Reservoir**. He stated he received calls from Representative Francis Thompson, who was responsible for shepherding the dollars it took to build the reservoir and amenities around the lake. Representative Thompson has a concern with the number and size of fish being taken from the reservoir. A slot limit was placed on black bass last year. In response to Representative Thompson's request, Commissioner Denmon asked Mr. Mike Wood to present an update on Poverty Point Reservoir. Mr. Wood stated Poverty Point is a 2,700 acre levee impoundment with very little watershed. The soil is very fertile and controlled within the gates of a State Park. Long before the lake was impounded, staff was on the existing waters, which consisted on mud holes and oxbows that had fish. Those fish were removed and replaced with the state's fish, such as redear sunfish. In 2001, the gates were closed and pumping was initiated. He showed a slide that exhibited the size of the pipes used in the reservoir. April 21, 2003 was the date the lake opened to anglers with a slot limit of 14 to 17 inches with a five fish creel for bass. Some fishermen have expressed concern over the size regulation and the possible irreparable harm before the lake was one year old. The State Park manager commented that about 90 percent of the fishermen were releasing a lot of their fish. Mr. Wood explained the regulation was only a temporary measure to let the reservoir get on its feet. Then Mr. Wood hoped the fishermen would tell the Department how they wanted to manage the lake. A voluntary self-clearing creel has been given to every angler to find out what has been going on in the lake. In September and October 2003, it was fairly even on the number of bass and crappie taken. But from November 2003 through now, the crappie fishing overshadowed the bass fishing. When the anglers were questioned on fish released, staff found the rate overshadowed the harvest rate by 5:1. Mr. Wood explained why the five fish creel was put into place such as having an equitable harvest and not having an undue number of fish taken. The slot limit of 14 to 17 inches was put into place to protect those fish just entering that slot. A graph was then shown on electrofishing results. Mr. Wood felt the current regulations were appropriate at the time and noted the lake was still in good shape. Another slide was shown on the regulations in place on other lakes. With the fish starting to grow out of the slot limit, Mr. Wood will be asking the anglers how they want to manage the lake, for trophy management, quality

management or just to have a place where someone was not too concerned with big fish. Mr. Wood then talked about crappie showing a length frequency chart. In the sample, there were 583 eleven inch crappie. It was explained that this large number of crappie may get larger and become trophy size, but then they would die and be replaced by a normal population. The creel catch on crappie was good averaging 3/4 to 1 pound and 11 fish per angler per trip. Concluding, Mr. Wood stated he was happy with Poverty Point and adjustments would be made as time goes on. Commissioner Denmon asked what did this mean in response to Representative Thompson's concern? Mr. Wood stated to limit the crappie creel would not maintain the numbers. Commissioner Denmon asked if changing the regulations would solve the concerns? Mr. Wood felt it would not change from a biological standpoint, but there may be other concerns. Commissioner Denmon then asked about the input from anglers and wondered if there was something in place now to gather that information. Mr. Wood answered, not right now, and suggested waiting a while longer. Commissioner Denmon asked what would be the next step and who should take it. The next step would be to have a public hearing and to get as much response from the anglers as possible. Commissioner Denmon asked if the Commission needed to do anything? Mr. John Roussel noted the Commission is the regulating body, not the Department. Commissioner Denmon then asked the Department to meet with the Lake Commission and Representative Thompson. Chairman Busbice asked if the meeting should be held before the growing season ended? Mr. Roussel suggested letting Mr. Wood tell when it was the appropriate time to have the meeting; and he also suggested the Commission should think of when they may want a regulation change to become effective.

Chairman Busbice stated he was at Caney Lake and an angler caught 17 barfish and he asked if that was another term for white bass? Mr. Wood stated those fish were actually yellow bass and that lake may produce a state record fish.

Chairman Busbice announced that a letter to the District Attorneys in the state was mailed on the enforcement of night hunting citations. He then thanked Major Keith LaCaze for his help drafting the letter.

**The Monthly Law Enforcement Report for February** was given by Major Keith LaCaze. The following numbers were issued during February.

Region I - Minden - 56 citations, 9 warnings and 2 public assists.

Region II - Monroe - 36 citations, 14 warnings and 5 public assists.

Region III - Alexandria - 91 citations and 3 warnings.

Region IV - Ferriday - 48 citations, 3 warnings and 6 public assists.

Region V - Lake Charles - 86 citations, 1 warning and 3 public assists.

Region VI - Opelousas - 87 citations, 51 warnings and 2 public assists.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 55 citations, 5 warnings and 2 public assists.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 140 citations and 15 warnings.

Region IX - Schriever - 191 citations, 33 warnings and 5 public assists.

Oyster Strike Force - 35 citations.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 31 citations.

SWEP - 10 citations.

Refuge Patrol - 9 citations and 7 public assists.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of February was 790. Also 134 warning citations were issued and agents helped in 25 public assist cases.

The aviation report for February 2004 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 54.8 hours for enforcement and 13.9 hours for other divisions. No citations were issued.

Major LaCaze then referenced the Commissioners to News Releases given to them. They were on a Richland Parish person cited for game fish, drug and litter violations on the Boeuf River; a hunter pleading guilty to night hunting in Allen Parish; agents assisting with a burning camp in Westwego Canal area; citing of rabbit hunters in Orleans Parish where hunting is prohibited; citing of marijuana possession, boat registration violation, no running lights and no life vest on board a vessel in Jefferson Parish waterway; Chauvin fishermen cited for over the limit fish violations; and individuals on Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA were arrested for taking oysters when it is prohibited by Commission regulation and Department of Health and Hospitals had a closure in the area. Commissioner Sagrera asked about the citations for failure to maintain records in Lake Charles area. Major LaCaze explained that after hunting season, there was more time for officers to check local shops and roadside sales that are selling seafood. Chairman Busbice asked about the violation of taking rabbits by mashing weeds? Major LaCaze stated it may have been a 4-wheeler driving through a briar patch and flushing rabbits.

Resolution and Notice of Intent - 2004-05 Resident Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits and Resolution and Notice of Intent - General and WMA Hunting Rules and Regulations were the next items and were being handled by Mr. Tommy Prickett. He began stating, after the presentation, two Notices of Intent needed to be acted upon. The first Notice of Intent covered seasons and bag limits and the other one covered regulations. During the presentation both items would be discussed together. The process included receiving public input at the Commission Meetings and holding public hearings throughout the State. The majority of the season changes were mainly calendar adjustments from last year. Small game season for quail would run November 13-February 23; the season for rabbits would be October 2-February 28; squirrel season would run October 2-February 6 and pheasant season remain closed. On a request to extend the squirrel season, Mr. Prickett stated a study has been initiated to find out what percentage of females actually have young in them at that time. Data should be available by next year so an informative decision could be made. Deer season for Area 1 was a calendar adjustment from last year. The Area 6 change would back up all of the gun segments by one week and backed the archery season up two weeks and added those days to the back end. A study of the deer from Area 6 showed those deer were rutting a little later than deer in other parts of the State. Mr. Prickett felt the hunters in that area supported the change. Area 2, the single largest deer hunting area in the State, had only calendar adjustments. Public comments from Area 3 requested the muzzleloader season be backed up one week to avoid a conflict with the opening day of squirrel season. Area 7 had only a calendar adjustment from last year. Area 8 would have the same schedule as Area 3 also to avoid the conflict with squirrel hunting. Areas 4 and 5 had calendar adjustments only. On the either-sex days in Area 1, there would be from 7 to 17 days to hunt depending on the parish. In Area 2, 4 days were added to every parish, making the totals from 13 to 26 days available to hunt. There were no changes for either-sex hunting in Area 3 having 7 to 21 days. For Area 4, some of the parish days were increased by two, having from 5 to 13 days. There was no change for Area 5, having only one day. Area 6 would have from 7 to 11 days, which was no change from last year. Areas 7 and 8 had no change from last year allowing 11 days and 21 days respectively.

Mr. Prickett then moved the presentation to general hunting regulations. Legislation passed last year authorized the Commission to establish a bobcat hunting season and this was done last year. A number of questions were asked when that season was established and hopefully results from the Big Game Survey will provide the number of bobcats harvested from DMAP Clubs and other deer hunters. The single, biggest change to be recommended was to maintain the six deer limit but to have a two antlered buck limit in the State. The next two slides showed that 240,000 deer were harvested in Louisiana and of that total 48 percent were antlered

bucks. Bucks harvested that were one and one-half years old equaled 30 percent from DMAP lands, 40 percent from the WMAs and about 60 percent from the State at large. With the statistic that 85 percent of the deer hunters harvest two deer or less meant a relatively small segment would be affected if the proposal became effective. Another important statistic calculated that the buck harvest would be reduced by 22 percent, which means those deer would move to an older age class. From a deer hunting survey, 86 percent supported the concept of quality deer management. Over the last two years, a question was asked to the deer hunters whether they would support reducing the buck limit. During the 2001-02 survey, 76 percent supported the reduction and 77 percent supported it during the 2002-03 survey. Mr. Prickett then explained reasons for not going with point restriction and going with buck limit to get to quality deer in the State.

Next, Mr. Prickett talked about wildlife management area regulation changes. First change would not allow hogs to be taken with the aid of dogs. Another change would be to prohibit "mud crawling" machines which could damage habitat especially on the coastal WMAs. Season date changes on different WMAs were then listed by Mr. Prickett. Those affected were Alexander State Forest, Atchafalaya Delta, Bayou Pierre, the Mississippi River Delta WMAs of Big Lake, Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre, Red River, Three Rivers and Spring Bayou, Boise Vernon and West Bay, Elbow Slough, Floy Ward McElroy, Fort Polk, Pointe-aux-Chenes, Salvador/Timken, Sandy Hollow, Thistlethwaite, Sabine Island and Jackson-Bienville. The season dates for the Kisatchie National Forest were mentioned by Mr. Prickett. He noted that these were calendar adjustments from last year except for the last dog hunting segment which was backed up two days. The season dates for the U.S. Corps of Engineers Indian Bayou tract would back up to correspond with the Area 6 season dates.

Chairman Busbice asked if it has ever been discussed to allow dog hunting for hogs on WMAs after all of the other seasons closed in an effort to control them? Mr. Prickett stated hogs are problematic and hog hunting was allowed now from the beginning of deer season until the end of February. When all of the seasons close, you run into the problem with turkeys gobbling or nesting. Commissioner Mouton asked if the Commission would vote on the Kisatchie dates in June or July? Mr. Prickett stated the seasons dates and bag limits could be changed until the July Meeting, but the rules and regulations can only be changed through the May Meeting. Commissioner Broussard asked if there would be the option to discuss the two buck limit after the public hearings were held? Commissioner Denmon felt the buck limit was a bag limit and this could be dealt with up until the July Meeting. Commissioner Denmon commented the Commission does not have the authority to implement tagging, that has to be done by the Legislature. He felt the Legislature would not consider a tagging system without the Department being a driving force behind it. Commissioner Denmon

then offered to help the Department in getting the Legislature to look favorably on the system. He then hoped the Commission and Department would move into the direction of quality deer management. Hearing no further comments from the Commission, Chairman Busbice opened the meeting for public comments.

Mr. Ray McComick stated he had a concern on the issue of handling the current annual deer harvest being on an honor system. He felt it was being abused and violated. Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi each have tagging systems and Mr. McComick felt that was what Louisiana should look into. Chairman Busbice stated he agreed with the tagging system but it would need to be implemented by the Legislature. He added that the Commission would work hard to get it into place. Mr. McComick asked if the public should contact their Legislators? Chairman Busbice answered yes. Commissioner Sagrera added that the public should also ask their Legislators for funds to manage the program. Secretary Landreneau noted the Department was looking at draft legislation on tagging. He stated he wanted the biologist to have the ability to collect data that would help the Department be better deer managers. Chairman Busbice asked where would the legislation go through the Senate or House Natural Resources Committee? Secretary Landreneau answered it would start in the House Natural Resources Committee.

Mr. Richard "Tooty" Carroll stated he has hunted Allen Parish all of his life and a few years back part of the area was changed into deer Area 8. He asked that his area along with other hunting clubs be put back into Area 2 where it originally came from. Chairman Busbice asked when did that change occur? Mr. Prickett stated he did not know how long ago it was moved. But he added that this area was part of Area 3 which only allowed still hunting. Moving it into Area 8 allowed for hunting with or without dogs using Area 3's season structure. Mr. Carroll preferred moving that area into Area 2 instead of Area 3 and stated he would get a petition or whatever may be needed to get this area moved. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Prickett to get with Mr. Carroll and discuss his concern.

Mr. Cal Baker, Kisatchie National Forest, stated the Forest goes through the same process as the Commission in reaching their season dates. He mentioned that the Forest has an excellent relationship with the Department having a large variety of interests and concerns. With respect to hogs on the area, Mr. Baker thought they may be going towards contract hog harvesting. He then noted they support the dates as presented by the Department. Mr. Baker then expressed hope the Forest Service could meet with the Commission sometime in the near future.

Mr. Prickett then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution for seasons and bag limits. Commissioner Denmon made a motion to adopt the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Sagrera. The motion passed with no opposition. Mr.

Prickett read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution on rules and regulations. A motion was made by Commissioner Sagrera to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Felterman seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Mr. Prickett mentioned the public has asked for maps of the WMAs and the ones that have been provided have not been to scale but allowed you to get to campgrounds and check stations. Now the maps being produced are of high quality, colored, aerial photo type maps on waterproof paper. Initially these maps would only be available from the Baton Rouge office for a \$5 fee and then in the future they may be available from the district offices. The maps that are available this year are Atchafalaya Delta, Pointe-aux-Chenes, Pass-a-Loutre, Red River, Three Rivers and Boeuf WMAs.

(The full text of the Resolutions and Notices of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
March 4, 2004

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held at Wildwood Resort, Zwolle LA, March 4, 2004.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as a Notice of Intent.

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Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman

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Dwight Landreneau, Secretary

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 2004-2005 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), LR 30: .

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 2004-2005

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov. 13-Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 2-Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 2-Feb. 6	8	16

Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal on private lands)	6/season (Only two may be antlered)
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C. Deer Hunting Schedule

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 17-Jan. 23	Nov. 20-Dec.3 Jan. 3-Jan.16	Dec. 4-Jan. 2
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 23-Oct. 29 Jan. 8-Jan. 14	Oct. 30-Dec.3	Dec. 4-Jan. 7
3	Sept.18- Jan.15	Oct. 9-Oct.15 Nov.29-Dec. 3	Oct.16-Nov.28 Dec. 4-Jan. 2	
4	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 6-Nov. 12 Jan. 8-Jan. 17	Nov.13-Jan. 7	
5	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Dec. 27-Jan. 2 Bucks Only	Nov.26-Dec.12	
6	Oct. 16- Feb. 15	Nov. 20-Nov. 24 Jan. 24-Jan. 31	Nov.25-Dec.10	Dec.11-Jan.23
7	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Nov. 6-Nov. 12	Oct.16-Nov. 5 Nov.13-Nov.28	Nov.29-Dec.29
8	Sept.18- Jan. 15	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Nov. 29-Dec. 3	Oct.16-Nov.28	Dec. 4-Jan. 2

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Acadia	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Allen	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 8	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Ascension	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Assumption	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Avoyelles	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
Beauregard	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 8	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Bienville	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Bossier	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Caddo	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Calcasieu	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 8	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Caldwell	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Cameron	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Catahoula	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Claiborne	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Concordia	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
DeSoto	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
East Baton Rouge	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
East Carroll	Area 4 portion	Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, east of mainline Mississippi River Levee and south and east of La. 877 from West Carroll Parish line to La. 580, south of La. 580 to U.S. 65, west of U.S. 65 to Madison Parish line.
	Area 4	Nov. 13-14, 26-28, remainder of the parish
East Feliciana	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Evangeline	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Franklin	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Grant	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Iberia	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 7	Oct. 16-17, Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
Iberville	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Jackson	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Jefferson	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Jefferson Davis	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Lafayette	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Lafourche	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
LaSalle	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Lincoln	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Livingston	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Madison	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Morehouse	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 4	Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28
Natchitoches	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Orleans		Closed to all deer hunting
Ouachita	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 4	Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28
Plaquemines	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Pointe Coupee	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Rapides	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5
Red River	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Richland	Area 4	Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28
Sabine	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
St. Bernard	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. Charles	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. Helena	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. James	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. John	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. Landry	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
St. Martin	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. Mary	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 7	Oct. 16-17, Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
St. Tammany	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Tangipahoa	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Tensas	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Terrebonne	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 7	Oct. 16-17, Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
Union	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Vermilion	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Vernon	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 8	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Washington	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Webster	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
West Baton Rouge	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
West Carroll	Area 5	Nov. 26
West Feliciana	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Winn	Area	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2

E. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer on Supplemented Shooting Preserves

Archery	Modern Firearm	Either Sex
Oct. 1-Jan. 31 (Either Sex)	Nov. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 1-7 Dec. 1-7 Jan. 1-7

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

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), repromulgated LR 25:1526 (August 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1521 (August 2003), LR 30: .

Public hearings will be held at the following locations: Region 1 - March 16, 6:30 PM, Minden Civic Center, Minden, Louisiana; Region 2 - March 8, 6:30 PM, Ruston Civic Center, Ruston, Louisiana; Region 3 - March 10, 6:00 PM, Alexandria City Hall, Alexandria, Louisiana; Region 4 - March 11, 6:30 PM, Council on Aging Building, Winnsboro, Louisiana; Region 5 - March 18, 6:00 PM, Burton Coliseum Chalkley Room, Lake Charles, Louisiana; Region 6 - March 9, 6:00 PM, Estuarine Habitats and Coastal Fisheries Center, Lafayette, Louisiana; Region 7 - March 11, 7:00 PM, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Louisiana Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and March 9, 7:00 PM, Jefferson Parish Library, Metairie, Louisiana. Also comments will be accepted at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from April through July. Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until Thursday, May 6, 2004 to Mr. Tommy Prickett, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000.

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

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

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.  
Chairman

RESOLUTION  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
March 4, 2004

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held at Wildwood Resort, Zwolle LA, March 4, 2004.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting rules and regulations for the State and WMAs, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish regulations that govern public and private lands is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all information pertinent to the rule and regulations governing hunting, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules and regulations affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as a Notice of Intent.

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Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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Dwight Landreneau, Secretary  
Department of Wildlife and  
Fisheries

## NOTICE OF INTENT

### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

#### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

#### Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

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

##### A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area Regulations

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

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

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

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

##### C. Other Season Dates

1. Turkey. Please refer to separate pamphlet.

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

3. Nutria. On WMAs and private property nutria may be taken recreationally from September 1 through February 29 28 during legal shooting hours by any legal hunting method with no limit EXCEPT if taken with a shotgun, steel shot must be used. On WMAs during waterfowl seasons, nutria may be taken only with the use of shotguns with shot no larger than F steel, and during gun deer seasons, anyone taking nutria must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap or hat. Pelting or selling of carcasses is illegal EXCEPT when taken by a licensed trapper during the trapping season. Trespassing upon private property without consent for the purpose of taking nutria is punishable by fines and possible jail time (R.S. 56:265).

4. Blackbirds and crows. The season for crows shall be September 1 through January 2 with no limit; however crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles may be taken year round during legal shooting hours if they are depredating or about to depredate upon ornamentals or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock, wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers as to cause a health hazard. Louisiana has determined that the birds listed above are crop depredators and that crows have been implicated in the spread of the West Nile virus in humans.

5. Pheasant. CLOSED.

6. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species except turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations EXCEPT squirrels may be taken by licensed falconers until the last day of February. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific Falconry Rules.

7. Licensed Hunting Preserve. October 1 - April 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific Hunting Preserve Rules.

8. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Land enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and 5¢/acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be in the possession of the hunter and attached and locked to antlerless deer (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow or muzzleloader) through the hock in a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is transported. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved. Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP Rules.

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

a. Definitions

Exotics: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the family Bovidae (except the Tribe Bovini [cattle]) or Cervidae which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve. Exotics shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.

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

Same as Outside: For purposes of this rule means hunting on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC).

Supplemented Hunting Preserve: For purposes of this rule means any enclosure for which a current Farm-Raising License has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

White-tailed Deer: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the species Odocoileus virginianus which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve.

b. Seasons

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Consult the regulations pamphlet.

ii. Exotics: year round.

c. Methods of Take

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: Exotics may be taken with longbow (including compound bow) and arrow; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber centerfire; or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only.

d. Shooting Hours

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

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

e. Bag Limit

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No limit.

f. Hunting Licenses

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

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

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

10. Bobcat. The hunting of bobcats will be legal only during the open deer season in all deer hunting areas. The legal shooting hours and the legal methods for the taking of bobcats shall be the same as defined for the taking of deer. License requirements shall also be the same for deer. The season limit shall be one.

D. Hunting-General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident hunting license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be

transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

2. All persons born on or after September 1, 1969 must show proof of satisfactorily completing a Hunter Safety course approved by LDWF to purchase a Basic Hunting License, EXCEPT any active or veteran member of the United States armed services or any POST-certified law enforcement officer. Application for the exemption shall be filed in person at the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries main office building in the city of Baton Rouge. A person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by, and is under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older, EXCEPT during a statewide youth deer hunt, the youth must have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Safety course approved by LDWF to participate.

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

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

5. Methods of taking resident game birds and quadrupeds

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

b. Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle or handgun larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than .36 caliber. During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

c. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must

be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

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

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

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

9. Hunting and/or discharging firearms on public roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or public road right-of-way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights-

of-way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.

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

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

#### E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. One antlered and one antlerless (when legal on private lands) deer per day EXCEPT on Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season Season limit is six, two of which may be antlered, (all segments included) by all methods of take.

2. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited except where specifically allowed and except in West Baton Rouge and Pointe Coupee Parishes and that portion of Iberville Parish west of the Mississippi River (excluding the Sherburne Wildlife Management Complex and those private lands which are totally surrounded by the Sherburne Complex) where a legal buck shall be defined as a deer with at least 6 points or a deer with both spikes three inches long or less. To be counted as a point, a projection must be at least one inch long and its length must exceed the length of its base. The beam tip is counted as a point but not measured as a point.

3. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise allowed.

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

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

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

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

8. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

9. Muzzleloader Segment: (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) Still hunt only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for resident hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either-sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT as specified on Public Areas. It is unlawful to carry a gun, other than a muzzleloader, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special muzzleloader segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

a. Legal Muzzleloader Firearms For Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets and

may be fitted with magnified scopes. This includes muzzleloaders known as "inline" muzzleloaders.

10. Archery Segment: Consult regulations pamphlet. WMA seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. Archery license required for resident bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Residents 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either-sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, archer's must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Lake Boeuf, and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs (SEE SCHEDULE).

a. Bow and arrow regulations: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

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

(b). to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except that hand held releases are lawful.

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

(d). to hunt with a bow or crossbow fitted with an infrared or laser sight.

11. Hunter orange. Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season including muzzleloader season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a hunter orange cap or hat in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not allowed by agreement of the landowner or lessee. However, anyone hunting deer

on such lands where hunting with firearms is allowed shall be required to display the 400 square inches or a hunter orange cap or hat while walking to and from elevated stands. While a person is hunting from an elevated stand, the 400 square inches or cap or hat may be concealed. WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".

12. Special handicapped either-sex deer season on private land. See regulations pamphlet for dates. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

13. Special Youth Deer Hunt on Private Lands (Either-Sex). See regulations pamphlet for dates. Youth must be under the age of 16, must have proof of successfully completing a Department approved hunter safety course, and must be accompanied by an adult licensed to hunt big game. In West Baton Rouge and Pointe Coupee Parishes and that portion of Iberville Parish west of the Mississippi River antler restrictions for bucks shall be waived.

#### F. Description of Areas

##### 1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes are open: Concordia, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Franklin, Madison, St. Helena, Tensas, Washington.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Catahoula - All EXCEPT that portion lying west of Boeuf River from Caldwell parish line to Ouachita River, north and east of Ouachita River to La. 559 at Duty Ferry, west of La. 559 to La. 124. North and west of La. 124 westward to LaSalle parish line.

ii. Grant - East of U.S. 165 and south of La. 8.

iii. LaSalle - Portion south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to La. 124. South of La. 124 eastward to Catahoula Parish line.

iv. Livingston - North of I-12.

v. Rapides - East of U.S. 165 and north of Red River.

vi. St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to

Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

vii. Tangipahoa - North of I-12.

viii. West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion known as Raccourci and Turnbull Island.

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

i. Catahoula - South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.

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

iii. Franklin - All

iv. St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpelier.

v. Tangipahoa - That portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River to La. 1061 at Wilmer, east of La. 1061 to La. 440 at Bolivar, south of La. 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from La. 440 southward to La. 10.

vi. Washington and St. Tammany - East of La. 21 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl

River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also, that portion of Washington Parish west of La. 25 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, then west of the Bogue Chitto River to its junction with the St. Tammany Parish line, north of the St. Tammany parish line to the Tangipahoa parish line, east of the Tangipahoa parish line to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line to its junction with La. 25.

vii. West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of U.S. 61 and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes are open:

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

ii. EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District described in Area 2 description shall be still hunting only.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - North of U.S. 190 from the parish line westward to Kinder, east of U.S. 165 from Kinder northward to La. 10 at Oakdale, north of La. 10 from Oakdale, westward to the parish line;

ii. Avoyelles - That portion west of I-49.

iii. Catahoula - That portion lying west of Boeuf River from Caldwell parish line to Ouachita River, north and east of Ouachita River to La. 559 at Duty Ferry. West of La. 559 to La. 124. North and west of La. 124 westward to LaSalle parish line.

iv. Evangeline - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

v. Grant - All EXCEPT that portion south of La. 8 and east of U.S. 165.

vi. Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.

vii. LaSalle - All EXCEPT south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to La. 124. South of La. 124 eastward to Catahoula parish line.

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

ix. Ouachita - All EXCEPT south of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Brake.

x. Rapides - All EXCEPT north of Red River and east of U.S. 165. South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

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

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

i. Claiborne and Webster - Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).

ii. Ouachita - East of Ouachita River.

iii. Rapides - West of U.S. 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 northward to U.S. 167 at Alexandria. North of La. 465 from Vernon Parish line to La. 121, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to La. 8, south and east of La. 8 to La. 118 (Mora Road), south and west of La. 118 to Natchitoches Parish line.

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

3. Area 3

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

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - South of U.S. 190 and west of La. 113.

ii. Beauregard - West of La. 113. ALSO east of La. 27 from the parish line north to DeRidder and north of U.S. 190 westward from DeRidder to Texas line.

iii. Calcasieu - South of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas State line. Also east of La. 27 from Sulphur northward to the parish line.

iv. Iberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La. 14.

v. Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of U.S. 190.

vi. Lafayette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

vii. Rapides - South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.

viii. St. Landry - West of U.S. 167.

ix. Vernon - West and north of La. 113, south of La. 465, east of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

4. Area 4

a. All of East Carroll and Richland parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Morehouse - East of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to

Bastrop, east of La. 139 at Bastrop to junction of La. 593, east and north of La. 593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and south of La. 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake.

ii. Ouachita - South of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Bake.

5. Area 5

a. All of West Carroll Parish is open.

6. Area 6

a. All of Orleans Parish is closed to all forms of deer hunting.

b. All of the following parishes are open: Ascension, Assumption, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Martin, West Baton Rouge.

c. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - All except that portion west of I-49.

ii. Evangeline - That portion east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

iii. Iberia - East of U.S. 90.

iv. Lafayette - East of I-49 and U.S. 90.

v. Livingston - South of I-12.

vi. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

vii. St. Landry - East of U.S. 167.

viii. St. Mary - North of U.S. 90.

ix. St. Tammany - That portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

x. Tangipahoa - South of I-12.

xi. Terrebonne - North of La. 182 from Assumption Parish line eastward to Houma, east of Houma Navigation Canal southward to the Gulf of Mexico.

xii. West Feliciana - West of Mississippi River, known as Raccourci and Turnbull Islands.

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

i. Avoyelles - North of La. 1 from Simmesport westward to La. 115 at Marksville, east of La. 115 from Marksville northward to the Red River near Moncla, south and west of the Red River to La. 1 at Simmesport.

ii. Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi River.

iii. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

iv. St. Bernard - All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.

v. St. John - South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.

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

7. Area 7

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Iberia and St. Mary Parishes - South of La. 14 and west of U.S. Hwy. 90.

ii. Terrebonne - South of La. 182 from Assumption Parish line eastward to Houma, west of Houma Navigation Canal southward to the Gulf of Mexico.

8. Area 8

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Allen - That portion east of La. 113 from the parish line to U.S. 190, north of U.S. 190 eastward to Kinder, west of U.S. 165 northward to La. 10 at Oakdale and south of La. 10 from Oakdale westward to parish line;

ii. Vernon - That portion east of La. 113 from the parish line northward to Pitkin, and south of La. 10 from Pitkin southward to the parish line;

iii. Beauregard - That portion east of La. 113. Also that portion west of La. 27 from parish line northward to DeRidder, south of U.S. 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iv. Calcasieu - That portion west of La. 27 from the parish line southward to Sulphur and north of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to the Texas state line.

## G. Wildlife Management Area Regulations

### 1. General

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

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

c. Wildlife management area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 3:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified. On days when Daily permits are required, permit stations will open 2 hours before legal shooting hours. Hunters must check out and exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset, ~~except for Lake Boeuf, Salvador/Timken and Pointe-aux-Chenes~~ or as otherwise specified.

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

should contact the nearest LDWF regional office for additional information.

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

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

~~h. Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval or unless otherwise specified.~~

~~ih. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.), and wild plants and non-game wildlife (including reptiles and amphibians) is prohibited without prior approval from the Baton Rouge Office. Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits, mushrooms and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day. ~~Persons engaged in commercial activities must obtain a permit from the Region Office.~~~~

~~ji. Burning of marshes is prohibited except by permit. ~~Permits may be obtained from the Fur and Refuge Division.~~ Hunting actively burning marsh prohibited.~~

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

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

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

~~nm. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, EXCEPT that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and State Seed Grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.~~

~~on. Free ranging livestock prohibited.~~

## 2. Permits

a. A WMA Hunting Permit is required to hunt on WMAs.

b. Daily. Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA after first presenting a valid hunting license to a Department employee. Hunters must retain permit in possession while hunting. Hunters may enter the area no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must checkout daily and exit the area not later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

c. Self-Clearing Permits. A Self-Clearing Permit is required for ALL ACTIVITIES (hunting, fishing, hiking, birdwatching, sightseeing, etc.) on WMAs unless otherwise specified. The Self-Clearing Permit will consist of three portions: CHECK IN, CHECK OUT and a Vehicle Tag. On WMAs where Self-Clearing Permits are required, all persons must obtain a WMA Self-Clearing Permit from an Information Station. The CHECK IN portion MUST be completed and put in a permit box BEFORE each day's activity on the day of the activity (EXCEPT if hunting from a camp users need only to check in once during any 72 hour period). Users may check-in one day in advance of use. The CHECK OUT portion must be carried by each person while on the WMA and MUST be completed and put in a permit box immediately upon exiting the WMA or within 72 hours after checking in if hunting from a camp. EACH PERSON MUST leave the Vehicle Tag portion of his permit on the dashboard of the vehicle used to enter into the WMA in such a way that it can be easily read from outside of the vehicle. This MUST be done only when the vehicle is parked and left unattended on the WMA. If an ATV, boat or other type vehicle was used to enter the WMA, then the vehicle tag must be attached to that vehicle in such a manner that it can be readily seen and read. No permit is required of fishers and boaters who do not travel on a WMA road and/or launch on the WMA as long as they do not get out of the boat and onto the WMA. When Mandatory Deer Checks are specified on WMAs, hunters must check deer at a check station. Call the appropriate Region office for the location of the deer check station on these WMAs. (Self-Clearing Permits are not required for persons only traveling through the WMA provided that the most direct route is taken and no activities or stops take place.)

d. Wild Louisiana Stamp. Persons using WMAs or other department administered lands for purposes other than hunting and fishing, such as camping, shooting on rifle ranges, berry picking, hiking, photography, bird-watching and the like, must possess one of the following: a valid Wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement.

### 3. Special Seasons

a. Youth deer hunt. Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed EXCEPT

Handicapped Seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of a hunter safety certification, a valid Louisiana hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate region office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts. NOTE: Some hunts may be by pre-application lottery.

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

bc. Handicapped Season. An either-sex deer season will be held for hunters possessing a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit on WMAs during the dates specified under the individual WMA. Participants must possess a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit. Contact region office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering Handicapped Seasons. Pointe-aux-Chenes will have an experimental Lottery Handicapped waterfowl hunt. Contact New Iberia Office, Fur and Refuge Division for details.

cd. Deer Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. A non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact region offices for applications. Consult regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery deer hunts.

~~d. Youth Deer Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected as a result of a pre-hunt lottery application drawing. Contact region offices to apply or for more information. A non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Consult regulations pamphlet for deadline and WMAs offering Youth Deer Lottery Hunts.~~

e. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. All turkeys must be reported at Self

Clearing station. Contact Region Offices for more details. Consult separate turkey hunting regulations pamphlet for more details WMAs offering lottery hunts.

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

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

fh. Trapping. Permits to take furbearers from WMAs may be obtained at appropriate offices when required. Consult Annual Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required, each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the Region Office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days at region offices. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress. A permit is required to carry a firearm outside of the normal hunting season and is available at the Region Office. Authorized trappers, with proper permits, may carry and use a loaded firearm (including in a motorized vehicle under power) at any time during daylight hours for the specific purpose of harvesting furbearers.

gi. Raccoon hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs. NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL - Season dates for specific WMAs are for nighttime raccoon hunting and permits may be required. All nighttime raccoon hunting where allowed is with dogs only. There is no bag limit for raccoons at night unless specified in the annual regulations pamphlet. Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the region office for WMAs where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of raccoon or all hunting privileges on WMAs. Permits, when required, may be obtained at region offices only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

h. Commercial fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines allowed on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-aux-Chenes

~~WMAs EXCEPT commercial fishing on Pointe-aux-Chenes is allowed in Cut Off Canal and Wonder Lake. No commercial fishing activity shall impede navigation and no unattended vessels or barges will be allowed. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges for the period the license is issued and one year thereafter. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.~~

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

jk. Additional Department Lands. The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in Rapides, Vernon, Evangeline, St. Helena and other parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries Region Office for specific information and any additional season dates.

