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MINUTES

MARCH 10, 2003

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BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Monday, March 10, 2003

Vice-Chairman Lee Felterman presiding.

Bill Busbice  
Tom Kelly  
Wayne Sagrera  
Jerry Stone

Secretary James H. Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Chairman Terry Denmon and Commissioner Henry Mouton were absent from the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Felterman asked for any Commission comments on the item, **Reconsideration of 2003-04 Deer Season Rules and Regulations**. Commissioner Busbice made a motion to rescind the action taken on March 6, 2003 relative to the Notices of Intent for the 2003-04 hunting season rules and season dates and move with approval of the Notices of Intent relative to the 2003-04 hunting season rules and season dates as originally submitted by the Department on March 6, 2003 without any amendments. Commissioner Sagrera seconded the motion. Hearing no further comments, the motion passed with no opposition.

(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 10, 2003

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, March 10, 2003.

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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Terry D. Denmon, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., 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, 2003-2004 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: .

**§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 2003-2004**

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. 15-Feb. 29	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 4-Feb. 29	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 4-Feb. 8	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal on private lands)	6/season

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. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 19-Jan. 25	Nov. 22-Dec.5 Jan. 5-Jan.18	Dec. 6-Jan. 4
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 25-Oct. 31 Jan. 10-Jan. 16	Nov. 1-Dec. 5	Dec. 6-Jan. 9
3	Sept.13- Jan.15	Oct. 4-Oct.10 Dec. 1-Dec. 5	Oct.11-Nov.30 Dec. 6-Dec.31	
4	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 8-Nov. 14 Jan. 10-Jan. 18	Nov.15-Jan. 9	

5	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 10-Jan. 18 Bucks Only	Nov.22-Nov.30	
6	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 19-Jan. 25	Nov.22-Dec. 5	Dec. 6-Jan.18
7	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 11-Oct. 17 Nov. 8-Nov. 14	Oct.18-Nov. 7 Nov.15-Nov.30	Dec. 1-Dec.31
8	Sept.13- Jan. 15	Oct. 4-Oct. 10 Dec. 1-Dec. 5	Oct.11-Nov.30	Dec. 6-Dec.31

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Acadia	Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30
Allen	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 8: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Ascension	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Assumption	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Avoyelles	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Beauregard	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 8: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Bienville	Nov. 1-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Bossier	Nov. 1-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Caddo	Nov. 1-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Calcasieu	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 8: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Caldwell	Nov. 1-2, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Cameron	Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-16, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30
Catahoula	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Claiborne	Nov. 1-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Concordia	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21
DeSoto	Nov. 1-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
East Baton Rouge	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
East Carroll	Nov. 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 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.
	Nov. 15-16, 28-30 the remainder of the parish.
East Feliciana	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Evangeline	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Franklin	Nov. 22-23, 26-30
Grant	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Iberia	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
	Area 7: Oct. 18-19, Nov. 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Iberville	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Jackson	Nov. 1-3, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Jefferson	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7
Jefferson Davis	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Lafayette	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-23, 28-30
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Lafourche	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
LaSalle	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Lincoln	Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Livingston	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Madison	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21
Morehouse	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
	Area 4: Nov. 15-16, 28-30
Natchitoches	Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Orleans	Closed to all deer hunting
Ouachita	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 4: Nov. 15-16, 28-30
Plaquemines	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Pointe Coupee	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Rapides	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7
Red River	Nov. 1-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Richland	Nov. 15-16, 28-30
Sabine	Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
St. Bernard	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
St. Charles	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
St. Helena	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
St. James	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
St. John	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
St. Landry	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
St. Martin	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
St. Mary	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
	Area 7: Oct. 18-19, Nov. 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
St. Tammany	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Tangipahoa	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Tensas	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14, 20-22
Terrebonne	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
	Area 7: Oct. 18-19, Nov. 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Union	Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Vermilion	Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30
Vernon	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
	Area 8: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Washington	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Webster	Nov. 1-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
West Baton Rouge	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
West Carroll	Closed
West Feliciana	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Winn	Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7

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.

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Public hearings will be held at the following locations: Region 1 - March 11, 7:00 PM, Minden Civic Center, Minden, Louisiana; Region 2 - March 19, 7:00 PM, Ruston Civic Center, Ruston, Louisiana; Region 3 - March 11, 7:00 PM, Alexandria City Hall Convention Center, Alexandria, Louisiana; Region 4 - March 12, 7:00 PM, Concordia Parish Community Center, Ferriday, Louisiana; Region 5 - March 13, 6:00 PM, Burton Coliseum, Chalkley Room, Lake Charles, Louisiana; Region 6 - March 19, 7:00 PM, National Marine Fisheries Building, Suite 119, Lafayette, Louisiana; Region 7 - March 10, 7:00 PM, Pontchatoula High School Auditorium, Pontchatoula, 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 Wednesday, May 7, 2003 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).

Terry D. Denmon  
Chairman

RESOLUTION  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
March 10, 2003

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, March 10, 2003.

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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Terry D. Denmon, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., 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 ~~28~~ 29 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 BB lead or 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. Trespass 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 moved from the site of the kill. 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.

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. 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 and migratory game birds. 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.

b. 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 (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 ~~owned by Adams and Summers~~, 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 Area 5 and 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: East Feliciana, St. Helena, Concordia, Franklin, Tensas, East Baton Rouge, Madison, 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, Jackson, Union, Bossier, Lincoln, Webster, Caddo, Natchitoches, Winn, Claiborne, Red River, DeSoto, Sabine, Caldwell.

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. 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.

i. All deer hunting with firearms is for bucks only including muzzleloader season.

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, Plaquemines, St. John, Assumption, Pointe Coupee, St. Martin, Iberville, St. Bernard, Jefferson, St. Charles, Lafourche, St. James, 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 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 eastward 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 lying 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 lying east 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 WMAs 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 except in designated locations 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.

i. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.) and wild plants is prohibited without prior approval. 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.

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

k. Nature trails. Access to 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.

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

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

n. 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.

o. Free ranging livestock prohibited.

2. Permits

a. 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.

b. Self-Clearing Permits. A Self-Clearing Permit is required for ALL ACTIVITIES (hunting, fishing, hiking, birdwatching, sightseeing, etc.) on WMAs unless otherwise specified. The Self-Clearing Permit will consist of 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. 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.)

c. 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.

b. Handicapped Season. For hunters possessing a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit only. 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.

c. 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 hunts.

d. 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 WMAs offering lottery hunts.

e. Trapping. Permits to take fur bearers 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.

f. 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. 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.

g. 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.

h. 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.

i. 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.

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 (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 28 29 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.

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.

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

n. 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.

o. All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters and 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. Quail hunters, woodcock hunters and archers (while on the ground) 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".

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

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

r. 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. All oil and gas production facilities (wells, dumping pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or 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 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 purpose. 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. 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.

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, dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Consult regulations pamphlet.

13. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet.

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.

ab. 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.

bc. 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.

cd. Attakapas. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~

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

ef. Bayou Pierre

fg. Bens Creek

gh. Big Colewa Bayou. All nighttime activities prohibited.

hi. Big Lake. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~

ij. Biloxi.

jk. Bodcau.

kl. Boeuf. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~

lm. Boise-Vernon

mn. Buckhorn. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~

no. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~ All game harvested must be reported. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details.

op. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.

pg. Elm Hall. No ATVs allowed.

r. Floy McElroy.

qs. 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.

rt. 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. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~ No hunting in restricted area.

su. Jackson-Bienville. ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management woods, roads and trails.

ty. 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.

uw. Lake Boeuf.

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

wy. Little River.

xz. Loggy Bayou.

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

zbb. Maurepas Swamp.

aacc. 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.

bbdd. 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.

ccee. 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.

ddff. 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.

eeeg. Plum Creek (Formerly Georgia-Pacific). EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.

ffhh. Pointe-aux-Chenes. Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for DOVE hunting and experimental youth deer hunt as specified in regulation pamphlet. Point Farm: Gate will be open during each Saturday of the second split of 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. Vehicles prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by the department. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

ggii. 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 after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season. Crawfish: April 1 - July 31, recreational only, 100 lbs. per boat or group daily. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~

hhjj. Red River. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~ Crawfishing prohibited on Wetland Restoration Areas.

iikk. 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.

jjll. Sabine.

~~kkmm~~. 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.

llnn. 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. Operation of the above described internal combustion engines in interior ditches is prohibited EXCEPT by experimental permit to be obtained from the New Orleans Office, Fur and Refuge Division, Room 217. 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. Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenasses). Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact Pointe-aux-Chenes. 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. 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. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~

mmp. 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. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~ 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.

ooqq. Sicily Island Hills. Firearms and any game harvested cannot be transported through the area except during the corresponding open season on area. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~

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

qqss. 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.

rrtt. 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.

ssuu. Three Rivers. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.~~

ttvv. 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.

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

vvxx. West Bay. Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

wwyy. Wisner.

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Public hearings will be held at the following locations: Region 1 - March 11, 7:00 PM, Minden Civic Center, Minden, Louisiana; Region 2 - March 19, 7:00 PM, Ruston Civic Center, Ruston, Louisiana; Region 3 - March 11, 7:00 PM, Alexandria City Hall Convention Center, Alexandria, Louisiana; Region 4 - March 12, 7:00 PM, Concordia Parish Community Center, Ferriday, Louisiana; Region 5 - March 13, 6:00 PM, Burton Coliseum, Chalkley Room, Lake Charles, Louisiana; Region 6 - March 19, 7:00 PM, National Marine Fisheries Building, Suite 119, Lafayette, Louisiana; Region 7 - March 10, 7:00 PM, Pontchatoula High School Auditorium, Pontchatoula, 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 Wednesday, May 7, 2003 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.

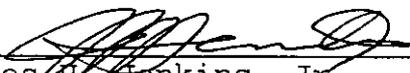
In accordance with Act 1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Terry D. Denmon  
Chairman

Vice-Chairman Felterman then asked for **Public Comments**. Mr. Bob Danka spoke on the change on the coastal WMA shooting hours in particular on Atchafalaya Delta WMA. Having hunted that area since 1986, he did not agree that the pressure is too high for Atchafalaya Delta. Mr. Danka stated he hunted there 11 days this year and shot a total of 43 ducks. Splitting the hunting day into 3 periods, early morning, midday and afternoon, 13 were killed in

the early morning hours, 8 were killed midday and 22 were killed after 1:30 p.m. This was stated to note how the tidal influences hunter success. Instead of trying to reduce hunting pressure, there should be an effort to increase hunter opportunity. Mr. Danka felt the change would decrease hunter opportunity.

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

  
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James H. Jenkins, Jr.  
Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Monday, March 10, 2003

Vice-Chairman Lee Felterman presiding.

Bill Busbice  
Tom Kelly  
Wayne Sagrera  
Jerry Stone

Secretary James H. Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Chairman Terry Denmon and Commissioner Henry Mouton were absent from the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Felterman asked for any Commission comments on the item, **Reconsideration of 2003-04 Deer Season Rules and Regulations**. Commissioner Busbice made a motion to rescind the action taken on March 6, 2003 relative to the Notices of Intent for the 2003-04 hunting season rules and season dates and move with approval of the Notices of Intent relative to the 2003-04 hunting season rules and season dates as originally submitted by the Department on March 6, 2003 without any amendments. Commissioner Sagrera seconded the motion. Hearing no further comments, the motion passed with no opposition.