#### 4. Firearms

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

b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not allowed on WMAs during closed seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping. Bows and broadhead arrows are not allowed on WMAs EXCEPT during deer archery season, turkey season or as permitted for bowfishing.

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

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

e. Centerfire rifles and handguns larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during modern firearm deer season.

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

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

#### 5. Methods of Taking Game

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

b. On Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season Season limit is six, two of which may be antlered, (all segments included) by all methods of take.

c. Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included). Unmarked hogs may be taken on some WMAs by properly licensed hunters from the beginning of archery season on the area until February ~~29~~ 28 and only with guns/ammunition or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Consult the specific WMA for additional information. Proper licenses and permits are required for hunting. Hogs may not be taken with the aid of dogs.

d. Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have deer checked at the check station on same day of kill. Deer may not be skinned or have any external body parts removed including but not limited to feet, legs, tail, head or ears before being checked out.

e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed.

g. On Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges, all deer stands must be removed from the area no later than two hours after the end of legal shooting hours each day. Hunting from utility poles, high tension power lines, oil and gas exploration facilities or platforms is prohibited.

h. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal poles, wire, mesh, webbing or other materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within

two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation and not held together by nails or other metallic fasteners may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

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

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

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

~~l. Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue birds or animals from moving vehicles on any WMA. No person shall take birds or animals from or by any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased.~~

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

nm. Horses and mules may be ridden on Wildlife Management Areas except where prohibited and except during gun seasons for deer and turkey. Riding is restricted to designated roads and trails. Hunting and trapping from horses and mules is prohibited EXCEPT for quail hunting or as otherwise specified.

on. All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters and mourning dove hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. Quail hunters, woodcock All other hunters and archers (while on the ground) also must wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel as well as hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. ALSO all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

po. Archery season for deer. The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open for either-sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta and closed on certain WMAs when

special seasons for youth or handicapped hunts are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

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

rg. Muzzleloader season for deer. Either-sex unless otherwise specified. See WMA deer schedule.

## 6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is allowed only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. At the end of the 16 day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

b. Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA and Pass-a-Loutre, houseboats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the hunting season. At all other times of the year, mooring is limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for the mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. Permits must be obtained from the New Iberia office.

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

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

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

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

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

h. Swimming is prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

#### 7. Restricted Areas

a. For your safety, All ALL oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or unauthorized hunting in restricted areas or refuges.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. Having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting and bird dog training when allowed; see individual WMA season listings for WMAs that allow dogs and dates. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are allowed for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

#### 9. Vehicles

a. An all-terrain vehicle is an off-road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight-750 pounds, length-85", and width-48". ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 25 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi. as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

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

c. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within wildlife management areas due to property damages resulting in high

maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

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

e. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft "mud crawling vessels" (commonly referred to as crawfish combines which use paddle wheels for locomotion) and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and Refuges. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. Personal water craft allowed on designated areas of Alexander State Forest WMA.

f. No internal combustion engines allowed in certain Greentree reservoirs.

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

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

i. Motorized vehicles, including ATVs, and motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads and ATV trails as indicated on WMA maps. WMA maps available at all region offices. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

j. Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons is restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees are restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps. Persons 60 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also allowed to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Handicapped persons should make application for a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit with the Department.

k. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to handicapped-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Routes of all trails are as indicated on WMA maps. Deviation from the trails indicated on the map constitutes a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

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

m. ATVs, and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 3:00 AM. ATVs are prohibited from March 1 through August 31 EXCEPT certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purposes. These trails will be marked by signs at the entrance of the trail and designated on WMA maps. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs during nighttime raccoon take seasons only.

n. CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

#### 10. Commercial Activities.

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

b. Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval from Baton Rouge office or unless otherwise specified.

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

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

12. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit, quail, mourning dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Consult regulations pamphlet. Unless otherwise specified under a specific

WMA hunting schedule, the use of dogs for rabbit and squirrel hunting is prohibited.

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

14. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

15. Hogs. Consult regulations pamphlet.

16. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet. During hunting seasons specified on WMAs, incidental take of outlaw quadrupeds and birds is allowed by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bows and arrows legal for season in progress on WMA. However, crows, blackbirds, grackles and cowbirds may not be taken before September 1 or after January 2.

17. Wildlife Management Areas Hunting Schedule and Regulations:

a. Acadiana Conservation Corridor.

b. Alexander State Forest. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

c. Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at any time. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited EXCEPT as permitted for authorized WMA trappers.

d. Attakapas.

e. Bayou Macon. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. Mules are allowed for nighttime raccoon hunting.

f. Bayou Pierre

g. Bens Creek

h. Big Colewa Bayou. All nighttime activities prohibited.

i. Big Lake.

j. Biloxi.

- k. Bodcau.
- l. Boeuf.
- m. Boise-Vernon.
- n. Buckhorn.
- o. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. All game harvested must be reported. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details.
- p. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.
- q. Elbow Slough. Steel shot only for all hunting.
- qr. Elm Hall. No ATVs allowed.
- rs. Floy Ward McElroy.
- st. Fort Polk. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year. Special regulations apply to ATV users.
- tu. Grassy Lake. Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor at Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas Region Office. No hunting in restricted area.
- tv. Jackson-Bienville. Beginning September 1, 2004, ATVs are allowed ONLY on non-public maintained gravel roads and ~~timber management woods, roads and~~ marked ATV trails.
- vw. Joyce. Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.
- wx. Lake Boeuf. Hunting allowed until 12:00 noon on all game.
- xy. Lake Ramsay. Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.
- yz. Little River.
- zaa. Loggy Bayou.

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

bbcc. Maurepas Swamp.

ccdd. Ouachita. Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during duck season including early teal season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight. Commercial Fishing: Closed. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

ddee. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area. Oyster harvesting is prohibited.

eeff. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet except waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90. No hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a fee.

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

gghh. Pointe-aux-Chenes. Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for mourning dove hunting and ~~experimental~~ youth lottery deer hunt as specified in regulation pamphlet. Point Farm: Gate will be open only on the first 3 during each Saturdays of the second split of mourning dove season and all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be allowed. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted

portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. prohibited in the Montegut and Grand Bayou marsh management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue. All other motorized vehicles, horses and mules are prohibited unless authorized by the Department.

hhii. Pomme de Terre. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday, EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Region Office or Spring Bayou headquarters. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed only after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season. Crawfish: April 1 - July 31, recreational only, 100 lbs. per boat or group daily.

iiij. Red River. Crawfishing prohibited on Yakey Farms Wetland Restoration Areas.

jjkk. Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

kkll. Sabine.

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

mmnn. Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any

commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 H.P. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes - "Baie Des Chactas" and Baie du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Use of mudboats powered by internal combustion engines with four cylinders or less is permitted in interior ditches from September 6-February 1. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

mmoo. Sandy Hollow. Bird Dog Training: Consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited). Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge Region Office. Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited. Riding allowed only on designated roads and trails. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas. No motorized vehicles allowed off designated roads.

oopp. Sherburne. Crawfishing: Recreational crawfishing only on the ~~North and~~ South Farm Complexes. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per vehicle or boat per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed on farm complex. Commercial crawfishing allowed on the remainder of the area. Permit is required. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details. Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office. No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges. Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

ppqq. Sicily Island Hills.

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

rrss. Spring Bayou. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Region Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Crawfish: recreational only. No hunting allowed in headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and regulations posted at

camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this camp site. Water skiing allowed only in Old River and Grand Lac.

tt. Tangipahoa Parish School Board. No horseback riding during gun season for deer or turkey. ATVs are not allowed.

ssuu. Thistlethwaite. No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map). All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through main gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

ttvy. Three Rivers.

ttww. Tunica Hills. All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATVs restricted to designated trails. Driving on food plots prohibited. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map. Camping prohibited on area. North of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract) closed to the general public March 1-September 30 EXCEPT spring turkey hunting access allowed for those individuals drawn for special lottery hunt.

vvxx. Union. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

wwyy. West Bay.

xxzz. Wisner.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:1279 (July 1999), amended LR 26:1494 (July 2000), LR 27:1049 (July 2001), LR 28:1603 (July 2002), LR 29:1124 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1522 (August 2003) LR 30: .

Public hearings will be held at the following locations: Region 1 - March 16, 6:30 PM, Minden Civic Center, Minden, Louisiana; Region 2 - March 8, 6:30 PM, Ruston Civic Center, Ruston, Louisiana; Region 3 - March 10, 6:00 PM, Alexandria City Hall, Alexandria, Louisiana; Region 4 - March 11, 6:30 PM, Council on Aging Building, Winnsboro, Louisiana; Region 5 - March 18, 6:00 PM, Burton Coliseum Chalkley Room, Lake Charles, Louisiana; Region 6 - March 9, 6:00 PM, Estuarine Habitats and Coastal Fisheries Center, Lafayette, Louisiana; Region 7 - March 11, 7:00 PM, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Louisiana Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and March 9, 7:00 PM, Jefferson Parish Library, Metairie, Louisiana. Also comments will be accepted at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from April through July. Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until Thursday, May 6, 2004 to Mr.

Tommy Prickett, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000.

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

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

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.  
Chairman

Mr. Mike Kling, Executive Director of the Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District handled the item, **Cypress and Black Bayou Reservoirs, Bossier Parish: Discussion Fishing Gear Restrictions**. He asked the Commission to consider prohibiting wire nets, wire traps and slat traps on both reservoirs. Cypress Reservoir is 3100 acres at pool stage and Black Bayou is 750 acres at pool stage. In 2001, there were over 600 citizens and landowners concerned with commercial fishing on both reservoirs. With the passing of House Bill 12 from the 2002 Legislature, the Commission then had the authority to prohibit nets. In 2002, the use of gill nets, trammel nets and fish seines were prohibited. In a Resolution by the Board to prohibit wire nets, wire traps and slat traps, there was an option for a season for commercial fishing which would start November 1 and run until the end of February at which time all trapping devices would have to be removed. Also, the Board wanted the traps to be identified by name, address and phone number. Mr. Kling stated the Board realized that this was not a biological issue, but a social issue.

Mr. Gary Catell, representing a new development on Cypress Lake, stated fishing has fallen off to non-existent over the last several years. They felt it was probably due to commercial fishing. Mr. Catell asked that the request by Mr. Kling be considered so they could enjoy fishing again.

Mr. Sammy Craft stated he has lived on Cypress Lake for ten years and for the first nine years, they could fill up an ice chest with catfish. But over the last 6 or 8 months, they have only caught a very few fish. Mr. Craft also asked that the Commission consider Mr. Kling's request.

An Unidentified Speaker stated he observed a fisherman pulling up a trap that had 65 fish in it. Since he observed this he has not been able to catch a "mess" of fish. He felt the commercial fishermen have ruined their fishing.

Mr. Kling knew that several commercial fishermen were abiding by the laws, but there were those that infringed on others property by placing their traps right off the piers. He then talked about one person catching a slat trap with his trolling motor and knocking the motor off of his boat. Another time this same person incurred damage to another boat from a trap. Mr. Kling noted another concern was the possibility of landowner's children or grandchildren jumping off the piers and being injured by the fishing devices. Again, he stated there were 600 people that signed a petition when the process began. Chairman Busbice felt they understood what the Board's concerns were. Commissioner Denmon asked if the Board has the authority to address any of the issues such as where traps can be placed? Mr. Kling answered no. Commissioner Denmon suggested Mr. Kling see if they can acquire that authority. He then asked if their concern besides the location of the traps was commercial fishermen were removing too many fish? Mr. Kling answered, in their opinion, yes and added that it would not be backed up by the Department. Commissioner Denmon then asked, if that was true, why was it not a biological issue? Before a response could be heard, Commissioner Mouton read from Act 55 on prohibiting traps. Commissioner Denmon asked if the commercial fishermen resided on the lake? Mr. Kling stated, from what he has been told, they did not live on the lake. Commissioner Denmon asked how big were the lakes to which Mr. Kling stated Black Bayou was 750 acres and Cypress was 3100 acres at pool stage. Would the commercial fishermen's living be significantly altered if the nets were prohibited, asked Commissioner Denmon. Mr. Kling stated if they would go another 15 minutes from either lake they could fish Red River, or they could go to Caddo Lake, Lake Bistineau, or Lake Claiborne.

In response to Commissioner Denmon's question on biological issue, Mr. Bennie Fontenot reiterated that there was no biological problem to warrant removing the traps. The catfish population was in good shape and that the slat traps were selective to catfish. In September 2002, entanglement gear such as gill nets, seines and trammel nets which primarily took gamefish were prohibited. Even the data from January 2004 showed there was a good catfish population in those reservoirs. Mr. Fontenot appreciated the Board's concern, but felt it was a social concern. He then asked Mr. Kling whether the prohibition was for both commercial and recreational. Mr. Kling stated they would like for both recreational and commercial gear be prohibited. Mr. Fontenot pointed out that there are only two commercial fishermen that fish the reservoirs regularly and 6 or 7 that fish intermittently. He further stated they spoke to one of the two commercial fishermen and he was willing to compromise for a season instead of losing it

all. Commissioner Denmon asked, if it is not a biological problem, was there a reason why the people are not catching as many fish as they did? Mr. Fontenot commented that staff's uniform sampling data shows the fish are there. Mr. John Roussel stated, if a lake 10 years ago had 100 people fish it, and now it has 1,000 fishermen, from a biological and sustainability aspect, the "pie" would be split into smaller and smaller pieces. If the gear were removed, it probably would not help the sustainability of the resource, but it would help to reallocate the fish. Commissioner Mouton asked if the traps were moved to the middle of the lake, would that be of some benefit. Mr. James Seales, fisheries biologist for the lakes, stated one of the lakes was too narrow, but felt the season issue would be a much better resolution since the fishing and boating activities are quite slow at that time. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Seales if he talked to the commercial fishermen and did they have any problems. Mr. Seales stated he has talked to the main commercial fisherman on the lake and he was fine with the season since that was the time he usually fished the area. Chairman Busbice asked Colonel Winton Vidrine if enforcement of a season would be a problem? Colonel Vidrine stated it could be done. Commissioner Denmon asked if a season was established during the time commercial fishermen fish the area anyway, what has been accomplished? Mr. Kling stated after the season was over, the fishermen would have to remove their gear and this may take care of some of the safety problems. Secretary Landreneau asked if both the commercial and recreational user groups would have to remove their devices? Mr. Kling answered yes. He added that if the traps were prohibited, this would satisfy both the Board and the residents of both reservoirs. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Fontenot to meet with the Board and try to come up with a proposal the Commission could act on. He then requested that the staff make sure they contact the commercial fishermen.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **July 2004 Meeting** on Thursday, July 1, 2004, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Busbice then asked for **Public Comments** and none were heard.

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

  
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Dwight Landreneau  
Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Chairman Bill Busbice, Jr. presiding.

Billy Broussard  
Terry Denmon  
Lee Felterman  
Henry Mouton  
Wayne Sagrera

Secretary Dwight Landreneau was also present.

Commissioner Jerry Stone was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Busbice called for a motion for approval of the **February 5, 2004 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Denmon and seconded by Commissioner Sagrera. The motion passed with no opposition.

Under **Commission Special Announcements**, Chairman Busbice thanked Mr. Randy Ziegler for the use of Wildwood Resort and the fact it was donated in lieu of spending money to rent a place. The Chairman then introduced Mr. Jim Pratt with the Sabine River Authority. Mr. Pratt thanked the Department and Commission for coming to Toledo Bend to have their monthly meeting. He then noted Toledo Bend has a wonderful resource which was a result of the Department's managing the fisheries jointly with Texas Parks and Wildlife. Mr. Pratt then hoped the Commission would come back to Toledo Bend annually. Working with Secretary Landreneau was one thing Mr. Pratt looked forward to after the Legislative Session. He also thanked Mr. Ziegler for his interest in the fisheries resources on Toledo Bend. Commissioner Mouton asked Mr. Bennie Fontenot to make sure Toledo Bend was stocked before the next trip.

Chairman Busbice then asked Mrs. Karen Foote to present information on the crab trap removal program. Mrs. Foote announced that the first crab trap sweep in the Terrebonne Parish area resulted in 3,410 traps picked up by 123 volunteers and 53 boats. Those involved included Commissioner Felterman and Senator Reggie Dupre, Conservation organizations and Albertson's managers from southeast Louisiana. Another sweep would occur the next weekend, stated Mrs. Foote. She then noted their goal for a sweep is zero. Commissioner Felterman felt the program was a tremendous success and he looked forward to the future of the program.

Chairman Busbice then read the Commission's Committee assignments. He asked that a Budget Committee of the Commission meet after the April 1 Meeting to discuss the finances of the Department. The Chairman noted the Minerals Committee of the Commission may meet after the May meeting.

Chairman Busbice asked that a meeting be held after the Legislative Session to bring the Commission up to date on ethics and communication. Secretary Landreneau stated he would be glad to help the Commission become a unit by putting together a workshop on the Commission's duties.

**Consideration of Amendment to Spotted Seatrout Rule** began with Commissioner Mouton stating they have worked with the Marine Fisheries and Legal staff on one of the concerns with the proposed rule. He then reminded everyone that the regulation now in effect was a five fish limit on those greater than 25 inches in the Big Lake, Sabine Lake and surrounding areas. The action was to bring that number down to two since the concern of five fish stringer tournament fishing does not occur on those lakes. Commissioner Mouton then noted he wanted to make a motion to amend the original Notice of Intent to reduce the number of fish allowed over 25 inches from five fish per day to two. Also, the Department was requesting the public comment period be extended until April 1, 2004. Mr. Randy Pausina stated data was presented at the December meeting that this was not a biological necessity. He then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Mouton commented this action was not statewide and again stated his motion to support the Resolution. Commissioner Broussard seconded the motion. Chairman Busbice then asked for public comments.

Mr. Frederic Miller, Chairman of CCA of Louisiana, stated they originally brought the proposal to the Commission. After the publication of the original Notice of Intent, he thought the Commission received a good number of replies opposing the five fish limit. CCA supports the two fish limit and requested the Commission act on the motion. Mr. Miller then thanked the Department for the crab trap removal program. He noted CCA provided a number of volunteers and they looked forward to working with the program in the future.

Mr. Kurt Stansell, Hackberry Rod and Gun Club, stated he has had a charter service on Calcasieu Lake for the last 27 years. They have practiced catch and release of big trout for the last 15 years and have not lost any business. He felt the two fish limit was a great step to move towards.

Mr. Sammy Fauk, Economic Development Director for Cameron Parish, stated there was about 10-12 Calcasieu Lake guides at the meeting. The charter fishing industry is very good on those lakes

and all of the guides were in favor of the two fish limit. He then asked the Commission to approve the Resolution.

Mr. George Prett, Lake Charles Chapter of CCA, stated Big Lake was 1/3 the size of Toledo Bend and there are more than 100 guides, part time and full time, on the lake. This does not include the guides that come over from Texas. In order to preserve the resource, they would appreciate allowing only one or two fish.

Commissioner Denmon asked, as a point of clarification, if there was a temporary rule on the five fish limit? Mr. John Roussel stated a Declaration of Emergency was passed and it will expire April 26, 2004. In order to continue with the emergency rule, another would need to be voted on by the Commission in April. Then Commissioner Denmon asked if the proposed rule for a statewide five fish limit was off the table? Mr. Roussel answered yes, it was presented as a statewide regulation, but was amended to be specific to southwest Louisiana.

The motion passed with no opposition. Chairman Busbice stated the Declaration of Emergency would have to be approved again in April. The public involvement on this issue helped the Commission and it was appreciated.

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

#### RESOLUTION

#### SPOTTED SEATROUT RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS

MARCH 4, 2004

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission issued a Notice of Intent at its January 8, 2004 meeting to modify the existing spotted seatrout rule, and

WHEREAS, the intent was to make permanent the size and bag limits passed as a Declaration of Emergency for the Calcasieu Lake, Sabine Lake, and surrounding areas at the December 2003 meeting, and

WHEREAS, public comment has been overwhelmingly in favor of a change from the 5 fish greater than 25 inches to 2, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby amends the previous Notice of Intent from 5 fish to 2 fish greater than 25 inches, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the public comment period relative to the proposed rule will be extended until April 1, 2004, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding the harvest of spotted seatrout, established by the Commission shall be in effect.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

Dwight Landreneau, Secretary  
Department of Wildlife and  
Fisheries

Commissioner Denmon handled the next item, **Discussion of Slot Limit and Size Limit for Black Bass on Poverty Point Reservoir**. He stated he received calls from Representative Francis Thompson, who was responsible for shepherding the dollars it took to build the reservoir and amenities around the lake. Representative Thompson has a concern with the number and size of fish being taken from the reservoir. A slot limit was placed on black bass last year. In response to Representative Thompson's request, Commissioner Denmon asked Mr. Mike Wood to present an update on Poverty Point Reservoir. Mr. Wood stated Poverty Point is a 2,700 acre levee impoundment with very little watershed. The soil is very fertile and controlled within the gates of a State Park. Long before the lake was impounded, staff was on the existing waters, which consisted on mud holes and oxbows that had fish. Those fish were removed and replaced with the state's fish, such as redear sunfish. In 2001, the gates were closed and pumping was initiated. He showed a slide that exhibited the size of the pipes used in the reservoir. April 21, 2003 was the date the lake opened to anglers with a slot limit of 14 to 17 inches with a five fish creel for bass. Some fishermen have expressed concern over the size regulation and the possible irreparable harm before the lake was one year old. The State Park manager commented that about 90 percent of the fishermen were releasing a lot of their fish. Mr. Wood explained the regulation was only a temporary measure to let the reservoir get on its feet. Then Mr. Wood hoped the fishermen would tell the Department how they wanted to manage the lake. A voluntary self-clearing creel has been given to every angler to find out what has been going on in the lake. In September and October 2003, it was fairly even on the number of bass and crappie taken. But from November 2003 through now, the crappie fishing overshadowed the bass fishing. When the anglers were questioned on fish released, staff found the rate overshadowed the harvest rate by 5:1. Mr. Wood explained why the five fish creel was put into place such as having an equitable harvest and not having an undue number of fish taken. The slot limit of 14 to 17 inches was put into place to protect those fish just entering that slot. A graph was then shown on electrofishing results. Mr. Wood felt the current regulations were appropriate at the time and noted the lake was still in good shape. Another slide was shown on the regulations in place on other lakes. With the fish starting to grow out of the slot limit, Mr. Wood will be asking the anglers how they want to manage the lake, for trophy management, quality

management or just to have a place where someone was not too concerned with big fish. Mr. Wood then talked about crappie showing a length frequency chart. In the sample, there were 583 eleven inch crappie. It was explained that this large number of crappie may get larger and become trophy size, but then they would die and be replaced by a normal population. The creel catch on crappie was good averaging 3/4 to 1 pound and 11 fish per angler per trip. Concluding, Mr. Wood stated he was happy with Poverty Point and adjustments would be made as time goes on. Commissioner Denmon asked what did this mean in response to Representative Thompson's concern? Mr. Wood stated to limit the crappie creel would not maintain the numbers. Commissioner Denmon asked if changing the regulations would solve the concerns? Mr. Wood felt it would not change from a biological standpoint, but there may be other concerns. Commissioner Denmon then asked about the input from anglers and wondered if there was something in place now to gather that information. Mr. Wood answered, not right now, and suggested waiting a while longer. Commissioner Denmon asked what would be the next step and who should take it. The next step would be to have a public hearing and to get as much response from the anglers as possible. Commissioner Denmon asked if the Commission needed to do anything? Mr. John Roussel noted the Commission is the regulating body, not the Department. Commissioner Denmon then asked the Department to meet with the Lake Commission and Representative Thompson. Chairman Busbice asked if the meeting should be held before the growing season ended? Mr. Roussel suggested letting Mr. Wood tell when it was the appropriate time to have the meeting; and he also suggested the Commission should think of when they may want a regulation change to become effective.

Chairman Busbice stated he was at Caney Lake and an angler caught 17 barfish and he asked if that was another term for white bass? Mr. Wood stated those fish were actually yellow bass and that lake may produce a state record fish.

Chairman Busbice announced that a letter to the District Attorneys in the state was mailed on the enforcement of night hunting citations. He then thanked Major Keith LaCaze for his help drafting the letter.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for February** was given by Major Keith LaCaze. The following numbers were issued during February.

Region I - Minden - 56 citations, 9 warnings and 2 public assists.

Region II - Monroe - 36 citations, 14 warnings and 5 public assists.

Region III - Alexandria - 91 citations and 3 warnings.

Region IV - Ferriday - 48 citations, 3 warnings and 6 public assists.

Region V - Lake Charles - 86 citations, 1 warning and 3 public assists.

Region VI - Opelousas - 87 citations, 51 warnings and 2 public assists.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 55 citations, 5 warnings and 2 public assists.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 140 citations and 15 warnings.

Region IX - Schriever - 191 citations, 33 warnings and 5 public assists.

Oyster Strike Force - 35 citations.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 31 citations.

SWEP - 10 citations.

Refuge Patrol - 9 citations and 7 public assists.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of February was 790. Also 134 warning citations were issued and agents helped in 25 public assist cases.

The aviation report for February 2004 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 54.8 hours for enforcement and 13.9 hours for other divisions. No citations were issued.

Major LaCaze then referenced the Commissioners to News Releases given to them. They were on a Richland Parish person cited for game fish, drug and litter violations on the Boeuf River; a hunter pleading guilty to night hunting in Allen Parish; agents assisting with a burning camp in Westwego Canal area; citing of rabbit hunters in Orleans Parish where hunting is prohibited; citing of marijuana possession, boat registration violation, no running lights and no life vest on board a vessel in Jefferson Parish waterway; Chauvin fishermen cited for over the limit fish violations; and individuals on Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA were arrested for taking oysters when it is prohibited by Commission regulation and Department of Health and Hospitals had a closure in the area. Commissioner Sagraera asked about the citations for failure to maintain records in Lake Charles area. Major LaCaze explained that after hunting season, there was more time for officers to check local shops and roadside sales that are selling seafood. Chairman Busbice asked about the violation of taking rabbits by mashing weeds? Major LaCaze stated it may have been a 4-wheeler driving through a briar patch and flushing rabbits.

**Resolution and Notice of Intent - 2004-05 Resident Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits and Resolution and Notice of Intent - General and WMA Hunting Rules and Regulations** were the next items and were being handled by Mr. Tommy Prickett. He began stating, after the presentation, two Notices of Intent needed to be acted upon. The first Notice of Intent covered seasons and bag limits and the other one covered regulations. During the presentation both items would be discussed together. The process included receiving public input at the Commission Meetings and holding public hearings throughout the State. The majority of the season changes were mainly calendar adjustments from last year. Small game season for quail would run November 13-February 23; the season for rabbits would be October 2-February 28; squirrel season would run October 2-February 6 and pheasant season remain closed. On a request to extend the squirrel season, Mr. Prickett stated a study has been initiated to find out what percentage of females actually have young in them at that time. Data should be available by next year so an informative decision could be made. Deer season for Area 1 was a calendar adjustment from last year. The Area 6 change would back up all of the gun segments by one week and backed the archery season up two weeks and added those days to the back end. A study of the deer from Area 6 showed those deer were rutting a little later than deer in other parts of the State. Mr. Prickett felt the hunters in that area supported the change. Area 2, the single largest deer hunting area in the State, had only calendar adjustments. Public comments from Area 3 requested the muzzleloader season be backed up one week to avoid a conflict with the opening day of squirrel season. Area 7 had only a calendar adjustment from last year. Area 8 would have the same schedule as Area 3 also to avoid the conflict with squirrel hunting. Areas 4 and 5 had calendar adjustments only. On the either-sex days in Area 1, there would be from 7 to 17 days to hunt depending on the parish. In Area 2, 4 days were added to every parish, making the totals from 13 to 26 days available to hunt. There were no changes for either-sex hunting in Area 3 having 7 to 21 days. For Area 4, some of the parish days were increased by two, having from 5 to 13 days. There was no change for Area 5, having only one day. Area 6 would have from 7 to 11 days, which was no change from last year. Areas 7 and 8 had no change from last year allowing 11 days and 21 days respectively.

Mr. Prickett then moved the presentation to general hunting regulations. Legislation passed last year authorized the Commission to establish a bobcat hunting season and this was done last year. A number of questions were asked when that season was established and hopefully results from the Big Game Survey will provide the number of bobcats harvested from DMAP Clubs and other deer hunters. The single, biggest change to be recommended was to maintain the six deer limit but to have a two antlered buck limit in the State. The next two slides showed that 240,000 deer were harvested in Louisiana and of that total 48 percent were antlered

bucks. Bucks harvested that were one and one-half years old equaled 30 percent from DMAP lands, 40 percent from the WMAs and about 60 percent from the State at large. With the statistic that 85 percent of the deer hunters harvest two deer or less meant a relatively small segment would be affected if the proposal became effective. Another important statistic calculated that the buck harvest would be reduced by 22 percent, which means those deer would move to an older age class. From a deer hunting survey, 86 percent supported the concept of quality deer management. Over the last two years, a question was asked to the deer hunters whether they would support reducing the buck limit. During the 2001-02 survey, 76 percent supported the reduction and 77 percent supported it during the 2002-03 survey. Mr. Prickett then explained reasons for not going with point restriction and going with buck limit to get to quality deer in the State.

Next, Mr. Prickett talked about wildlife management area regulation changes. First change would not allow hogs to be taken with the aid of dogs. Another change would be to prohibit "mud crawling" machines which could damage habitat especially on the coastal WMAs. Season date changes on different WMAs were then listed by Mr. Prickett. Those affected were Alexander State Forest, Atchafalaya Delta, Bayou Pierre, the Mississippi River Delta WMAs of Big Lake, Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre, Red River, Three Rivers and Spring Bayou, Boise Vernon and West Bay, Elbow Slough, Floy Ward McElroy, Fort Polk, Pointe-aux-Chenes, Salvador/Timken, Sandy Hollow, Thistlethwaite, Sabine Island and Jackson-Bienville. The season dates for the Kisatchie National Forest were mentioned by Mr. Prickett. He noted that these were calendar adjustments from last year except for the last dog hunting segment which was backed up two days. The season dates for the U.S. Corps of Engineers Indian Bayou tract would back up to correspond with the Area 6 season dates.

Chairman Busbice asked if it has ever been discussed to allow dog hunting for hogs on WMAs after all of the other seasons closed in an effort to control them? Mr. Prickett stated hogs are problematic and hog hunting was allowed now from the beginning of deer season until the end of February. When all of the seasons close, you run into the problem with turkeys gobbling or nesting. Commissioner Mouton asked if the Commission would vote on the Kisatchie dates in June or July? Mr. Prickett stated the seasons dates and bag limits could be changed until the July Meeting, but the rules and regulations can only be changed through the May Meeting. Commissioner Broussard asked if there would be the option to discuss the two buck limit after the public hearings were held? Commissioner Denmon felt the buck limit was a bag limit and this could be dealt with up until the July Meeting. Commissioner Denmon commented the Commission does not have the authority to implement tagging, that has to be done by the Legislature. He felt the Legislature would not consider a tagging system without the Department being a driving force behind it. Commissioner Denmon

then offered to help the Department in getting the Legislature to look favorably on the system. He then hoped the Commission and Department would move into the direction of quality deer management. Hearing no further comments from the Commission, Chairman Busbice opened the meeting for public comments.

Mr. Ray McComick stated he had a concern on the issue of handling the current annual deer harvest being on an honor system. He felt it was being abused and violated. Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi each have tagging systems and Mr. McComick felt that was what Louisiana should look into. Chairman Busbice stated he agreed with the tagging system but it would need to be implemented by the Legislature. He added that the Commission would work hard to get it into place. Mr. McComick asked if the public should contact their Legislators? Chairman Busbice answered yes. Commissioner Sagraera added that the public should also ask their Legislators for funds to manage the program. Secretary Landreneau noted the Department was looking at draft legislation on tagging. He stated he wanted the biologist to have the ability to collect data that would help the Department be better deer managers. Chairman Busbice asked where would the legislation go through the Senate or House Natural Resources Committee? Secretary Landreneau answered it would start in the House Natural Resources Committee.

Mr. Richard "Tooty" Carroll stated he has hunted Allen Parish all of his life and a few years back part of the area was changed into deer Area 8. He asked that his area along with other hunting clubs be put back into Area 2 where it originally came from. Chairman Busbice asked when did that change occur? Mr. Prickett stated he did not know how long ago it was moved. But he added that this area was part of Area 3 which only allowed still hunting. Moving it into Area 8 allowed for hunting with or without dogs using Area 3's season structure. Mr. Carroll preferred moving that area into Area 2 instead of Area 3 and stated he would get a petition or whatever may be needed to get this area moved. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Prickett to get with Mr. Carroll and discuss his concern.

Mr. Cal Baker, Kisatchie National Forest, stated the Forest goes through the same process as the Commission in reaching their season dates. He mentioned that the Forest has an excellent relationship with the Department having a large variety of interests and concerns. With respect to hogs on the area, Mr. Baker thought they may be going towards contract hog harvesting. He then noted they support the dates as presented by the Department. Mr. Baker then expressed hope the Forest Service could meet with the Commission sometime in the near future.

Mr. Prickett then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution for seasons and bag limits. Commissioner Denmon made a motion to adopt the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Sagraera. The motion passed with no opposition. Mr.

Prickett read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution on rules and regulations. A motion was made by Commissioner Sagrera to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Felterman seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Mr. Prickett mentioned the public has asked for maps of the WMAs and the ones that have been provided have not been to scale but allowed you to get to campgrounds and check stations. Now the maps being produced are of high quality, colored, aerial photo type maps on waterproof paper. Initially these maps would only be available from the Baton Rouge office for a \$5 fee and then in the future they may be available from the district offices. The maps that are available this year are Atchafalaya Delta, Pointe-aux-Chenes, Pass-a-Loutre, Red River, Three Rivers and Boeuf WMAs.