(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 10, 2003

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, March 10, 2003.

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

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Chairman

Vice-Chairman Felterman then asked for **Public Comments**. Mr. Bob Danka spoke on the change on the coastal WMA shooting hours in particular on Atchafalaya Delta WMA. Having hunted that area since 1986, he did not agree that the pressure is too high for Atchafalaya Delta. Mr. Danka stated he hunted there 11 days this year and shot a total of 43 ducks. Splitting the hunting day into 3 periods, early morning, midday and afternoon, 13 were killed in

the early morning hours, 8 were killed midday and 22 were killed after 1:30 p.m. This was stated to note how the tidal influences hunter success. Instead of trying to reduce hunting pressure, there should be an effort to increase hunter opportunity. Mr. Danka felt the change would decrease hunter opportunity.

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

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James H. Jenkins, Jr.  
Secretary

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COMMISSION MEETING  
ROLL CALL

Monday, March 10, 2003  
Baton Rouge, LA  
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Terry Denmon (Chairman)	—	✓
Lee Felterman	✓	—
Bill Busbice	✓	—
Tom Kelly	✓	—
Wayne Sagrera	✓	—
Jerry Stone	✓	—
Henry Mouton	—	✓

Mr. <sup>Vice</sup> Chairman:

There are 5 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.  
Secretary Jenkins is also present.

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BATON ROUGE, LA  
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3:30 PM

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Motion---To rescind the action the Commission took on March 6, 2003, relative to the Notices Of Intent for the 2003/04 Hunting Season rules and season dates and move approval of the Notices Of Intent relative to the 2003/04 Hunting Season rules and season dates as originally submitted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries on March 6, 2003, without amendments.

RESOLUTION  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
March 10, 2003

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its Special Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, March 10, 2003.

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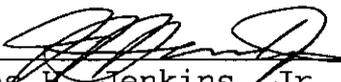
WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

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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Terry D. Denmon, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

  
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James H. Jenkins, Jr., 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, 2003-2004 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.

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#### §103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 2003-2004

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. 15-Feb. 29	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 4-Feb. 29	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 4-Feb. 8	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal on private lands)	6/season

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. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 19-Jan. 25	Nov. 22-Dec. 5 Jan. 5-Jan. 18	Dec. 6-Jan. 4
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 25-Oct. 31 Jan. 10-Jan. 16	Nov. 1-Dec. 5	Dec. 6-Jan. 9
3	Sept. 13- Jan. 15	Oct. 4-Oct. 10 Dec. 1-Dec. 5	Oct. 11-Nov. 30 Dec. 6-Dec. 31	
4	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 8-Nov. 14 Jan. 10-Jan. 18	Nov. 15-Jan. 9	
5	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 10-Jan. 18 Bucks Only	Nov. 22-Nov. 30	
6	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 19-Jan. 25	Nov. 22-Dec. 5	Dec. 6-Jan. 18
7	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 11-Oct. 17 Nov. 8-Nov. 14	Oct. 18-Nov. 7 Nov. 15-Nov. 30	Dec. 1-Dec. 31
8	Sept. 13- Jan. 15	Oct. 4-Oct. 10 Dec. 1-Dec. 5	Oct. 11-Nov. 30	Dec. 6-Dec. 31

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Acadia	Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30
Allen	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 8: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Ascension	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Assumption	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Avoyelles	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Beauregard	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 8: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Bienville	Nov. 1-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Bossier	Nov. 1-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Caddo	Nov. 1-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Calcasieu	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 8: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Caldwell	Nov. 1-2, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Cameron	Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-16, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30
Catahoula	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Claiborne	Nov. 1-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Concordia	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21
DeSoto	Nov. 1-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
East Baton Rouge	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
East Carroll	Nov. 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 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.
	Nov. 15-16, 28-30 the remainder of the parish.
East Feliciana	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Evangeline	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Modern Firearm Either-sex Days</b>
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Franklin	Nov. 22-23, 26-30
Grant	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Iberia	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
	Area 7: Oct. 18-19, Nov. 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Iberville	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Jackson	Nov. 1-3, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Jefferson	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7
Jefferson Davis	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Lafayette	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-23, 28-30
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Lafourche	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
LaSalle	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Lincoln	Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Livingston	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Madison	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21
Morehouse	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 4: Nov. 15-16, 28-30
Natchitoches	Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Orleans	Closed to all deer hunting
Ouachita	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 4: Nov. 15-16, 28-30
Plaquemines	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Pointe Coupee	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Rapides	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7
Red River	Nov. 1-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Modern Firearm Either-sex Days</b>
Richland	Nov. 15-16, 28-30
Sabine	Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
St. Bernard	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
St. Charles	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
St. Helena	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
St. James	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
St. John	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
St. Landry	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
St. Martin	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
St. Mary	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
	Area 7: Oct. 18-19, Nov. 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
St. Tammany	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Tangipahoa	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Tensas	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14, 20-22
Terrebonne	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
	Area 7: Oct. 18-19, Nov. 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Union	Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Vermilion	Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30
Vernon	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
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	Area 8: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Washington	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Webster	Nov. 1-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
West Baton Rouge	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
West Carroll	Closed
West Feliciana	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Winn	Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7

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.

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Terry D. Denmon

Chairman

**2003-2004 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. 1-Jan. 31

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 - 8,158 Acres, Region 3):

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

**Deer:**

Bucks only: Nov. 28-30.

Muzzleloader: Oct. 25-26, Nov. 8-9, either-sex. All deer must be brought to weigh station.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 25-26, Nov. 8-9.

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 - 141,912 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. 1-14, **EXCEPT** Experimental Youth Lottery Deer Hunts.

**Deer:**

Experimental Youth Lottery Deer Hunt: Dec. 6-7, 13-14. On Big Island only, either-sex, daily youth permit required. Call New Iberia office, Fur and Refuge Division (337) 373-0032 for details.

Archery only: Oct. 1-Jan. 31 on Main Delta only (Wax Lake Delta **CLOSED**, Big Lake **CLOSED** Dec. 1-14). No hunting in restricted areas.

Waterfowl: Same as outside, **EXCEPT** hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Small Game: Same as outside, **EXCEPT** rabbit hunting without beagles allowed from Jan. 1-31 on Main Delta, and Oct. 4-Jan. 31 on Wax Delta. Hunting with or without beagles allowed Feb. 1-29.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

Trapping: Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Camping and houseboat mooring allowed **ONLY** in

designated areas.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited.

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

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

**Deer:**

Either-sex: Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7.

Bucks only: Dec. 20-Jan. 4.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 19-25, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 28-30 and Dec. 6-7.

Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 26-Feb. 29.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

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

**Deer:**

Lottery Hunt: Nov. 22-23, 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. 6-7.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 22-23. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29.

Raccoon: (Nighttime): Jan. 10-25. 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 the Youth Waterfowl Lottery Hunt and archery hunting for deer, which is allowed on the entire area. Refuge is marked with "Waterfowl Refuge" signs.

**Deer:**

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

All Small Game: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 2-Feb. 29.

Waterfowl: Restricted to youth lottery and lottery hunts only.

**7. BENS CREEK** (Owner - Weyerhaeuser Co., Inc. - 13,113 Acres, Region 7):

Area Closed: Nov. 8-9, to all hunters **EXCEPT** Youth and Handicapped Hunters.

**Deer:**

**Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters:** Nov. 8-9

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7, Dec. 13-14.  
Mandatory deer check.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 6-Jan. 4

**Muzzleloader:** Jan. 5-Jan. 23

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT Closed Nov. 8-9, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7, Dec. 13-14.  
Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 24-Feb. 29.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 10-25.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

**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. 10-Feb. 29. All nighttime activities prohibited.

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

**Deer:**

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-29, mandatory deer check.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 30 and Dec. 26-Jan. 4.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 6-7

**Small Game:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 28-29. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 10-Feb. 8.

**Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 28-29.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 10-25.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

**10. BILOXI** (Owner - Biloxi Marsh Land Corporation - 39,583 Acres, Region 8):

Self-Clearing Permits not required.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles allowed for rabbits when duck season is closed.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

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

**Deer:** Nov. 1-Dec. 5.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 1-9, 15-16, Nov. 22-30, Dec. 6-7.

**Small Game:** Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 2-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 2-Feb. 8.

**Waterfowl:** Same as outside.

**Raccoon:** (Daytime) Oct. 4-Feb. 8.

(Nighttime) Jan. 2-Feb. 8.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

**12. BOEUF** -(Department Owned - 50,971 Acres, Region 4):

**Area Closed:** Nov. 1-2, to all EXCEPT for Youth Hunters.

**Deer:**

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Nov. 1-2.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-29, Daily Permit.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 30, Dec. 13-28.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 3-7.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 1-2, Nov. 28-29. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 10-Feb. 8. No internal combustion engines and craft allowed in Green Tree Reservoir.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 10-25.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct 1-Feb. 29.

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

**Area Closed:** Oct. 18-19, to all EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

**Deer:**

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Oct. 18-19.

**Either-sex:** Oct. 25-26, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks only:** Oct. 27-Nov. 27 Dec. 20-Jan. 1.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-30.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 1-7.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 18-19, Oct 25-26, Nov. 28-30. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 3-Feb. 8. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 10-Feb. 8. Permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

**14. BUCKHORN** (Department Owned - 11,262 Acres, Region 4):

**Deer:**

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-30, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 26-Jan. 4.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 3-7.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 28-30. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 10-Feb. 8. Mourning dove hunting prohibited in unharvested agricultural fields.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 10-25.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

**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 III 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. 11-12 to all EXCEPT youth hunters.

**Deer:**

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Oct. 11-12. All deer harvested must be brought to Rifle Range Road Weigh Station.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 20-28.

**Muzzleloader:** Nov. 28-29, Jan. 3-4. All deer harvested must be brought to Rifle Range Road Weigh Station.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside, EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 11-12. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 10-Feb. 8. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

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

**16. DEWEY W. WILLS** (Department Owned - 60,276 Acres, Region 3):

**Area Closed:** Nov. 1-2, to all EXCEPT youth and handicapped hunters.

**Deer:**

**Special Handicapped Season:** Nov. 1-2, either-sex. That portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal shall be open only to handicapped hunters.

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Nov. 1-2, either-sex. That portion of the area south of the Diversion Canal shall be open to youth hunters only.

**Special Youth Lottery:** Dec. 6-7, 13-14, Jan. 10-11, 17-18, either-sex. Contact Region 3 Office (318-487-5885) for details and applications.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-29. All deer harvested must be brought to weigh station.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 30, Dec. 26-Jan. 4.

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

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 1-2, Nov. 28-29. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29 and squirrel hunting with dogs allowed from Jan. 17- Feb. 8.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 10-25.

**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. 29.

**Crawfish:** Limited to 100 pounds per person per day. Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area south and east of Hwy. 28.

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

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

**Deer:**

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-29.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 30 and Dec. 27-Jan. 9.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 28-29.

No ATVs allowed.

**18. FLOY WARD McELROY** (Department Owned - 670 acres, Region 2):

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

**Deer:**

**Youth Lottery Hunt:** Nov. 8-9, 15-16. Restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.

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

**19. 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, telephone 1-888-718-3029 or (318) 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 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. 25-26, Mandatory Deer Check. **Bucks only:** Oct. 27-Nov. 27.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-30, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Muzzleloader:** Oct. 4-10, Dec. 6-7, Self-Clearing Permit required, Special Permit, Building #7654. A selected portion of the area to be open.