(The full text of the Resolutions and Notices of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
March 4, 2004

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held at Wildwood Resort, Zwolle LA, March 4, 2004.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as a Notice of Intent.

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Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman

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Dwight Landreneau, Secretary

Tommy Prickett, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000.

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

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

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.  
Chairman

Mr. Mike Kling, Executive Director of the Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District handled the item, **Cypress and Black Bayou Reservoirs, Bossier Parish: Discussion Fishing Gear Restrictions**. He asked the Commission to consider prohibiting wire nets, wire traps and slat traps on both reservoirs. Cypress Reservoir is 3100 acres at pool stage and Black Bayou is 750 acres at pool stage. In 2001, there were over 600 citizens and landowners concerned with commercial fishing on both reservoirs. With the passing of House Bill 12 from the 2002 Legislature, the Commission then had the authority to prohibit nets. In 2002, the use of gill nets, trammel nets and fish seines were prohibited. In a Resolution by the Board to prohibit wire nets, wire traps and slat traps, there was an option for a season for commercial fishing which would start November 1 and run until the end of February at which time all trapping devices would have to be removed. Also, the Board wanted the traps to be identified by name, address and phone number. Mr. Kling stated the Board realized that this was not a biological issue, but a social issue.

Mr. Gary Catell, representing a new development on Cypress Lake, stated fishing has fallen off to non-existent over the last several years. They felt it was probably due to commercial fishing. Mr. Catell asked that the request by Mr. Kling be considered so they could enjoy fishing again.

Mr. Sammy Craft stated he has lived on Cypress Lake for ten years and for the first nine years, they could fill up an ice chest with catfish. But over the last 6 or 8 months, they have only caught a very few fish. Mr. Craft also asked that the Commission consider Mr. Kling's request.

An Unidentified Speaker stated he observed a fisherman pulling up a trap that had 65 fish in it. Since he observed this he has not been able to catch a "mess" of fish. He felt the commercial fishermen have ruined their fishing.

Mr. Kling knew that several commercial fishermen were abiding by the laws, but there were those that infringed on others property by placing their traps right off the piers. He then talked about one person catching a slat trap with his trolling motor and knocking the motor off of his boat. Another time this same person incurred damage to another boat from a trap. Mr. Kling noted another concern was the possibility of landowner's children or grandchildren jumping off the piers and being injured by the fishing devices. Again, he stated there were 600 people that signed a petition when the process began. Chairman Busbice felt they understood what the Board's concerns were. Commissioner Denmon asked if the Board has the authority to address any of the issues such as where traps can be placed? Mr. Kling answered no. Commissioner Denmon suggested Mr. Kling see if they can acquire that authority. He then asked if their concern besides the location of the traps was commercial fishermen were removing too many fish? Mr. Kling answered, in their opinion, yes and added that it would not be backed up by the Department. Commissioner Denmon then asked, if that was true, why was it not a biological issue? Before a response could be heard, Commissioner Mouton read from Act 55 on prohibiting traps. Commissioner Denmon asked if the commercial fishermen resided on the lake? Mr. Kling stated, from what he has been told, they did not live on the lake. Commissioner Denmon asked how big were the lakes to which Mr. Kling stated Black Bayou was 750 acres and Cypress was 3100 acres at pool stage. Would the commercial fishermen's living be significantly altered if the nets were prohibited, asked Commissioner Denmon. Mr. Kling stated if they would go another 15 minutes from either lake they could fish Red River, or they could go to Caddo Lake, Lake Bistineau, or Lake Claiborne.

In response to Commissioner Denmon's question on biological issue, Mr. Bennie Fontenot reiterated that there was no biological problem to warrant removing the traps. The catfish population was in good shape and that the slat traps were selective to catfish. In September 2002, entanglement gear such as gill nets, seines and trammel nets which primarily took gamefish were prohibited. Even the data from January 2004 showed there was a good catfish population in those reservoirs. Mr. Fontenot appreciated the Board's concern, but felt it was a social concern. He then asked Mr. Kling whether the prohibition was for both commercial and recreational. Mr. Kling stated they would like for both recreational and commercial gear be prohibited. Mr. Fontenot pointed out that there are only two commercial fishermen that fish the reservoirs regularly and 6 or 7 that fish intermittently. He further stated they spoke to one of the two commercial fishermen and he was willing to compromise for a season instead of losing it

all. Commissioner Denmon asked, if it is not a biological problem, was there a reason why the people are not catching as many fish as they did? Mr. Fontenot commented that staff's uniform sampling data shows the fish are there. Mr. John Roussel stated, if a lake 10 years ago had 100 people fish it, and now it has 1,000 fishermen, from a biological and sustainability aspect, the "pie" would be split into smaller and smaller pieces. If the gear were removed, it probably would not help the sustainability of the resource, but it would help to reallocate the fish. Commissioner Mouton asked if the traps were moved to the middle of the lake, would that be of some benefit. Mr. James Seales, fisheries biologist for the lakes, stated one of the lakes was too narrow, but felt the season issue would be a much better resolution since the fishing and boating activities are quite slow at that time. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Seales if he talked to the commercial fishermen and did they have any problems. Mr. Seales stated he has talked to the main commercial fisherman on the lake and he was fine with the season since that was the time he usually fished the area. Chairman Busbice asked Colonel Winton Vidrine if enforcement of a season would be a problem? Colonel Vidrine stated it could be done. Commissioner Denmon asked if a season was established during the time commercial fishermen fish the area anyway, what has been accomplished? Mr. Kling stated after the season was over, the fishermen would have to remove their gear and this may take care of some of the safety problems. Secretary Landreneau asked if both the commercial and recreational user groups would have to remove their devices? Mr. Kling answered yes. He added that if the traps were prohibited, this would satisfy both the Board and the residents of both reservoirs. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Fontenot to meet with the Board and try to come up with a proposal the Commission could act on. He then requested that the staff make sure they contact the commercial fishermen.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **July 2004 Meeting** on Thursday, July 1, 2004, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

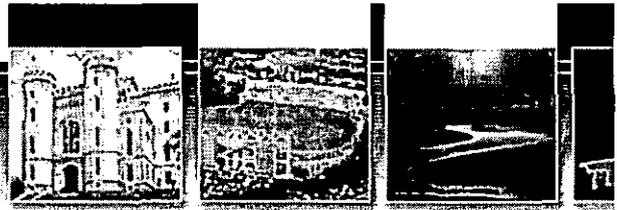
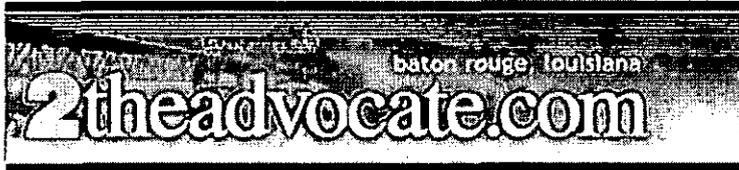
Chairman Busbice then asked for **Public Comments** and none were heard.

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

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## 2theadvocate Outdoors

### Deer season changes set for ratification

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ZWOLLE -- Deer hunters across Louisiana will take to the fields, forests, swamps and marshes during the 2004-05 season with dramatically different limits if new regulations proposed by Department of Wildlife and Fisheries managers and biologists are ratified in July.

At Thursday's Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting, the LDWF staff initiated a plan that keeps the long-standing limit of six whitetail deer per season, but puts a limit of two antlered deer -- bucks -- within that season limit.

Deer hunters will have until late June to comment on the proposal: Ratification of the 2004-05 resident-game hunting seasons will come at the LWFC's July 1 meeting.

Another major change in the deer-season structure came for Area 6 hunters. The season outlined Thursday pushed the archery season back two weeks to Oct. 16 and extends the archery season to Feb. 15, 2005, a date that would make it the latest deer-hunting close in state history. The move would also push back the Area 6 muzzleloader season one week to the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day with the modern firearms season opening on that holiday. The Area 6 "with or without dogs" season would then run Dec. 11 this year through Jan. 23, 2005, with another muzzleloader-only season running from Jan. 24-31, 2005. Area 6 runs from the Atchafalaya Basin south and east to the Louisiana-Mississippi state line and to the coast. It does not include East Baton Rouge Parish, but takes in all of Ascension, Assumption parishes and parts of Livingston and Tangipahoa parishes.

In other action, the LWFC voted to change the Notice of Intent it approved in January. The original notice called for a limit of five speckled trout per day measuring more than 25 inches in Calcasieu and Sabine lakes. The new notice will reduce that to two per day. Currently, the LWFC-imposed Declaration of Emergency mandates a five-trout limit for the 25-inch-plus trout. That declaration expires April 26. The new notice cannot be ratified until June.

Newly appointed LDWF Secretary Dwight Landreneau said the success of the

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new two-buck limit depends on a push by the department for a new deer-tagging system, a move that would mandate a hunter to use specific LDWF-furnished tags to identify deer taken afield. For more than 30 years, state deer hunters have been on the honor system to limit themselves to taking six deer each season.

The State Legislature, not the LWFC, has the power to enact a tagging program.

Landreneau said the LDWF is "in the process of drafting tagging legislation. A tagging program will help (the) Enforcement (Division) to enforce the limit and will be a big help for biologists to collect better data for better deer management."

LDWF Wildlife Division administrator Tom Prickett said research by Deer Study Section showed state hunters took 241,400 deer in the 2002-03 season. The biologists estimated that 48 percent of those deer were antlered bucks, 40 percent were does and 12 percent were antlerless bucks.

Prickett said the number of year-and-a-half old bucks comprised 30 percent of the bucks taken on Deer Management Assistance Program areas, 40 percent in hunts on wildlife management areas and 60 percent on "other lands."

He said data showed 85 percent of the estimated 192,000 hunters in the state took two or fewer deer during the 2002-03 season.

"What our study shows is that a relatively small number of hunters would be affected by the two-buck limit. And, (Deer Study leader) David Moreland said further study showed that a two-buck limit would reduce the buck harvest by 22 percent," Prickett said.

Prickett said the plan tracks results of hunters surveys during the 2000-01 season that showed 86 percent of hunters "support the concept of quality deer management, the development of an older age structure of bucks."

He said a 2002-03 survey hunters showed that 77 percent of the sample favored a deer-tagging and turkey-tagging program.

The only other major change in the proposed resident-game season involved muzzleloader-only seasons in Deer Areas 3, 7 and 8. The seasons were moved to the second Saturday in October to allow squirrel hunters to have a week in the woods without deer hunters.

In other action, the LWFC took no action on fishermen's concerns about the number of bass and sac-a-lait coming from the newly opened Poverty Point Reservoir, advised the Inland Fisheries Section to come up with a plan to restrict the use of catfish traps and nets on Cypress and Black Bayou reservoirs and learned that Enforcement Division agents issued 790 citations and 134 written warnings in February.

The meeting was held at Wildwood Resort on Toledo Bend.

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COMMISSION MEETING  
ROLL CALL

Thursday, March 4, 2004  
Toledo Bend, LA  
Wildwood Resort

	Attended	Absent
Bill Busbice (Chairman)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lee Felterman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Terry Denmon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Billy Broussard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wayne Sagrera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jerry Stone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Henry Mouton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Mr. Chairman:

There are 6 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.  
Secretary Landreneau is also present.

AGENDA  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
WILDWOOD RESORT, ZWOLLE, LA  
March 4, 2004  
10:00 AM

- ✓1. Roll Call
- ✓2. Approval of Minutes of February 5, 2004
- ✓3. Commission Special Announcements
- ✓4. Consideration of Amendment to Spotted Seatrout Rule -  
Commissioner Henry Mouton
- ✓5. Discussion of Slot Limit and Size Limit for Black Bass on  
Poverty Point Reservoir - Commissioner Terry Denmon
- ✓6. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/February - Keith LaCaze
- ✓7. Resolution and Notice of Intent - 2004-05 Resident  
Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits - Tommy Prickett
- ✓8. Resolution and Notice of Intent - General and WMA Hunting  
Rules and Regulations - Tommy Prickett
- ✓9. Cypress and Black Bayou Reservoirs, Bossier Parish:  
Discussion Fishing Gear Restrictions - Mike Kling
- ✓10. Set July 2004 Meeting Date
- ✓11. Public Comments
12. Adjournment

RESOLUTION

SPOTTED SEATROUT RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS

MARCH 4, 2004

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission issued a Notice of Intent at its January 8, 2004 meeting to modify the existing spotted seatrout rule, and

WHEREAS, the intent was to make permanent the size and bag limits passed as a Declaration of Emergency for the Calcasieu Lake, Sabine Lake, and surrounding areas at the December 2003 meeting, and

WHEREAS, public comment has been overwhelmingly in favor of a change from the 5 fish greater than 25 inches to 2, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby amends the previous Notice of Intent from 5 fish to 2 fish greater than 25 inches, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the public comment period relative to the proposed rule will be extended until April 1, 2004, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding the harvest of spotted seatrout, established by the Commission shall be in effect.

  
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Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

  
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Dwight Landreneau, Secretary  
Department of Wildlife and  
Fisheries

**frederic i. miller**

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**From:** frederic i. miller [fredricmiller@bellsouth.net]  
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**Cc:** Jeff Angers  
**Subject:** Trout on Big Lake--March 4 Commission Meeting

**Contacts:** Henry Mouton

Henry--In talking with Karen Foote and Don Puckett, what needs to happen on Thursday is that the Commission needs to vote to amend the Notice of Intent to provide for 2 fish over 25" in length per day in the limited geographic area contained in the first NOI.

1 fish would be nice, but 2 seems more acceptable and doable. We are OK with the 2 fish.

Here is what I suggest you say, once Randy Pausina or whoever on the Staff has outlined to the Commission the large number of public comments against the 5 fish limit and others have had a chance to speak (we will have a contingency from Lake Charles there to support the 1 or 2 fish limit):

You need to make the motion to amend the original Notice of Intent to reduce the upper size limit on spotted seatrout in the geographic area of the original NOI from 5 fish per day over 25" to 2 fish per day.

You also need to request that the amended NOI be put out for public comment for an additional period of time of 30 days.

Thanks for your help. I will see you in Zwolle for the meeting. Don't forget to bring a small ice chest if you want to take home some of the best tamales in the entire South. FLM

**LaCaze, B "Keith"**

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**From:** DeGraff, Jeffrey  
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2004-054

### **RICHLAND PARISH MAN ARRESTED FOR GAME FISH, DRUG AND LITTER VIOLATIONS**

A Richland Parish man was arrested for allegedly taking game fish and using a lead net illegally, possession of marijuana, illegal possession of drug paraphernalia and littering in Boeuf River in Richland Parish on February 22 by Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division agents.

Marcus R. Tryon, 36, of Alto, was arrested and booked into the Richland Parish Detention Center.

Agents observed Tryon raise and empty an illegally set hoop net containing game fish and place the fish in his boat. Louisiana law requires game fish taken in nets be immediately released.

Upon stopping Tryon, the agents found him in possession of 25 crappie, one bass and one bream. Agents also found a bag of suspected marijuana and two suspected marijuana cigarettes in his possession, as well as drug paraphernalia. Tryon had also been observed throwing litter in the river during the surveillance. The fish, boat, hoopnet with lead and suspected marijuana were seized as evidence. The fish were donated to charity.

Taking game fish illegally and using a lead net in other than an overflow region are both punishable by a fine of up to \$750, imprisonment for not more than 120 days, or both, plus court costs. Possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, and littering, all are punishable by a maximum fine of \$500, imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. A civil restitution citation was issued for the value of the fish and civil citations were issued for failing to comply with PFD regulations and failing to possess a recreational hoop net gear license. The restitution penalty for the fish is approximately \$127.

Agents participating in the investigation were Lt. Rick Owens, Sgt. Scott Mathews, and Senior Agents Brian Rawls, Billy Richardson, James Hagan, and Darren Bruce.

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**LaCaze, B "Keith"**

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2004-055

### **MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO NIGHT HUNTING IN ALLEN PARISH**

On December 4, 2003 at 10:00 P.M., Nolen was stopped by LDWF Enforcement Senior Agent Joey James for spotlighting from a public road in the vicinity of Elizabeth. Further investigation revealed that Nolen was hunting deer during illegal hours with an artificial light, hunting from a moving vehicle, hunting deer with illegal weapon and hunting from a public road.

On February 3, Travis Wade Nolen, 22, of Pitkin, appeared before 33rd Judicial District Court Judge Joel Davis in Allen Parish and pled guilty to hunting with an illegal weapon and hunting from a public road.

The case was prosecuted for District Attorney Doug Hebert and by Assistant District Attorney Joe Green.

Judge Davis sentenced Nolen to pay a fine of \$524 and serve 30 days in jail. The jail sentence was suspended and Nolen was placed on six months supervised probation. The judge also ordered forfeiture of Nolen's .22-magnum rifle with scope and a spotlight to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

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2004-056

**WILDLIFE AGENTS ASSIST FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH BURNING CAMP**

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division agents assisted the Westwego and Nine Mile Point fire departments in containing a fire at a camp near the Westwego Canal in Jefferson Parish on February 16.

Early that night, the Westwego Fire Department received an emergency call that a camp was on fire near the canal. Numerous camps are located along this canal, and fire officials were concerned that the fire might spread to other camps and permanent homes. Because these camps may only be reached by boat, the fire department contacted wildlife agents who were on boat patrol in the area. Agents quickly responded to the Bayou Segnette State Park boat launch, placing several firemen and their equipment on board and transporting them to the location of the fire.

The fire was extinguished within a few hours. The cause of the fire is still unknown and under investigation.

Agents assisting in this incident were Senior Agents Rachel Zechenelly and Jason Russo.

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2004-057

**RABBIT HUNTERS CITED IN ORLEANS PARISH**

Four New Orleans men were cited for allegedly hunting rabbits in a closed area of Orleans Parish by Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division agents on February 24.

James White, 28, Edwin Bocage, 49, Milton Taylor, 51, and Charles Windam, 66, of New Orleans, were allegedly hunting rabbits with dogs near Industrial Parkway. This area of Orleans Parish is closed to all hunting due to its proximity to developed areas and Bayou Sauvage Urban National Wildlife Refuge.

The men were apprehended as they were leaving the woods with shotguns, rabbit dogs and two rabbits. Four shotguns and the rabbits were seized. The rabbits were donated to a charity.

The penalty for violating commission rules and regulations is a fine of up to \$350, jail for not more than 60 days, or both, plus court costs.

Agents participating in the case were Senior Agents Kris Bourgeois, Jason Gernados, and Adam Young.

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2004-058

## **BOATER APPREHENDED ON JEFFERSON PARISH WATERWAY**

A criminal summons was issued to Lloyd Christen III, 28, of Barataria, for allegedly possessing marijuana by Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division agents on February 18.

Agents on patrol in the Intracoastal Waterway in Jefferson Parish approached Christen's vessel for a boating safety inspection when Christen allegedly tossed a small pill bottle overboard. The bottle was recovered and contained a small quantity of suspected marijuana.

Christen was also cited for boat registration, running lights and life vests violations. The suspected marijuana was delivered to the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab for testing.

The criminal penalty for possession of marijuana, which is classified as a Schedule 1 drug, is a fine of not more than \$500, imprisonment in the parish jail for not more than six months, or both. The civil penalties for no boat registration, no running lights, and no life jackets are civil fines of \$50 each for a first offense, \$100 for a second offense, and \$150 for a third offense.

Agents participating in the case were Lt. Allen Adam and Sr. Agt K. Bourgeois.

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2004-059

### **CHAUVIN MEN CITED FOR FISH VIOLATIONS**

Two Chauvin men were cited by Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division agents for allegedly taking over the limit and undersize red and black drum on February 7 in Terrebonne Parish.

Ernest Boudreaux Jr., 55, and David Sloan JR, 33, were fishing in a pipeline canal near Bayou Neuf in lower Terrebonne Parish. When checked by the agents, Boudreaux and Sloan were fishing with rods and reel from the bank. Boudreaux was found in possession of 71 black drum and 15 red drum which greatly exceeds the five fish limit for both species and all but one of the fish were under the legal 16 inch size limit.

Sloan was allegedly in possession of 12 black drum and one red drum, all under the legal size limit.

Both men were cited for possessing undersize and over the legal limit of black drum, and possessing undersize red drum. Boudreaux was additionally cited for possessing over the legal limit of red drum. The fish were seized and donated to charity.

Possessing undersize black drum, possessing over the limit of black drum and possessing undersize red drum are all punishable by a fine of \$100-\$350, or jail for not more than 60 days, or both, plus court costs. Possession of over the legal limit of red drum carries a penalty of \$400-\$750, and jail for not more than 120 days, or both, plus a \$25 per fish fine payable to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for every red drum over the legal limit.

Agents involved in this case were Lt. Sammy Martin and Sr. Agent Max Dupre.

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2004-060

## **OYSTER VIOLATORS CITED ON POINTE AUX CHENES WMA**

Two Lafourche Parish men were cited for allegedly taking oysters from a polluted area in Lafourche Parish by Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division agents on February 10.

Patrick Terrebonne, 37, of Cutoff and David Griffin, 52, of Galliano were cited at the Pointe Aux Chenes Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Terrebonne and Griffin had gathered six champagne baskets and five 100-pound crab boxes of oysters. The Pointe Aux Chenes WMA lies within the Department of Health and Hospitals polluted oyster closure area and commercial activities are prohibited on all WMA's. Neither man had an oyster harvester license, a commercial gear license or a commercial vessel license. All are needed for the lawful harvest of oysters.

The oysters were seized and returned to the water. The boat and engine were placed under administrative seizure and may be forfeited by the court upon conviction.

Taking oysters from a polluted area and harvesting oysters without a harvester's license both carry penalties of up to \$750, jail for not more than 120 days, or both, plus court costs. Taking oysters without a commercial gear or commercial vessel licenses are punishable by fines of up to \$500, jail for not more than 90 days, or both, plus court costs. Not abiding by WMA rules and regulations has a fine of up to \$350, jail for not more than 60 days, or both, plus court costs.

Agents participating in this case were Senior Agents Thomas Dewitt and Jamie Folse.

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# **ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT**

**FEBRUARY, 2004**

**REGION 1: MINDEN**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
5	Boating Safety
21	Angling W/O Resident License
1	Angling W/O License – Non-Resident
3	Fishing W/O Resident Cane Pole License
6	Take Game Fish Illegally
1	Take/Possess Over Limit Freshwater Game Fish
1	Violate Caddo Lake Yo Yo Regulations
2	Failure To Abide By Commission Rules
1	Hunt Ducks Closed Season
1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
1	Channelization, Clearing, Snagging Realignment Constructions
2	Violate Tree Cutting Provisions On Scenic River
1	Resisting An Officer
3	Illegal Possession Drugs Or Marijuana
5	Littering
2	Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>9</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Angling W/O Resident License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Illegal Size Black Bass</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunting W/O Non-Resident License</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Failure To Abide By Rules And Regulations On WMA</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>75 Bream; 21 Crappie; 3 White Bass; 1 Ice Chest; 1 Cast Net; 63 Yellow Bass; 2 Plastic Bags Of Green Vegetable Matter Suspected To Be Marijuana; 1 Ceramic Pipe W/Marijuana Ash; 1 Glass Vial W/Marijuana; 1 Baggie W/Marijuana; 1 Hit Pipe; 1 Mallard Drake; 2 - .177 Cal. Lead Air Rifle Pellets</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION I:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>

9	Written Warnings
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**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
2	Public Assistance

**REGION 2: MONROE**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Angle Without A License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Sell Fish Without A Retail Dealer's License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Angle With A Non-Resident License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Over Limit Of Game Fish</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Game Fish Illegally</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Use Leads Nets In Other Than Overflow Area</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Violate Recreational Gear License Regulation</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Illegal Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Illegal Possession Of Marijuana</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Pass In No Passing Zone</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Failure TO Abide By WMA Rules And Regulations</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Violate Lake D'Arbonne Yo-Yo Regulations</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 14**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
1	<b>Failure To Comply With PFD Regulations</b>
3	<b>Failure To Abide By WMA Rules And Regulations</b>
1	<b>Improper Boat Numbers</b>
1	<b>Improper Running Lights</b>
1	<b>Failure To Wear Hunter's Orange</b>
1	<b>Violate Lake D'Arbonne Yo-Yo Regulations</b>
1	<b>Operate Unregistered Motorboat</b>
1	<b>Failure To Display Valid Certificate Decal</b>
2	<b>No Boat Registration Certificate In Possession</b>
2	<b>Angle Without A Resident License</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>1-12 Foot Aluminum Boat; 1-Hoop Net With Leads; 1-Bag of Vegetable Matter; 2-Marijuana Cigarettes; 154-Crappie; 1- Bass; 1-Bream; 125-Yo-Yo's; 1-Spinning Rod And Reel</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
12	<b>Boating</b>
4	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>

-0-	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
3	Miscellaneous
13	Recreational Fishing
2	State Hunting/Trapping
14	Written Warnings

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Public Assistance (Assisting Motorists And Boaters)

**REGION 3: ALEXANDRIA**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
1	Bow Hunting W/O Bow License
1	Hunting W/Unplugged Gun
1	Hunt Squirrel Closed Season
2	Hunting From Moving Vehicle
2	Hunt Wild Quads Illegal Hours
2	Hunt From Public Road
1	Expired Boating Registration
13	Fail To Comply W/PFD Registration
5	Improper Running Lights
2	Operate Unregistered Motorboat
1	Possession Of Outboard With Serial Number Removed
1	No Boat Registration In Possession
22	Angle W/O A License
2	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
3	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
2	Sell And Buy Fish W/O Retail Seafood License

1	Transport W/O Required License
1	Illegal Shipping Of Commercial Fish
2	Operate ATV On Public Road
8	Littering
5	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
1	Improper Lane Usage
2	Simple Possession Of Marijuana
2	Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia
3	Criminal Trespass On State Property
1	R/R Boise Vernon Failure To Check In
1	Buy F.B.A. W/O Buyers License
3	Failure To Maintain Proper Records

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Angling W/O A License

**CONFISCATIONS:**

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
Bass-4, 4 Bags Of Marijuana, 1-20 HP. Motor, 1-Rifle, 1-Spot Light

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
23	Boating
4	Commercial Fishing
8	Littering
16	Miscellaneous
27	Recreational Fishing
13	State Hunting/Trapping
3	Written Warnings
0	Federal Hunting

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
0	Public Assistance

**REGION 4: FERRIDAY**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Boating Safety Violations</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Take Or Possess Game Fish Illegally (Nets)</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Spoonbill Catfish</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Taking Fish Illegally (Snagging)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Use Illegal Mesh Nets (2" Webbing)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Undersize Catfish With Wire Nets</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Hunting W/O Resident License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunting W/O Resident Big Game License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer (Closed Season)</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Fail Comply W/Hunters Orange Regulations</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunt W/O Muzzleloader License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Violate Migratory Bird Treaty Act</b>

4	Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun
2	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
3	Littering

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

TOTAL 3	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Boating Safety Violations
1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA

**CONFISCATIONS:**

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2 Spoonbill; 29 Yellow Bass; 55 Crappie; 3 Carp; 105 Catfish; 5 Bream; 1 Deer; 100 Yds. Of 2" Webbing

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
9	Boating
15	Commercial Fishing
6	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
3	Recreational Fishing

12	State Hunting/Trapping
3	Written Warnings

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
6	Public Assistance

**REGION 5: LAKE CHARLES**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License – Non. Res.</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Commission Rules &amp; Regulations – Red Snapper – Undersize</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Obtain License Or Engage Activity During Revocation</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>Fail To Maintain Records</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Sell &amp;/Or Buy Fish W/O Retail Seafood License – Resident</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Transport W/O Required License – Resident</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Hntg. W/O A Res. Lic.</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Hntg. From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Hntg. Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Poss. Live Wild Quadrupeds W/O Permits (Squirrels)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunt Across Public Road Or Road Right Of Way</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Rabbits By Mashing Weeds</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hntg. Squirrels Closed Season</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Hntg. MGB W/Unplugged Gun</b>

1	Take Or Possession Of Other Non Game Birds – No Season
1	Taking Robins No Season
1	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
7	Littering

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Hntg. W/O A Res. Lic.

**CONFISCATIONS:**

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2 Rods; 2 Reels; 62 Red Snapper; 5 Black Bass; 1 Fish Lug; 1 Rec. Fishing License; 2 Rabbits; 4 Squirrels; 3 Robins; 2 Meadowlarks; 23 Snowgeese; 1 Remington Shotgun; 6 Shotgun Shells; 8 Beer Cans; Trash; Coke Can

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Boating
41	Commercial Fishing
5	Federal Migratory
7	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
11	Recreational Fishing

16	State Hunting/Trapping
1	Written Warnings
1	WMA

**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.**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
21	Boating
2	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License
3	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
2	Trawl State Waters Closed Season
2	Take/Possess Undersize White Shrimp
3	Hunt Wild Quadruped Illegal Hours
3	Hunt, Stand, Loiter From Public Road
3	Hunt From Moving Vehicle
30	Angling W/O License
3	Hunt W/O License
1	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
2	Take/Possess Game Fish Illegally
3	Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Retail Dealers License
2	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Illegal Possession Of Stolen Things
1	CML Fisherman Sell To Consumer W/O Fresh Products License

2	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Violate Recreational Gear License Requirements
2	Angling W/O Non-Resident License

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
7	Boating
28	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
9	Angling W/O License In Possession
1	Hunt W/O Resident License
1	Hunt On WMA W/O WMA Hunting Permit
4	Use WMA W/O License Or Stamp
1	Angling W/O Resident Pole License

**CONFISCATIONS:**

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2 Black Bass, 4 Trawls, 2,840 Lbs. Shrimp, Check Totaling \$1,278.00, 3 Rod And Reels, 1 Boat, 1 Boat Trailer, 1 Outboard Motor, 75 Lbs. Catfish, 4 Rabbits, 12 Crappie

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
21	Boating

15	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
2	Miscellaneous
37	Recreational Fishing
12	State Hunting/Trapping
51	Written Warnings

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
2	Public Assistance

**REGION 7: BATON ROUGE**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
8	Boating
12	Angling Without Resident License
2	Buy/Sell Undersize Fish (catfish)
1	Failure To Maintain Records
2	Buy/Sell Fish Without Wholesale/Retail Dealers License
6	Buy/Sell Fish Without Retail Dealers License
2	Hunting Without Basic Resident License
2	Hunting With Unplugged Gun
2	Hunting From A Moving Vehicle
1	Hunting From A Public Road
2	Hunting Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours
1	Hunt On WMA Without Permit
11	Violate Rules and Regulations Of WMA
2	Possess Live Deer Without Permit
1	Possess Live Raccoon

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
5	
2	Boating
3	Violate WMA Rules and Regulations

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
4-Deer 1-Ducks

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
60	
8	Boating
11	Commercial Fishing
-0-	Federal Migratory
-0-	Littering
3	Miscellaneous
12	Recreational Fishing
21	State Hunting/Trapping
5	Written Warnings

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Public Assistance Assist Boaters</b>

REGION 8: NEW ORLEANS

PARISHES: PLAQUEMINE, ST. BERNARD,  
ORLEANS, JEFFERSON,  
ST. CHARLES

TOTAL CASES	140
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
27	Boating
13	Angling W/O A License
2	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident
4	Angling W/O Saltwater License
3	Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum
1	Take Or Poss. O/L Black Drum
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License
4	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Comm. License
2	Sell And/Or Buy fish W/O A Retail Seafood Dealers License
1	Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
2	Transport W/O Required License
1	Use Saltwater Net Illegally
2	Take/Poss. U/S Or O/L CML
2	Take/Possess/Sell Spotted Sea Trout Closed Season

2	Take Spotted Sea Trout W/O Permit
4	Failure To Have Written Permission
8	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
4	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease
3	Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef
1	Failure To Display Proper Number On Vessel
2	Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
2	Violate Sanitation Code(Log Book)
1	Violate Sanitation Code(Refrigeration)
1	Violate Sanitation Code
1	Possession Of Less Than 10% Untagged/Improperly Tagged Oysters
3	Failure To Abide By Commission Rules
5	Hunting W/Unplugged Gun
3	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours
2	Poss. Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season
5	Possessing F.B.A. W/O License
4	Trespass On Marshlands To Take F.B.A.
1	Hunting Ducks W/O Federal Stamp
1	Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun
3	Wanton Waste Of MGB

1	Violate Non-Toxic Shot Requirement
2	Hunting MGB Over Baited Area Or By The Aid Of Baiting
2	Take/Possess Over Limit Of Ducks
1	Take/Possess Over Limit Of Snipe
8	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
1	Littering
1	Flight From An Officer

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

TOTAL 15	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
8	Boating
3	Angling W/O A License
2	Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum (Recreational) 16" Minimum
2	Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef

**CONFISCATIONS:**

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
<p>Donated: Black Drum(32, 6 Lbs.)...Oyster Sacks(53)...Oysters(4 Dozen)...Blue Crabs(24)...Mullet(40 Lbs.)...Spotted Sea Trout(10)...Sheep Head(30, 30 Lbs.)...Red Drum(1)...Rabbits(3)...Squirrel(1)...Nutria Tails(209)...Scaup(22)...Gadwall Hen(3)...Ducks(3)...Teal(1)...Hooded Mergansers(2); Hardware Confiscated: Purchase Receipts(2)...Shotguns(1)...Rod And Reel(2)...Buck Shot Shells(7)</p>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
27	Boating

46	Commercial Fishing
19	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
26	Recreational Fishing
21	State Hunting/Trapping
15	Written Warnings

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
0	Public Assistance

**REGION 9: SCHRIEVER**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>191</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>49</b>	<b>Angling Without A License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Angling Without A Non-Resident License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fish Without Resident Pole License</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Angling Without Saltwater License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Angling Without Non-Resident Saltwater License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Possess Over Limit Of Red Drum (On Water)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possess Over 10 Red Drum (Off Water)</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Take Undersized Red Drum</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Take Undersized Black Drum (Recreational)</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Take Over Limit Black Drum (Recreational)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Commission Rules And Regulations Over Limit Red Snapper</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Sell Commercial Fish Without Commercial License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Oyster Dredge Gear License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Crab Trap Gear License</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish Without Vessel License</b>

2	<b>Fail To Maintain Records</b>
1	<b>Use Saltwater Gill Net Illegally</b>
2	<b>Use Crab Traps Without Required Markings</b>
8	<b>Trawl States Waters Closed Season (Outside Waters)</b>
2	<b>Taking Oysters From Unapproved Area (Polluted)</b>
2	<b>Harvest Oysters Without Oyster Harvester License</b>
6	<b>Hunting Without Resident License</b>
1	<b>Possess Wild Quadrupeds Without A License</b>
3	<b>Hunting With Unplugged Gun</b>
1	<b>Hunt From Public Road</b>
1	<b>Flight From An Officer</b>
1	<b>Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle</b>
6	<b>Not Abiding By WMA Rules And Regulations By Commercial Activity</b>
2	<b>Not Abiding By WMA Rules And Regulations By Using Metal Crab Traps</b>
2	<b>Not Abiding By WMA Rules And Regulations By Hunting Without Permit</b>
2	<b>Not Abiding By WMA Rules And Regulations By Running Over Size Boat Motor</b>
3	<b>Not Abiding By WMA Rules And Regulations By Using Traps Without Required Markings</b>
1	<b>Criminal Damage State Property</b>
1	<b>Contributing To Delinquency Of Minor</b>
1	<b>No Driver's License In Possession</b>

1	Littering
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**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

TOTAL 33	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Angling Without A License
10	Angling Without Saltwater License
3	Not Abiding By WMA Rules And Regulations By Hunting With Dogs
6	Not Abiding By WMA Rules And Regulations By No Self-Clearing Permit
12	Boating

**CONFISCATIONS:**

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 Garfish, 4,578 Lbs. Shrimp Sold \$2,347.25, 13 Sacks Oysters, 10 Rabbits, 169 Black Drum, 261 Lbs. Crab, 1 Deer, 39 Red Drum, 51 Lbs. Red Snapper, 5 Boats And Motors, 4 Trawl Nets, 600 Ft. Gill Net, 2 Shotguns, 1 Commercial Trip Ticket, 3 Commercial Licenses, 1 Oyster Dredge, 6 Champagne Baskets, 2 Rods And Reels.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:**

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

98	Recreational Fishing
13	State Hunting/Trapping
33	Written Warnings

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Public Assistance

**OYSTER STRIKE FORCE**

**COASTAL WATERS**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
2	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Commercial License
2	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Vessel license
1	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Commercial Gear License
1	Harvest Oysters Without An Oyster Harvester License
2	Use Crab Traps Without Required Markings
4	Failure To Have Written Permission
3	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
4	Unlawfully Take Oysters From A Private Lease
3	Take Undersized Oysters From Natural Reef
1	Violate Sanitary Code (Refrigeration)
3	Angling Without A Basic License
1	Angling Without A Saltwater License
1	No Basic Hunting License
1	Hunting With An Unplugged Gun
2	Expired Boat Registration Certificate
2	Failure To Comply With PFD Requirements
1	Simple Criminal Damage To Property

1	Contributing to The Delinquency Of A Minor
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**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Angling Without A Basic License
2	Angling Without A Saltwater License

**CONFISCATIONS:**

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
150 Sacks Of Oysters, 2 Rabbits

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OSF:**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Boating
23	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
2	Miscellaneous
4	Recreational Fishing
2	State Hunting/Trapping
4	Written Warnings

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	Public Assistance

## SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

## STATEWIDE

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
3	Buy/Sell Fish W/O A Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealer's License
9	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Commission Rules And Regulations (Red Snapper)
4	Buy/Sell Fish W/O Retail Seafood Dealer's License
2	Transport W/O Required License
1	Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data
1	Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle
1	Improper Lane Change
1	Possess Undersize Red Drum
1	Possess Undersize Black Drum
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License (Non-Resident)
1	Angling W/O A License (Non-Resident)
1	Angling W/O A License
1	Angling W/O A Saltwater License
1	Take/Possess Over The Limit Red Drum
1	Fail To Comply With P.F.D. Requirements
1	Fail To Have P.F.D. On Person Under 13 While Underway

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

**CONFISCATIONS:**

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
20 Lbs. Of Crabs (Returned To Water), 2 Boxes Crabs 200 Lbs. (Returned To Water), 51 Lbs. Red Snapper (Donated)

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT:**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Boating
22	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
7	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**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Trawl State Waters Closed Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Vessel License</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>0</b>	

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>4,578 Lbs. Of Shrimp Sold @ \$2,347.25, 6 Trawls, 1 Vessel License, 1 Gear License, 1 Commercial License</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SWEP:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Littering</b>

0	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

**Note:**

**Search And Rescue: 40 Hours**

**Boats Checked: 40**

**Hours Ran: 97**

**REFUGE PATROL**

**MARSH ISLAND, ROCKEFELLER,  
STATE WILDLIFE**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Angle W/O A Basic Fishing License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours With Artificial Light</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Hunt From A Moving Vehicle</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>0</b>	

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>2-Shotguns, 1-Ice Chest, 6-Bass, 2-Rabbits, 1-Spotlight</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REFUGE PATROL:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Littering</b>

0	Miscellaneous
5	Recreational Fishing
4	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
7	Public Assistance – Assisted Stranded Vessels.

**TOTAL CASES:** 790

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:** 134

**PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:** 25

**ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT**  
**FEBRUARY 2004**

**185 – Amph. – 61092**  
**Hrs. - 31.3**

**185 – Amph. – 9667Q**  
**Hrs. - 7.9**

**210 – 9467Y**  
**Hrs. - 29.5**

**Enforcement Hours - 54.8**

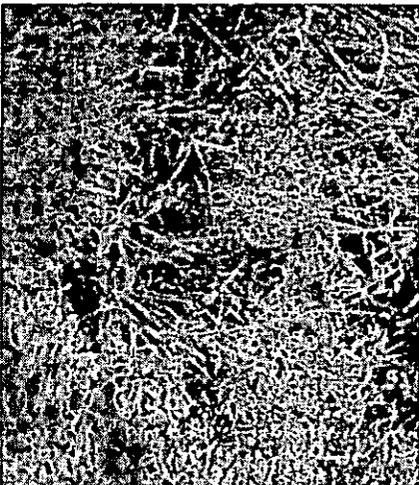
**Other Division - 13.9**

**Total Plane Use - 68.7**

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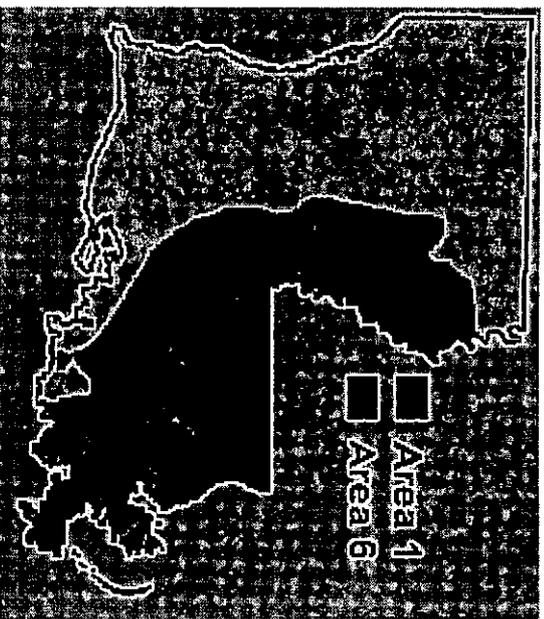
2004-2005 Proposed  
Resident Small Game,  
Deer and WMA Seasons  
& Regulations

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov 13-Feb 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct 2-Feb 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct 2-Feb 6	8	16
Pheasants	Closed		



# Proposed Deer Hunting Seasons

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (Either-Sex)	Still Hunt	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct 1-Jan 31	Nov 13-19 Jan 17-23	Nov 20-Dec 3 Jan 3-16	Dec 4-Jan 2
6	Oct 16-Feb. 15	Nov 20-24 Jan 24-31	Nov 25-Dec 10	Dec 11-Jan 23



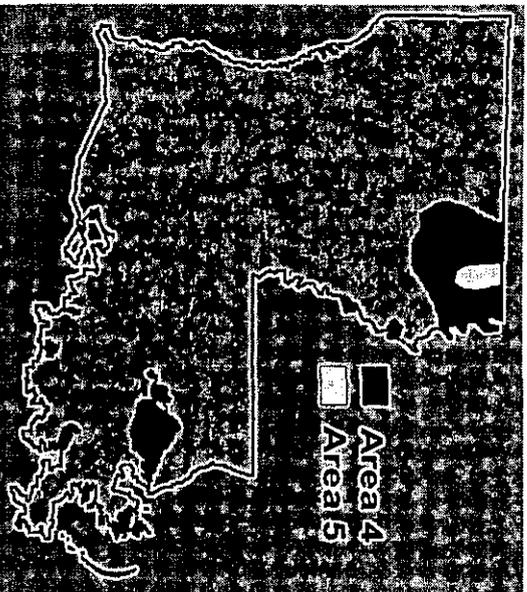
# Proposed Deer Hunting Seasons

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (Either-Sex)	Still Hunt	With or Without Dogs
2	Oct 1-Jan 31	Oct 23-29 Jan 8-14	Oct. 30-Dec 3	Dec 4-Jan 7
3	Sep 18-Jan 15	Oct 9-15 Nov 29-Dec 3	Oct 16-Nov 28 Dec 4-Jan 2	
7	Oct 1-Jan 31	Oct 9-15 Nov 6-12	Oct 16-Nov 5 Nov 13-Nov 28	Nov 29-Dec 29
8	Sep 18-Jan 15	Oct 9-15 Nov 29-Dec 3	Oct 16-Nov 28	Dec 4-Jan 2



# Proposed Deer Hunting Seasons

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (Either-Sex)	Still Hunt	With or Without Dogs
4	Oct 1-Jan 31	Nov 6-12 Jan 8-17	Nov 13-Jan 7	
5	Oct 1-Jan 31	Nov 13-19 Dec 27-Jan 2 (Bucks Only)	Nov 26-Dec 12	



# Event Sex Days

Area	Number of Days	Area	Number of Days
1	7-17 (+4) some	5	1 (NC)
2	13-26 (+4) all	6	7-11 (NC)
3	7-21 (NC)	7	11 (NC)
4	5-13 (+2) some	8	21 (NC)

# *General Regulation Changes*

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## **BOBCAT:**

The hunting of bobcats will be legal only during the open deer season in all deer hunting areas. The legal shooting hours and the legal methods for the taking of bobcats shall be the same as defined for the taking of deer. License requirements shall also be the same as for deer. The season limit shall be one.

# General Regulation Changes (cont)

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Antlered Buck Limit: Season limit changed from six to two.

# *Louisiana Harvest Statistics*

## *2002/03 Season*

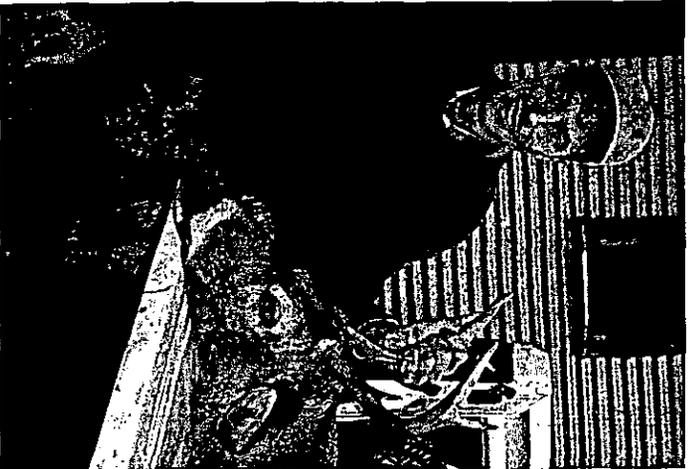
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- 241,400 Deer Harvested.
- Estimate 48% Antlered Bucks, 40% Does, and 12% Antlerless Bucks.
- 1 1/2 Buck Harvest on DMAP land was 30%, 40% on WMAS, and 60% on other lands.
- 146,620 Big Game Licenses, estimate 192,000 total Hunters.
- 85% of the Hunters harvest two or less deer.

# Louisiana Deer Hunters' Attitudes and Opinions

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- 2000/01 Harvest Survey - 86% of the deer hunters support the concept of Quality Deer Management (development of an older age structure of bucks).
- 2001/02 Harvest Survey - 76% of the deer hunters support reducing the bag limit on bucks.
- 2002/03 Harvest Survey - 77% of the deer hunters support deer tagging with mandatory reporting of deer and turkeys harvested.

# WMA Regulations

1. Added regulation to stipulate that Hogs may not be taken with the aid of dogs.
2. Prohibit “mud crawling” vessels on WMAs.

# WVA Seasons

1. Alexander State Forest - changed muzzleloader season from Oct. 23-24 to Oct. 16-17. One week earlier to generate more participation by opening a week earlier than outside.

2. Atchafalaya Delta - (1.) Moved youth lottery deer hunts one week later. Expect better participation. (2.) Increase rabbit season without beagles from Jan. 1-31 to Oct. 2-Jan. 31. Same beagle season of Feb. 1-28.

3. Bayou Pierre -(1.) Added Lottery hunt for mourning dove for opening day of first split due to overwhelming number of hunters participating. (2.) Added lottery hunt for waterfowl - first two weekends of last split of the West Zone season. Will allow six hunter per day. (3.) Added squirrel hunting with dogs from Jan. 3-Feb. 6.

## WMA Seasons (cont.)

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4. Changed Mississippi River Delta WMAs? (Big Lake, Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre, Red River, Three Rivers and Spring Bayou) Bucks Only Season to a later start to take advantage of later rut (Dec. 27-Jan. 4 to Jan. 1-9). Also standardized muzzleloader season on these areas; Jan. 10-16.

5. Boise Vernon and West Bay - Moved Youth Deer Hunt one week later due to Area 3 season being moved one week later. Also moved either-sex gun hunt one week later for same reason.

6. Elbow Slough - Added rabbit season with beagles; Feb. 1-28. Increased length of mourning dove season but only allow hunting on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays. This will result in better quality of the hunts. Total number of days to be hunted remains at 16.

## WMA Seasons (cont.)

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7. Floy Ward McElroy - Added third weekend to Lottery Youth Deer Hunt.

8. Fort Polk - Moved either-sex deer season back one week (Oct 23-24 to Oct. 30-31) due to Area 3 season starting one week later. Same reason for moving the muzzleloader one week later on Fort Polk and Peason Ridge (Oct. 9-15 from Oct. 2-8).

9. Pointe-Aux-Chenes - Changed Youth Deer Hunts to afternoons only due to extreme logistical problems accessing this area in the early morning for youths. Also moved the season to earlier starting to hopefully get better participation and added one weekend (From Nov. 20-21 to Oct. 2-3 and Nov. 6-7).

## WMA Seasons (cont.)

10. ~~Salvador/Finken~~ - Moved Youth Deer Hunt one week later (from Oct. 30-31 to Nov. 6-7) to hopefully get more participation. Added 5 days to Bucks only season starting earlier (from Dec. 11-14 to Dec. 6-19).
11. Sandy Hollow - Added unmarked hog season Oct. 1 - Feb. 28.
12. Thistlethwaite - Changed muzzleloader season one week later (Dec. 29-Jan. 4 to Jan. 3-9) to take advantage of later rut.
13. Sabine Island - Add Youth Deer Hunt: Sept. 25-26.
14. Jackson/Bienville - Add two weekends of either-sex hunting, Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1-2. Corresponds to outside season. Waterfowl hunting allowed only on Sat. Tues. and Thurs. This is at the request of the landowner (Weyerhaeuser) to provide for better quality waterfowl hunting on an area with very limited waterfowl resources.

# *Kisatchie National Forest*

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## **Catahoula and Winn Ranger Districts**

### **Deer:**

- Oct. 23-24, either-sex, muzzleloader**
- Oct. 30-31, either-sex, still hunt only**
- Nov. 1-7, bucks only, still hunt only**
- Nov. 20-25, bucks only, still hunt only**
- Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only**
- Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only**
- Dec. 4, either-sex, with or without dogs**
- Dec. 5, bucks only, with or without dogs**
- Dec. 18-20, bucks only, still hunt only**
- Dec. 27-Jan. 4, bucks only, with or without dogs**

**Kisatchie Ranger District, Natchitoches Parish  
and Evangeline Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger  
District, Rapides Parish**

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**Deer:**

- Oct. 23-24, either-sex, muzzleloader**
- Oct. 30-31, either-sex, still hunt only**
- Nov. 1-6, 13-14, 20-25, bucks only, still hunt only**
- Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only**
- Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only**
- Dec. 4-5, bucks only, with or without dogs**
- Dec. 27-31, bucks only, with or without dogs**

**Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District,  
Vernon Parish, Excluding Fort Polk WMA**

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**Deer:**

**Oct. 23-24, either-sex, muzzleloader**

**Oct. 30-31, either-sex, still hunt only**

**Nov. 1-6, 13-14, 20-25, bucks only, still hunt only**

**Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only**

**Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only**

**Dec. 4-5, bucks only, still hunt only**

**Dec. 27-31, bucks only, still hunt only**

# ***U. S. Corps of Engineers***

## ***Indian Bayou***

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**Same as last year EXCEPT noted changes  
below to conform to new Area 6 seasons**

**Archery: Oct. 16-Feb. 15, two weeks later**

**Muzzleloader: Jan. 24-31, one week later**

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# Questions & Comments

RESOLUTION  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
March 4, 2004

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held at Wildwood Resort, Zwolle LA, March 4, 2004.

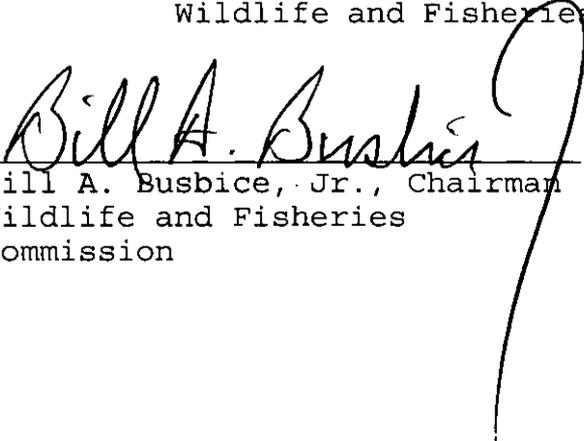
WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

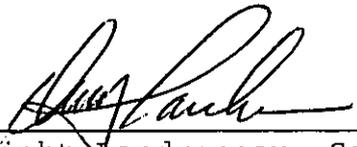
WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as a Notice of Intent.

  
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Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

  
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Dwight Landreneau, Secretary  
Department of Wildlife and  
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

**Title 76**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations**

**Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season**

**§101. General**

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 2004-2005 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), LR 30: .

**§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 2004-2005**

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov. 13-Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 2-Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 2-Feb. 6	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal on private lands)	6/season (Only two may be antlered)

C. Deer Hunting Schedule

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 17-Jan. 23	Nov. 20-Dec.3 Jan. 3-Jan.16	Dec. 4-Jan. 2
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 23-Oct. 29 Jan. 8-Jan. 14	Oct. 30-Dec.3	Dec. 4-Jan. 7
3	Sept.18- Jan.15	Oct. 9-Oct.15 Nov.29-Dec. 3	Oct.16-Nov.28 Dec. 4-Jan. 2	
4	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 6-Nov. 12 Jan. 8-Jan. 17	Nov.13-Jan. 7	
5	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Dec. 27-Jan. 2 Bucks Only	Nov.26-Dec.12	
6	Oct. 16- Feb. 15	Nov. 20-Nov. 24 Jan. 24-Jan. 31	Nov.25-Dec.10	Dec.11-Jan.23
7	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Nov. 6-Nov. 12	Oct.16-Nov. 5 Nov.13-Nov.28	Nov.29-Dec.29
8	Sept.18- Jan. 15	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Nov. 29-Dec. 3	Oct.16-Nov.28	Dec. 4-Jan. 2

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Acadia	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Allen	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 8	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Ascension	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Assumption	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Avoyelles	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
Beauregard	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 8	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Bienville	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Bossier	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Caddo	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Calcasieu	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 8	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Caldwell	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Cameron	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Catahoula	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Claiborne	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Concordia	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
DeSoto	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
East Baton Rouge	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
East Carroll	Area 4 portion	Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, east of mainline Mississippi River Levee and south and east of La. 877 from West Carroll Parish line to La. 580, south of La. 580 to U.S. 65, west of U.S. 65 to Madison Parish line.
	Area 4	Nov. 13-14, 26-28, remainder of the parish
East Feliciana	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Evangeline	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Franklin	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5
Grant	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Iberia	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 7	Oct. 16-17, Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
Iberville	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Jackson	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Jefferson	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Jefferson Davis	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Lafayette	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Lafourche	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
LaSalle	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Lincoln	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Livingston	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Madison	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Morehouse	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 4	Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28
Natchitoches	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Orleans		Closed to all deer hunting
Ouachita	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 4	Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28
Plaquemines	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Pointe Coupee	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Rapides	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5
Red River	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Richland	Area 4	Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28
Sabine	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
St. Bernard	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. Charles	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. Helena	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. James	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. John	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. Landry	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
St. Martin	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. Mary	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 7	Oct. 16-17, Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
St. Tammany	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Tangipahoa	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Tensas	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Terrebonne	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 7	Oct. 16-17, Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
Union	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Vermilion	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Vernon	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 8	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Washington	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Webster	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
West Baton Rouge	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
West Carroll	Area 5	Nov. 26
West Feliciana	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Winn	Area	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2

E. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer on Supplemented Shooting Preserves

Archery	Modern Firearm	Either Sex
Oct. 1-Jan. 31 (Either Sex)	Nov. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 1-7 Dec. 1-7 Jan. 1-7

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

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife

and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), repromulgated LR 25:1526 (August 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1521 (August 2003), LR 30: .

Public hearings will be held at the following locations: Region 1 - March 16, 6:30 PM, Minden Civic Center, Minden, Louisiana; Region 2 - March 8, 6:30 PM, Ruston Civic Center, Ruston, Louisiana; Region 3 - March 10, 6:00 PM, Alexandria City Hall, Alexandria, Louisiana; Region 4 - March 11, 6:30 PM, Council on Aging Building, Winnsboro, Louisiana; Region 5 - March 18, 6:00 PM, Burton Coliseum Chalkley Room, Lake Charles, Louisiana; Region 6 - March 9, 6:00 PM, Estuarine Habitats and Coastal Fisheries Center, Lafayette, Louisiana; Region 7 - March 11, 7:00 PM, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Louisiana Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and March 9, 7:00 PM, Jefferson Parish Library, Metairie, Louisiana. Also comments will be accepted at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from April through July. Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until Thursday, May 6, 2004 to Mr. Tommy Prickett, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the

Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

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

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

**2004-2005 SEASON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA  
HUNTING SCHEDULES**

**1. ACADIANA CONSERVATION**

**CORRIDOR** (Department Owned - 2,285 Acres, Region 6):

Self-Clearing Permit required for all activities.

**Deer:**

Archery only: Oct. 16-Feb. 15.

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

**2. ALEXANDER STATE FOREST** (Owner - Office of Forestry-LDAF - 7,875 Acres, Region 3):

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

**Deer:**

Bucks only: Nov. 26-28.

Muzzleloader: Oct. 16-17, Nov. 6-7. All deer must be brought to weigh station.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 16-17, Nov. 6-7.

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

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

**3. ATCHAFALAYA DELTA** (Owner - State of Louisiana - 137,695 Acres, Region 8):

Self-clearing Permit required for deer and unmarked hog hunting only. Self-clearing permits available from Main Delta campground and Cul-de-sac on Big Island.

Big Island: **CLOSED** to all activities Dec. 6-19, **EXCEPT** Youth Lottery Deer Hunts.

**Deer:**

Experimental Youth Lottery Deer Hunt: Dec. 11-12, 18-19 on Big Island only, either-sex, daily youth permit required. Call New Iberia office, Fur and Refuge Division (337) 373-0032 for details.

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31 on Main Delta only (Wax Lake Delta **CLOSED**, Big Lake **CLOSED** Dec. 6-19).

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

Small Game: Same as outside, **EXCEPT** rabbit hunting without beagles allowed from Oct. 2-Jan. 31 on Main Delta (excluding Big Island) and Wax Delta, and with or without beagles on both Deltas (including Big Island) allowed Feb. 1-28.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed

hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Camping and houseboat mooring allowed **ONLY** in designated areas.

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

**4. ATTAKAPAS** (Owner - State of Louisiana - 25,730 Acres, Region 6):

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

**Deer:**

Either-sex: Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5.

Bucks only: Dec. 18-Jan. 2.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 17-23.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 26-28 and Dec. 4-5. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 24-Feb. 28.

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

**5. BAYOU MACON** (Department Owned - 6,919 Acres, Region 2):

**Deer:**

Lottery Hunt: Nov. 20-21, either-sex, hunt restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Hunters must check in at Hwy. 2 to have permit validated.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 4-5.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 20-21. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 8-Feb. 28.

Raccoon: (Nighttime): Jan. 8-23. Mules are allowed for nighttime raccoon hunting.

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

**6. BAYOU PIERRE** (Department Owned - 2,212 Acres, Region 1):

Waterfowl Refuge is closed to all hunting, trapping and fishing **EXCEPT** for archery hunting for deer, which is allowed on the entire area. Refuge is marked with "Waterfowl Refuge" signs. Contact Region 1 Wildlife Division, Minden Office, for details for lottery hunts listed at 318-371-3050.

**Deer:**

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

Dove: Same as outside **EXCEPT** opening day of 1<sup>st</sup> split will be restricted to those persons selected as a result of a pre-application lottery.

Waterfowl: Lottery Hunt Only (Portion west of

Bayou Pierre) - First two weekends of the last split of the West Zone season.

**Other Small Game:** Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 3-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 3-Feb. 6.

**7. BENS CREEK** (Owner - Weyerhaeuser Co., Inc. - 13,044 Acres, Region 7):

**Area Closed:** Nov. 6-7, to all hunters EXCEPT Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunters.

**Deer:**

**Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters:** Nov. 6-7.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 26-28, Mandatory deer check; Dec. 4-5, Dec. 11-12, Self-Clearing Permit.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 6-10, Dec. 13-Jan. 2.

**Muzzleloader:** Jan. 3-Jan. 21.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT Closed Nov. 6-7, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5, Dec. 11-12. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 22-Feb. 28.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 8-23.

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

**8. BIG COLEWA BAYOU** (Department Owned - 899 Acres, Region 2):

**Self-Clearing Permit not required.**

**Deer:**

**Archery only:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting Jan. 8-Feb. 28. All nighttime activities prohibited.

**9. BIG LAKE** (Department Owned - 19,231 Acres, Region 4):

**Deer:**

**Either-sex:** Nov. 26-27, mandatory deer check.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 28 and Jan. 1-9.

**Muzzleloader:** Jan. 10-16.

**Small Game:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 26-27. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 17-Feb. 6.

**Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 26-27.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 17-30.

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

**10. BILOXI** (Owner - Biloxi Marsh Land Corporation - 42,787 Acres, Region 8):

**Self-Clearing Permits not required.**

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbits when duck season is closed.

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

**11. BODCAU** (Owner - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - 34,355 Acres, Region 1):

**Deer:** Oct. 30-Dec. 5.

**Either-sex:** Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, Nov. 20-28, Dec. 4-5.

**Small Game:** Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 3-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 3-Feb. 6.

**Waterfowl:** Same as outside.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 3-Feb. 6.

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

**12. BOEUF** (Department Owned - 50,967 Acres, Region 4):

**Area Closed:** Oct. 30-31, to all EXCEPT for Youth Deer Hunters.

**Deer:**

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Oct. 30-31.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 26-27, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 28, Dec. 11-24.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 1-5.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-27. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 8-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 8-Feb. 6. No internal combustion engines and craft allowed in Green Tree Reservoir.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 8-23.

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

**13. BOISE-VERNON** (Owner - Boise-Cascade Company - 55,672 Acres, Region 5):

**Area Closed:** Oct. 23-24, to all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters.

**Deer:**

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Oct. 23-24.

**Either-sex:** Oct. 30-31, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 1-25, Dec. 18-Jan. 2.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 26-28.

**Muzzleloader:** Nov. 29-Dec. 5.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 23-24, Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 3-Feb. 6. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 8-Feb. 28.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 8-Feb. 6. Permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

**14. BUCKHORN** (Department Owned - 11,262

Acres, Region 4):

**Deer:**

**Either-sex:** Nov. 26-28, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 29-Jan. 9.

**Muzzleloader:** Jan. 10-16.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 26-28. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 17-Feb. 6.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 17-31.

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

**15. CAMP BEAUREGARD** (Louisiana National Guard - 12,500 Acres, Region 3):

**Daily military clearance is required for all recreational users.** Registration for use of Self-Clearing permit required once per year at Range Central Building, telephone (318) 641-3355, 641-3365 or LDWF, Region 3 Office, telephone (318) 487-5885. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. All game harvested must be reported on self-clearing checkout permit.

**Area Closed:** Oct. 9-10 to all **EXCEPT** youth deer hunters.

**Deer:**

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Oct. 9-10. All deer harvested must be brought to Rifle Range Road Weigh Station.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 18-26.

**Muzzleloader:** Nov. 26-27, Jan. 1-2. All deer harvested must be brought to Rifle Range Road Weigh Station.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside, **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 9-10. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 8-Feb. 6. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 8-Feb. 28.

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

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

**16. DEWEY W. WILLS** (Department Owned - 61,871 Acres, Region 3):

**Area Closed:** Oct. 30-31, to all **EXCEPT** youth and handicapped deer hunters.

**Deer:**

**Special Handicapped Season:** Oct. 30-31, either-sex. That portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal shall be open only to handicapped hunters.

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Oct. 30-31, either-sex. That portion of the area south of the Diversion Canal shall be open to youth hunters only.

**Special Youth Lottery:** Dec. 4-5, 11-12, Jan. 8-9, 15-16. Contact Region 3 Office (318-487-5885) for

details and applications.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 26-27. All deer harvested must be brought to weigh station.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 28, Jan. 1-9.

**Muzzleloader:** Jan. 10-16.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-27. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 28 and squirrel hunting with dogs allowed from Jan. 17-Feb. 6.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 17-31.

**May 1-Sept. 26,** Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Nighttime Chase only. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs on designated trails during take season only.

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

**Crawfish:** Limited to 100 pounds per person per day. All season dates on Larto Tracts (see WMA map) same as outside, **EXCEPT** still hunt only and **EXCEPT** deer hunting restricted to **ARCHERY ONLY**. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

**17. ELBOW SLOUGH** (Department Owned - 160 acres, Region 3):

**Mourning Dove:** Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays only from Sept. 4-12, Oct. 9-31.

**Rabbit:** Feb. 1-28. Beagles allowed.

All other seasons closed. Steel shot only for all hunting.

**18. ELM HALL** (Department Owned - 2,839 Acres, Region 6):

Self-clearing permits required for hunters only.

**Deer:**

**Either-sex:** Nov. 26-27.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 28 and Dec. 27-Jan. 9.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 26-27.

No ATVs allowed.

**19. FLOY WARD McELROY** (Department Owned - 681 acres, Region 2):

**Access restricted.** Contact Monroe Region Office at 318-343-4045 for information.

**Deer:**

**Youth Lottery Hunt:** Oct. 23-24, Nov. 6-7, 13-14. Restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.

**Mourning Doves: Youth Hunt:** Second weekend of the Mourning Dove Season (Saturday and Sunday only).

**20. FORT POLK** (Owner - U.S. Army and U.S.

Forest Service - 105,545 Acres, Region 5):  
**Daily military clearance is required to hunt any game.** Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7654, North Fort Polk or the building at Alligator Lake entrance, telephone 1-888-718-3029 or (337) 531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. Trappers must also register at Building #7654 and use Self-Clearing system. New special regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued or at [http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/fpk\\_hunt/](http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/fpk_hunt/).

**Deer:**

**Either-sex: Oct. 30-31, Mandatory Deer Check.**

**Bucks only: Nov. 1-25.**

**Either-sex: Nov. 26-28, Mandatory Deer Check.**

**Muzzleloader: Oct. 9-15, Dec. 4-5, Self-Clearing Permit required, Special Permit, Building #7654. A selected portion of the area to be open.**

**Bucks only: Dec. 6-10.**

**Either-sex: Dec. 11-12.**

**Bucks only: Dec. 13-17.**

**Either-sex: Dec. 18-19.**

**Bucks only: Dec. 20-Jan. 2.**

Special Archery regulations for Cantonment Areas, check locally at Building #7654. Either-Sex deer legal **Sept. 18-Jan. 15.** Remainder of WMA restricted to bucks only when Bucks-Only gun season is in progress.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 11-12, Dec. 18-19.** Hunter Orange must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 3-Feb. 6.**

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Sept. 18-Jan. 2.**

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

**21. GRASSY LAKE** (Department Owned - 12,983 Acres, Region 6):

**Deer:**

**Either-sex: Nov. 26-27, Daily permit.**

**Bucks only: Nov. 28, Jan. 1-9.**

**Muzzleloader: Jan. 10-16.**

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 26-27.** Beagles allowed for rabbits **Feb. 1-28.**

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

**Commercial Fishing:** Permitted **EXCEPT** on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits

available from area supervisor Spring Bayou Headquarters or Opelousas Region Office.

**Crawfishing: April 1-July 31.** Recreational only. 100 lbs per boat or group daily.

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

**22. JACKSON-BIENVILLE** (Owner - Weyerhaeuser, et. al. - 32,185 Acres, Region 1):

Beginning September 1, 2004, ATVs are allowed **ONLY** on non-public maintained gravel roads and marked ATV trails.

**Area Closed (portion): Oct. 16-17,** on designated portions. Closed to all hunters **EXCEPT** youth and handicapped deer hunters.

**Deer:**

**Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters: Oct. 16-17,** for handicapped and youth hunters only on a portion of Jackson-Bienville WMA. Contact Minden Region Office for Handicapped Permits and specific map. Handicapped Permit must be obtained in advance from any Region Office. Self-clearing permits are also required.