**Bucks only: Dec. 8-12.**

**Either-sex: Dec. 13-14.**

**Bucks only: Dec. 15-19.**

**Either-sex: Dec. 20-21.**

**Bucks only: Dec. 22-Jan. 1.**

Special Archery regulations for Cantonment Areas, check locally at Building #7654. Either-Sex deer legal Sept. 13-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. 25-26, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 13-14, Dec. 20-21.** Hunter Orange must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 3-Feb. 8.**

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Sept. 13-Jan. 1.**

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

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

**Deer:**

**Either-sex: Nov. 28-29, Mandatory Deer Check.**

**Bucks only: Nov. 30, Dec. 26-Jan. 4.**

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

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 28-29.** Beagles allowed for rabbits **Jan. 17-Feb. 29.**

**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. 29.**

No hunting in restricted area.

**21. JACKSON-BIENVILLE** (Owner - Weyerhaeuser, et. al. - 32,460 Acres, Region 1):

ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management woods, roads and trails.

**Area Closed (portion): Oct. 18-19,** on designated portions. Closed to all hunters **EXCEPT** youth and handicapped hunters.

**Deer:**

**Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters: Oct. 18-19,** 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. 22-23** either-sex deer hunt will be available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on **Nov. 21** 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. 22.**

**Either-sex: Nov. 22-23,** daily permit.

**Nov. 24-30, Dec. 6-7,** self-clearing permit.

**Bucks only: Dec. 1-5, Dec. 8-Jan. 1.**

All deer and hogs harvested **Nov. 28-30** must be brought to the Field Office on North Road to be weighed, inspected, photographed and tagged. Wildlife Division personnel will be at the Field Office from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 18-19 (portion)** and **Nov. 22-23.** Rabbits may be hunted with beagles **Jan. 2-Feb. 29.** Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 2-Feb. 8.**

**Raccoon (Daytime): Oct. 4-Feb. 8.**

(Nighttime): **Jan. 2-Feb. 8.**

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1-Feb. 29.** All hogs must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station or Daily Permit Station.

**22. 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.

**23. LAKE BOEUF** (Department Owned - 786 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. Hunters must check out and exit no later than 2:00 p.m. All nighttime activities prohibited.

**AREA CLOSED: Nov. 10-Jan. 4,** **EXCEPT** Experimental Youth Lottery Deer Hunt and use of waterways for access purposes only.

**Deer:**

**Experimental Youth Lottery Hunt: Nov. 22-23, Jan. 3-4,** 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. 9, Jan. 5-31, either sex.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside, **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 10-Jan. 4, and waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles prohibited during archery season.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1- Nov. 9, Jan. 5-Feb. 29.

**Trapping:** Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Fur & Refuge Division.

**24. LAKE RAMSEY** (Department Owned - 800 Acres, Region 7):

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

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29. Dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 10-Feb. 8.

Foot traffic only - All vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

**25. LITTLE RIVER** (Department Owned - 3840 Acres, Region 3):

**Deer:**

**Bucks only:** Nov. 1-9.

**Muzzleloader:** Nov. 28-29, Jan. 3-4

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 10-25.

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. 10-Feb. 8. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29.

**26. LOGGY BAYOU** (Department Owned - 4,085, State land Office-159, U. S. Army Corp of Engineers-2,353 Acres, Region 1).

**Deer:**

Nov. 28-30, either-sex, mandatory deer check.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 1-7

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 28-30. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 2-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 2-Feb. 8.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 2- Feb. 8.

**27. MANCHAC** (Department Owned - 8,328 Acres, Region 7):

**Deer:** Archery Only, Same as outside.

**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. 29.

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

**28. MAUREPAS SWAMP** (Department Owned - 61,950 acres, Region 7):

**Deer:** Either-sex: Nov. 28-30.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 20-Jan. 4.

**Muzzleloader:** Jan. 5-11.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 28-30.

**29. OUACHITA** (Department Owned - 8,746 Acres, Region 2):

**Area Closed:** Oct. 18-19 to all **EXCEPT** Youth 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. 18-19

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-30, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 13-28.

**Waterfowl:** South of LA Hwy. 15, same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 18-19, Nov. 28-30, **EXCEPT** for the Pintail Alley area.

**Small Game:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 18-19, Nov. 28-30. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck season.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Sept. 29-Oct. 12, Oct. 25-Nov. 16, Jan. 17-Feb.1. Permit required from Monroe Region Office.

**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.

**30. PASS-A-LOUTRE** (Department Owned - 110,491 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 **EXCEPT** hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

**Deer:** Archery only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31. Either-sex.

**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. 29.

**Trapping:** Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Fur & Refuge Division.

**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.

**31. PEARL RIVER** (Department Owned - 35,031 Acres, Region 7):

**Area Closed:** Nov. 8-9 to all EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

**Deer:**

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Nov. 8-9.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-29, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 30 and Dec. 6-28.

**Muzzleloader:** Nov. 15-23, Dec. 29-Jan 11.

**Small Game:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 8-9, Nov. 28-29. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 12-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 12-Feb. 8.

**Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge Area and EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 8-9, Nov. 28-29, north of U.S. Hwy. 90.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Oct. 4-19 and Jan. 12-25.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

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.

**32. 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 (318) 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. 25-Nov. 27.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-30, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Muzzleloader:** Oct. 4-10, Dec. 6-7. Special Permits available at Building #7654. A selected portion of the

area to be open.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 8-12.

**Either-sex:** Dec. 13-14.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 15-19.

**Either-sex:** Dec. 20-21.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 22-Jan. 1.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 28-30, Dec. 13-14, Dec. 20-21. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 3-Feb. 8.

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

**33. PLUM CREEK** (Formerly Georgia-Pacific WMA; Owner - Plum Creek Timber Company - 25,480 Acres, Region 2):

**Area Closed:** Oct. 18-19, to all EXCEPT youth hunters.

**Deer:**

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Oct. 18-19.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 1-9.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-30, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 6-7.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 18-19, Nov. 28-30.

Dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 10-Feb. 8. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 10-29, Permit required from Monroe Region Office.

**EXCEPT** as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.

**34. POINTE-AUX-CHENES** (Department Owned - 32,885 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. Hunters must check out and exit no later than 2:00 p.m. when shooting hours end at 12 noon.

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

**Deer:**

**Bucks only:** Nov. 29-30, Dec. 17-20.

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

**Small Game:** Same as outside, EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 29-30, Dec. 17-20. Beagles may be used ONLY when archery season is closed.

**Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. 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. 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 hunting activities **CLOSED** until Nov. 24 **EXCEPT** for mourning dove hunting and Experimental Youth Lottery Dove Hunt.

**Deer:**

**Experimental Lottery Youth Deer Hunt:** Nov. 22-23, either-sex. Daily Youth Hunt Permit required. To apply or for more information call the New Iberia Office, Fur & Refuge Division, 337-373-0032.

**Archery:** Nov. 24-Jan. 31, either-sex.

**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:** **CLOSED** until Nov. 24. Beagles prohibited until Dec. 13.

**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. 28-29, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 30, Dec. 26-Jan. 4.

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

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 28-29. Beagles allowed for rabbit Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 17-Feb. 8.

**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. 29.

**Crawfish:** Apr. 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:** Nov. 1-2 to all **EXCEPT** Youth Hunters

**Deer:**

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Nov. 1-2.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-29, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 30, Dec. 26-Jan. 4.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 6-7.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 1-2, Nov. 28-29, and **EXCEPT** no hunting in unharvested agricultural fields. Hunting restricted on Yakey Wetland Development Area to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

Crawfishing prohibited on Yakey Farms wetland restoration projects.

**37. RUSSELL SAGE** (Department Owned - 17,122 Acres, Region 2):

**Deer:**

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-29, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 13-28.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 6-7.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 28-29. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29. Squirrel

hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 10-Feb. 8. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck season.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Sept. 29-Oct. 12, Oct. 25-Nov. 16, Jan. 17-Feb. 1. Permit required from Monroe Region Office.

**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. 11-12 to all EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

**Deer:**

**Youth Hunt:** Oct. 11-12.

**Either-sex:** Oct. 25-26, Mandatory Deer Check.

Nov. 28-30, Self-clearing Permit.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 1-Nov. 26.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 6-12.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 11-12, 25-26, Nov. 28-30. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29 and squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 10-Feb. 8.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 10-25.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

**39. SABINE ISLAND** (Owner - State of Louisiana and Calcasieu Parish School Board - 8,103 Acres, Region 5):

**Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.**

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 3-Feb. 8.

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

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 10-Feb. 8. Permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Sept. 13-Feb. 29.

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. Hunters must check out and exit no later than 2:00 p.m. All nighttime activities prohibited.

**Area Closed:** Nov. 1-2, to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

**Deer:**

**Experimental Youth Deer Hunt:** Nov. 1-2, either-sex. See Youth Deer Hunt regulations.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-30.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 13-21.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 7-8

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 1-2.

**Small Game:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 1-2, Nov. 28-30; Dec. 13-21. Beagles prohibited during archery season. Steel shot required for gallinule.

**Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

**Trapping:** Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Fur & Refuge Division.

**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. 7-Feb. 2. 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. 28-30, Dec. 6-7, Dec. 13-14.

Bucks only: Dec. 8-21.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 22-Jan. 4.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7, Dec. 13-14. Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting Jan. 10-Feb. 29. Squirrel dogs allowed Jan. 10-Feb. 8. Except quail closes Jan. 31.

**Raccoon:** Jan. 10-25.

**Mourning Dove:** Sept. 6 and Sept. 13-14 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. 6). 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. 8-Nov. 16 and Feb. 2-29, 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:** Nov. 1-2 EXCEPT to Youth and Handicapped hunters.

**Deer: Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunt:** Nov. 1-2, either-sex, ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED. Self-Clearing Permit, Mandatory Deer Check.

Either-sex: Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7, Mandatory Deer Check

Bucks only: Dec. 26-Jan. 4.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 10-16.

**Squirrel & Rabbit:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 1-2, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 17-Feb. 8.

**Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail, & Gallinules:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 1-2, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7 (excluding the South Farm Complex) 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. All other hunting closed on South Farm complex Nov. 3-Jan. 31. Contact the Region Office for details and description of "South Farm."

**Woodcock and Mourning Dove:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 1-2, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7.

**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. 28-29, Mandatory Deer Check.

Bucks only: Nov. 30, Dec. 13-24.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 3-7.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside

**EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 28-29.**

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

**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. Acreage east of Twelve Mile Bayou is closed to all activities until further notice.

No motorized vehicles allowed. Bicycles allowed. Vehicle parking allowed only in designated parking area on La. Hwy. 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer.

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

**Sport Fishing:** Apr. 1-Aug. 31.

**45. SPRING BAYOU** (Department Owned - 12,506 Acres, Region 6):

**Area Closed:** Nov. 1-2, EXCEPT to Youth Hunters.

**Deer:**

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Nov. 1-2.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-29, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 30, Dec. 26-Jan 4.

**Muzzleloader:** Jan 10-16

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 1-2, Nov. 28-29. Beagles allowed for rabbits, Jan. 17- Feb. 29.

**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. THISTLETHWAITE** (Owner - Thistlethwaite Heirs -11,100 Acres, Region 6):

**Area Closed:** Nov. 1-2, EXCEPT to Youth Hunters.

**Deer:**

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Nov. 1-2.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-30, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 20-28.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 29-Jan. 4

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT

**CLOSED Nov. 1-2, Nov. 28-30.**

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

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.

**47. THREE RIVERS** (Department Owned - 26,295 Acres; Office of State Lands-835 Acres, U.S. Corps of Engineers - 1,085 Acres, Region 4):

**Deer:**

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-29, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 30, Dec. 26-Jan. 4.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 6-7.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 28-29. Beagles allowed for rabbits, Jan. 10-Feb. 29.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 10-25.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

**48. TUNICA HILLS** (Department Owned - 5,358 Acres, Region 7):

**Deer:**

**Muzzleloader:** Nov. 25-Dec. 7.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 25-Dec. 7. 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. 29.

All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. 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.

**49. UNION** (Owner - Plum Creek Timber Co., Louisiana Correctional Facilities Corp., et al - 12,852 Acres, Region 2):

**Deer:**

**Lottery Hunt:** Oct. 25-26. Restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Hunters must check in at the check station on Tennessee Road to have permit validated.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, Dec. 6-7, daily permit.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, Dec. 6-7. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting allowed with dogs Jan. 10-Feb. 8.

**Raccoon:** (Nighttime), Jan. 10-29. Permit required from Monroe Regional Office.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

**50. WEST BAY** (Owners - Boise Paper, Roy O. Martin, and Weyerhaeuser - 50,538 Acres, Region 5):

**Area Closed:** Oct. 18-19, to all EXCEPT youth and handicapped hunters.

**Deer:**

**Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters:** Oct. 18-19, for handicapped and youth hunters only.

**Either-sex:** Oct. 25-26, Mandatory Deer Check,

**Bucks only:** Oct. 27-Nov. 27 and Dec. 20-Jan. 1.

**Nov. 28-30,** Self-Clearing Permit.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 1-7.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 25-26, Nov. 28-30. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 3-Feb. 8.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 10-Feb. 8, permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

**51. WISNER** (Owner - Edward Wisner Donation Advisory Committee - 15,000 Acres, Region 8):

**Self-Clearing Permit not required.**

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Rabbit season closed during open waterfowl season. Beagles allowed during closed waterfowl season.

## KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

**Catahoula and Winn Ranger Districts.**

**Deer:**

**Oct. 25-26,** either-sex, muzzleloader.

**Nov. 1-2,** either-sex, still hunt only.

**Nov. 3-9,** bucks only, still hunt only.

**Nov. 22-27,** bucks only, still hunt only.

**Nov. 28,** either-sex, still hunt only.

**Nov. 29-30,** bucks only, still hunt only.

**Dec. 6,** either-sex, with or without dogs.

**Dec. 7,** bucks only, with or without dogs.

**Dec. 20-22,** bucks only, still hunt only.

**Dec. 24-Jan. 1,** bucks only, with or without dogs.

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

**Deer:**

**Oct. 25-26,** either-sex, muzzleloader.

**Nov. 1-2** either-sex, still hunt only.

**Nov. 3-8, 15-16, 22-27,** bucks only, still hunt only.

**Nov. 28,** either-sex, still hunt only.

**Nov. 29-30,** bucks only, still hunt only.

**Dec. 6-7,** 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. 25-26,** either-sex, muzzleloader.

**Nov. 1-2,** either-sex, still hunt only.

**Nov. 3-8, 15-16, 22-27,** bucks only, still hunt only.

**Nov. 28,** either-sex, still hunt only.

**Nov. 29-30,** bucks only, still hunt only.

**Dec. 6-7,** 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. 5-Feb. 29 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 special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel. ALSO, all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

## 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 required as indicated below:

**Deer:**

Oct. 11-12, 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. 25-26, either-sex, muzzleloader, Daily Permit.

Nov. 1-2, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 28, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 29-30, bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

**Rabbit:** Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbit Jan. 10-Feb. 29 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. 10-Feb. 8.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Dogs allowed Jan. 10-27.

**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 as indicated below:

**Deer:**

Oct. 11-12, 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. 25-26, either-sex, muzzleloader, Daily Permit.

Nov. 1-2, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 28, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 29-30, bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

**Rabbit:** Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbit Jan. 10-Feb. 29, 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. 10-Feb. 8.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Dogs allowed Jan. 10-Feb. 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

(18,000 Acres within St. Landry Parish):

**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. Call (337) 585-0853 for more information.**

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. 1-Jan. 31.

**Nov. 1-2, Youth and Physically Challenged Deer**

Hunt, either-sex.

Nov. 28-30, either-sex gun hunt.

Dec. 6-7, either-sex gun hunt.

Dec. 8-14, either-sex muzzleloader hunt.

Dec. 27-Jan. 9, bucks only gun hunt.

Jan. 10-11, Physically challenged deer hunt, either-sex.

Jan. 19-25, bucks only muzzleloader hunt.

**Small Game:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex gun hunts for deer. Dogs allowed for squirrels and rabbits Jan. 12-Jan. 18 and Jan. 26-Feb. 8. Dogs allowed for rabbits Jan. 26-Feb. 29.

**Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail & Gallinule:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex gun hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

**Mourning Dove and Woodcock:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex gun hunts for deer.

**Quail: CLOSED.**

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during gun hunts for deer.

**Crawfishing: Feb. 1-Aug. 15** Additional Permit required, available Jan. 1.

# Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge

## 2003-2004 Proposed Hunt Schedule

**Species:** Small Game - Squirrel and Rabbit without dogs  
**Type Hunt:** General Gun  
**Season:** October 4 - December 4, 2003  
**Bag Limit:** State limit  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure  
**Significant Changes:** None  
**Note:** Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

**Species:** Small Game - Squirrel and Rabbit with or without dogs  
**Type Hunt:** General Gun  
**Season:** December 8, 2003 - February 8, 2004  
**Bag Limit:** State limit  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure  
**Significant Changes:** None  
**Note:** Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

**Species:** Deer  
**Type Hunt:** Archery; either sex  
**Season:** November 1, 2003 - January 31, 2004  
**Bag Limit:** State Limit  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure  
**Significant Changes:** None  
**Note:** Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

**Species:** Deer  
**Type Hunt:** General Youth Hunt; either sex( Refuge Wide)  
**Season:** November 22-23, 2003  
**Bag Limit:** One deer per day  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure and Proof of Hunter Education  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Deer  
**Type Hunt:** Lottery Youth Hunt; either sex (Greenlea Ag Unit)  
**Season:** December 29-30, 2003  
**Bag Limit:** One deer per day  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure and Proof of Hunter Education  
**Significant Changes:** None  
**Note:** Creates youth hunting opportunities and assist deer population control efforts in closed area.

**Species:** Deer  
**Type Hunt:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lottery General Gun Hunt  
**Season:** November 28-29, 2003  
**Bag Limit:** One deer per day  
**Permit:** Limited Permit Hunt ( Lottery )  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Deer  
**Type Hunt:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Lottery General Gun Hunt  
**Season:** December 13-14, 2003  
**Bag Limit:** One deer per day  
**Permit:** Limited Permit Hunt ( Lottery )  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Deer  
**Type Hunt:** Muzzleloader; either-sex  
**Season:** December 5-7, 2003  
**Bag Limit:** One deer per day  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Waterfowl  
**Type Hunt:** General Gun  
**Season:** Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sundays until noon during regular state season  
**Bag Limit:** State Limit  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure  
**Significant Changes:** None  
**Note:** Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

**Species:** Waterfowl  
**Type Hunt:** Youth Lottery Hunt(Greenlea Ag Unit)  
**Season:** January 10, 2004  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure and Proof of Hunter Education  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Waterfowl  
**Type Hunt:** General Youth Hunt (Refuge Wide)  
**Season:** State Youth Waterfowl Day  
**Bag Limit:** State Limit  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure and Proof of Hunter Education  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Raccoon  
**Type Hunt:** General Gun  
**Season:** January 1 - February 8, 2004  
**Bag Limit:** State Limit  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Woodcock  
**Type Hunt:** General Gun  
**Season:** State Season  
**Bag Limit:** State Limit  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure  
**Significant Changes:** None  
**Note:** Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

**Species:** Turkey  
**Type Hunt:** General Gun  
**Season:** 16 day season - TBA  
**Bag Limit:** 1 Gobbler per day - 2 Gobblers per season  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure  
**Significant Changes:** None

**BAYOU COCODRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
2003-2004 HUNT SCHEDULE**

**SPECIES:** **RABBIT AND SQUIRREL**  
 Type Hunt: General Gun  
 Season: Oct. 4, 2002 - Jan. 11, 2003(without dogs)  
 Jan. 12 - Feb. 8, 2004(with/without dogs)  
 Bag Limits: State Regulations  
 Comments: Closed during Youth hunts, Muzzleloader Hunt,  
 and General deer gun hunt  
 Permits: General Permits  
 Significant Changes: None

**SPECIES:** **DEER (EITHER SEX)**  
 Type Hunt: General Gun (Youth Hunt)  
 Season: Nov. 15- Nov. 16, 2003  
 Limits: State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)  
 Permits: General Permits  
 Significant Changes: None

**SPECIES:** **DEER (EITHER SEX)**  
 Type Hunt: Archery  
 Season: Nov. 1, 2003 - Jan. 31, 2004  
 Bag Limits: State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)  
 Comments: Closed during youth hunts and lottery deer hunt,  
 Archers must abide by hunter orange  
 requirements during muzzleloader hunt.  
 Permits: General Permits  
 Significant Changes: None

**SPECIES:** **DEER (EITHER SEX)**  
 Type Hunt: Muzzleloader  
 Season: Dec. 6 - Dec. 7, 2003  
 Bag Limits: State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)  
 Permits: General Permits  
 Significant Changes: None

**SPECIES:** **DEER (EITHER SEX)**  
 Type Hunt: General Gun (lottery deer hunt)  
 Season: Dec. 20-21, 2003  
 Limits: State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)  
 Permits: Lottery Permit Required  
 Significant Changes: Moved to later in the season

**SPECIES:** **DEER (EITHER SEX)**  
Type Hunt: General Gun (lottery youth)  
Season: Jan. 3 - 4, 2004  
Bag Limits: State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)  
Permits: Lottery Permit Required  
Significant Changes: None

**SPECIES:** **WOODCOCK**  
Type Hunt: General Gun  
Season: ~~Jan. 12 - Jan. 31, 2004~~ *State Season*  
Bag Limits: State Regulations  
Permits: General Permits  
Significant Changes: None

**SPECIES:** **WATERFOWL**  
Type Hunt: General Gun  
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: Open an additional 1 day/week

**SPECIES:** **WATERFOWL**  
Type Hunt: Youth Lottery  
Season: To be determined  
Bag Limits: State Regulations  
Permits: Lottery Permit Required  
Significant Changes: This is a new hunt

**2003 – 2004 Hunting Seasons  
BLACK BAYOU LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

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|--------------------|---|----------------------------|
| - Duck, Coot       | State Season<br>Closed during special teal season | Hunting until noon<br>only |
| - Quail, Woodcock  | State Season                                      |                            |
| - Squirrel, Rabbit | State Season                                      |                            |
| - Raccoon, Opossum | December 1, 2003 – January 31, 2004               |                            |
| - Coyotes, Beaver  | Open all refuge hunts                             |                            |
| - Deer Archery     | October 1 – December 31, 2003                     |                            |
| - Deer Gun         | Closed  |                            |

**D'ARBONNE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

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|---------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| - Duck, Goose, Coot | State Season<br>Closed during special teal season | Hunting until noon<br>only          |
| - Quail, Woodcock   | State Season                                      |                                     |
| - Squirrel, Rabbit  | State Season                                      |                                     |
| - Raccoon, Opossum  | December 1, 2003 – January 31, 2004               |                                     |
| - Coyotes, Beaver   | Open all refuge hunts                             |                                     |
| - Deer Archery      | State Season                                      |                                     |
| - Deer Gun          | November 1-2, 28-30, December 6-7, 2003           |                                     |
| - Restricted Deer   | November 8-9, 2003                                | LDWF Class I Permit<br>holders only |

**UPPER OUACHITA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| - Duck, Goose, Coot       | State Season including teal<br>season | Hunting until noon<br>only |
| - Limited Youth Waterfowl | State Season                          | Draw type hunt             |
| - Mourning Dove           | First 3 days of State Season          |                            |
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- Quail, Woodcock            State Season
  - Squirrel, Rabbit            State Season
  - Raccoon, Opossum        December 1, 2003 – January 31, 2004
  - Coyotes, Beaver, Feral Hog Open all refuge hunts
  - Deer Archery                State Season
  - Deer Gun Hunting         November 1-2, 28-30, December 6-7, 2003
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Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge

Proposed Hunt Seasons for 2003/2004

Currently, Cat Island NWR is comprised of 6,500 acres, of which 5,600 acres is in the hunt zone. By fall 2003, we anticipate acquiring about 3,000 additional acres, of which about 8,600 acres will be opened to hunting.