**Note:** Daily Permits for the **Nov. 20-21** either-sex deer hunt will be available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on **Nov. 19** at the Field Office Daily Permit Check Station on North Road. Daily Permit Check Stations will be open at 4:30 a.m. **Saturday, Nov. 20** and **Sunday, Nov. 21.**

**Either-sex: Nov. 20-21,** daily permit.

**Nov. 22-28, Dec. 4-5, Dec. 25-26, Jan. 1-2,** self-clearing permit.

**Bucks only: Nov. 29-Dec. 3, Dec. 6-24, Dec. 26-31.**

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 16-17 (portion)** and **Nov. 20-21** and **EXCEPT** waterfowl may only be hunted on Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Rabbits may be hunted with beagles **Jan. 3-Feb. 28.** Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 3-Feb. 6.**

**Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 3-Feb. 6.**

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1-Feb. 28.** All hogs must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station or Daily Permit Station.

**23. JOYCE** (Department Owned - 15,059 Acres, Region 7):

**Deer:** Same as outside, still hunt only.

**Muzzleloader:** Same as outside.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside.

**Swamp Walk:** Adhere to all WMA rules and

regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

**24. LAKE BOEUF** (Department Owned - 802 Acres, Region 8):

**Self-Clearing Permit required for deer and hog hunting only.** Self-Clearing Permit available at Theriot Canal boat landing off LA Hwy. 308.

Hunting until 12:00 noon for all game **EXCEPT** during Youth Lottery Hunt. All nighttime activities prohibited.

**AREA CLOSED:** Nov. 22-Jan. 9, **EXCEPT** for Youth Lottery Deer Hunters and use of waterways for access purposes only.

**Deer:**

**Experimental Youth Lottery Hunt:** Dec. 4-5, Jan. 8-9 (afternoons only), either-sex. Daily youth hunt permit required. To apply or for more information, contact New Iberia Office, Fur and Refuge Division, 337-373-0032.

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Nov. 21, Jan. 10-31.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside, **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 22-Jan. 9, and beagles prohibited during archery season.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1- Nov. 21, Jan. 10-Feb. 28.

**25. LAKE RAMSEY** (Department Owned - 796 Acres, Region 7):

**Deer:** Archery only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 8-Feb. 28. Dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 8-Feb. 6.

Foot traffic only - All vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

**26. LITTLE RIVER** (Department Owned - 4,727 Acres, Region 3):

**Deer:**

**Bucks only:** Oct. 30-Nov. 7.

**Muzzleloader:** Nov. 26-27, Jan. 1-2

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 8-23.

May 1-Sept. 26, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Nighttime Chase only. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs during take season only.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 8-Feb. 6. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 8-Feb. 28.

**27. LOGGY BAYOU** (Department Owned - 4,084, State land Office-159, U. S. Army Corp of Engineers-2, 138 Acres, Region 1).

**Deer:**

Nov. 26-28, either-sex, mandatory deer check.

**Muzzleloader:** Nov. 29-Dec. 5

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 26-28. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 3-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 3-Feb. 6.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 3-Feb. 6.

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

**28. MANCHAC** (Department Owned - 8,328 Acres, Region 7):

**Deer:** Archery Only.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT** steel shot required for rails, snipe and gallinules.

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

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

**29. MAUREPAS SWAMP** (Department Owned - 61,950 acres, Region 7):

**Deer:** Either-sex: Nov. 26-28.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 18-Jan. 2.

**Muzzleloader:** Jan. 3-9.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 26-28.

**30. OUACHITA** (Department Owned - 9,641 Acres, Region 2):

**Area Closed:** Oct. 16-17 to all **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters.

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

**Deer:**

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Oct. 16-17.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 26-28, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 11-24.

**Waterfowl:** South of LA Hwy. 15, same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 16-17, Nov. 26-28, **EXCEPT** for the Pintail Alley area.

**Small Game:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 16-17, Nov. 26-28. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 8-Feb. 28. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck season.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Sept. 27-Oct. 10, Oct. 23-Nov. 14, Jan. 15-30.

**Crawfish:** April 1-May 31, 100 pounds per person per day limit. No traps or nets left overnight.

**Commercial Fishing:** **CLOSED.**

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

**31. PASS-A-LOUTRE** (Department Owned -

115,596 Acres, Region 8):

**Self-Clearing Permit required for deer, unmarked hog and rabbit hunting only.** Permits available at Pass-a-Loutre Headquarters.

**Waterfowl:** Same as outside.

**Deer:** Archery only, **Oct. 1-Jan. 31.**

**Small Game:** Same as outside. Beagles allowed only when archery season is closed.

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

**Commercial Fishing:** Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA Map.

Oyster harvesting is prohibited.

Camping and houseboat mooring allowed **ONLY** in designated areas. See Self-Clearing Permit Station at headquarters for designated areas.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

**32. PEARL RIVER** (Department Owned - 35,031 Acres, Region 7):

**Area Closed:** Nov. 6-7 to all **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters.

**Deer:**

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Nov. 6-7.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 26-27, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 28 and Dec. 4-26.

**Muzzleloader:** Nov. 13-21, Dec. 27-Jan 9.

**Small Game:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 6-7, Nov. 26-27. Beagles allowed for rabbits **Jan. 10-Feb. 28.** Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 10-Feb. 6.**

**Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT** no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge Area and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 6-7, Nov. 26-27, north of U.S. Hwy. 90.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Oct. 2-17 and Jan. 10-23.

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

All roads closed 8 p.m. - 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet **EXCEPT** waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90. No hunting in the vicinity of the Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a \$6.00 fee.

**33. PEASON RIDGE** (Owner - U.S. Army - 33,010

Acres, Region 5):

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

**Deer:**

**Bucks only:** Oct. 30-Nov. 25.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 26-28.

**Muzzleloader:** Oct. 9-15, Dec. 4-5. Special Permits available at Building #7654. A selected portion of the area to be open.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 6-10.

**Either-sex:** Dec. 11-12.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 13-17.

**Either-sex:** Dec. 18-19.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 20-Jan. 2.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 26-28, Dec. 11-12, Dec. 18-19. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 3-Feb. 6.**

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1-Jan. 2.**

**34. POINTE-AUX-CHENES** (Department Owned - 35,267 Acres, Region 8):

All nighttime activities prohibited.

**Self-Clearing Permit required for deer hunting only.** Permits available from headquarters on LA Hwy. 665 at Point Farm gate behind Montegut Middle School and at Bason's Boat Landing in Cutoff. Hunting until 12 noon on all game **EXCEPT** for mourning dove and youth lottery deer hunts.

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

**Deer:**

**Bucks only:** Nov. 27-28, Dec. 18-21.

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

**Small Game:** Same as outside, **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 27-28, Dec. 18-21. Beagles prohibited until Dec. 22.

**Waterfowl:** Same as outside. Experimental Lottery Handicapped Waterfowl Hunt. Contact New Iberia office, Fur and Refuge Division for details (337)-373-0032.

**POINT FARM UNIT:** Point Farm Unit is an approximately 1,000 acre area inside the Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA which is generally bounded on the west

by the double gates behind the Montegut Middle School and the WMA boundary, and on the north by the WMA boundary and Point Farm ridge levee, and is bounded on the east and south by the Point Farm ridge levee. The boundary of Point Farm is more accurately marked with signs. Point Farm gate will be open during the first 3 Saturdays of the 2<sup>nd</sup> segment of mourning dove season and all weekends during the month of February. Parking in designated areas required for mourning dove hunting. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. All activities **CLOSED** until Nov. 8 **EXCEPT** for mourning dove hunting and Youth Lottery Dove Hunt.

**Deer:**

**Experimental Lottery Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 2-3 and Nov. 6-7 (afternoons only).** Daily Youth Hunt Permit required. To apply or for more information call the New Iberia Office, Fur & Refuge Division, 337-373-0032.

**Archery: Nov. 8-Jan. 31.**

**Mourning Dove:** Hunting will be permitted only on the first 3 Saturdays of the second split. Gates will be opened at 10:00 a.m. and hunting hours will be from 12:00 noon until official sunset.

**Small Game:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** until Nov. 8. Beagles prohibited until Nov. 29.

**Waterfowl: CLOSED.**

**Recreational Fishing:** Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the Wildlife Management Area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish is for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited.

**Vessels/Vehicle:** Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. are prohibited in the Montegut and Grand Bayou marsh management units and all interior ditches and duck ponds on the WMA. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue. All other motorized vehicles, horses and mules are prohibited unless authorized by the Department.

**35. POMME DE TERRE** (Department Owned - 6,434 Acres, Region 6):

**Deer:**

**Either-sex: Nov. 26-27, Daily Permit.**

**Bucks only: Nov. 28, Jan. 1-9.**

**Muzzleloader: Jan. 10-16.**

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 26-27. Beagles allowed for rabbit Feb. 1-28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 17-Feb. 6.

**Commercial Fishing:** Permitted Monday through Friday **EXCEPT** closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing Permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Region Office or Spring Bayou Headquarters.

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

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

**Crawfish: April 1-July 31.** Recreational only. 100 lbs. per boat or group daily.

**36. RED RIVER** (Department Owned - 29,964 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers - 11,717 Acres, Region 4):

**Area Closed: Oct. 30-31** to all **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters

**Deer:**

**Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 30-31.**

**Either-sex: Nov. 26-27, Daily Permit.**

**Bucks only: Nov. 28, Jan. 1-9.**

**Muzzleloader: Jan. 10-16.**

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-27, and **EXCEPT** no hunting in unharvested agricultural fields. Hunting restricted on Yakey Wetland Development Area to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays during waterfowl season.

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

Crawfishing prohibited on Yakey Farms wetland restoration projects.

**37. RUSSELL SAGE** (Department Owned - 16,835 Acres, Region 2):

**Deer:**

**Either-sex: Nov. 26-28, Mandatory Deer Check.**

**Bucks only: Dec. 11-26.**

**Muzzleloader: Dec. 4-5.**

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 26-28. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 8-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 8-Feb. 6. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck

season.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Sept. 27-Oct. 10, Oct. 23-Nov. 14, Jan. 15-30.

**Crawfish:** 100 pounds per person per day limit. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

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

**38. SABINE** (Owner - International Paper Company, Boise-Cascade Co., Et Al - 13,706 Acres, Region 3):

**Area Closed:** Oct. 9-10 to all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters.

**Deer:**

**Youth Hunt:** Oct. 9-10.

**Either-sex:** Oct. 23-24, Mandatory Deer Check.

Nov. 26-28, Self-clearing Permit.

**Bucks only:** Oct. 30-Nov. 24.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 4-10.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 9-10, 23-24, Nov. 26-28. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 8-Feb. 28 and squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 8-Feb. 6.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 8-23.

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

**39. SABINE ISLAND** (Owner - State of Louisiana and Calcasieu Parish School Board - 8,695 Acres, Region 5):

**Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.**

**Area Closed:** Sept. 25-26 to all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Sept. 25-26. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 1-Feb. 6.

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

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Sept. 25-26.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 8-Feb. 6. Permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Sept. 18-Feb. 28.

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

**40. SALVADOR/TIMKEN** (Department Owned - 32,617 Acres, Region 8):

**Self-Clearing Permit required for deer and unmarked hog hunting only.** Permits available at Pier 90, Bayou

Gauche and Bayou Segnette landings and at Flemming Canal Store in Lafitte. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited.

**Area Closed:** Nov. 6-7, to all activities EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters and Youth Waterfowl Hunters.

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 6-7.

**Experimental Youth Deer Hunt:** Nov. 6-7.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 26-28.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 4-5.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 6-19.

**Small Game:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 6-7, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-19. Hunting with beagles allowed only after closure of second split of duck season.

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

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

**Recreational Fishing:**

Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the Wildlife Management Area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 h.p. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes "Baie Des Chactas" and "Baie Du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Use of mudboats powered by internal combustion engines with four cylinders or less is permitted in interior ditches from Sept. 4-Feb. 1 EXCEPT as permitted for the regulated harvest of furbearers. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and

water control structures is prohibited.

**ATVs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.**

**41. SANDY HOLLOW** (Department Owned - 3,515 Acres, Region 7):

No hunting with any firearm south of Jackson Road, except school board tract, on days of scheduled field trials. Dates of field trials are listed on the check stations or can be obtained from the Region 7 office (225-765-2360).

**Deer:**

Either-sex: Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5, Dec. 11-12.

Bucks only: Dec. 6-10, 13-19.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 20-Jan. 2.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5, Dec. 11-12. Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting Jan. 8-Feb. 28. Squirrel dogs allowed Jan. 8-Feb. 6. Except quail closes Jan. 31.

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

**Raccoon:** Jan. 8-23.

**Mourning Dove:** Sept. 4 and Sept. 11-12 only of first split. Closed remainder of 1<sup>st</sup> split. Second and third splits are same as outside EXCEPT Youth Hunt on Northern tract during the opening day of the first segment (Sept. 4). Hunt restricted to youths younger than 16 years of age and supervising adult who must be 18 years of age or older. The supervising adult must maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

**Bird Dog Training:** Sept. 6-Nov. 14 and Feb. 1-28, EXCEPT restricted to that portion south of LA Hwy. 10 only and EXCEPT blank pistols only. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited).

**Bird Dog Field Trials:** Permit required from Baton Rouge Region 7 Office.

**Horseback Riding:** Organized trail rides prohibited. Riding allowed only on designated roads and trails. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas.

**42. SHERBURNE** (Department Owned - 11,780 Acres; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - 15,220 Acres; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - 16,618 Acres, Region 6):  
The area known as the South Farm is located on the East Side of Sherburne WMA. No hunting will be allowed EXCEPT waterfowl hunting within the levee system of the farm from the day after the Youth Deer Hunt until the day after waterfowl season closes. Waterfowl hunting will be allowed by lottery only. Hunting will be allowed in the wooded portions east of the waterfowl impoundments.

Consult the WMA maps for exact locations.

**Area Closed:** Oct. 30-31 EXCEPT to Youth and Handicapped deer hunters.

**Deer: Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunt:** Oct. 30-31, either-sex, ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED. Self-Clearing Permit, Mandatory Deer Check.

Either-sex: Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5, Mandatory Deer Check

Bucks only: Dec. 27-Jan. 9.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 10-16.

**Squirrel & Rabbit:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5. Beagles allowed for rabbits Feb. 1-28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 17-Feb. 6.

**Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail, & Gallinules:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5 (excluding the South Farm Complex) and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and EXCEPT no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge and EXCEPT steel shot only on waterfowl impoundments. That portion of Sherburne WMA known as the South Farm restricted to Lottery hunts only. South Farm waterfowl hunting limited to one hunt per calendar week per person. All other hunting closed on South Farm complex Nov. 1-Jan. 31. Contact the Region Office for details and description of "South Farm."

**Woodcock and Mourning Dove:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5.

**Quail:** CLOSED

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 17-25. Permit required from WMA Headquarters or Opelousas Office.

**Crawfishing:** April 1-July 31, Recreational crawfishing only on the South Farm Complexes. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per vehicle or boat per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized water craft allowed on farm complex. Commercial crawfishing allowed on the remainder of the area. Permit is required.

Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details. Vehicular traffic prohibited on East Atchafalaya River levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries.

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

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

hunting or trapping in restricted area.

**43. SICILY ISLAND HILLS** (Department Owned - 7,504 Acres, Region 4):

**Deer:**

Either-sex: Nov. 26-27, Mandatory Deer Check.

Bucks only: Nov. 28, Dec. 11-24.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 1-5.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 26-27.

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

**44. SODA LAKE** (Caddo Levee District - 1,300 Acres, U. S. Army Corp of Engineers-1,200 Acres. Region 1):

**Note:** Due to the addition of new acreage the management plan for Soda Lake WMA is being developed. Contact the Minden Region I Office (318) 371-3050 for possible changes in the regulations and maps.

No motorized vehicles allowed. Bicycles allowed. Vehicle parking allowed only in designated parking area on La. Hwy. 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou and La. Hwy. 169 adjacent to levee. All trapping and hunting prohibited **EXCEPT** archery hunting for deer.

**Deer:** Archery only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

**45. SPRING BAYOU** (Department Owned - 12,506 Acres, Region 6):

**Area Closed:** Oct. 30-31, **EXCEPT** to Youth Deer Hunters.

**Deer:**

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Oct. 30-31.

Either-sex: Nov. 26-27, Daily Permit.

Bucks only: Nov. 28, Jan 1-9.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 10-16.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-27. Beagles allowed for rabbits Feb. 1-28.

**Commercial Fishing:** Permitted Monday through Friday **EXCEPT** slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Region Office. **CLOSED** until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

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

**Crawfish:** April 1-July 31. Recreational only, 100 lbs. per person or group daily.

No hunting allowed in Headquarters area.

Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and Regulations posted at campsite. A fee is assessed for use of this campsite. Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

**46. TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD** (Owner - Tangipahoa Parish School Board-1,643 Acres, Region 7)

**Self-Clearing Permits** required for all activities.

**South Tangipahoa Tract** adjacent to Joyce WMA will have the same seasons and regulations as the Joyce WMA.

The remaining tracts will have the following seasons and regulations:

**Deer and Waterfowl:** Same as outside.

**Squirrel:** Oct. 2-Feb. 6. Dogs allowed Jan. 24-Feb. 6.

**Rabbit:** Oct. 2-Feb. 28. Beagles allowed Jan. 24-Feb. 28.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 24-Feb. 28.

No horseback riding during gun season for deer or turkey. ATVs are not allowed.

**47. THISTLETHWAITE** (Owner - Thistlethwaite Heirs -11,100 Acres, Region 6):

**Area Closed:** Oct. 30-31, **EXCEPT** to Youth Deer Hunters.

**Deer:**

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Oct. 30-31.

Either-sex: Nov. 26-28, Mandatory Deer Check.

Bucks only: Dec. 18-26.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 3-9.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28.

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

No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA map). All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through Main Gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

**48. THREE RIVERS** (Department Owned - 28,124 Acres; Office of State Lands-835 Acres, U.S. Corps of Engineers - 1,085 Acres, Region 4):

**Deer:**

Either-sex: Nov. 26-27, Daily Permit.

Bucks only: Nov. 28, Jan. 1-9.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 10-16.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 26-27. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 28.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 17-30.

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

**49. TUNICA HILLS** (Department Owned - 5,783 Acres, Region 7):

**Deer:**

**Muzzleloader: Nov. 26-Dec. 5.**

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 26-Dec. 5.** All handguns and .22 caliber rifles prohibited north of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract).

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

All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map. Camping prohibited on area.

North of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract) **CLOSED** to the general public March 1-September 30 **EXCEPT** spring turkey hunting access allowed for those individuals drawn for special lottery hunt.

rabbit season closed during open waterfowl season. Beagles allowed during closed waterfowl season.

**50. UNION** (Owner - Plum Creek Timber Co. - 11,391 Acres, Region 2):

**Deer:**

**Either-sex: Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, Daily Permit.**

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5.** Beagles allowed for rabbits **Jan. 8-Feb. 28.** Squirrel hunting allowed with dogs **Jan. 8-Feb. 6.**

**Raccoon: (Nighttime), Jan. 8-28.**

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

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

**51. WEST BAY** (Owners - Boise Paper, Roy O. Martin, Weyerhaeuser and Forest Investment - 60,000 Acres, Region 5):

**Area Closed: Oct. 23-24,** to all **EXCEPT** Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunters.

**Deer:**

**Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters: Oct. 23-24,** for handicapped and youth hunters only.

**Either-sex: Oct. 30-31, Mandatory Deer Check.**

**Bucks only: Nov. 1-25 and Dec. 18-Jan. 2.**

**Either-sex: Nov. 26-28.**

**Muzzleloader: Nov. 29-Dec. 5.**

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 26-28.** Beagles allowed for rabbits **Jan. 8-Feb. 28.** Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 8-Feb. 6.**

**Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 8-Feb. 6,** permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

**52. WISNER** (Owner - Edward Wisner Donation Advisory Committee - 16,837 Acres, Region 8):

**Self-Clearing Permit not required.**

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT**

## KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

### Catahoula and Winn Ranger Districts.

#### Deer:

- Oct. 23-24, either-sex, muzzleloader.
- Oct. 30-31, either-sex, still hunt only.
- Nov. 1-7, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Nov. 20-25, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only.
- Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Dec. 4, either-sex, with or without dogs.
- Dec. 5, bucks only, with or without dogs.
- Dec. 18-20, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Dec. 27-Jan. 4, bucks only, with or without dogs.

### Kisatchie Ranger District, Natchitoches Parish and Evangeline Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District, Rapides Parish

#### Deer:

- Oct. 23-24, either-sex, muzzleloader.
- Oct. 30-31, either-sex, still hunt only.
- Nov. 1-6, 13-14, 20-25, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only.
- Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Dec. 4-5, bucks only, with or without dogs.
- Dec. 27-31, bucks only, with or without dogs.

National Forest lands within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District, described in still hunt only area shall be still hunt only.

### Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District, Vernon Parish, Excluding Fort Polk WMA

#### Deer:

- Oct. 23-24, either-sex, muzzleloader.
- Oct. 30-31, either-sex, still hunt only.
- Nov. 1-6, 13-14, 20-25, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only.
- Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Dec. 4-5, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Dec. 27-31, bucks only, still hunt only.

### Caney Ranger District, Webster and Claiborne Parishes.

Deer: Same as outside (Area 2) EXCEPT still hunt only.  
\*See Area 2 for either-sex dates in Webster and Claiborne Parishes.

## OTHER SEASONS ON KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

Archery: Same dates as shown for statewide archery deer hunting schedule.

All Other Small Game: Same as outside.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters while hunting and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. The placing of seed, corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement for any species including hogs is prohibited on National Forest Lands. Hunting over such feed is prohibited on all National Forest lands.

Moving deer or hogs with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noise or noise-making devices is prohibited.

Raccoons and opossums may be taken during daylight or nighttime from **Oct. 3-Feb. 28 only**. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, EXCEPT during the trapping season when there shall be no limit.

All hunters (including archers and small game hunters) EXCEPT waterfowl hunters and mourning dove hunters must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. Quail hunters, woodcock hunters and archers (while on the ground) also must wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap during dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel. ALSO, all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange". **One antlered or one antlerless (when legal) deer per day. Season limit is six per season, two of which may be antlered, (all segments included) by all methods of take.**

## NATIONAL CATAHOULA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE

(Owner - Kisatchie National Forest - 36,000 Acres in Grant and Winn Parishes):

Season Permit required from Forest Supervisors Office in addition to Daily Permits for deer:

#### Deer:

- Oct. 9-10, either-sex, special youth hunt, Daily Permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically challenged hunters with a LDWF Physically Challenged Hunt Permit, Daily Permit.
- Oct. 23-24, either-sex, muzzleloader, Daily Permit.
- Oct. 30-31, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.
- Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.
- Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

**Rabbit:** Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbit **Jan. 8-Feb. 28 only**. Only beagle

hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Wildlife Management Preserve.

**Squirrel:** Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 8-Feb. 6.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Dogs allowed Jan. 8-28.

**All Other Game:** Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

## **NATIONAL RED DIRT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE**

(Owner - Kisatchie National Forest - 38,000 Acres in Natchitoches Parish):

Season Permit required from Forest Supervisors Office in addition to Daily Permits required for deer:

**Deer:**

**Oct. 9-10,** either-sex, special youth hunt, Daily Permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically challenged hunters with a LDWF Physically Challenged Hunt Permit, Daily Permit.

**Oct. 23-24,** either-sex, muzzleloader, Daily Permit.

**Oct. 30-31,** either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

**Nov. 26,** either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

**Nov. 27-28,** bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

**Rabbit:** Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbit Jan. 8-Feb. 28, only. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Wildlife Management Preserve.

**Squirrel:** Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 8-Feb. 6.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Dogs allowed Jan. 8-27.

**All Other Game:** Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

To obtain permits and information contact: Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360, telephone (318) 473-7160. Office hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## **CORPS OF ENGINEERS INDIAN BAYOU AREA**

(28,480 Acres within St. Landry and St. Martin Parishes):

**Annual Permits required. For more information, please contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System Project Office, 112 Speck Lane, Port Barre, LA 70577 at (337) 585-0853.**

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

**Deer:**

**Daily Limit - 1 Deer; Yearly limit - 4 deer (2 does, 2 bucks, 6 points or better) EXCEPT spikes less**

**than 3 inches are legal on either-sex days ONLY. Mandatory Deer Checkout on all gun and muzzleloader hunts.**

**Archery: Oct. 16-Feb. 15.**

**Oct. 30-31,** Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunt, either-sex, no antler restrictions.

**Nov. 26-28,** either-sex gun hunt.

**Dec. 4-5,** either-sex gun hunt.

**Dec. 11-17,** either-sex muzzleloader hunt.

**Dec. 27-Jan. 9,** bucks only gun hunt.

**Jan. 15-16,** Physically challenged deer hunt, either-sex, no antler restrictions.

**Jan. 24-31,** bucks only muzzleloader hunt.

**Small Game:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED

**Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5 and Jan. 15-16.** Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 17-23 and Feb. 1-6. Rabbit hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 17-Jan. 23 and Feb. 1-28.

**Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail & Gallinule:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5 and Jan. 15-16 and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

**Mourning Dove and Woodcock:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5 and Jan. 15-16.

**Quail:** CLOSED.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5 and Jan. 15-16.

**Crawfishing:** Feb. 1-Aug. 31 Additional Permit required, available Jan. 1.

**Grand Cote National Wildlife Refuge  
Proposed Hunt Seasons for 2004-2005**

**Small Game (Rabbit)**

Acres Open: 2,400 acres

Dates/Days Open: December 1<sup>st</sup> - End of State season; dogs allowed after close of State gun deer season

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: none

**Deer - Archery ONLY**

Acres Open: 4,000 acres (October 1 - November 31) and 2,400 acres (October 1 - January 31)

Dates/Days Open: State Season

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: Number of days in restricted area has been increased by 31.

**Waterfowl - (Ducks, Geese, & Coots)**

Acres Open: 2,400 acres

Dates/Days Open: Wednesday and Saturday until noon during State waterfowl season.

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: none

**Waterfowl - Youth Weekend**

Acres: 2,400 acres

Dates/Days Open: During State Youth waterfowl weekend

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: none

**Waterfowl - Youth Lottery**

Acres: 250 acres

Dates/Days Open: (5 hunt days) A Youth Lottery hunt will be conducted in the Crawfish Pond unit. Dates will be finalized after State waterfowl season is set.

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: none

**Woodcock**

Acres: 2,400 acres

Dates/Days Open: State Season

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: none

Mourning Dove

Acres: 2,400 acres

Dates/Days Open: Open ONLY during Waterfowl hunt days (Wed. & Sat.) Incidental take of doves are allowed while waterfowl hunting.

Bag Limit: State Limit

**Significant Changes: none**

## Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge

### Proposed Hunt Seasons for 2004/2005

Cat Island NWR is comprised of 9,500 acres, 8,600 acres of which is in the hunt zone.

#### Small Game (Squirrel & Rabbit)

Acres Open: 8,600

Dates/Days Open: State season; closed during refuge gun and muzzleloader deer hunts; dogs allowed after close of State gun deer season

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: N/A

#### Deer-Archery

Acres Open: 8,600

Dates/Days Open: State Season; closed during refuge gun and muzzleloader deer hunts

Bag Limit: State Limit; either sex everyday

Significant Changes: N/A

#### Deer-Muzzleloader

Acres Open: 8,600

Dates/Days Open: one 2-day lottery hunt November 6-7, 2004; one deer either sex per hunt; 300 permits will be drawn AND one first come-first serve walk-up hunt January 8-9, 2005 for 150 hunters each day (river-level permitting).

Bag Limit: One per hunt, either sex

Significant Changes: addition of walk-up hunt in January

#### Deer-Gun

Acres Open: 8,600

Dates/Days Open: one 2-day lottery hunt November 20-21, 2004; one deer either sex per hunt; 300 permits will be drawn

Bag Limit: One per hunt, either sex

Significant Changes: N/A

#### Waterfowl

Acres Open: 8,600

Dates/Days Open: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during State waterfowl season; closed during refuge gun and muzzleloader deer hunts

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: N/A

#### Woodcock

Acres Open: 8,600

Dates/Days Open: State season; closed during refuge gun and muzzleloader deer hunts

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: N/A

## Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge

### Proposed Hunt Seasons for 2004/2005

#### Small Game (Squirrel & Rabbit)

Acres Open: 12,255 acres (10/4 to 11/30) and 10,390 acres (12/1 to end of state gun season)

Dates/Days Open: State season; closed during refuge youth and muzzleloader deer hunts; dogs allowed after close of State deer gun season until end of state seasons.

Bag Limit: State Limit

**Significant Changes: none**

#### Deer-Archery

Acres Open: 12,995 acres (11/1 to 11/30) and 10,360 acres (12/1 to 1/31)

Dates/Days Open: Nov. 1, 2004 through Jan. 31, 2005, except closed during refuge youth and muzzleloader deer hunts.

Bag Limit: State Limit, either sex.

**Significant Changes: none**

#### Youth Shotgun/Muzzleloader Deer Hunt

Acres Open: 12,255 acres

Dates/Days Open: Nov. 6-7, 2004

Bag Limit: One deer either sex with shotguns slugs or muzzleloader only

**Significant Changes: none**

#### Deer-Muzzleloader-Lottery Hunts (900 total permits issued)

Acres Open: 10,390 acres

Dates/Days Open: Dec. 11-12, 2004, Jan. 8-9, 2005, and Jan. 22-23, 2005

Bag Limit: One deer either sex per hunt

**Significant Changes: none**

#### Waterfowl

Acres Open: 10,390 acres

Dates/Days Open: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during State waterfowl season; closed during refuge youth, gun and muzzleloader deer hunts

Bag Limit: State Limit

**Significant Changes: none**

#### Youth Waterfowl Hunt

Acres Open: 10,390 acres

Dates/Dates Open: State Season

**Significant Changes: none**

**Early Teal**

Acres Open: 10,390 acres  
Dates/Dates Open: State Season  
**Significant Changes: none**

**Woodcock**

Acres Open: 10,390 acres  
Dates/Days Open: State season; closed during refuge youth and muzzleloader deer hunts  
Bag Limit: State Limit  
**Significant Changes: N/A**

**Dove**

Acres Open: 10,390 acres  
Dates/Days Open: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during State dove & duck seasons beginning with the second split; closed during refuge youth, and muzzleloader deer hunts.  
Bag Limit: State Limit  
**Significant Changes: Opening of dove season on Lake Ophelia NWR.**

**Spring Turkey****Lottery Hunt**

Acres Open: 10,395 acres  
Dates/Days Open: First three days of the State season (Sat.-Monday)  
Bag Limit & Method: One gobbler per hunter/season, shotguns with shot size smaller than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and lottery drawing for 30 permits. Application deadline-Feb. 28, 2005.  
**Significant Changes: Only one weekend lottery hunt**

**Open Hunt**

Acres Open: 10,395 acres  
Dates/Days Open: Beginning the second weekend of the season and ending on the last day of the State season.  
Bag Limit & Method: One gobbler per hunter/season, shotguns with shot size smaller than #2 lead or BB steel shot. Hunters must complete a self-clearing permit before and after each hunt.  
**Significant Changes: none**

**BAYOU COCODRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
2004-2005 HUNT SCHEDULE**

**SPECIES:** **RABBIT AND SQUIRREL**  
Type Hunt: Modern firearms  
Season: Oct. 2, 2004 - Jan. 9, 2005(without dogs)  
Jan. 10 - Feb. 6, 2005(with/without dogs)  
Bag Limits: State Regulations  
Comments: Closed during Youth hunts, Muzzleloader Hunt,  
and lottery deer hunt. Approved non-toxic shot  
required. .22 rimfire is allowed.  
Permits: General Permits  
Significant Changes: None

**SPECIES:** **DEER (EITHER SEX)**  
Type Hunt: Modern firearms (Open Youth Hunt)  
Season: Nov. 20- Nov. 21, 2004  
Limits: State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)  
Permits: General Permits  
Significant Changes: None

**SPECIES:** **DEER (EITHER SEX)**  
Type Hunt: Archery  
Season: Oct. 30, 2004 - Jan. 31, 2005  
Bag Limits: State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)  
Comments: Closed during youth hunts, lottery deer hunt,  
and Muzzleloader hunt.  
Permits: General Permits  
Significant Changes: None

**SPECIES:** **DEER (EITHER SEX)**  
Type Hunt: Primitive Weapon (Muzzleloader)  
Season: Dec. 04 – Dec. 05, 2004  
Bag Limits: State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)  
Permits: General Permits  
Significant Changes: None

**SPECIES:** **DEER (EITHER SEX)**  
Type Hunt: Modern firearms (lottery deer hunt)  
Season: Dec. 18-19, 2004  
Limits: State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)  
Permits: Lottery Permit Required  
Significant Changes: None

**SPECIES:** **DEER (EITHER SEX)**  
Type Hunt: Modern firearms (lottery youth)  
Season: Dec 29 - 30, 2004  
Bag Limits: State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)  
Permits: Lottery Permit Required  
Significant Changes: New Hunt

**SPECIES:** **DEER (EITHER SEX)**  
Type Hunt: Modern firearms (lottery youth)  
Season: Jan. 8 - 9, 2005  
Bag Limits: State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)  
Permits: Lottery Permit Required  
Significant Changes: None

**SPECIES:** **WOODCOCK**  
Type Hunt: Modern firearms  
Season: Jan. 12 - Jan. 31, 2005  
Bag Limits: State Regulations  
Permits: General Permits  
Significant Changes: None

**SPECIES:** **WATERFOWL**  
Type Hunt: Modern firearms  
Season: Open Tues., Thurs., Sat, & Sun until noon during State season (closed during early teal season, lottery deer hunt, youth hunts, and muzzleloader hunt)  
Bag Limits: State regulations  
Permits: General Permits  
Significant Changes: None

**SPECIES:** **WATERFOWL**  
Type Hunt: Modern firearms (Youth Lottery)  
Season: Last weekend of state waterfowl season 2005  
Bag Limits: State Regulations  
Permits: Lottery Permit Required  
Significant Changes: This is a new hunt

**CATAHOULA  
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
Proposed Hunts For 2004-2005**

**Headquarters Unit**

Species: Small Game (squirrel, rabbit without dogs (raccoon, unmarked hog incidental))  
Type Hunt: Gun (.22 rim fire rifle or shotgun w/non-toxic shot)  
Season: October 2 - 31  
Bag Limit: State Regulations  
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.  
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Deer (squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, unmarked hog incidental)  
Type Hunt: Archery  
Season: State season except closed during refuge gun hunt.  
Bag Limit: State regulations - One deer per day (either-sex)  
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.  
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Deer (unmarked hog incidental)  
Type Hunt: Gun  
Season: November 26 - 27 Area south of French Fork of Little River.  
Bag Limit: State Regulations - One deer per day (either-sex)  
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.  
Proposed Changes: None

**Bushley Bayou Unit**

Species: Small Game (squirrel, rabbit without dogs (raccoon, unmarked hog incidental))  
Type Hunt: Gun (.22 rim fire rifle or shotgun w/non-toxic shot)  
Season: October 2 - December 17 (except closed during refuge deer gun and muzzleloader hunts)  
Bag Limit: State Regulations  
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.  
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Small Game (squirrel, rabbit w/without dogs (raccoon, unmarked hog incidental))  
Type Hunt: Firearm (.22 rim fire rifle or shotgun w/non-toxic shot)  
Season: December 20 - end of State Season.  
Bag Limit: State Regulations  
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.  
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Deer (squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, unmarked hog incidental)  
Type Hunt: Archery  
Season: State season (except closed during deer gun and muzzleloader hunts)  
Bag Limit: State regulations - One deer per day (either-sex)  
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.  
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Deer (unmarked hog incidental)  
Type Hunt: Muzzleloader  
Season: November 15 - 19 and December 18 - 19  
Bag Limit: State regulations - One deer per day (either-sex)  
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.  
Proposed Changes: November's date coincides with first segment of Area 1 muzzleloader hunts - Monday thru Friday only.

Species: Deer (unmarked hog incidental)  
Type Hunt: Gun  
Season: November 26 - 28 & December 4 - 5  
Bag Limit: State regulations - One deer per day (either-sex)  
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.  
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Waterfowl, Youth w/without dogs (unmarked hog incidental)  
Type Hunt: Gun (non-toxic shot)  
Season: State Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days, East Zone, until noon of each day.  
Bag Limit: State regulations  
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.  
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Waterfowl w/without dogs (unmarked hog incidental)  
Type Hunt: Gun (non-toxic shot)  
Season: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon. State season (except closed during deer gun and muzzleloader hunt)  
Bag Limit: State regulations  
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.  
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Doves, Rails, Gallinules, Snipe, Woodcock w/without dogs (unmarked hog incidental)  
Type Hunt: Gun (non-toxic shot)  
Season: State season (except closed during deer gun and muzzleloader hunts)  
Bag Limit: State regulations  
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.  
Proposed Changes: None

**Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge  
2004 – 2005 Proposed Hunt Schedule**

Note: No Significant Changes from 2003-2004 Seasons

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**Species:** Small Game – Squirrel and Rabbit without dogs  
**Type Hunt:** Gun  
**Season:** October 2 – December 2, 2004  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure  
**Note:** Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

**Species:** Small Game – Squirrel and Rabbit with or without dogs  
**Type Hunt:** Gun  
**Season:** December 6, 2004 – February 6, 2005  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure  
**Note:** Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

**Species:** Deer  
**Type Hunt:** Archery; either-sex  
**Season:** November 6, 2004 – January 31, 2005  
**Permit:** Access permit on hunt brochure  
**Note:** Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

**Species:** Deer  
**Type Hunt:** Youth Modern Firearm Hunt; either-sex ( Refuge Wide )  
**Season:** November 20- 21, 2004  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure and Proof of Hunter Education

**Species:** Deer  
**Type Hunt:** Youth Lottery Modern Firearm Hunt; ( Greenlea Ag Unit )  
**Season:** December 27-28, 2004  
**Permit:** Proof of Hunter Education  
**Note:** Creates youth hunting opportunities and assist deer population control efforts in Greenlea Ag Unit.

**Species:** Deer  
**Type Hunt:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lottery Modern Firearm Hunt  
**Season:** November 26-27, 2004  
**Permit:** Limited Permit Hunt

**Species:** Deer  
**Type Hunt:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Lottery Modern Firearm Hunt  
**Season:** December 11-12, 2004  
**Permit:** Limited Permit Hunt

**Species:** Deer  
**Type Hunt:** Muzzleloader; either-sex  
**Season:** December 3-5, 2004  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure

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**Species:** Waterfowl  
**Season:** Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sundays until noon  
During regular state season  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure  
**Note:** Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

**Species:** Waterfowl  
**Type Hunt:** Lottery Youth Hunt ( Greenlea Ag Unit )  
**Season:** January 8, 2005  
**Permit:** Proof of Hunter Education

**Species:** Waterfowl  
**Type Hunt:** Youth Hunt ( Refuge Wide )  
**Season:** State-Wide Youth Waterfowl Day  
**Permit:** Proof of Hunter Education

**Species:** Raccoon  
**Type Hunt:** Modern Firearm  
**Season:** January 1, 2005 – February 6, 2005  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure

**Species:** Woodcock  
**Type Hunt:** Gun  
**Season:** State Season  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure  
**Note:** Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

**Species:** Turkey  
**Type Hunt:** Gun  
**Season:** 16 day season – TBA  
**Bag Limit:** 1 Gobbler per day  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure

Red River National Wildlife Refuge  
2004-2005 Proposed Hunt Schedule

Waterfowl – State Season *(with) 12:00 noon.*

Mourning Doves – First three days of state season

Quail, Woodcock – State Season

Squirrel, Rabbit – State Season (No Dogs)

Raccoon, Opossum – During rabbit season (Daylight Hours Only, No Dogs)

Feral Hogs, Coyotes and Beaver – Legal to take during all refuge hunts

Deer Archery – State Season

## 2004-2005 Hunting Seasons\*

### Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuge

Waterfowl – State Season

Limited Youth Waterfowl – First Saturday of State Youth Waterfowl Hunt (Mollicy Unit only)

Mourning Dove – First 3 days of state season (Mollicy Unit only, outside levee)

Quail, Woodcock – State Season

Squirrel, Rabbit – State Season

Raccoon, Opossum – December 1, 2004 through January 31, 2005

Feral Hogs, Coyotes, and Beaver – Legal to take during all refuge hunts

Deer Archery – State Season

Deer Gun Hunting (Either-Sex) – Nov. 6-7, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 2004

**\*No significant changes in seasons, limits, etc. from 2003-2004 season**

## **2004-2005 Hunting Seasons\***

### **D'Arbonne National Wildlife Refuge**

Waterfowl – State Season (closed during special teal season)

Quail, Woodcock – State Season

Squirrel, Rabbit – State Season

Raccoon, Opossum – December 1, 2004 through January 31, 2005

Feral Hogs, Coyotes, and Beaver – Legal to take during all refuge hunts

Deer Archery – State Season

Deer Gun Hunting (Either-Sex) – Nov. 6-7, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 2004

Restricted Deer Hunt (Class 1 wheelchair bound permit) – Nov. 13-14, 2004

### **Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge**

Ducks, Coots – State Season (closed during special teal season)

Quail, Woodcock – State Season

Squirrel, Rabbit – State Season

Raccoon, Opossum – December 1, 2004 through January 31, 2005

Coyotes, Beaver – Legal to take during all refuge hunts

Deer Archery – October 1 through December 31, 2004

**\*No significant changes in seasons, limits, etc. from 2003-2004 season**

**Proposed Hunt Dates: Bogue Chitto NWR (Louisiana & Mississippi) 2003-2004**

Deer: Archery--October 1-31, 2004 (either sex), January 1-9, 2005 (either sex)

Deer: General Gun Hunt--November 27-28, 2004 (either sex), November 20-26, 2004  
December 11-19, 2004 (Bucks only)

Still hunt only, no dogs permitted during refuge deer hunts.

Deer: Primitive Weapon – December 4-10 (either sex)

Squirrel: State Season - no dogs.

May be taken with the aid of dogs from November 6-14, 2004 and from Dec.20, 2004 to the end of the state squirrel season. Non-toxic shot only.

Rabbit: State Season - no dogs.

May be taken with the aid of dogs from November 6-14, 2004 and after the close of the state deer gun season. Non-toxic shot only.

Raccoon: January 10, 2004 - February 28, 2005 (with dogs)

Turkey: State season (gobblers only)

Waterfowl: State season until noon

Woodcock: State season. Non-toxic shot only - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Hogs: May be taken only during the refuge archery, primitive weapon, and general gun deer hunts. Additionally, from January 10, 2004 - February 28, 2005, hogs may be taken only with the aid of dogs during daylight hours. All hogs must be killed prior to removal from the refuge.

Possession of lead shot during refuge small game hunts is prohibited.

Recommended By: Elizabeth Sankaran 2/11/04  
Refuge Manager Date

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

Concurrence By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Date

**Proposed Hunt Dates: Big Branch Marsh NWR 2004-2005**

Deer: Archery--State season (either sex)

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck season; includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Additionally: The first two weekends of the regular state duck season will be by special permit only. A total of 100 permits will be issued for each weekend of this period.

Squirrel: State Season - may be taken with the aid of dogs **only** after the close of state deer gun season. Shotguns only, non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.

Rabbit: State Season - may be taken with the aid of dogs **only** after the close of tstate deer gun season. Shotguns only, non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.

Gallinules & Rails: State Season. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.

Snipe & Woodcock: State Season. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Quail: State season. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Hogs: May be taken only during the refuge archery hunt with archery equipment

Possession of lead shot during all refuge hunts is prohibited.

Recommended By: Elizabeth Subjanna 2/11/04  
Refuge Manager Date

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

Concurrence By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Date

**Proposed Hunt Dates: Delta NWR 2004-2005**

Deer: Archery--October 1-31 (either sex) and from the day after the close of the state duck season through the end of the state deer archery season.

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck seasons, includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Additionally: The refuge shall be open on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the 'light goose' special conservation season.

Rabbit: From the day after the state duck season closes through the end of the state rabbit season. Shotguns only, nontoxic shot only.

Hogs: May be taken during the refuge deer archery hunt with archery equipment.

Possession of lead shot during all refuge hunts is prohibited.

Recommended By: Elizabeth Southerland 2/11/04  
Refuge Manager Date

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

Concurrence By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Date

**LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 2004/2005 SEASON**

**Migratory Game Birds - Public Hunt Area**

**Species:** Waterfowl and gallinules  
**Type Hunt:** General gun.  
**Waterfowl Season:** Mornings until noon on Wednesday through Sunday during State duck seasons (including early teal and youth hunt) for western zone.  
**Gallinule Season:** Mornings until noon on Wednesday through Sunday during State duck seasons until end of State gallinule season (including early teal and youth hunt) for western zone.  
**Bag Limit:** Same as state bag limits.  
**Permits:** Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.

**Significant Changes:**

1. A portion of the area opened in 2001 may be deleted as a buffer zone or hunted as a lottery to decrease the hunters using this area and preserve the quality of hunting.
2. Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. One adult 21 years of age or older must supervise each youth hunter (within sight of and in normal voice contact). Each adult must have a refuge permit and may supervise no more than two youths during the waterfowl hunts.

**Migratory Game Birds - Lottery Hunt**

**Species:** Waterfowl and gallinules  
**Type Hunt:** General gun.  
**Waterfowl Season:** Mornings until noon on designated Wednesdays (seniors) and Saturdays (youth) during State duck seasons for western zone (second split).  
**Gallinule Season:** Mornings until noon on Wednesdays (seniors) and Saturdays (youth) during State duck seasons for western zone (second split) until the end of the state gallinule season.  
**Bag Limit:** Same as state bag limits.  
**Permits:** Special Use Permit.  
**Significant Changes:** One adult 21 years of age or older must supervise each youth hunter (within sight of and in normal voice contact).

**Big Game**

**Species:** Deer, either sex.  
**Type Hunt:** Archery.  
**Season:** October 1 through 31.

**Bag Limit:**

One legal deer per day (of either sex).

**Permits:**

Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.

**Significant Changes:** Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. One adult 21 years of age or older must supervise each youth hunter (within sight of and in normal voice contact). Each adult must have a refuge permit and may supervise no more than two youths.

## Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge 2004-2005 Proposed Hunt Schedule

**Species:** Either-sex Deer  
**Type Hunt:** Archery  
**Season:** All Dates of October  
**Bag Limit:** State limits apply  
**Permit:** Season permit on Hunt Brochure  
**Other:** Must have proof of completion for the International Bowhunters Education Program. All hunters must check in at a self-clearing check station each day.

**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Waterfowl (Ducks and Geese)  
**Type Hunt:** Limited Youth (up to 2) accompanied by an adult. 5 blinds hunted/day  
**Season:** Selected Saturdays of the Louisiana west zone duck season and 2-3 days during Thanksgiving and Christmas school holidays.  
**Bag Limit:** State limits apply  
**Permit:** One day permits issued by lottery drawing  
**Other:** Youth must have proof of completion of a certified State Hunter Education Program.

**Firearms:** Shotguns with approved Non-Toxic shot.

**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Rabbit (swamp and cottontail)

**Significant Changes:** The experimental rabbit season will be closed. Hunter satisfaction and hunter harvest (Ave. 1 rabbit/hunter) were extremely low.

**Species:** Snipe  
**Type Hunt:** General Public  
**Season:** Remaining Saturdays of the state season following the closure of the state waterfowl season. Hunts will be conducted 12:00 noon to sunset Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday.  
**Bag Limit:** State limits apply  
**Permit:** Season permit required.  
**Other:** Must complete a harvest information card following the hunt. This season is still experimental. If unforeseen problems arise this hunt may be discontinued

**Firearms:** Shotguns with approved Non-Toxic shot.

**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Dove  
**Type Hunt:** General Public

Season: Entire first split of the state dove season. Hunts will be conducted 12:00 noon to sunset Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Bag Limit: State limits apply

Permit: Season permit required.

Other: Must complete a harvest information card following the hunt. This season is still experimental. If unforeseen problems arise this hunt may be discontinued

Firearms: Shotguns with approved Non-Toxic shot.

Significant Changes: None

**SABINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
2004-05 PROPOSED HUNTING**

**Species:** Teal (September Teal Hunt)  
**Type Hunt:** General  
**Season:** Mornings only on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday during  
State season for western zone

**Bag Limit:** Same as State  
**Permits:** Required  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Waterfowl (Ducks, Coots and Geese)  
**Type Hunt:** General  
**Season:** Mornings only on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday during  
State season for western zone

**Bag Limit:** Same as State  
**Permits:** Required  
**Significant Changes:** None

## Mandalay National Wildlife Refuge 2004/2005 Proposed Hunt Schedule

**Species:** Deer and Feral Hog  
**Type Hunt:** Archery  
**Season:** State Season  
**Bag Limit:** State Limit  
**Permits:** Daily Check Card  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Waterfowl  
**Type Hunt:** General Gun  
**Season:** Wednesdays and Saturdays of State Season  
**Bag Limit:** State Limit  
**Permits:** Refuge Lottery Permit  
**Significant Changes:** None

## Mandalay National Wildlife Refuge 2003/2004 Harvest Summary

### Archery Deer and Feral Hog

	No. Harvested	Male:Female	Average estimated weight (lbs)	Hunter effort (Hunter days/animal)
Deer	2	2:0	120	129
Feral Hog	5	0:5	115	52

### Youth and Adult Lottery Waterfowl

	No. of Ducks	Hunter Days	Hunter Success (ducks/hunter day)
Youth Hunts	81	60	1.35
Adult Hunts	175	72	2.43
<b>Totals</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>1.94</b>

## Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge

### 2004/2005 Proposed Hunt Schedule

Species:	<b>Deer</b>
Hunt Type:	<b>Archery</b>
Season Dates:	October 01-November 19
Bag Limit:	1 deer per day, either sex
Permits:	Lottery permit
Significant Changes:	None
Species:	<b>Deer</b>
Hunt Type:	<b>Youth gun</b>
Season Dates:	November 6,7
Bag Limit:	1 deer per day, either sex
Permits:	Lottery permit
Significant Changes:	None
Species:	<b>Deer</b>
Hunt Type:	<b>General Gun</b>
Season Dates:	November 20, 21 November 26,27,28
Bag Limit:	1 deer per day, either sex
Permits:	Lottery permit
Significant Changes:	None
Species:	<b>Squirrel/Rabbit</b>
Hunt Type:	General Gun
Season Dates:	October 03- November 19 Dec. 01 - last date of State waterfowl season (Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday)
Bag Limit:	State bag limit
Permits:	Lottery permit
Significant Changes:	None
Species:	<b>Waterfowl</b>
Hunt Type:	General
Season Dates:	State waterfowl season (Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday only during 2 <sup>nd</sup> split)
Bag Limit:	State bag limit
Permits:	Lottery permit
Significant Changes:	None

*Not to be included in the hunting regulations pamphlet*

**Barksdale Air Force Base (BAFB) - Bossier Parish-**

All seasons are to be set within the outside season dates **except** deer which will open with Area 2 and close with Area 6 (experimental) and **except** all deer seasons are either sex.

**Camp Minden / Louisiana Army National Guard - Bossier and Webster Parishes**

All seasons are to be set within the outside seasons dates **except** all deer seasons are either-sex.

## REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL

**The Department requests the Commission approve a special either-sex deer season for the Camp Avondale Scout Reservation in East Feliciana Parish:**

**November 13-14-15, 2004**

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### Purpose of the Scout Hunt

There are 2 primary reasons for the Scout Deer Hunt on the Avondale Boy Scout Reservation:

1. To provide some quality outdoor recreational opportunities for the Scouts, and to promote a close father/son activity.
2. To provide a biological control of the deer herd. Without some type of hunting the deer herd will continue to expand beyond the ability of the range to support it. Overpopulation will result in deterioration of the range and decline in herd health.

### Background

Most of East Feliciana Parish has a late deer rut occurring from mid-December to early January. When the Scout hunt was first initiated in 1983 it was conducted late in the year. The resulting kill was very low despite high deer populations. A number of years later Department Biologist, Dave Moreland discovered and was able to document, the deer herd in the Avondale area had a very early rut similar to that encountered in western Louisiana. It was determined there was a small area near Clinton, Louisiana, including Camp Avondale, which exhibits the odd, early rut.

For a number of years the Department designated an earlier opening season zone for this small area which enabled hunters to take advantage of the early rut. A number of years later a group of local landowners circulated a petition requesting this deer hunting season area be moved back into the later zone and be similar to that of the rest of the parish. No significant objection was heard from most other landowners in the small zone, and after being warned most of the rut would be over before the modern firearm season even started, the Department went ahead and moved the small block back into the later Area 1 zone. Special Commission approval has been obtained to hold an early hunt on the Scout Reservation ever since.

### Need for the Special Season

The purpose of the Avondale Scout Reservation is to provide a place for as much Scouting activity as possible to be conducted. The Scout Office is concerned when a gun hunt is held on the Reservation, as all other Scouting activities must be shut down during the hunt for obvious safety and liability reasons.

Understandably, the Scout Office is reluctant to shut the Reservation down any longer than absolutely necessary to adequately control the deer population. Therefore, it is necessary to shoot

the deer herd as hard as possible in the shortest period of time. Deer activity and movement is at its highest during the rut. This is why we want to schedule the Reservation hunt during the rut when the deer are most active and vulnerable to harvest.

As previously stated, the deer rut on the Avondale Scout Reservation has been documented to occur in the first two weeks of November. This is well before the Area 1 season opens.

A special Commission approved early season allowing the Boy Scout Office to control the deer herd on Avondale Scout Reservation is requested.

RESOLUTION  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
March 4, 2004

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held at Wildwood Resort, Zwolle LA, March 4, 2004.

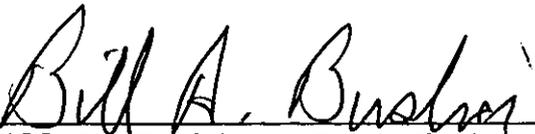
WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting rules and regulations for the State and WMAs, and

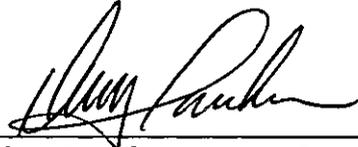
WHEREAS, authority to establish regulations that govern public and private lands is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all information pertinent to the rule and regulations governing hunting, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules and regulations affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as a Notice of Intent.

  
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Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

  
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Dwight Landreneau, Secretary  
Department of Wildlife and  
Fisheries

## NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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

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

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

###### A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area Regulations

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

2. Pursuant to Section 40.1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds,

wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

B. Resident Game Birds and Animals

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

C. Other Season Dates

1. Turkey. Please refer to separate pamphlet.

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

carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Nutria. On WMAs and private property nutria may be taken recreationally from September 1 through February ~~29~~ 28 during legal shooting hours by any legal hunting method with no limit EXCEPT if taken with a shotgun, steel shot must be used. On WMAs during waterfowl seasons, nutria may be taken only with the use of shotguns with shot no larger than F steel, and during gun deer seasons, anyone taking nutria must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap or hat. Pelting or selling of carcasses is illegal EXCEPT when taken by a licensed trapper during the trapping season. Trespassing upon private property without consent for the purpose of taking nutria is punishable by fines and possible jail time (R.S. 56:265).

4. Blackbirds and crows. The season for crows shall be September 1 through January 2 with no limit; however crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles may be taken year round during legal shooting hours if they are depredating or about to depredate upon ornamentals or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock, wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers as to cause a health hazard. Louisiana has determined that the birds listed above are crop depredators and that crows have been implicated in the spread

of the West Nile virus in humans.

5. Pheasant. CLOSED.

6. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species except turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations EXCEPT squirrels may be taken by licensed falconers until the last day of February. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific Falconry Rules.

7. Licensed Hunting Preserve. October 1 - April 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific Hunting Preserve Rules.

8. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Land enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and 5¢/acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be in the possession of the hunter and attached and locked to antlerless deer (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow or muzzleloader) through the hock in a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is transported. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved. Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP Rules.

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

a. Definitions

Exotics: For purposes of this rule means any

animal of the family Bovidae (except the Tribe Bovini [cattle]) or Cervidae which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve. Exotics shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.

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

Same as Outside: For purposes of this rule means hunting on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC).

Supplemented Hunting Preserve: For purposes of this rule means any enclosure for which a current Farm-Raising License has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

White-tailed Deer: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the species Odocoileus virginianus which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve.

b. Seasons

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Consult the

regulations pamphlet.

ii. Exotics: year round.

c. Methods of Take

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: Exotics may be taken with longbow (including compound bow) and arrow; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber centerfire; or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only.

d. Shooting Hours

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

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

e. Bag Limit

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No limit.

f. Hunting Licenses

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

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

g. Tagging. White-tailed Deer and Exotics: Each

animal shall be tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill with a tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

10. Bobcat. The hunting of bobcats will be legal only during the open deer season in all deer hunting areas. The legal shooting hours and the legal methods for the taking of bobcats shall be the same as defined for the taking of deer. License requirements shall also be the same for deer. The season limit shall be one.

D. Hunting-General Provisions

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

2. All persons born on or after September 1, 1969 must show proof of satisfactorily completing a Hunter Safety course approved by LDWF to purchase a Basic Hunting License, EXCEPT any active or veteran member of the United States armed services or any POST-certified law enforcement officer. Application for the exemption shall be filed in person at the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries main office building in the city of Baton Rouge. A person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by, and is under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older, EXCEPT during a

statewide youth deer hunt, the youth must have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Safety course approved by LDWF to participate.

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

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

5. Methods of taking resident game birds and quadrupeds

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

b. Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle or handgun larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than .36 caliber. During closed deer gun season, it shall

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

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

6. Nuisance animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means EXCEPT that nutria cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. With a special permit issued by the Department, beavers may be taken between one-half hour after official sunset to one-half hour before official sunrise for a period of three consecutive calendar evenings from the effective date of the permit. For specific details contact a regional office near you. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken during open trapping season. Squirrels found destroying commercial crops

of pecans may be taken year-round by permit issued by the Department. This permit shall be valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. Contact the local regional office for details.

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

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

9. Hunting and/or discharging firearms on public roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or

public road right-of-way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights-of-way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.

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

11. Sex identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or killed within the State of Louisiana, or on all turkeys taken or killed during any special gobbler season when killing of turkey hens is prohibited, so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is in route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its

possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. One antlered and one antlerless (when legal on private lands) deer per day EXCEPT on Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. ~~Six per season~~ Season limit is six, two of which may be antlered, (all segments included) by all methods of take.

2. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited except where specifically allowed and except in West Baton Rouge and Pointe Coupee Parishes and that portion of Iberville Parish west of the Mississippi River (excluding the Sherburne Wildlife Management Complex and those private lands which are totally surrounded by the Sherburne Complex) where a legal buck shall be defined as a deer with at least 6 points or a deer with both spikes three inches long or less. To be counted as a point, a projection must be at least one inch long and its length must exceed the length of its base. The beam tip is counted as a point but not measured as a point.

3. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise allowed.

4. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer.

Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

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

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

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

8. Areas not specifically designated as open are

closed.

9. Muzzleloader Segment: (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) Still hunt only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for resident hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either-sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT as specified on Public Areas. It is unlawful to carry a gun, other than a muzzleloader, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special muzzleloader segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

a. Legal Muzzleloader Firearms For Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets and may be fitted with magnified scopes. This includes muzzleloaders known as "inline" muzzleloaders.

10. Archery Segment: Consult regulations pamphlet. WMA seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. Archery license required for resident bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older.

Residents 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either-sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, archer's must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Lake Boeuf, and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs (SEE SCHEDULE).

a. Bow and arrow regulations: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

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

(b). to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except that hand held releases are lawful.

(c). to hunt deer with a bow having a pull

less than 30 pounds.

(d). to hunt with a bow or crossbow fitted with an infrared or laser sight.

11. Hunter orange. Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season including muzzleloader season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a hunter orange cap or hat in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not allowed by agreement of the landowner or lessee. However, anyone hunting deer on such lands where hunting with firearms is allowed shall be required to display the 400 square inches or a hunter orange cap or hat while walking to and from elevated stands. While a person is hunting from an elevated stand, the 400 square inches or cap or hat may be concealed. WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".

12. Special handicapped either-sex deer season on private land. See regulations pamphlet for dates. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

13. Special Youth Deer Hunt on Private Lands (Either-Sex). See regulations pamphlet for dates. Youth must be under the

age of 16, must have proof of successfully completing a Department approved hunter safety course, and must be accompanied by an adult licensed to hunt big game. In West Baton Rouge and Pointe Coupee Parishes and that portion of Iberville Parish west of the Mississippi River antler restrictions for bucks shall be waived.

F. Description of Areas

1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes are open: Concordia, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Franklin, Madison, St. Helena, Tensas, Washington.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Catahoula - All EXCEPT that portion lying west of Boeuf River from Caldwell parish line to Ouachita River, north and east of Ouachita River to La. 559 at Duty Ferry, west of La. 559 to La. 124. North and west of La. 124 westward to LaSalle parish line.

ii. Grant - East of U.S. 165 and south of La. 8.

iii. LaSalle - Portion south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to La. 124. South of La. 124 eastward to Catahoula Parish line.

iv. Livingston - North of I-12.

v. Rapides - East of U.S. 165 and north of

Red River.

vi. St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

vii. Tangipahoa - North of I-12.

viii. West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion known as Raccourci and Turnbull Island.

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

i. Catahoula - South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.

ii. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge - East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi state line to La. 10. North of La. 10 from Thompson Creek to La. 67 at Clinton, west of La. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi state line. South of Mississippi state line from La. 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of La. 67 from La. 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from La. 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to La. 64, north of La. 64 to La. 37 at Magnolia, east of La. 37 northward to La. 64 at Indian Mound, north of La. 64 from Indian Mound to La. 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of La. 67 from parish line north to La. 959, south of La. 959 east to La. 63, west of La. 63 to Amite River,

west of Amite River, southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to La. 67.

iii. Franklin - All

iv. St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpelier.

v. Tangipahoa - That portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River to La. 1061 at Wilmer, east of La. 1061 to La. 440 at Bolivar, south of La. 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from La. 440 southward to La. 10.

vi. Washington and St. Tammany - East of La. 21 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also, that portion of Washington Parish west of La. 25 from the Mississippi state line

southward to the Bogue Chitto River, then west of the Bogue Chitto River to its junction with the St. Tammany Parish line, north of the St. Tammany parish line to the Tangipahoa parish line, east of the Tangipahoa parish line to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line to its junction with La. 25.

vii. West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of U.S. 61 and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes are open:

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

ii. EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District described in Area 2 description shall be still hunting only.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - North of U.S. 190 from the parish line westward to Kinder, east of U.S. 165 from Kinder northward to

La. 10 at Oakdale, north of La. 10 from Oakdale, westward to the parish line;

ii. Avoyelles - That portion west of I-49.

iii. Catahoula - That portion lying west of Boeuf River from Caldwell parish line to Ouachita River, north and east of Ouachita River to La. 559 at Duty Ferry. West of La. 559 to La. 124. North and west of La. 124 westward to LaSalle parish line.

iv. Evangeline - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

v. Grant - All EXCEPT that portion south of La. 8 and east of U.S. 165.

vi. Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.

vii. LaSalle - All EXCEPT south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to La. 124. South of La. 124 eastward to Catahoula parish line.

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

ix. Ouachita - All EXCEPT south of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Brake.

x. Rapides - All EXCEPT north of Red River and east of U.S. 165. South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

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

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

i. Claiborne and Webster - Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).

ii. Ouachita - East of Ouachita River.

iii. Rapides - West of U.S. 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 northward to U.S. 167 at Alexandria. North of La. 465

from Vernon Parish line to La. 121, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to La. 8, south and east of La. 8 to La. 118 (Mora Road), south and west of La. 118 to Natchitoches Parish line.

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

3. Area 3

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

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - South of U.S. 190 and west of La. 113.

ii. Beauregard - West of La. 113. ALSO east of La. 27 from the parish line north to DeRidder and north of U.S. 190 westward from DeRidder to Texas line.

iii. Calcasieu - South of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas State line. Also east of La. 27 from Sulphur northward to the parish line.

iv. Iberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La. 14.

v. Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of U.S. 190.

vi. Lafayette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

vii. Rapides - South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.

viii. St. Landry - West of U.S. 167.

ix. Vernon - West and north of La. 113, south of La. 465, east of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

4. Area 4

a. All of East Carroll and Richland parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Morehouse - East of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of La. 139 at Bastrop to junction of La. 593, east and north of La. 593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and south of La. 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake.

ii. Ouachita - South of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Bake.

5. Area 5

a. All of West Carroll Parish is open.

6. Area 6

a. All of Orleans Parish is closed to all forms of deer hunting.

b. All of the following parishes are open:  
Ascension, Assumption, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche,  
Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James,  
St. John, St. Martin, West Baton Rouge.

c. Portions of the following parishes are also  
open:

i. Avoyelles - All except that portion west  
of I-49.

ii. Evangeline - That portion east of I-49 to  
junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte  
and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

iii. Iberia - East of U.S. 90.

iv. Lafayette - East of I-49 and U.S. 90.

v. Livingston - South of I-12.

vi. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red  
River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey  
Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

vii. St. Landry - East of U.S. 167.

viii. St. Mary - North of U.S. 90.

ix. St. Tammany - That portion south of I-12,  
west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River,  
west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

x. Tangipahoa - South of I-12.

xi. Terrebonne - North of La. 182 from  
Assumption Parish line eastward to Houma, east of Houma Navigation

Canal southward to the Gulf of Mexico.

xii. West Feliciana - West of Mississippi River, known as Raccourci and Turnbull Islands.

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

i. Avoyelles - North of La. 1 from Simmesport westward to La. 115 at Marksville, east of La. 115 from Marksville northward to the Red River near Moncla, south and west of the Red River to La. 1 at Simmesport.

ii. Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi River.

iii. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

iv. St. Bernard - All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.

v. St. John - South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.

vi. St. Landry - Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La.

10, and south by La. 103.

7. Area 7

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Iberia and St. Mary Parishes - South of La. 14 and west of U.S. Hwy. 90.

ii. Terrebonne - South of La. 182 from Assumption Parish line eastward to Houma, west of Houma Navigation Canal southward to the Gulf of Mexico.

8. Area 8

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Allen - That portion east of La. 113 from the parish line to U.S. 190, north of U.S. 190 eastward to Kinder, west of U.S. 165 northward to La. 10 at Oakdale and south of La. 10 from Oakdale westward to parish line;

ii. Vernon - That portion east of La. 113 from the parish line northward to Pitkin, and south of La. 10 from Pitkin southward to the parish line;

iii. Beauregard - That portion east of La. 113. Also that portion west of La. 27 from parish line northward to DeRidder, south of U.S. 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iv. Calcasieu - That portion west of La. 27 from the parish line southward to Sulphur and north of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to the Texas state line.

G. Wildlife Management Area Regulations.

1. General

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

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

c. Wildlife management area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 3:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified. On days when Daily permits are required, permit stations will open 2 hours before legal shooting hours. Hunters must check out and exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset, ~~except for Lake Boeuf, Salvador/Timken and Pointe-aux-Chenes~~ or as otherwise specified.

e. Lands within WMA boundaries will have the same seasons and regulations pertaining to baiting and use of dogs as the WMA within which the lands are enclosed; however, with respect to private lands enclosed within a WMA, the owner or lessee may elect to hunt ~~deer~~ according to the regular season dates applicable to the geographic area in which the lands are located, provided

that the lands are first enrolled in DMAP. Interested parties should contact the nearest LDWF regional office for additional information.

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

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

~~h. Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval or unless otherwise specified.~~

ih. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.), ~~and~~ wild plants and non-game wildlife (including reptiles and amphibians) is prohibited without prior approval from the Baton Rouge Office. Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits, mushrooms and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day. ~~Persons engaged in commercial activities must obtain a permit from the Region Office.~~

ji. Burning of marshes is prohibited ~~except by permit. Permits may be obtained from the Fur and Refuge Division.~~ Hunting actively burning marsh prohibited.