Small Game (Squirrel & Rabbit)

Dates: State Season; closed during refuge gun and muzzleloader deer hunts; dogs allowed after close of State gun deer season

Significant changes: none

Deer-Archery

Dates: State Season; closed during refuge gun and muzzleloader deer hunts

Significant changes: none

Deer-Muzzleloader

Dates: one 2-day lottery hunt November 8-9, 2003; one deer either sex per hunt; 300 permits will be drawn.

Significant changes: increase number of permits drawn by 100

Deer-Gun

Dates: one 2-day lottery hunt November 22-23, 2003; one deer either sex per hunt; 300 permits will be drawn.

Significant changes: increase number of permits drawn by 100

Waterfowl

Dates: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during state waterfowl season; closed during refuge gun and muzzleloader deer hunts

Significant changes: none

Woodcock

Dates: State season; dogs allowed after close of State gun deer season

Significant changes: none

Grand Cote National Wildlife Refuge  
Proposed Hunt Seasons for 2003-2004

The Grand Cote National Wildlife Refuge "Hunting Opening Package" (Hunt Plan, Environmental Assessment, Compatibility Determinations, State Letter of Concurrence, and Section 7 Consultation) has been approved and forwarded to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Washington Office for publication in the Federal Register and Part 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Currently, Grand Cote NWR is 6,075 acres, of which, 4,000 acres is in the hunt zone. The remaining acreage and portions of the hunt area will be closed to provide waterfowl sanctuary.

**Small Game (Rabbit)**

Acres Open: 2,400

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: N/A

**Deer - Archery ONLY**

Acres Open: 4,000 (October 1 - October 31) and 2,400 (October 1 - January 31)

Dates/Days Open: State Season

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: N/A

**Waterfowl - (Ducks, Geese, & Coots)**

Acres Open: 2,400

Dates/Days Open: Wednesday and Saturday until noon during State waterfowl season

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: N/A

**Waterfowl - Youth Weekend**

Acres: 2,400

Dates/Days Open: During State Youth waterfowl weekend

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: N/A

**Waterfowl - Youth Lottery**

Acres: 250

Dates/Days Open: (3 - 5 hunt days) Will be a Youth Lottery hunt in the Crawfish Pond unit. Dates will be finalized after State waterfowl season is set.

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: N/A

**Woodcock**

Acres: 2,400

Dates/Days Open: State Season

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: N/A

**Mourning Dove**

Acres: 2,400

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: N/A

## LAKE OPHELIA NWR

### Proposed Hunt Seasons For 2003/2004

#### Small Game (Squirrel & Rabbit, no dogs)

Acres Open: 12,255 (10/4 to 11/30) And 10,390 (12/1 to 2/10)

Dates/Days Open: First Saturday in October through February 10, 2004 except closed during refuge youth and muzzleloader deer hunts.

Significant changes: None

#### Squirrel & Rabbit (Dog season)

Acres Open: 10,390

Dates/Days Open: 1/20 to 2/10, 2004

Significant Changes: None

#### Archery Deer

Acres Open: 12,995 (11/1 to 11/30) And 10,360 (12/1 to 1/31)

Dates/Days Open: November 1, 2003 through January 31, 2004 except closed during refuge youth and muzzleloader deer hunts.

Significant changes: None

#### Youth Shotgun/Muzzleloader Deer Hunt

Acres Open: 12,995

Dates/Days Open: November 1-2, 2003

Bag Limit & Method: One deer either sex with shotgun slugs or muzzleloader only.

Significant changes: None

#### Muzzleloader

Acres Open: 10,390

Dates/Days Open: December 13-14, 2003 and January 3-4 and 17-18, 2004

Bag Limit & Method: One deer either sex per hunt, quota drawing for 300 permits each hunt.

Significant changes: Reduce number of permits from 400 per hunt to 300 per hunt.

### **Waterfowl**

Acres Open: 10,390

Dates/Days Open: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during state waterfowl season except closed during youth and muzzleloader deer season.

Significant changes: None

### **Youth Waterfowl Weekend**

Acres Open: 10,390

Dates/Days Open: State season

Significant Changes: None

### **Early Teal**

Acres Open: 10,390

Dates/Days Open: State season

Significant Changes: None

### **Woodcock**

Acres Open: 10,390

Dates/Days Open: Statewide season except closed during muzzleloader deer hunts.

Significant changes: None

### **Spring Turkey**

#### **Lottery Hunt**

Acres Open: 12,255

Dates/Days Open: March 22-24 and March 29-31, 2003

Bag Limit and Method: One gobbler per hunter/season, shotguns with shot size smaller than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and lottery drawing for 20 permits per hunt. Application deadline - February 28.

Significant changes: None

#### **Open Hunt**

Acres Open: 12,255

Dates/Days Open: April 5-13, 2003

Bag Limit and Method: One gobbler per hunter/season. Hunters must complete a self-clearing permit before and after each hunt.

Significant changes: None

# CATAHOULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Proposed Hunts For 2003-2004

## 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 4 - 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 28 - 29 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 4 - December 5 (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 8 - 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 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 - 21  
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 28 - 30 & December 6 - 7  
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 season 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

**Proposed Hunt dates for Southeast Louisiana Refuges 2003-2004**

Changes from previous season:

Additional days in December and January for pursuit of squirrels with dogs on Bogue Chitto NWR.

Addition of season for rails and gallinules at Delta NWR.

## Proposed Hunt Dates: Bogue Chitto NWR (Louisiana & Mississippi) 2003-2004

Deer: Archery--October 1-31, 2003 (either sex), January 1-11, 2004 (either sex)

Deer: General Gun Hunt--November 29-30, 2003 (either sex), November 22-28, December 13-21, 2003 (Bucks only)

Still hunt only, no dogs permitted during refuge deer hunts.

Deer: Primitive Weapon - December 6-12 (either sex)

Squirrel: State Season - no dogs.

May be taken with the aid of dogs from November 1-9 and from Dec. 22 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 1-9 and after the close of the state deer gun season. Non-toxic shot only.

Raccoon: January 12 - February 29, 2004 (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 deer archery, primitive weapon, and general gun hunts. Additionally: from January 12 - February 29, 2004, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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 2003-2004**

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 - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer gun season. Shotguns only, non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.

Rabbit: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state 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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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 2003-2004**

**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.

**Gallinules & Rails:** State season. Non-toxic shot only. Open only on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon in that portion of the refuge open to waterfowl hunting.

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Refuge Manager Date

**Approved By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

**Concurrence By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Date

## Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge 2003/2004 Proposed Hunt Schedule

**Species:** Archery Deer  
**Type Hunt:** Archery  
**Season:** October 01-November 22  
**Bag Limit:** One either sex daily  
**Permits:** Lottery permit & Daily Check Card  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Youth Deer  
**Type Hunt:** General Gun  
**Season:** November 1/2  
**Bag Limit:** One either sex daily  
**Permits:** Lottery permit & Daily Check Card  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** General Gun Deer  
**Type Hunt:** General Gun  
**Season:** November 22/23 and 28/29/30  
**Bag Limit:** One either sex daily  
**Permits:** Lottery permit & Daily Check Card  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Squirrel and Rabbit  
**Type Hunt:** General Gun - No dogs  
**Season:** Wed/Thurs/Sat/Sun of State season opening - Close of state waterfowl season  
**Bag Limit:** State Limit  
**Permits:** Lottery permit & Daily Check Card  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Waterfowl  
**Type Hunt:** General Gun  
**Season:** Wed/Thurs/Sat/Sun of State Season  
**Bag Limit:** State Limit  
**Permits:** Lottery permit & Daily Check Card  
**Significant Changes:** None

### 2002/2003 Harvest Summary

	Permitted Hunters	Harvest	Hunter Days
Archery Deer	89	0	27
Youth Gun Deer	27	1	14
Gun Deer	150	0	38
Squirrel/Rabbit	50	11 Squirrel/0 Rabbit	18
Waterfowl	50	1 (wood duck)	23
Overall	366	13	120

## Mandalay National Wildlife Refuge 2003/2004 Proposed Hunt Schedule

**Species:** Deer and Feral Hog  
**Type Hunt:** Archery  
**Season:** State Archery Deer Season  
**Bag Limit:** One either sex deer daily  
**Permits:** Daily Check Card  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Waterfowl  
**Type Hunt:** General Gun  
**Season:** Wednesdays, Saturdays of State Season  
**Bag Limit:** State Limit  
**Permits:** Refuge Lottery permit  
**Significant Changes:** None

### 2002/2003 Harvest Summary

#### Archery Deer and Feral Hog

	No. Harvested	Male: Female	Average estimated weight (lbs)	Recreational Days
Deer	6	3:3	83.5	264
Feral Hog	3	3:0	47	

#### Youth/Adult Lottery Waterfowl

	Number of Ducks	Hunter Days	Hunter Success (ducks/hunter day)
Youth Hunts	110	70	1.57
Adult Hunts	128	52	2.46
Overall	238	122	1.94

**LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 2003/2004 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. All hunting equipment must be removed daily.
  2. Possession of alcohol in the hunt areas during the hunting season is prohibited.

**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.  
**Gallinule Season:** Mornings until noon on Wednesdays (seniors) and Saturdays (youth) during State duck seasons for western zone until the end of the state gallinule season.  
**Bag Limit:** Same as state bag limits.  
**Permits:** Special Use Permit.  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Big Game**

- Species:** Deer, either sex.  
**Type Hunt:** Archery.  
**Season:** October 1 through 31.  
**Bag Limit:** One legal deer ~~or antelope~~ per day.  
**Permits:** Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.
- Significant Changes:**
1. All hunting equipment must be removed daily.
  2. Possession of alcohol in the hunt areas during the hunting season is prohibited.

**Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge  
2003-2004 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)  
**Type Hunt:** Limited lottery drawn permits  
**Season:** Remaining Saturdays of the state season following the closure of the state waterfowl season.  
**Bag Limit:** State limits apply  
**Permit:** One day permits issued by lottery drawing to 4 groups (up to six individuals).  
**Other:** Hunts will be conducted 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Only beagles shorter than 15 inches at the shoulder are permitted. This season is still experimental. If unforeseen problems arise this hunt may be discontinued.  
**Firearms:** Shotguns with approved Non-Toxic shot.  
**Significant Changes:** Change from 5 groups to 4.

**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  
2003-2004 PROPOSED HUNTING SEASON**

**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

# Jean Laffite National Historical Park and Preserve Hunting Season Proposals within the Barataria Preserve in Jefferson Parish, Area 6.

## Deer ( and Eurasian Wild Boar, either-sex)

### *Archery:*

Oct. 11-Nov. 30, 2003  
Dec. 6-21, 2003  
Jan. 3-18, 2004

### *Either-sex:*

Oct. 11-Nov. 16, 2003  
Dec. 6-7, 2003

### Still Hunt (Shotgun Only)

Nov. 16-30, 2003  
Dec. 6-21, 2003  
Jan. 3-18, 2004

### *Either-sex:*

Nov. 15-16, 2003  
Dec. 6-7, 2003

## Small Game (squirrel, rabbit and nutria)

Oct. 13-Nov. 30, 2003  
Dec. 6-21, 2003  
Jan. 3-18, 2004

## Waterfowl

The Preserve will be closed to all waterfowl hunting again this year.

### **Special Conditions**

- a. Hunting activities will begin one-half hour before sunrise and close at 12:00 p.m. daily.
- b. The hunting program will again include a daily permitting system. Each participant will be required to have a National Park Service permit.
- c. The enclosed map illustrates the areas open to hunting. Total acreage open to hunting has increased over last year to approximately 6,000 acres. Certain areas of the Preserve are closed to hunting based on public safety and conflict with other public use.
- d. The Preserve will continue to enforce all applicable State laws, and Jefferson Parish ordinances prohibiting the use of rifles. Hunting in the Preserve will be by primitive weapons or shotguns only.

As in the past, seasons within the preserve track dates of the State season.

**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 8-9-10, 2003

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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 I 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 10, 2003

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its Special Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, March 10, 2003.

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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Terry D. Denmon, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

  
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James H. Jenkins, Jr., 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 ~~28~~ 29 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 BB lead or 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. Trespass 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 moved from the site of the kill. 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.

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. 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 ~~and migratory game birds~~. 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.

b. 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 (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 ~~owned by Adams and Summers~~, 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 Area 5 and 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: East Feliciana, St. Helena, Concordia, Franklin, Tensas, East Baton

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

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. 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.

i. All deer hunting with firearms is for bucks only including muzzleloader season.

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, Plaquemines, St. John, Assumption, Pointe Coupee, St. Martin, Iberville, St. Bernard, Jefferson, St. Charles, Lafourche, St. James, 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 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 ~~eastward~~ 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 ~~lying~~ 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 ~~lying~~ east 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 WMAs 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 ~~except in designated locations~~ 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.

i. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.) and wild plants is prohibited without prior approval. 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.

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

k. Nature trails. Access to 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.

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

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

n. 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.

o. Free ranging livestock prohibited.

2. Permits

a. 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.

b. Self-Clearing Permits. A Self-Clearing Permit is required for ALL ACTIVITIES (hunting, fishing, hiking, birdwatching, sightseeing, etc.) on WMAs unless otherwise specified. The Self-Clearing Permit will consist of 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. 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.)

c. 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.

b. Handicapped Season. For hunters possessing a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit only. 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.

c. 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 hunts.

d. 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 WMAs offering lottery hunts.

e. Trapping. Permits to take fur bearers 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.

f. 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. 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.

g. 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.

h. 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.

i. 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.

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 (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 28 29 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.

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.

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

n. 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.

o. All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters and 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. Quail hunters, woodcock hunters and archers (while on the ground) 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".

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

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

r. 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. All oil and gas production facilities (wells, dumping pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or 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 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 purpose. 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. 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.

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, dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Consult regulations pamphlet.

13. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet.

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.

ab. 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.

bc. 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.

cd. Attakapas. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~

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

ef. Bayou Pierre

fg. Bens Creek

gh. Big Colewa Bayou. All nighttime activities prohibited.

hi. Big Lake. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~

ij. Biloxi.

jk. Bodcau.

kl. Boeuf. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~

lm. Boise-Vernon

mn. Buckhorn. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~

no. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. ~~Free-ranging livestock~~

~~prohibited.~~ All game harvested must be reported. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details.

op. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.

pg. Elm Hall. No ATVs allowed.

r. Floy McElroy.

qs. 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.

rt. 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. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~ No hunting in restricted area.

su. Jackson-Bienville. ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management woods, roads and trails.

ty. 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.

uw. Lake Boeuf.

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

wy. Little River.

xz. Loggy Bayou.

yaa. Manchac. Crabs: No crab traps allowed.

Attended lift nets are allowed.

zbb. Maurepas Swamp.

aaac. 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.

bbdd. 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.

ccce. 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.

ddff. 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.

eeegg. Plum Creek (Formerly Georgia-Pacific). EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.

ffhh. Pointe-aux-Chenes. Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for DOVE hunting and experimental youth deer hunt as specified in regulation pamphlet. Point Farm: Gate will be open during each Saturday of the second split of 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. Vehicles prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by the department. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

ggii. 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 after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season. Crawfish: April 1 - July 31, recreational only, 100 lbs. per boat or group daily. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~

hhjj. Red River. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~ Crawfishing prohibited on Wetland Restoration Areas.

ikkk. 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.

jjll. Sabine.

~~kkmm~~. 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.

~~hhnn~~. 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. Operation of the above described internal combustion engines in interior ditches is prohibited EXCEPT by experimental permit to be obtained from the New Orleans Office, Fur and Refuge Division, Room 217. 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. Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenasses). Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact Pointe-aux-Chenes. 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. 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. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~

mmpp. 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. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~ 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.

ooqq. Sicily Island Hills. Firearms and any game harvested cannot be transported through the area except during the corresponding open season on area. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~

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

qqss. 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.

rrtt. 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.

ssuu. Three Rivers. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.~~

ttvv. 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.

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

vvxx. West Bay. Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

wwyy. 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: .

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

fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

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Terry D. Denmon

Chairman

RESOLUTION  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
March 10, 2003

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its ~~regular~~ *Special* Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, March 10, 2003.

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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Terry D. Denmon, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., 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, 2003-2004 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: .

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 2003-2004

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. 15-Feb. 29	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 4-Feb. 29	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 4-Feb. 8	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal on private lands)	6/season

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. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 19-Jan. 25	Nov. 22-Dec.5 Jan. 5-Jan.18	Dec. 6-Jan. 4
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 25-Oct. 31 Jan. 10-Jan. 16	Nov. 1-Dec. 5	Dec. 6-Jan. 9
3	Sept.13- Jan.15	Oct. 4-Oct.10 Dec. 1-Dec. 5	Oct.11-Nov.30 Dec. 6-Dec.31	
4	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 8-Nov. 14 Jan. 10-Jan. 18	Nov.15-Jan. 9	
5	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 10-Jan. 18 Bucks Only	Nov.22-Nov.30	
6	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 Jan. 19-Jan. 25	Nov.22-Dec. 5	Dec. 6-Jan.18
7	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 11-Oct. 17 Nov. 8-Nov. 14	Oct.18-Nov. 7 Nov.15-Nov.30	Dec. 1-Dec.31
8	Sept.13- Jan. 15	Oct. 4-Oct. 10 Dec. 1-Dec. 5	Oct.11-Nov.30	Dec. 6-Dec.31

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Acadia	Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30
Allen	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 8: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Ascension	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Assumption	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Avoyelles	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Beauregard	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 8: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Bienville	Nov. 1-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Bossier	Nov. 1-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Caddo	Nov. 1-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Calcasieu	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 8: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Caldwell	Nov. 1-2, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Cameron	Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-16, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30
Catahoula	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Claiborne	Nov. 1-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Concordia	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21
DeSoto	Nov. 1-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
East Baton Rouge	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
East Carroll	Nov. 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 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.
	Nov. 15-16, 28-30 the remainder of the parish.
East Feliciana	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Evangeline	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Franklin	Nov. 22-23, 26-30
Grant	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Iberia	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
	Area 7: Oct. 18-19, Nov. 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Iberville	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Jackson	Nov. 1-3, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Jefferson	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7
Jefferson Davis	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Lafayette	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-23, 28-30
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Lafourche	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
LaSalle	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Lincoln	Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Livingston	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Madison	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21
Morehouse	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 4: Nov. 15-16, 28-30
Natchitoches	Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Orleans	Closed to all deer hunting
Ouachita	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 4: Nov. 15-16, 28-30
Plaquemines	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Pointe Coupee	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Rapides	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7
Red River	Nov. 1-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Richland	Nov. 15-16, 28-30
Sabine	Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
St. Bernard	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
St. Charles	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
St. Helena	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
St. James	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
St. John	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
St. Landry	Area 3: Oct. 11-12, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7 Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
St. Martin	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
St. Mary	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14 Area 7: Oct. 18-19, Nov. 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
St. Tammany	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14 Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Tangipahoa	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14 Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Tensas	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14, 20-22
Terrebonne	Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14 Area 7: Oct. 18-19, Nov. 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7
Union	Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Vermilion	Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30
Vernon	Area 2: Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7 Area 3: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7 Area 8: Oct. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
Washington	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Webster	Nov. 1-9, 15-16, 22-30, Dec. 6-7
West Baton Rouge	Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
West Carroll	Closed
West Feliciana	Area 1: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14 Area 6: Nov. 22-23, 26-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14
Winn	Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, Dec. 6-7

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.

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Terry D. Denmon

Chairman

**2003-2004 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. 1-Jan. 31

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 - 8,158 Acres, Region 3):

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

**Deer:**

Bucks only: Nov. 28-30.

Muzzleloader: Oct. 25-26, Nov. 8-9, either-sex. All deer must be brought to weigh station.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 25-26, Nov. 8-9.

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 - 141,912 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. 1-14, **EXCEPT** Experimental Youth Lottery Deer Hunts.

**Deer:**

Experimental Youth Lottery Deer Hunt: Dec. 6-7, 13-14. On Big Island only, either-sex, daily youth permit required. Call New Iberia office, Fur and Refuge Division (337) 373-0032 for details.

Archery only: Oct. 1-Jan. 31 on Main Delta only (Wax Lake Delta **CLOSED**, Big Lake **CLOSED** Dec. 1-14). No hunting in restricted areas.

Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT** hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Small Game: Same as outside, **EXCEPT** rabbit hunting without beagles allowed from Jan. 1-31 on Main Delta, and Oct. 4-Jan. 31 on Wax Delta. Hunting with or without beagles allowed Feb. 1-29.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

Trapping: Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Camping and houseboat mooring allowed **ONLY** in

designated areas.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited.

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

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

**Deer:**

Either-sex: Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7.

Bucks only: Dec. 20-Jan. 4.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 19-25, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 28-30 and Dec. 6-7. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 26-Feb. 29.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

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

**Deer:**

Lottery Hunt: Nov. 22-23, 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. 6-7.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 22-23. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29.