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

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

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

nm. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, EXCEPT that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and State Seed Grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

on. Free ranging livestock prohibited.

## 2. Permits

a. A WMA Hunting Permit is required to hunt on WMAs.

b. Daily. Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA after first presenting a valid hunting license to a Department employee. Hunters must retain permit in possession while hunting. Hunters may enter the area no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must checkout daily and exit the area not later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

c. Self-Clearing Permits. A Self-Clearing Permit is required for ALL ACTIVITIES (hunting, fishing, hiking, birdwatching, sightseeing, etc.) on WMAs unless otherwise

specified. The Self-Clearing Permit will consist of three portions: CHECK IN, CHECK OUT and a Vehicle Tag. On WMAs where Self-Clearing Permits are required, all persons must obtain a WMA Self-Clearing Permit from an Information Station. The CHECK IN portion MUST be completed and put in a permit box BEFORE each day's activity on the day of the activity (EXCEPT if hunting from a camp users need only to check in once during any 72 hour period). Users may check-in one day in advance of use. The CHECK OUT portion must be carried by each person while on the WMA and MUST be completed and put in a permit box immediately upon exiting the WMA or within 72 hours after checking in if hunting from a camp. EACH PERSON MUST leave the Vehicle Tag portion of his permit on the dashboard of the vehicle used to enter into the WMA in such a way that it can be easily read from outside of the vehicle. This MUST be done only when the vehicle is parked and left unattended on the WMA. If an ATV, boat or other type vehicle was used to enter the WMA, then the vehicle tag must be attached to that vehicle in such a manner that it can be readily seen and read. No permit is required of fishers and boaters who do not travel on a WMA road and/or launch on the WMA as long as they do not get out of the boat and onto the WMA. When Mandatory Deer Checks are specified on WMAs, hunters must check deer at a check station. Call the appropriate Region office for the location of the deer check station on these WMAs. (Self-Clearing Permits are not required for persons only traveling through the WMA provided that the most direct route is taken and no

activities or stops take place.)

d. Wild Louisiana Stamp. Persons using WMAs or other department administered lands for purposes other than hunting and fishing, such as camping, shooting on rifle ranges, berry picking, hiking, photography, bird-watching and the like, must possess one of the following: a valid Wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement.

### 3. Special Seasons

a. Youth deer hunt. Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed EXCEPT Handicapped Seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of a hunter safety certification, a valid Louisiana hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate region office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and

maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts. NOTE: Some hunts may be by pre-application lottery.

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

bc. Handicapped Season. An either-sex deer season will be held for hunters possessing a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit on WMAs during the dates specified under the individual WMA. Participants must possess a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit. Contact region office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering Handicapped Seasons. Pointe-aux-Chenes will have an experimental Lottery Handicapped waterfowl hunt. Contact New Iberia Office, Fur and Refuge Division for details.

cd. Deer Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. A non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact region offices for applications. Consult regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery deer hunts.

~~d. Youth Deer Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected as a result of a pre-hunt lottery application drawing. Contact region offices to apply or for more information. A non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Consult regulations pamphlet for deadline and WMAs offering Youth Deer Lottery Hunts.~~

e. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. All turkeys must be reported at Self Clearing station. Contact Region Offices for more details. Consult separate turkey hunting regulations pamphlet for more details ~~WMAs offering lottery hunts.~~

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

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

fh. Trapping. Permits to take furbearers from WMAs may be obtained at appropriate offices when required. Consult Annual Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required, each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to

the Region Office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days at region offices. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress. A permit is required to carry a firearm outside of the normal hunting season and is available at the Region Office. ~~Authorized trappers, with proper permits, may carry and use a loaded firearm (including in a motorized vehicle under power) at any time during daylight hours for the specific purpose of harvesting furbearers.~~

gi. Raccoon hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs. NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL - ~~Season dates for specific WMAs are for nighttime raccoon hunting and permits may be required~~ All nighttime raccoon hunting where allowed is with dogs only. There is no bag limit for ~~raccoons at night unless specified in the annual regulations pamphlet.~~ Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the region office for WMAs where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of raccoon or all hunting privileges on WMAs. Permits, when required, may be obtained at region offices only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

~~h. Commercial fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and~~

~~Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines allowed on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs EXCEPT commercial fishing on Pointe-aux-Chenes is allowed in Cut-Off Canal and Wonder Lake. No commercial fishing activity shall impede navigation and no unattended vessels or barges will be allowed. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges for the period the license is issued and one year thereafter. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.~~

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

jk. Additional Department Lands. The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in Rapides, Vernon, Evangeline, St. Helena and other parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries Region Office for specific

information and any additional season dates.

4. Firearms

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

b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not allowed on WMAs during closed seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping. Bows and broadhead arrows are not allowed on WMAs EXCEPT during deer archery season, turkey season or as permitted for bowfishing.

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

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

e. Centerfire rifles and handguns larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during modern firearm deer season.

f. Target shooting and other forms of practice

shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

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

5. Methods of Taking Game

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

b. On Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands the daily limit shall be one deer per day. ~~Six per season~~ Season limit is six, two of which may be antlered, (all segments included) by all methods of take.

c. Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included). Unmarked hogs may be taken on some WMAs by properly licensed hunters from the beginning of archery season on the area until February ~~29~~ 28 and only with guns/ammunition or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Consult the specific WMA for additional information. Proper licenses and permits are required for hunting. Hogs may not be taken with the aid of dogs.

d. Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have deer checked at the check station on same day of kill. Deer may not be skinned or have any external body parts removed including but not limited to feet, legs, tail, head or ears before being checked out.

e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed.

g. On Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges, all deer stands must be removed from the area no later than two hours after the end of legal shooting hours each day. Hunting from utility poles, high tension power lines, oil and gas exploration facilities or platforms is prohibited.

h. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal poles, wire, mesh, webbing or other materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation and not held together by nails or other metallic fasteners may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

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

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

are prohibited.

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

~~l. Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue birds or animals from moving vehicles on any WMA. No person shall take birds or animals from or by any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased.~~

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

nm. Horses and mules may be ridden on Wildlife Management Areas except where prohibited and except during gun seasons for deer and turkey. Riding is restricted to designated roads and trails. Hunting and trapping from horses and mules is prohibited EXCEPT for quail hunting or as otherwise specified.

on. All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters and mourning dove hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. ~~Quail hunters, woodcock~~ All other hunters and archers (while on the ground) also must wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap during

~~special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel as well as hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. ALSO all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".~~

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

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

rq. Muzzleloader season for deer. Either-sex unless otherwise specified. See WMA deer schedule.

## 6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is allowed only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. At the end of the 16 day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least

48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

b. Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA and Pass-a-Loutre, houseboats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the hunting season. At all other times of the year, mooring is limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for the mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. Permits must be obtained from the New Iberia office.

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

on the WMA.

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

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

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

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

h. Swimming is prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

#### 7. Restricted Areas

a. For your safety, All ALL oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or unauthorized hunting in restricted areas or refuges.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. Having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting and bird dog training when allowed; see individual WMA season listings for WMAs that allow dogs and dates.

Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are allowed for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

9. Vehicles

a. An all-terrain vehicle is an off-road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight-750 pounds, length-85", and width-48". ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 25 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi. as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

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

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

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

e. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft "mud

crawling vessels" (commonly referred to as crawfish combines which use paddle wheels for locomotion) and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and Refuges. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. Personal water craft allowed on designated areas of Alexander State Forest WMA.

f. No internal combustion engines allowed in certain Greentree reservoirs.

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

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

i. Motorized vehicles, including ATVs, and motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads and ATV trails as indicated on WMA maps. WMA maps available at all region offices. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

j. Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons is restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees are restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps. Persons 60 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also allowed to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However,

these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Handicapped persons should make application for a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit with the Department.

k. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to handicapped-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Routes of all trails are as indicated on WMA maps. Deviation from the trails indicated on the map constitutes a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

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

m. ATVs, and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 3:00 AM. ATVs are prohibited from March 1 through August 31 EXCEPT certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purposes. These trails will be marked by signs at the entrance of the trail and designated on WMA maps. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs during nighttime raccoon take seasons only.

n. CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

#### 10. Commercial Activities.

a. Hunting Guides/Outfitters: No person or group may act as a hunting guide, outfitter or in any other capacity for which they are paid or promised to be paid directly or indirectly

by any other individual or individuals for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on any Wildlife Management Area, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging or club memberships.

b. Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval from Baton Rouge office or unless otherwise specified.

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

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

specific details.

12. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit, quail, mourning dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Consult regulations pamphlet. Unless otherwise specified under a specific WMA hunting schedule, the use of dogs for rabbit and squirrel hunting is prohibited.

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

14. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

15. Hogs. Consult regulations pamphlet.

16. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet. During hunting seasons specified on WMAs, incidental take of outlaw quadrupeds and birds is allowed by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bows and arrows legal for season in progress on WMA. However, crows, blackbirds, grackles and cowbirds may not be taken before September 1 or after January 2.

17. Wildlife Management Areas Hunting Schedule and Regulations:

a. Acadiana Conservation Corridor.

b. Alexander State Forest. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

c. Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at any time. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited EXCEPT as permitted for authorized WMA trappers.

d. Attakapas.

e. Bayou Macon. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. Mules are allowed for nighttime raccoon hunting.

f. Bayou Pierre

g. Bens Creek

h. Big Colewa Bayou. All nighttime activities prohibited.

i. Big Lake.

j. Biloxi.

k. Bodcau.

l. Boeuf.

m. Boise-Vernon.

n. Buckhorn.

o. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. All game harvested must be reported. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details.

p. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per

person per day.

q. Elbow Slough. Steel shot only for all hunting.

qr. Elm Hall. No ATVs allowed.

rs. Floy Ward McElroy.

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

tu. Grassy Lake. Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor at Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas Region Office. No hunting in restricted area.

uy. Jackson-Bienville. Beginning September 1, 2004, ATVs are allowed ONLY on non-public maintained gravel roads and ~~timber management woods, roads and~~ marked ATV trails.

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

wx. Lake Boeuf. Hunting allowed until 12:00 noon on all game.

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

yz. Little River.

zaa. Loggy Bayou.

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

bbcc. Maurepas Swamp.

ccdd. Ouachita. Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during duck season including early teal season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight. Commercial Fishing: Closed. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

ddee. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area. Oyster harvesting is prohibited.

eeff. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet except waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90. No hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

with a fee.

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

gghh. Pointe-aux-Chenes. Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for mourning dove hunting and ~~experimental~~ youth lottery deer hunt as specified in regulation pamphlet. Point Farm: Gate will be open only on the first 3 ~~during each~~ Saturdays of the second split of mourning dove season and all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be allowed. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any

commercial use is prohibited. Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. prohibited in the Montegut and Grand Bayou marsh management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue. All other motorized vehicles, horses and mules are prohibited unless authorized by the Department.

hhii. Pomme de Terre. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday, EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Region Office or Spring Bayou headquarters. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed only after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season. Crawfish: April 1 - July 31, recreational only, 100 lbs. per boat or group daily.

iiij. Red River. Crawfishing prohibited on Yakey Farms Wetland Restoration Areas.

jjkk. Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

kkll. Sabine.

llmm. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River

and Big Bayou on the south and east.

mmmm. Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 H.P. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes - "Baie Des Chactas" and Baie du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Use of mudboats powered by internal combustion engines with four cylinders or less is permitted in interior ditches from September 6-February 1. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control

structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

mn00. Sandy Hollow. Bird Dog Training: Consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited). Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge Region Office. Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited. Riding allowed only on designated roads and trails. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas. No motorized vehicles allowed off designated roads.

oopp. Sherburne. Crawfishing: Recreational crawfishing only on the ~~North~~ and South Farm Complexes. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per vehicle or boat per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed on farm complex. Commercial crawfishing allowed on the remainder of the area. Permit is required. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details. Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office. No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges. Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife

Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

ppgg. Sicily Island Hills.

qqrr. Soda Lake. No motorized vehicles allowed.

All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer.

rrss. Spring Bayou. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Region Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Crawfish: recreational only. No hunting allowed in headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this camp site. Water skiing allowed only in Old River and Grand Lac.

tt. Tangipahoa Parish School Board. No horseback riding during gun season for deer or turkey. ATVs are not allowed.

ssuu. Thistlethwaite. No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map). All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through main gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

ttyv. Three Rivers.

uuww. Tunica Hills. All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATVs restricted to designated trails. Driving on

food plots prohibited. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map. Camping prohibited on area. North of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract) closed to the general public March 1-September 30 EXCEPT spring turkey hunting access allowed for those individuals drawn for special lottery hunt.

vvxx. Union. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

wwyy. West Bay.

xxzz. Wisner.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:1279 (July 1999), amended LR 26:1494 (July 2000), LR 27:1049 (July 2001), LR 28:1603 (July 2002), LR 29:1124 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1522 (August 2003) LR 30: .

Public hearings will be held at the following locations:  
Region 1 - March 16, 6:30 PM, Minden Civic Center, Minden, Louisiana; Region 2 - March 8, 6:30 PM, Ruston Civic Center, Ruston, Louisiana; Region 3 - March 10, 6:00 PM, Alexandria City Hall, Alexandria, Louisiana; Region 4 - March 11, 6:30 PM, Council on Aging Building, Winnsboro, Louisiana; Region 5 - March 18, 6:00 PM, Burton Coliseum Chalkley Room, Lake Charles, Louisiana; Region 6 - March 9, 6:00 PM, Estuarine Habitats and Coastal Fisheries Center, Lafayette, Louisiana; Region 7 - March 11, 7:00 PM,

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Louisiana Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and March 9, 7:00 PM, Jefferson Parish Library, Metairie, Louisiana. Also comments will be accepted at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from April through July. Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until Thursday, May 6, 2004 to Mr. Tommy Prickett, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000.

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

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

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

**CYPRESS BLACK BAYOU RECREATION  
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January 28, 2004

Mr. Bill Busqice, Jr., Chairman  
116-C Jean Baptists  
Lafayette, Louisiana 70503

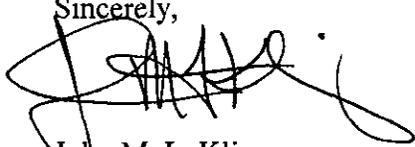
Mr. Busqice,

The Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District is requesting to be on the agenda of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting on March 4, 2004. The purpose of our request is to allow us to discuss a netting and trapping problem we are experiencing on both our reservoirs, Cypress Lake and Black Bayou.

I had written to Mr. Terry Denmon in November of 2003 explaining our problem. (copy attached) Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District later decided to delay taking further action in an effort to allow the new administration to get acclimated and to allow Wildlife and Fisheries to update the fish counts on both reservoirs. Both of these events have taken place.

Your consideration of our request is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
John M. L. Kling  
Executive Director

CC: Bennie J. Fontenot, Jr.

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November 14, 2003

Mr. Terry Denmon, Chairman  
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Commission  
P.O. Box 8460  
Monroe, Louisiana 71211-8460

Mr. Denmon,

The Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District is requesting the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to prohibit the use of hoop nets, wire nets and slat traps for both Recreational and Commercial Fishing on Cypress and Black Bayou Reservoirs. We are concerned about the depletion of the catfish population, killing of game fish and turtles and nets being a safety hazard to swimmers and water craft on the reservoirs.

If this is not an option then the Board of Commissioners of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District request establishing a season for these trapping devices beginning November 1 through the end of February of the following year. Also, we request having all devices identified with name, address and phone number and have all trapping devices removed from both reservoirs by the end of February each year.

Your consideration and hopefully the enforcement of this area of concern is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

John M. L. Kling  
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**Cypress Black Bayou Recreation  
and Water Conservation District, Bossier Parish,  
State of Louisiana**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, is the governing authority of said District,**

**AND WHEREAS, said Board of Commissioners does recognize the concerns of many landowners on both Cypress and Black Bayou Reservoirs and those of area fishermen concerning Commercial Fishing on both reservoirs. Their concerns, voiced at a regular meeting held October 14, 2003, include the depletion of catfish population, killing game fish and turtles and nets being a safety hazard to other water craft on the reservoirs.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District does request that the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries ban Commercial Fishing by use of hoop nets, wire nets and slat traps on Cypress and Black Bayou Reservoirs located in Bossier Parish, Louisiana.**

**If this is not an option then the Board of Commissioners of Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District request establishing a season for these trapping devices beginning November 1 through the end of February of the following year. Also, we request having all devices identified with name, address and phone number, and have all trapping devices removed from both reservoirs by the end of February each year.**

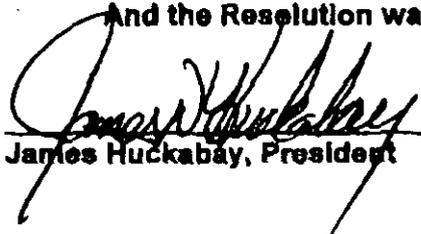
**This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, in Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 11, 2003, the vote thereon was as follows:**

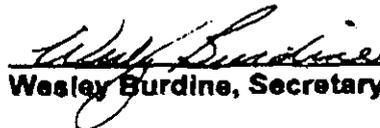
**YEAS: James Huckabay  
Ernest Covington  
Wesley Burdine  
Ray Urban  
Robert Simpson**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**And the Resolution was declared adopted on the 11th day of November, 2003.**

  
James Huckabay, President

  
Wesley Burdine, Secretary

ENROLLED

First Extraordinary Session, 2002

**ACT No. 55**

HOUSE BILL NO. 12 (Duplicate of Senate Bill No. 102)

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY AND SENATOR MALONE

## AN ACT

To enact R.S. 38:2607, relative to the Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District; to authorize the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to prohibit the use of nets and traps for fishing purposes in Cypress Bayou Reservoir and Black Bayou Reservoir; to require the Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District Commission to maintain public access to both reservoirs; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 38:2607 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2607. Fishing activities: prohibition of certain gear

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may prohibit the recreational and commercial use of hoop nets, gill nets, trammel nets, strike nets, seines, wire nets, wire traps, and slat traps on Cypress Bayou Reservoir and Black Bayou Reservoir. In addition, the board of commissioners of the Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District shall maintain public access to Cypress Bayou Reservoir and to Black Bayou Reservoir.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and

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H.B. NO. 12

**ENROLLED**

subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Status of the Commercial Fisheries in Cypress and Black Bayou Reservoirs**

Cypress and Black Bayou Reservoirs are located in Bossier Parish near Benton. Black Bayou Reservoir is approximately 590 acres and has an average depth of 9.9'. Cypress Reservoir is approximately 3400 acres and has an average depth of 6.7'. Each lake supports good populations of sport fish such as largemouth bass, crappie, and bream. Black Bayou Reservoir is enrolled in the "Quality Lake Program" and has a 14"-17" slot limit for bass and has been heavily stocked with florida strain largemouth bass. Cypress Reservoir has also been stocked with florida strain largemouth bass the last couple of years.

### **Both reservoirs support good populations of channel catfish**

Gill net sampling in accordance with standardized sampling guidelines has been conducted on these reservoirs each year beginning in 2000 due to the concerns over commercial fishing activities. These results have indicated that each reservoir supports a self sustaining population of channel catfish with Cypress Reservoir also having some blue catfish, but they have very few other species which would be sought by commercial fishermen.

### **Commercial fishing activity not detrimental to the sport fish**

The catfish on these two reservoirs are sought by commercial fishermen using primarily slat traps with some utilizing hoop nets. Slat traps are very specific in species captured with nearly the entire catch being comprised of catfish. Hoop nets likewise target catfish and any sport fish captured can easily be released alive if caught in either of these types of gear. No detrimental effects from the current commercial fishing activities on the recreational or commercial fisheries in either reservoir have been noted from the data collected during this sampling.

### **Entanglement gear types already prohibited**

In September of 2002 the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission prohibited the use of gill nets, trammel nets, and fish seines in Cypress and Black Bayou Reservoirs. This protects the crappie and largemouth bass in these reservoirs which are susceptible to capture and by-catch mortality in these types of "entanglement" gears. This prohibition was essential to protect the large florida bass which have been stocked by the Department in both reservoirs.

### **No biological justification to further restrict commercial fishing**

There is continued concern from the residents around the lakes and the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District regarding the commercial fishing activities on the two reservoirs. There is no biological justification to further restrict or curtail commercial fishing activity at this time.

### **Commercial netting season may reduce user group conflicts**

It is possible that a commercial netting season from November 1 through the end of February each year may alleviate some of the conflicts between the user groups. This would allow for commercial harvest of the self sustaining channel catfish fisheries in these reservoirs and preserve the valuable fisheries management tool of commercial fishing.

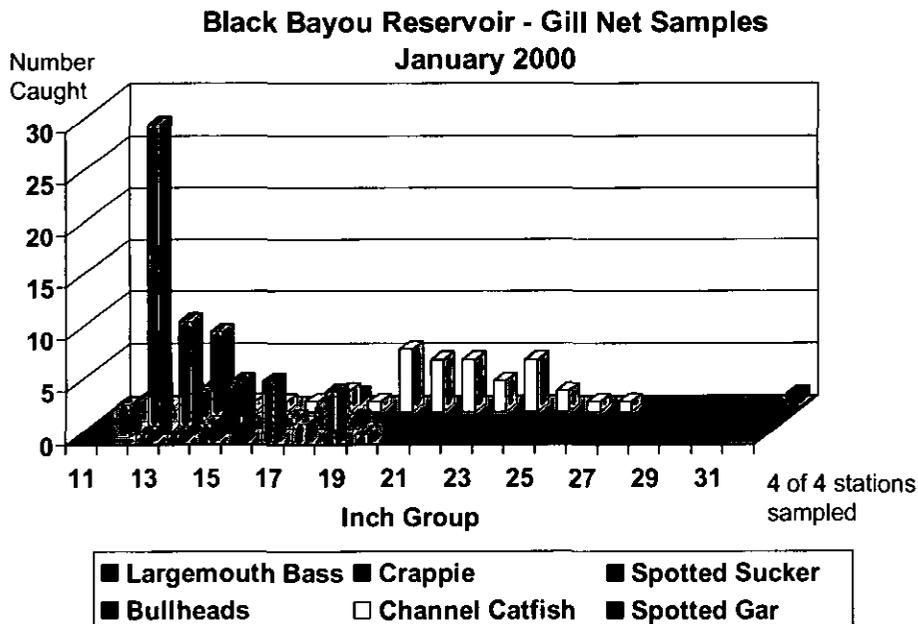
## Gill Net Sampling Cypress and Black Bayou Reservoirs

Standardized gill net sampling calls for each station to be sampled with 400 yards of tied down monofilament gill nets. A net set consists of 100 yards each of four different mesh sizes 2 ½”, 3”, 3 ½”, and 4”. Nets are set in the evening prior to sunset and picked up as soon as possible after sunrise the following morning. The number of stations to be sampled is determined by the surface area of the impoundment.

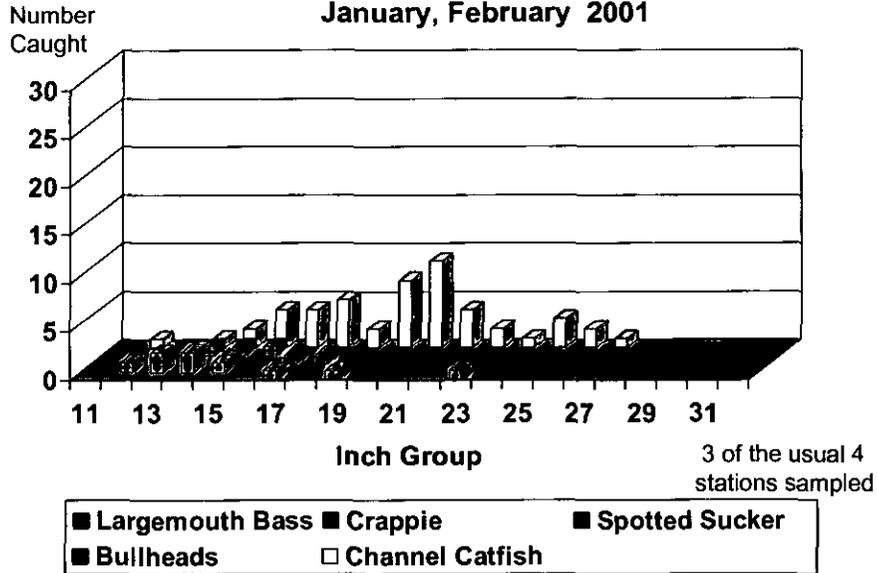
Black Bayou Reservoir encompasses 590 surface acres and standardized sampling guidelines call for net sets to be made at 3 different stations. Cypress Reservoir is 3400 surface acres and standardized sampling guidelines call for net sets at 6 different stations.

Actual sampling efforts on Black Bayou Reservoir exceeded the standardized sampling guidelines due to concern over the commercial fishing activity in a quality lake. Four stations were sampled instead of the recommended three stations and one sampling season the lake was sampled twice. A total of 9,200 yards of webbing has been run during standardized sampling operations on this lake from 2000 – 2004.

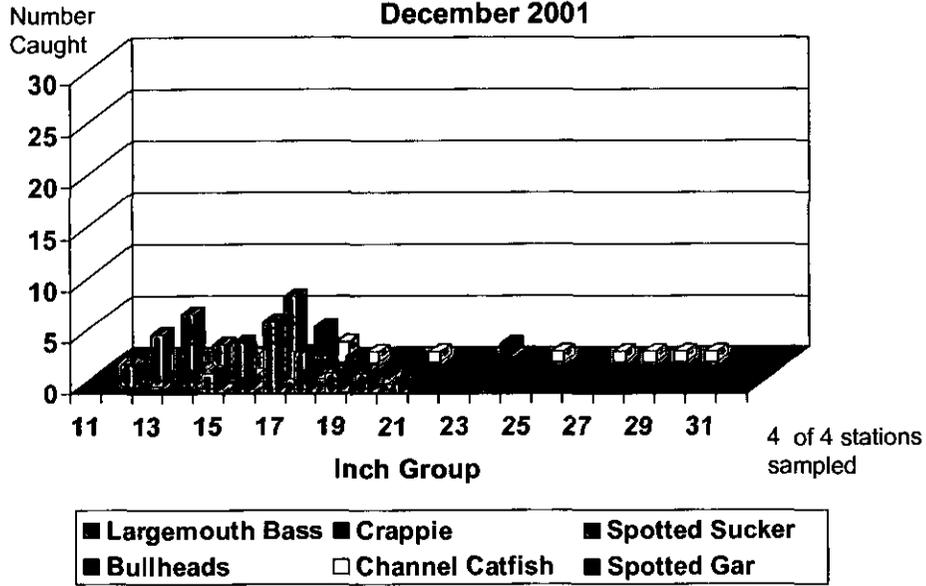
Cypress Reservoir was sampled at the recommended rate of 6 stations all years except in 2000 when the lake was undergoing a drawdown requested by the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District. During 2000 the lake was sampled at 4 locations due to the low water levels. A total of 11,200 yards of webbing has been run on this lake during standardized sampling from 2000 – 2004.



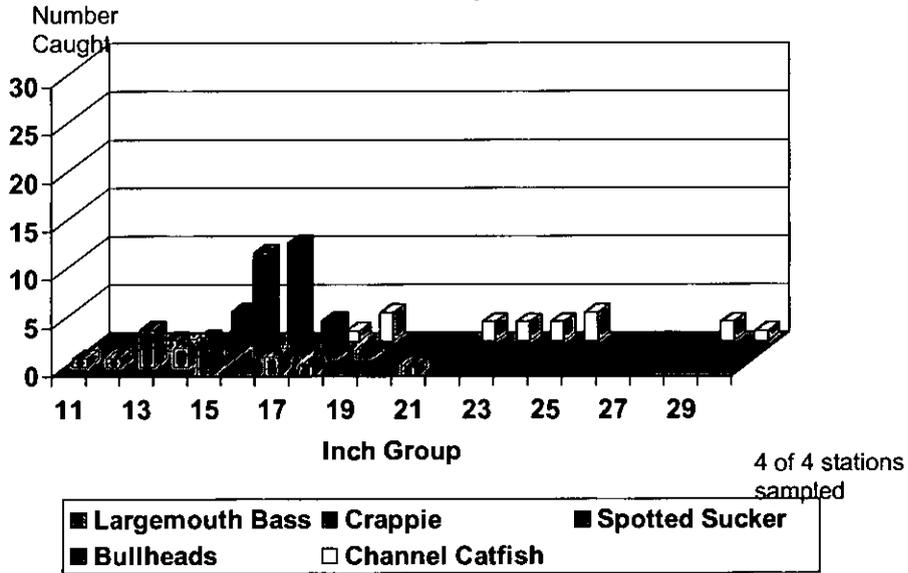
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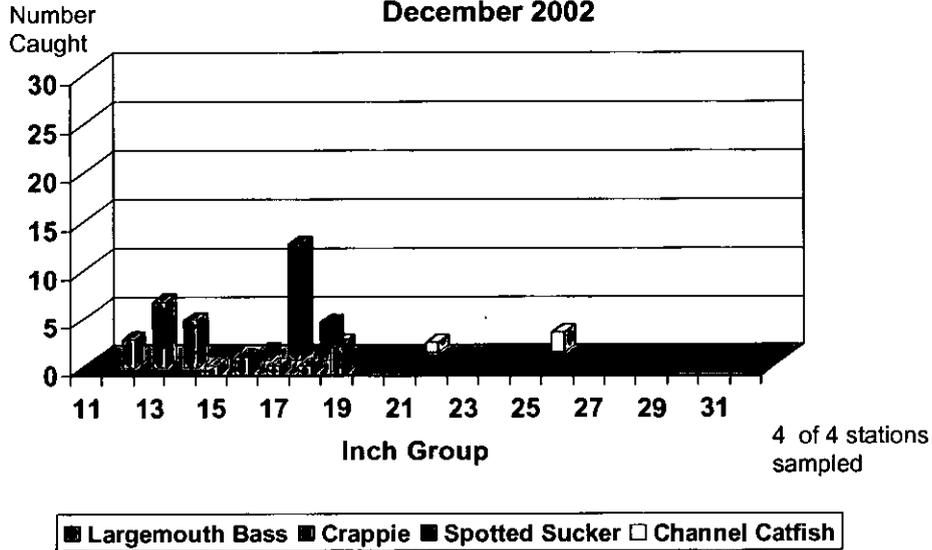
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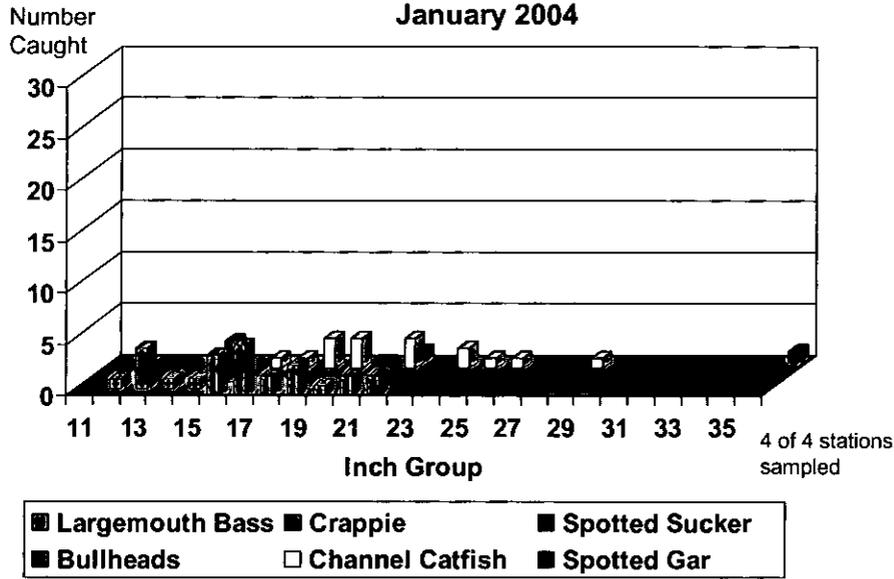
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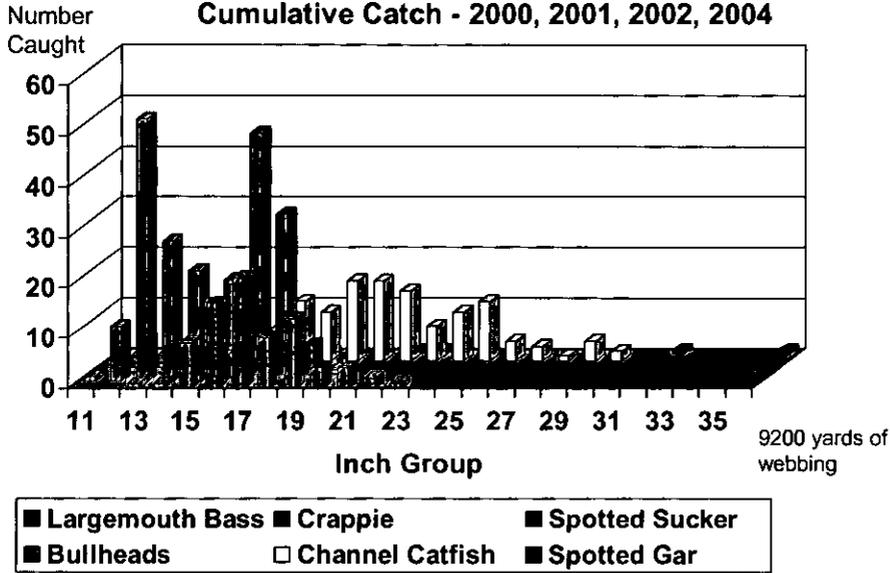
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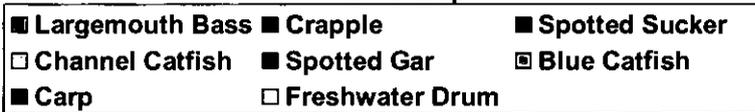
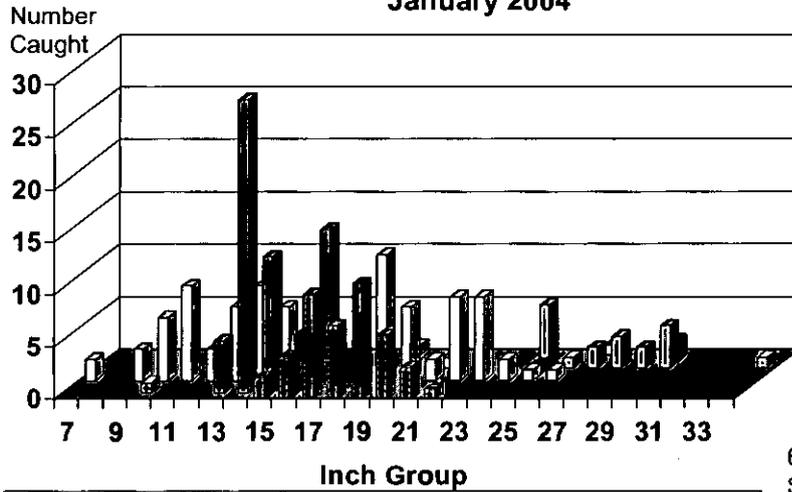
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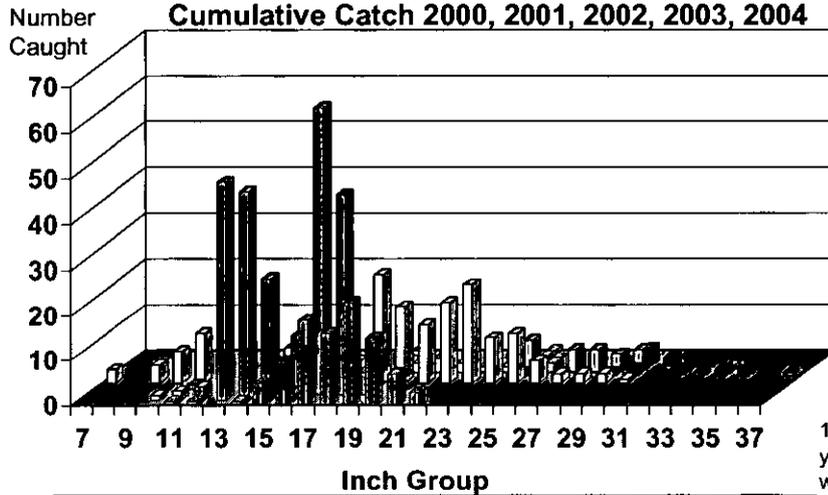
**Cypress Reservoir - Gill Net Samples  
January 2004**



6 of 6 Stations  
Sampled

Two 48" Blue  
Catfish not  
included in  
chart

**Cypress Reservoir - Gill Net Samples  
Cumulative Catch 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004**



Two 48" Blue  
Catfish not  
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11,200  
yards of  
webbing

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July 2004</h1>						
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	PERCENT DOLLARS PAID	PERCENT CASES PAID
<b>FISCAL YEAR 1993-94</b>								
July, 1993	25	\$21,039.00	(\$9,778.00)	29	\$4,855.00	\$2,545.00		
Aug., 1993	53	\$44,922.00	(\$1,137.00)	41	\$7,950.00	\$3,603.00		
Sept., 1993	42	\$137,635.00	(\$17,938.00)	35	\$6,783.00	\$3,048.00		
Oct., 1993	49	\$21,471.00	(\$11,282.00)	40	\$3,285.00	\$1,519.00		
Nov., 1993	57	\$31,207.00	(\$13,260.00)	32	\$3,053.00	\$2,845.00		
Dec., 1993	53	\$13,777.00		27	\$6,507.00	\$6,713.00		
Jan., 1994	38	\$18,918.00		32	\$4,423.00	\$2,831.00		
Feb., 1994	68	\$38,131.00	(\$8,238.00)	46	\$9,124.00	\$5,993.00		
Mar., 1994	38	\$22,739.00	(\$2,482.00)	51	\$10,854.00	\$6,796.00		
April, 1994	14	\$44,732.00	(\$1,404.00)	27	\$7,307.00	\$4,632.00		
May, 1994	10	\$4,504.00	(\$165.00)	7	\$5,447.00	\$3,808.00		
June, 1994	29	\$26,167.00	(\$2,986.00)	12	\$1,886.00	\$1,214.00		
<b>Total FY 1994</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>\$425,242.00</b>	<b>(\$68,670.00)</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>\$71,474.00</b>	<b>\$45,547.00</b>	<b>27.5%</b>	<b>79.6%</b>
<b>FISCAL YEAR 1994-95</b>								
July, 1994	17	\$2,127.00	(\$335.00)	23	\$2,101.00	\$1,437.00		
Aug., 1994	41	\$96,403.00	(\$3,035.00)	20	\$1,010.00	\$605.00		
Sept., 1994	34	\$14,614.00	(\$14,002.00)	26	\$2,596.00	\$2,342.00		
Oct., 1994	94	\$17,426.00	(\$8,677.00)	38	\$2,922.00	\$3,179.00		
Nov., 1994	43	\$103,592.00		45	\$3,992.00	\$2,803.00		
Dec., 1994	68	\$31,400.00		35	\$4,315.00	\$2,329.00		
Jan., 1995	55	\$27,601.00		52	\$7,493.00	\$4,921.00		
Feb., 1995	70	\$61,119.00		41	\$6,472.00	\$3,973.00		
Mar., 1995	31	\$25,072.00		44	\$8,315.00	\$4,737.00		
Apr., 1995	13	\$15,353.00		16	\$3,565.00	\$1,538.00		
May., 1995	23	\$11,632.00		16	\$4,315.00	\$654.00		
June 1995	45	\$31,008.00		18	\$2,630.00	\$1,025.00		
<b>Total FY 1995</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>\$437,347.00</b>	<b>(\$26,049.00)</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>\$49,726.00</b>	<b>\$29,543.00</b>	<b>18.1%</b>	<b>70.0%</b>
<b>FICAL YEAR 1995-96</b>								
July, 1995	0	\$0.00						
Aug., 1995	46	\$17,425.00		27	\$9,028.00	\$1,729.00		
Sept., 1995	1	\$125.00		21	\$3,093.00	\$2,049.00		
Oct., 1995	122	\$206,244.00		29	\$2,720.00	\$1,161.00		
Nov., 1995	55	\$23,124.00		62	\$10,151.00	\$6,383.00		
Dec., 1995	50	\$18,607.26		32	\$4,780.66	\$2,802.76		
Jan., 1996	49	\$13,814.88	(\$15,296.45)	36	\$5,296.51	\$3,472.89		
Feb., 1996	50	\$14,716.97		38	\$5,777.53	\$3,416.91		
Mar., 1996	33	\$24,936.91		36	\$6,035.12	\$3,421.75		
Apr., 1996	30	\$11,006.66		36	\$7,173.12	\$2,711.54		
May., 1996	23	\$7,989.34		24	\$3,941.69	\$2,020.29		
June 1996	50	\$22,151.31		16	\$2,790.02	\$1,182.23		
<b>Total FY 1996</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>\$360,141.33</b>	<b>(\$15,296.45)</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>\$60,786.65</b>	<b>\$30,350.37</b>	<b>25.3%</b>	<b>70.1%</b>
<b>FISCAL YEAR 1996-97</b>								
July, 1996	40	\$71,894.13		32	\$5,249.93	\$2,947.96		
Aug., 1996	32	\$5,362.64		32	\$6,254.59	\$3,783.69		
Sept., 1996	41	\$7,210.00		29	\$2,259.96	\$1,326.58		
Oct., 1996	29	\$11,092.53		25	\$3,697.89	\$2,261.98		
Nov., 1996	20	\$10,009.10		22	\$1,624.63	\$698.02		
Dec., 1996	13	\$238,466.04		22	\$5,877.18	\$2,121.53		
Jan., 1997	27	\$11,755.22		17	\$4,393.30	\$2,377.09		
Feb., 1997	47	\$18,520.87		42	\$8,579.84	\$5,552.63		
Mar., 1997	26	\$13,434.02		27	\$4,999.59	\$2,757.67		
Apr., 1997	10	\$2,908.87		15	\$2,322.88	\$1,298.66		
May., 1997	20	\$11,682.70		15	\$5,198.91	\$1,399.21		
June 1997	5	\$8,036.58		10	\$2,335.24	\$765.34		
<b>Total FY 1997</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>\$410,372.70</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>\$52,793.94</b>	<b>\$27,290.36</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>92.9%</b>
<b>FICAL YEAR 1997 - 98</b>								
July, 1997	10	\$2,811.71		8	\$1,584.67	\$823.11		
Aug., 1997	14	\$8,741.30		8	\$1,496.49	\$779.14		
Sept., 1997	29	\$19,926.37		12	\$2,051.78	\$1,278.04		
Oct., 1997	12	\$4,716.81		23	\$3,184.83	\$2,063.89		
Nov., 1997	23	\$54,965.34		10	\$2,424.86	\$1,218.28		
Dec., 1997	25	\$36,881.09		15	\$4,376.97	\$2,775.66		
Jan., 1998	42	\$30,025.81		17	\$5,300.40	\$3,533.66		
Feb., 1998	37	\$31,164.95		29	\$22,961.69	\$8,501.18		
Mar., 1998	9	\$13,273.45		32	\$9,406.56	\$4,371.53		

Apr., 1998	10	\$5,628.21		10	\$2,602.62	\$1,279.77		
May., 1998	0	\$225.00		8	\$2,885.02	\$950.46		
June 1998	5	\$2,414.03		6	\$1,041.54	\$98.00		
<b>Total FY 1998</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>\$210,774.07</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>\$59,317.43</b>	<b>\$27,672.72</b>	<b>41.3%</b>	<b>82.4%</b>
<b>FICAL YEAR 1998 - 99</b>								
July, 1998	9	\$1,390.43		8	\$1,964.20	\$716.75		
Aug., 1998	10	\$2,240.70		10	\$1,048.28	\$372.47		
Sept., 1998	8	\$2,768.96		11	\$2,000.36	\$1,148.23		
Oct., 1998	22	\$28,704.85		14	\$1,860.17	\$807.48		
Nov., 1998	19	\$9,137.79		11	\$1,765.97	\$1,092.43		
Dec., 1998	23	\$11,959.10		27	\$4,441.02	\$2,040.71		
Jan., 1999	41	\$21,179.55		18	\$6,621.63	\$3,838.22		
Feb., 1999	45	\$26,236.24		41	\$12,119.09	\$6,923.61		
Mar., 1999	15	\$7,549.57		33	\$8,281.77	\$4,138.44		
Apr., 1999	9	\$8,013.54		14	\$3,035.82	\$1,388.41		
May., 1999	5	\$5,161.23		5	\$905.50	\$405.00		
June 1999	7	\$3,719.01		13	\$3,011.06	\$533.83		
<b>Total FY 1999</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>\$128,060.97</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>\$47,054.87</b>	<b>\$23,405.58</b>	<b>55.0%</b>	<b>96.2%</b>
<b>FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000</b>								
July, 1999	5	\$1,556.38		9	\$2,287.53	\$1,198.81		
Aug., 1999	10	\$2,510.83		15	\$2,455.38	\$513.73		
Sept., 1999	6	\$2,032.19	\$5,324.80	28	\$3,563.06	\$475.93		
Oct., 1999	11	\$4,452.31	\$567.75	25	\$2,775.48	\$557.41		
Nov., 1999	14	\$8,634.64		26	\$3,250.96	\$1,322.96		
Dec., 1999	24	\$15,891.96		19	\$3,862.76	\$2,126.27		
Jan., 2000	49	\$27,872.14		28	\$7,952.94	\$3,814.02		
Feb., 2000	21	\$11,039.59		30	\$10,159.24	\$6,216.42		
Mar., 2000	19	\$9,873.21		31	\$6,709.07	\$3,555.40		
Apr., 2000	12	\$7,897.70		17	\$2,932.41	\$1,512.54		
May, 2000	7	\$5,039.46	\$293.60	20	\$7,062.23	\$3,164.00		
June, 2000	16	\$14,566.88		18	\$5,766.59	\$1,852.12		
<b>Total FY 2000</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>\$111,367.29</b>	<b>\$6,186.15</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>\$58,777.65</b>	<b>\$26,309.61</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>137%</b>
<b>FISCAL YEAR 2000-01</b>								
July, 2000	2	\$865.01		14	\$1,948.03	\$154.01		
Aug., 2000	20	\$15,837.60		17	\$3,302.27	\$1,063.92		
Sept., 2000	12	\$3,562.26		23	\$8,718.21	\$1,351.41		
Oct., 2000	18	\$122,696.24		29	\$7,457.98	\$490.16		
Nov., 2000	13	\$15,851.30		22	\$4,038.50	\$309.30		
Dec., 2000	40	\$30,234.92		24	\$7,189.98	\$462.13		
Jan., 2001	28	\$15,923.38		25	\$7,611.66	\$833.60		
Feb., 2001	35	\$20,181.39		30	\$18,568.12	\$1,917.82		
Mar., 2001	8	\$5,956.83		37	\$15,724.02	\$753.86		
Apr., 2001	20	\$24,145.82		22	\$4,856.39	\$225.93		
May 2001	4	\$1,677.36		20	\$3,700.77	\$313.58		
June 2001	3	\$932.20		31	\$8,433.81	\$346.90		
<b>Total FY 2001</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>\$257,864.31</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>\$91,549.74</b>	<b>\$8,222.62</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>145%</b>
<b>FISCAL YEAR 2001-02</b>								
July, 2001	4	\$4,290.29		25	\$6,328.36	\$293.54		
Aug., 2001	6	\$9,452.69		18	\$2,984.52			
Sept., 2001	0	\$175.00		25	\$4,157.32	\$66.29		
Oct., 2001	15	\$6,439.06		18	\$3,174.66	\$67.32		
Nov., 2001	15	\$5,913.63		24	\$3,932.41	\$194.66		
Dec., 2001	36	\$21,868.88		20	\$5,384.19	\$502.17		
Jan., 2002	56	\$27,650.44		38	\$11,100.99	\$1,008.09		
Feb., 2002	27	\$14,211.31	\$620.55	37	\$20,017.87	\$861.63		
Mar., 2002	8	\$6,765.68		36	\$10,061.89	\$419.16		
Apr., 2002	20	\$11,296.19		19	\$2,196.02	\$49.33		
May, 2002	3	\$30,852.57	\$11,887.80	27	\$8,265.67	\$538.72		
June, 2002	3	\$8,636.08		23	\$3,418.15	\$87.91		
<b>Total FY 2002</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>\$147,551.82</b>	<b>\$12,508.35</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>\$81,022.05</b>	<b>\$4,088.82</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>161%</b>
<b>FISCAL YEAR 2002-03</b>								
July, 2002	8	\$6,915.26		20	\$3,308.14	\$111.90		
Aug., 2002	12	\$11,943.66		24	\$4,010.98	\$47.33		
Sept., 2002	6	\$1,944.83		19	\$4,624.36	\$85.25		
Oct., 2002	24	\$12,167.99		25	\$7,131.20	\$442.95		
Nov., 2002	21	\$11,013.41		27	\$8,688.51	\$624.99		
Dec., 2002	32	\$15,763.99		23	\$7,660.18	\$689.95		



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT  
 CURRENT MONTH  
 02/01/2004 TO 02/29/2004

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	19	\$10,631.76
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	10	\$225.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	19	\$10,856.76
PAYMENTS	36	\$13,658.27-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	0	\$0.00
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	1	\$30.00-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	1	\$449.54-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	5	\$125.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	21	\$1,133.21-
OVERPAYMENTS	3	\$1.37
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	3	\$490.40
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	1	\$478.83-
WRITE-OFFS	1	\$0.09-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	0	\$0.00

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 FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT  
 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE  
 07/01/2003 TO 02/29/2004

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	160	\$92,892.16
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	70	\$1,725.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	160	\$94,617.16
PAYMENTS	129	\$47,081.14-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	0	\$0.00
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	7	\$1,295.73-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	7	\$2,385.24-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	20	\$500.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	78	\$3,286.52-
OVERPAYMENTS	10	\$4.17
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	9	\$1,044.56
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	3	\$2,083.83-
WRITE-OFFS	2	\$274.86-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	2	\$2,922.61-
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	5	\$0.91-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	2	\$1,049.08-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	1	\$1,376.69-

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 FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
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	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	4,795	\$3,326,504.76
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	446	\$11,675.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	331	\$269,865.45-
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	138	\$58,209.82
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	4,795	\$3,126,524.13
PAYMENTS	3,254	\$739,388.63-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	33	\$8,624.04-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	85	\$32,879.55-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	34	\$25,831.46-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	217	\$5,625.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	2,272	\$264,798.80-
OVERPAYMENTS	138	\$99.38
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	73	\$12,882.42
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	17	\$44,255.65-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	5	\$6,780.54
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	8	\$45,896.70
RETURNED CHECKS	1	\$61.75
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	3	\$55.00
CREDITS	13	\$10.22-
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	21	\$6,881.15
CREDITS	67	\$39,145.73-
WRITE-OFFS	1,059	\$1,480,878.20-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	9	\$4,717.56-
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	36	\$21,075.49-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	93	\$170,105.37-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	1	\$2,134.47-
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	2	\$559.32-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	1	\$524.54-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	1	\$7,414.87-
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** TOTAL OUTSTANDING	302	\$351,212.17

## FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	38	\$106,941.70 *
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## AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN	0	\$0.00
1 - 30 DAYS	1	\$1,706.50
31 - 60 DAYS	2	\$2,029.45
61 - 90 DAYS	1	\$7,443.90
91 - 120 DAYS	4	\$8,430.35
121 - 150 DAYS	4	\$1,772.66
151 - 180 DAYS	14	\$24,431.64
181 - 365 DAYS	45	\$25,871.19
OVER ONE YEAR	61	\$59,082.09
OVER TWO YEARS	106	\$97,233.58
OVER THREE YEARS	981	\$683,125.52

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** TOTAL AGING	1,219	\$911,126.88
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## AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

## COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:

CAN NOT BE INVOICED	0	\$0.00
CURRENT	14	\$7,012.43
1 - 30 DAYS	28	\$15,198.40
31 - 90 DAYS	14	\$6,457.17
91 - 180 DAYS	17	\$22,824.34
181 - 365 DAYS	26	\$16,664.92
OVER ONE YEAR	110	\$109,443.83

## COLLECTIONS WITH PRIVATE COLLECTIONS FIRM:

1 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	88	\$85,100.98

## AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:

1 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	1	\$549.54
OVER ONE YEAR	4	\$87,960.56

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** TOTAL AGING	302	\$351,212.17
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
 CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT  
 CURRENT MONTH  
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	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	282	\$16,150.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	425	\$11,350.00
CREDITS	1	\$25.00-
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	94	\$715.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
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TOTAL DUE		\$28,190.00

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PAID IN FULL	349	\$22,578.52-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	6	\$295.00-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	0	\$0.00
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	0	\$0.00
DEPT OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS	193	\$11,961.13-
DEPT OF REVENUE FEES	175	\$708.00-
WRITE-OFFS	24	\$12.00-
OVERPAYMENTS	1	\$0.52
REFUNDS	10	\$730.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	2	\$100.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
VOIDS	7	\$450.00-
NOT GUILTY	1	\$50.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	5	\$250.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	0	\$0.00
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
 CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT  
 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE  
 07/01/2003-02/29/2004

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	4,399	\$254,390.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	3,009	\$81,357.50
CREDITS	12	\$575.00-
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	982	\$8,198.25
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
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TOTAL DUE		\$343,370.75

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PAID IN FULL	4,360	\$268,271.77-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	118	\$6,478.50-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	0	\$0.00
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	0	\$0.00
DEPT OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS	195	\$12,038.13-
DEPT OF REVENUE FEES	177	\$716.00-
WRITE-OFFS	24	\$12.00-
OVERPAYMENTS	12	\$106.02
REFUNDS	47	\$1,747.50
RETURNED CHECKS	5	\$300.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	5	\$100.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	9	\$550.00
CREDITS	3	\$100.00-
VOIDS	73	\$3,950.00-
NOT GUILTY	22	\$1,200.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	19	\$1,200.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	1	\$50.00-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
 CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT  
 INCEPTION TO DATE  
 02/29/2004

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	111,798	\$5,755,992.07
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	30,960	\$782,820.30
CREDITS	13	\$11,391.00-
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	1,670	\$13,472.75
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
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TOTAL DUE		\$6,540,894.12

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PAID IN FULL	68,277	\$3,666,274.26-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	1,734	\$81,447.25-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	14	\$690.00-
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	33	\$345.00-
DEPT OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS	221	\$13,706.13-
DEPT OF REVENUE FEES	203	\$820.00-
WRITE-OFFS	11,977	\$697,289.50-
OVERPAYMENTS	194	\$4,287.30
REFUNDS	392	\$17,295.31
RETURNED CHECKS	78	\$4,125.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	75	\$1,215.00
CREDITS	170	\$141.88-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	253	\$14,900.00
CREDITS	44	\$2,500.00-
VOIDS	5,699	\$287,050.00-
NOT GUILTY	1,232	\$62,700.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	237	\$12,450.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	13	\$650.00-
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	158	\$7,950.00-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00
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TOTAL OUTSTANDING		\$1,748,702.71

## AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE

COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:		
CURRENT	168	\$9,300.00
1 - 30 DAYS	180	\$11,450.00
31 - 90 DAYS	357	\$24,275.00
91 - 180 DAYS	707	\$53,050.00
181 - 365 DAYS	1,972	\$161,327.50
OVER ONE YEAR	18,434	\$1,303,535.34

COLLECTIONS WITH DEPT OF REVENUE:		
1 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	2,360	\$185,539.87

AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:		
1 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	3	\$225.00

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** TOTAL AGING	24,181	\$1,748,702.71
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## AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM HEARING DATE

PREHEARING	678	\$41,950.00
0 - 90 DAYS	385	\$25,275.00
91 - 180 DAYS	1,306	\$107,640.00
181 - 270 DAYS	1,090	\$90,237.50
271 - 365 DAYS	186	\$17,374.50
OVER ONE YEAR	20,536	\$1,466,225.71

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** TOTAL AGING	24,181	\$1,748,702.71
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## Hawkins-Falcon, Susan

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**From:** Gresham, Thomas  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2004 8:20 AM  
**To:** Hawkins-Falcon, Susan  
**Subject:** FW: Duck summary

Could you pass this on to the commissioners? I pointed Mr. Oakes to the web page with e-mail addresses and fax numbers, but the list is incomplete.

Thanks,  
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**From:** Buddy Oakes  
**Sent:** Monday, February 9, 2004 2:34 PM  
**To:** Thomas Gresham  
**Subject:** Duck summary



Duck totals.xls

One of our owners Kirk Stansel asked that I get this information to all of the members of the Wildlife & Fisheries Commission. I have tried for several days to get the email addresses of the commission members with little result. Would you please get me their addresses or maybe you could pass this on to them.

If you could help me out I would really appreciate it.

Captain Buddy Oakes  
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## DUCK HUNTING TOTALS FOR HACKBERRY ROD & GUN

HUNTING YEAR	# Ducks 1st Split	# of days Hunted	# Ducks day ave	# Ducks 2nd Split	# of days Hunted	# Ducks Day ave.	Total Ducks	Total Blin Hunted	Average Ducks per
1997-1998	3375	23	146	3743	37	101	7118	681	10.4
1998-1999	3760	23	163	4768	37	128	8528	783	10.8
1999-2000	2302	16	143	5650	44	128	7952	755	10.5
2000-2001	2105	23	91	3647	37	98	5752	687	8.3
2001-2002	3859	23	167	3882	37	104	7741	701	10.4
2002-2003	4268	30	142	2404	30	80	6672	742	8.9
2003-2004	2804	23	121	1940	37	52	4744	642	7.3

These figures are based on 2 hunter and 1 guide in each blind

**Hawkins-Falcon, Susan**

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**From:** GNanceW@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2004 10:47 AM  
**To:** Denmon\_TD@wlf.state.la.us  
**Subject:** Concerned over wildlife management

Dear Sir:

Just to report my disappointment with the management of our whitetail deer here in Louisiana. I am not a member of any deer lease and hunt only on Wildlife Management Areas both Federal and State.

Over the past 5 years I've noted a steady decrease in the number of deer sightings along with a substantial decline in deer sign. I don't know an answer to the problem but it seems like limiting the deer kill to 2 per person per season or some sort of "tag" system would help restore our deer herd. Either that or restrict the number of "either sex" deer days down somewhat.

I don't know of and have never heard of anyone coming from Texas or Mississippi to hunt deer here in Louisiana, have you? We need to act and act now to preserve what little resources we have left for not only our children but to our States Legacy of "Sportsman's Paradise".

Thanks for you concern  
Gary Nance

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## AMENDED AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

The agenda for the next regular public meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has been revised. The meeting, which is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 4, at the Wildwood Resort in Zwolle, will proceed as follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of February 5, 2004
3. Commission Special Announcements
4. Consideration of Amendment to Spotted Seatrout Rule
5. Discussion of Slot Limit and Size Limit for Black Bass on Poverty Point Reservoir
6. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/February
7. Resolution and Notice of Intent - 2004-05 Resident Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits
8. Resolution and Notice of Intent - General and WMA Hunting Rules and Regulations
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2004-045

2/27/04

## HUNTING REGULATIONS AND W.M.A. COMMITTEES TO MEET

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C O V E R



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**To:** Randy Zeagler

**Fax #:** 318-645-~~4615~~ 7342

**Subject:** News Releases

**Date:** March 1, 2004

**Pages:** 3, including this cover sheet.

**COMMENTS:**

Please have the attached News Releases posted on all of the doors to the Conference Center as we are required to do. Thank you in advance and let me know if you have any questions.

From the desk of...

Susan Falcon

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March 1, 2004

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AMENDED AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

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1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of February 5, 2004
3. Commission Special Announcements
4. Consideration of Amendment to Spotted Seatrout Rule
5. Discussion of Slot Limit and Size Limit for Black Bass on Poverty Point Reservoir
6. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/February
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2/27/04

## AMENDED AGENDA FOR L.W.F.C. MEETING

The agenda for the next meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has been amended. The meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 4. It will be held at the Wildwood Resort, located at 129 Wildwood Drive in Zwolle. The amended agenda is as follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of February 5, 2004
3. Commission Special Announcements
4. Consideration of Amendment to Spotted Seatrout Rule
5. *Discussion of* ~~Notice of Intent to Amend~~ Slot Limit and Size Limit for Black Bass on Poverty Point Reservoir
6. Enforcement and Aviation Reports/ February
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AGENDA  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
BATON ROUGE, LA  
March 4, 2004  
10:00 AM

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of February 5, 2004
3. Commission Special Announcements
4. Consideration of Amendment to Spotted Seatrout Rule - Commissioner Henry Mouton
5. Notice of Intent - Amend Slot Limit and Size Limit for Black Bass on Poverty Point Reservoir - Commissioner Terry Denmon
6. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/February - Keith LaCaze
7. Resolution and Notice of Intent - 2004-05 Resident Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits - Tommy Prickett
8. Resolution and Notice of Intent - General and WMA Hunting Rules and Regulations - Tommy Prickett
9. Cypress and Black Bayou Reservoirs, Bossier Parish: Discussion Fishing Gear Restrictions - ~~Bennie Fontanot~~  
*Mike Kling*
10. Set July 2004 Meeting Date *(changed @ staff meeting 3/1/2004)*
11. Public Comments
12. Adjournment

February 26, 2004

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED:   
Peterson 2-26-04

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION COMMITTEES TO MEET

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February 26, 2004

NEWS RELEASE

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## Hawkins-Falcon, Susan

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**To:** Roussel, John E; Fontenot, Bennie  
**Subject:** Agenda Item

Just to let you know, Commissioner Denmon called me this afternoon to add an item to the agenda for next week's meeting. I talked with Don Puckett on wording the item and he suggested:

Notice of Intent - Amend Slot Limit and Size Limit for Black Bass on Poverty Point Reservoir

Thanks,  
Susan

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February 26, 2004

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Hunting Regulations Committee Members (Commissioners Busbice, Denmon, Felterman and Mouton) and Wildlife Management Areas Committee (Commissioners Denmon, Busbice, Broussard and Mouton)

FROM: Susan Falcon *Susan Falcon*

SUBJECT: Committee Meeting

Chairman Bill Busbice has called a meeting of the Hunting Regulations and Wildlife Management Areas Committees for Wednesday, March 3, 2004 at 4:30 PM in the Conference Center at Wildwood Resort, Zwolle, Louisiana. The meeting is to discuss the proposed 2004-05 hunting seasons and regulations.

Thank you.

scf

cc: Commissioner Jerry Stone  
Commissioner Wayne Sagraera  
Dwight Landreneau  
Phil Bowman  
Tommy Prickett

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02/26/04

## ZWOLLE IS SITE OF MARCH L.W.F.C MEETING

The next regular Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting has been scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 4, 2004, at the conference center of Wildwood Resort, 129 Wildwood Drive, Zwolle, LA. For directions to the resort, see their website at [www.wildwood-resort.com](http://www.wildwood-resort.com) or call 1-800-341-3668.

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February 25, 2004

NEWS RELEASE

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AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

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February 25, 2004

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission  
FROM: Dwight Landreneau, Secretary *(P)*  
SUBJECT: March Commission Meeting Agenda

The next regular Commission meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 4, 2004, near Toledo Bend Reservoir, at the Wildwood Resort, 129 Wildwood Drive, Zwolle, LA.

The following items will be discussed:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of February 5, 2004
3. Commission Special Announcements

## COMMISSIONER MOUTON

4. Consideration of Amendment to Spotted Seatrout Rule

## WINTON VIDRINE

5. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/February

## OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

6. Resolution and Notice of Intent - 2004-05 Resident Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits

7. Resolution and Notice of Intent - General and WMA Hunting Rules and Regulations

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OFFICE OF FISHERIES

8. Cypress and Black Bayou Reservoirs, Bossier Parish:  
Discussion Fishing Gear Restrictions

9. Set July 2004 Meeting Date

10. Public Comments

DL:scf

cc: Janice Lansing  
Phil Bowman  
John Roussel  
Don Puckett  
Dennis Kropog  
Ewell Smith  
Division Administrators  
Marianne Burke



## Hawkins-Falcon, Susan

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**From:** Foote, Karen  
**Sent:** Friday, February 20, 2004 1:24 PM  
**To:** Hawkins-Falcon, Susan  
**Cc:** Roussel, John E; Porch, Pat  
**Subject:** No Marine Fisheries agenda items...AT THIS POINT

Added 2/19/2004 by  
Don Puckett,  
Executive Session -  
Update on Hatchery  
Litigation: State of  
Louisiana v. Professional  
Engineering Consultants  
et al., 19th JDC  
# 486, 073F -  
Fred Whitrock  
Taken off 2/23/2004

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February 4, 2004

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-Office of Wildlife  
and Assistant Secretary-Office of Fisheries

FROM: Dwight Landreneau, Secretary *(DL)*

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - March 4, 2004

Please write on the bottom of this memo and return to Susan Falcon by Wednesday, February 18th any agenda items your office may have for the **Thursday, March 4th** Commission Meeting to be held at Toledo Bend, at the Wildwood Resort, 129 Wildwood Resort, Zwolle, Louisiana. This meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on March 4th. If you do not have anything for the agenda, please return memo and indicate so on the bottom of this memo. We cannot add anything to the agenda that requires commission action after we have published the agenda in the state journal.

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Winton Vidrine  
Tommy Prickett ✓  
Bennie Fontenot  
Karen Foote  
Wynnette Kees  
Brandt Savoie  
Ewell Smith  
Marianne Burke

*Residents Game + WMA seasons,  
bag limits, and regulations  
(Tommy Prickett)*

Susan

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*Dear Susan; 2/13/04*

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Bennie Fontenet ✓  
Karen Foote  
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*I have two items from the Inland Fisheries Division for the March agenda:*

- 1) Boober Fowler Fish Hatchery Report.  
Don Puckett  
Bennie Fontenet*
- 2) Cypress and Black Bayou Reservoirs, Bossier Parish: Discussion - Fishing Gear Restrictions.*

*Mike Kling, Executive Director Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District*

*Bennie Fontenet  
Sincerely,  
Bennie*

*C. John Roussel*

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*None Provided*

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*Nothing for us.  
Maurice Boud  
Public Information*

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## Hawkins, Susan

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**From:** Bowman, Philip  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 21, 2004 9:11 AM  
**To:** Hawkins, Susan  
**Subject:** FW: March Commission Meeting

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

**From:** Henry Mouton [mailto:henrymouton@star-service.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 21, 2004 8:38 AM  
**To:** Phil Bowman  
**Subject:** March Commission Meeting

Phil,

Tell Susan that I am fine with wherever they hold this meeting at Toldeo Bend, I will reserve a room for the night before and pay for it with my own money as I don't expect LDWF to have to pay for my room.

Henry

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Mr. Terry Denmon  
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Mr. Wayne Sagrera  
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Mr. Henry Mouton  
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Dr. Jerry Stone  
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Mr. Billy Broussard  
27024 West LA Highway 82  
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Mr. Lee Felterman  
Post Office Box 1186  
Patterson, LA 70392

Gentlemen:

I have contacted the following meeting places for their availability of rooms for the March 4, 2004 Commission meeting.

1. North Cypress Bend  
Meeting room is available.
2. State Parks  
Meeting room is available at a cost of \$75.00 per day with \$2.00 parking fee per vehicle.

Commissioners  
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3. Sabine River Authority  
Meeting room available. No Fee.
  
4. Wildwood Toledo Bend  
The meeting room will be complimentary by the owner, Randy Ziegler, with guest staying the previous night. Mr. Ziegler would like the commissioners to come the day before the meeting (as early as possible, preferably in the morning) so that he can take you out fishing. He is also planning a supper the evening before the meeting. I have enclosed a copy of the brochure for Wildwood Toledo Bend.

The Department will reimburse you exact expenses for the overnight stay if you decide to choose Wildwood Toledo Bend. All you would have to do is fill out an expense account form and attach all receipts for room and meals. I will have a copy of the expense account form for you at the meeting.

Please let me know by January 22, 2004 which facility you would like. I can be reached at (225) 765-2801.

Sincerely,



Patricia Porch  
Executive Services Assistant