Raccoon: (Nighttime): Jan. 10-25. 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 the Youth Waterfowl Lottery Hunt and archery hunting for deer, which is allowed on the entire area. Refuge is marked with "Waterfowl Refuge" signs.

**Deer:**

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

All Small Game: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 2-Feb. 29.

Waterfowl: Restricted to youth lottery and lottery hunts only.

**7. BENS CREEK** (Owner - Weyerhaeuser Co., Inc. - 13,113 Acres, Region 7):

Area Closed: Nov. 8-9, to all hunters **EXCEPT** Youth and Handicapped Hunters.

**Deer:**

Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters: Nov. 8-9

Either-sex: Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7, Dec. 13-14.  
Mandatory deer check.

Bucks only: Dec. 6-Jan. 4

Muzzleloader: Jan. 5-Jan. 23

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT Closed Nov. 8-9, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7, Dec. 13-14.  
Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 24-Feb. 29.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 10-25.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

**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. 10-Feb. 29. All nighttime activities prohibited.

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

**Deer:**

Either-sex: Nov. 28-29, mandatory deer check.

Bucks only: Nov. 30 and Dec. 26-Jan. 4.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 6-7

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 28-29. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 10-Feb. 8.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 28-29.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 10-25.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

**10. BILOXI** (Owner - Biloxi Marsh Land Corporation - 39,583 Acres, Region 8):

Self-Clearing Permits not required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles allowed for rabbits when duck season is closed.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

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

Deer: Nov. 1-Dec. 5.

Either-sex: Nov. 1-9, 15-16, Nov. 22-30, Dec. 6-7.

Small Game: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 2-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 2-Feb. 8.

Waterfowl: Same as outside.

Raccoon: (Daytime) Oct. 4-Feb. 8.

(Nighttime) Jan. 2-Feb. 8.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

**12. BOEUF** -(Department Owned - 50,971 Acres, Region 4):

Area Closed: Nov. 1-2, to all EXCEPT for Youth Hunters.

**Deer:**

Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 1-2.

Either-sex: Nov. 28-29, Daily Permit.

Bucks only: Nov. 30, Dec. 13-28.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 3-7.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 1-2, Nov. 28-29. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 10-Feb. 8. No internal combustion engines and craft allowed in Green Tree Reservoir.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 10-25.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct 1-Feb. 29.

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

Area Closed: Oct. 18-19, to all EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

**Deer:**

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 18-19.

Either-sex: Oct. 25-26, Mandatory Deer Check.

Bucks only: Oct. 27-Nov. 27 Dec. 20-Jan. 1.

Either-sex: Nov. 28-30.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 1-7.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 18-19, Oct 25-26, Nov. 28-30. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 3-Feb. 8. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 10-Feb. 8. Permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

**14. BUCKHORN** (Department Owned - 11,262 Acres, Region 4):

**Deer:**

Either-sex: Nov. 28-30, Mandatory Deer Check.

Bucks only: Dec. 26-Jan. 4.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 3-7.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 28-30. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 10-Feb. 8. Mourning dove hunting prohibited in unharvested agricultural fields.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 10-25.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

**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 III 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. 11-12 to all EXCEPT youth hunters.

**Deer:**

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Oct. 11-12. All deer harvested must be brought to Rifle Range Road Weigh Station.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 20-28.

**Muzzleloader:** Nov. 28-29, Jan. 3-4. All deer harvested must be brought to Rifle Range Road Weigh Station.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside, EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 11-12. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 10-Feb. 8. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

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

**16. DEWEY W. WILLS** (Department Owned - 60,276 Acres, Region 3):

**Area Closed:** Nov. 1-2, to all EXCEPT youth and handicapped hunters.

**Deer:**

**Special Handicapped Season:** Nov. 1-2, either-sex. That portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal shall be open only to handicapped hunters.

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Nov. 1-2, either-sex. That portion of the area south of the Diversion Canal shall be open to youth hunters only.

**Special Youth Lottery:** Dec. 6-7, 13-14, Jan. 10-11, 17-18, either-sex. Contact Region 3 Office (318-487-5885) for details and applications.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-29. All deer harvested must be brought to weigh station.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 30, Dec. 26-Jan. 4.

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

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 1-2, Nov. 28-29. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29 and squirrel hunting with dogs allowed from Jan. 17- Feb. 8.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 10-25.

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. 29.

**Crawfish:** Limited to 100 pounds per person per day. Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area south and east of Hwy. 28.

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

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

**Deer:**

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-29.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 30 and Dec. 27-Jan. 9.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 28-29.

No ATVs allowed.

**18. FLOY WARD McELROY** (Department Owned - 670 acres, Region 2):

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

**Deer:**

**Youth Lottery Hunt:** Nov. 8-9, 15-16. Restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.

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

**19. 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, telephone 1-888-718-3029 or (318) 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 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. 25-26, Mandatory Deer Check. Bucks only: Oct. 27-Nov. 27.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-30, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Muzzleloader:** Oct. 4-10, Dec. 6-7, Self-Clearing Permit required, Special Permit, Building #7654. A selected portion of the area to be open.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 8-12.

**Either-sex:** Dec. 13-14.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 15-19.

**Either-sex:** Dec. 20-21.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 22-Jan. 1.

Special Archery regulations for Cantonment Areas, check locally at Building #7654. Either-Sex deer legal Sept. 13-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. 25-26, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 13-14, Dec. 20-21. Hunter Orange must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 3-Feb. 8.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Sept. 13-Jan. 1.

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

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

**Deer:**

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-29, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 30, Dec. 26-Jan. 4.

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

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 28-29. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29.

**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. 29.

No hunting in restricted area.

## **21. JACKSON-BIENVILLE** (Owner - Weyerhaeuser, et. al. - 32,460 Acres, Region 1):

ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management woods, roads and trails.

**Area Closed (portion):** Oct. 18-19, on designated portions. Closed to all hunters EXCEPT youth and handicapped hunters.

**Deer:**

**Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters:** Oct. 18-19, 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. 22-23 either-sex deer hunt will be available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 21 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. 22.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 22-23, daily permit.

**Nov. 24-30, Dec. 6-7,** self-clearing permit.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 1-5, Dec. 8-Jan. 1.

All deer and hogs harvested Nov. 28-30 must be brought to the Field Office on North Road to be weighed, inspected, photographed and tagged. Wildlife Division personnel will be at the Field Office from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 18-19 (portion) and Nov. 22-23. Rabbits may be hunted with beagles Jan. 2-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 2-Feb. 8.

**Raccoon (Daytime):** Oct. 4-Feb. 8.

(Nighttime): Jan. 2-Feb. 8.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29. All hogs must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station or Daily Permit Station.

## **22. 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.

## **23. LAKE BOEUF** (Department Owned - 786 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. Hunters must check out and exit no later than 2:00 p.m. All nighttime activities prohibited.

**AREA CLOSED:** Nov. 10-Jan. 4, EXCEPT Experimental Youth Lottery Deer Hunt and use of waterways for access purposes only.

**Deer:**

**Experimental Youth Lottery Hunt:** Nov. 22-23, Jan. 3-4, 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. 9, Jan. 5-31, either sex.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside, **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 10-Jan. 4, and waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles prohibited during archery season.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1- Nov. 9, Jan. 5-Feb. 29.

**Trapping:** Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Fur & Refuge Division.

**24. LAKE RAMSEY** (Department Owned - 800 Acres, Region 7):

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

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29. Dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 10-Feb. 8.

Foot traffic only - All vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

**25. LITTLE RIVER** (Department Owned - 3840 Acres, Region 3):

**Deer:**

**Bucks only:** Nov. 1-9.

**Muzzleloader:** Nov. 28-29, Jan. 3-4

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 10-25.

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. 10-Feb. 8. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29.

**26. LOGGY BAYOU** (Department Owned - 4,085, State land Office-159, U. S. Army Corp of Engineers-2,353 Acres, Region 1).

**Deer:**

Nov. 28-30, either-sex, mandatory deer check.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 1-7

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 28-30. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 2-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 2-Feb. 8.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 2- Feb. 8.

**27. MANCHAC** (Department Owned - 8,328 Acres, Region 7):

**Deer:** Archery Only, Same as outside.

**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. 29.

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

**28. MAUREPAS SWAMP** (Department Owned - 61,950 acres, Region 7):

**Deer:** Either-sex: Nov. 28-30.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 20-Jan. 4.

**Muzzleloader:** Jan. 5-11.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 28-30.

**29. OUACHITA** (Department Owned - 8,746 Acres, Region 2):

**Area Closed:** Oct. 18-19 to all **EXCEPT** Youth 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. 18-19

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-30, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 13-28.

**Waterfowl:** South of LA Hwy. 15, same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 18-19, Nov. 28-30, **EXCEPT** for the Pintail Alley area.

**Small Game:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 18-19, Nov. 28-30. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck season.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Sept. 29-Oct. 12, Oct. 25-Nov. 16, Jan. 17-Feb. 1. Permit required from Monroe Region Office.

**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.

**30. PASS-A-LOUTRE** (Department Owned - 110,491 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 **EXCEPT** hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

**Deer:** Archery only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31. Either-sex.

**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. 29.

**Trapping:** Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Fur & Refuge Division.

**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.

**31. PEARL RIVER** (Department Owned - 35,031 Acres, Region 7):

Area Closed: Nov. 8-9 to all EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Deer:

Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 8-9.

Either-sex: Nov. 28-29, Mandatory Deer Check.

Bucks only: Nov. 30 and Dec. 6-28.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 15-23, Dec. 29-Jan 11.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 8-9, Nov. 28-29. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 12-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 12-Feb. 8.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge Area and EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 8-9, Nov. 28-29, north of U.S. Hwy. 90.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Oct. 4-19 and Jan. 12-25.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

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.

**32. 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 (318) 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. 25-Nov. 27.

Either-sex: Nov. 28-30, Mandatory Deer Check.

Muzzleloader: Oct. 4-10, Dec. 6-7. Special Permits available at Building #7654. A selected portion of the

area to be open.

Bucks only: Dec. 8-12.

Either-sex: Dec. 13-14.

Bucks only: Dec. 15-19.

Either-sex: Dec. 20-21.

Bucks only: Dec. 22-Jan. 1.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 28-30, Dec. 13-14, Dec. 20-21. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 3-Feb. 8.

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

**33. PLUM CREEK** (Formerly Georgia-Pacific WMA; Owner - Plum Creek Timber Company - 25,480 Acres, Region 2):

Area Closed: Oct. 18-19, to all EXCEPT youth hunters.

Deer:

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 18-19.

Bucks only Nov. 1-9.

Either-sex: Nov. 28-30, Mandatory Deer Check.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 6-7.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 18-19, Nov. 28-30. Dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 10-Feb. 8. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 10-29, Permit required from Monroe Region Office.

EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.

**34. POINTE-AUX-CHENES** (Department Owned - 32,885 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. Hunters must check out and exit no later than 2:00 p.m. when shooting hours end at 12 noon.

All Pointe-aux-Chenes property EXCEPT Point Farm Unit:

Deer:

Bucks only: Nov. 29-30, Dec. 17-20.

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

Small Game: Same as outside, EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 29-30, Dec. 17-20. Beagles may be used ONLY when archery season is closed.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. 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. 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 hunting activities **CLOSED** until Nov. 24 **EXCEPT** for mourning dove hunting and Experimental Youth Lottery Dove Hunt.

**Deer:**

**Experimental Lottery Youth Deer Hunt:** Nov. 22-23, either-sex. Daily Youth Hunt Permit required. To apply or for more information call the New Iberia Office, Fur & Refuge Division, 337-373-0032.

**Archery:** Nov. 24-Jan. 31, either-sex.

**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:** **CLOSED** until Nov. 24. Beagles prohibited until Dec. 13.

**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. 28-29, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 30, Dec. 26-Jan. 4.

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

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 28-29. Beagles allowed for rabbit Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 17-Feb. 8.

**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. 29.

**Crawfish:** Apr. 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:** Nov. 1-2 to all **EXCEPT** Youth Hunters

**Deer:**

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Nov. 1-2.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-29, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 30, Dec. 26-Jan. 4.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 6-7.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 1-2, Nov. 28-29, and **EXCEPT** no hunting in unharvested agricultural fields. Hunting restricted on Yakey Wetland Development Area to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

Crawfishing prohibited on Yakey Farms wetland restoration projects.

**37. RUSSELL SAGE** (Department Owned - 17,122 Acres, Region 2):

**Deer:**

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-29, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 13-28.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 6-7.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 28-29. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29. Squirrel

hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 10-Feb. 8. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck season.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Sept. 29-Oct. 12, Oct. 25-Nov. 16, Jan. 17-Feb. 1. Permit required from Monroe Region Office.

**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. 11-12 to all EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

**Deer:**

**Youth Hunt:** Oct. 11-12.

**Either-sex:** Oct. 25-26, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Nov. 28-30,** Self-clearing Permit.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 1-Nov. 26.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 6-12.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 11-12, 25-26, Nov. 28-30. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29 and squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 10-Feb. 8.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 10-25.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

**39. SABINE ISLAND** (Owner - State of Louisiana and Calcasieu Parish School Board - 8,103 Acres, Region 5):

**Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.**

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 3-Feb. 8.

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

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 10-Feb. 8. Permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Sept. 13-Feb. 29.

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. Hunters must check out and exit no later than 2:00 p.m. All nighttime activities prohibited.

**Area Closed:** Nov. 1-2, to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

**Deer:**

**Experimental Youth Deer Hunt:** Nov. 1-2, either-sex. See Youth Deer Hunt regulations.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-30.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 13-21.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 7-8

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 1-2.

**Small Game:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 1-2, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 13-21. Beagles prohibited during archery season. Steel shot required for gallinule.

**Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

**Trapping:** Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Fur & Refuge Division.

**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. 7-Feb. 2. 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. 28-30, Dec. 6-7, Dec. 13-14.

Bucks only: Dec. 8-21.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 22-Jan. 4.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7, Dec. 13-14. Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting Jan. 10-Feb. 29. Squirrel dogs allowed Jan. 10-Feb. 8. Except quail closes Jan. 31.

**Raccoon:** Jan. 10-25.

**Mourning Dove:** Sept. 6 and Sept. 13-14 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. 6). 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. 8-Nov. 16 and Feb. 2-29, 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:** Nov. 1-2 EXCEPT to Youth and Handicapped hunters.

**Deer:** Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunt: Nov. 1-2, either-sex, ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED. Self-Clearing Permit, Mandatory Deer Check.

Either-sex: Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7, Mandatory Deer Check

Bucks only: Dec. 26-Jan. 4.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 10-16.

**Squirrel & Rabbit:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 1-2, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 17-Feb. 8.

**Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail, & Gallinules:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 1-2, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7 (excluding the South Farm Complex) 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. All other hunting closed on South Farm complex Nov. 3-Jan. 31. Contact the Region Office for details and description of "South Farm."

**Woodcock and Mourning Dove:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 1-2, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 6-7.

**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. 28-29, Mandatory Deer Check.

Bucks only: Nov. 30, Dec. 13-24.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 3-7.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside

**EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 28-29.**

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

**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. Acreage east of Twelve Mile Bayou is closed to all activities until further notice.

No motorized vehicles allowed. Bicycles allowed. Vehicle parking allowed only in designated parking area on La. Hwy. 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer.

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

**Sport Fishing:** Apr. 1-Aug. 31.

**45. SPRING BAYOU** (Department Owned - 12,506 Acres, Region 6):

**Area Closed:** Nov. 1-2, EXCEPT to Youth Hunters.

**Deer:**

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Nov. 1-2.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-29, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 30, Dec. 26-Jan 4.

**Muzzleloader:** Jan 10-16

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 1-2, Nov. 28-29. Beagles allowed for rabbits, Jan. 17- Feb. 29.

**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. THISTLETHWAITE** (Owner - Thistlethwaite Heirs -11,100 Acres, Region 6):

**Area Closed:** Nov. 1-2, EXCEPT to Youth Hunters.

**Deer:**

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Nov. 1-2.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-30, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks only:** Dec. 20-28.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 29-Jan. 4

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT

**CLOSED Nov. 1-2, Nov. 28-30.**

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

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.

**47. THREE RIVERS** (Department Owned - 26,295 Acres; Office of State Lands-835 Acres, U.S. Corps of Engineers - 1,085 Acres, Region 4):

**Deer:**

**Either-sex:** Nov. 28-29, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks only:** Nov. 30, Dec. 26-Jan. 4.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 6-7.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 28-29. Beagles allowed for rabbits, Jan. 10-Feb. 29.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 10-25.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

**48. TUNICA HILLS** (Department Owned - 5,358 Acres, Region 7):

**Deer:**

**Muzzleloader:** Nov. 25-Dec. 7.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 25-Dec. 7. 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. 29.

All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. 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.

**49. UNION** (Owner - Plum Creek Timber Co., Louisiana Correctional Facilities Corp., et al - 12,852 Acres, Region 2):

**Deer:**

**Lottery Hunt:** Oct. 25-26. Restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.

Hunters must check in at the check station on Tennessee Road to have permit validated.

**Either-sex:** Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, Dec. 6-7, daily permit.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 25-26, Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, Dec. 6-7. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting allowed with dogs Jan. 10-Feb. 8.

**Raccoon:** (Nighttime), Jan. 10-29. Permit required from Monroe Regional Office.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

**50. WEST BAY** (Owners - Boise Paper, Roy O. Martin, and Weyerhaeuser - 50,538 Acres, Region 5):  
**Area Closed:** Oct. 18-19, to all EXCEPT youth and handicapped hunters.

**Deer:**

**Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters:** Oct. 18-19, for handicapped and youth hunters only.

**Either-sex:** Oct. 25-26, Mandatory Deer Check,  
**Bucks only:** Oct. 27-Nov. 27 and Dec. 20-Jan. 1.  
Nov. 28-30, Self-Clearing Permit.

**Muzzleloader:** Dec. 1-7.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 25-26, Nov. 28-30. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 3-Feb. 8.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 10-Feb. 8, permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

**51. WISNER** (Owner - Edward Wisner Donation Advisory Committee - 15,000 Acres, Region 8):  
**Self-Clearing Permit not required.**

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Rabbit season closed during open waterfowl season. Beagles allowed during closed waterfowl season.

## KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

**Catahoula and Winn Ranger Districts.**

**Deer:**

Oct. 25-26, either-sex, muzzleloader.  
Nov. 1-2, either-sex, still hunt only.  
Nov. 3-9, bucks only, still hunt only.  
Nov. 22-27, bucks only, still hunt only.  
Nov. 28, either-sex, still hunt only.  
Nov. 29-30, bucks only, still hunt only.  
Dec. 6, either-sex, with or without dogs.  
Dec. 7, bucks only, with or without dogs.  
Dec. 20-22, bucks only, still hunt only.  
Dec. 24-Jan. 1, bucks only, with or without dogs.

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

**Deer:**

Oct. 25-26, either-sex, muzzleloader.  
Nov. 1-2 either-sex, still hunt only.  
Nov. 3-8, 15-16, 22-27, bucks only, still hunt only.  
Nov. 28, either-sex, still hunt only.  
Nov. 29-30, bucks only, still hunt only.  
Dec. 6-7, 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. 25-26, either-sex, muzzleloader.  
Nov. 1-2, either-sex, still hunt only.  
Nov. 3-8, 15-16, 22-27, bucks only, still hunt only.  
Nov. 28, either-sex, still hunt only.  
Nov. 29-30, bucks only, still hunt only.  
Dec. 6-7, 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. 5-Feb. 29 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 special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel. ALSO, all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

## 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 required as indicated below:

**Deer:**

Oct. 11-12, 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. 25-26, either-sex, muzzleloader, Daily Permit.

Nov. 1-2, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 28, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 29-30, bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

**Rabbit:** Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbit Jan. 10-Feb. 29 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. 10-Feb. 8.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Dogs allowed Jan. 10-27.

**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 as indicated below:

**Deer:**

Oct. 11-12, 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. 25-26, either-sex, muzzleloader, Daily Permit.

Nov. 1-2, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 28, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 29-30, bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

**Rabbit:** Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbit Jan. 10-Feb. 29, 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. 10-Feb. 8.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Dogs allowed Jan. 10-Feb. 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

(18,000 Acres within St. Landry Parish):

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. Call (337) 585-0853 for more information.

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. 1-Jan. 31.

Nov. 1-2, Youth and Physically Challenged Deer

Hunt, either-sex.

Nov. 28-30, either-sex gun hunt.

Dec. 6-7, either-sex gun hunt.

Dec. 8-14, either-sex muzzleloader hunt.

Dec. 27-Jan. 9, bucks only gun hunt.

Jan. 10-11, Physically challenged deer hunt, either-sex.

Jan. 19-25, bucks only muzzleloader hunt.

**Small Game:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex gun hunts for deer. Dogs allowed for squirrels and rabbits Jan. 12-Jan. 18 and Jan. 26-Feb. 8. Dogs allowed for rabbits Jan. 26-Feb. 29.

**Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail & Gallinule:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex gun hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

**Mourning Dove and Woodcock:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex gun hunts for deer.

**Quail:** **CLOSED.**

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during gun hunts for deer.

**Crawfishing:** Feb. 1-Aug. 15 Additional Permit required, available Jan. 1.

# Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge

## 2003-2004 Proposed Hunt Schedule

**Species:** Small Game - Squirrel and Rabbit without dogs  
**Type Hunt:** General Gun  
**Season:** October 4 - December 4, 2003  
**Bag Limit:** State limit  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure  
**Significant Changes:** None  
**Note:** Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

**Species:** Small Game - Squirrel and Rabbit with or without dogs  
**Type Hunt:** General Gun  
**Season:** December 8, 2003 - February 8, 2004  
**Bag Limit:** State limit  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure  
**Significant Changes:** None  
**Note:** Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

**Species:** Deer  
**Type Hunt:** Archery; either sex  
**Season:** November 1, 2003 - January 31, 2004  
**Bag Limit:** State Limit  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure  
**Significant Changes:** None  
**Note:** Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

**Species:** Deer  
**Type Hunt:** General Youth Hunt; either sex (Refuge Wide)  
**Season:** November 22-23, 2003  
**Bag Limit:** One deer per day  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure and Proof of Hunter Education  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Deer  
**Type Hunt:** Lottery Youth Hunt; either sex (Greenlea Ag Unit)  
**Season:** December 29-30, 2003  
**Bag Limit:** One deer per day  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure and Proof of Hunter Education  
**Significant Changes:** None  
**Note:** Creates youth hunting opportunities and assist deer population control efforts in closed area.

**Species:** Deer  
**Type Hunt:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lottery General Gun Hunt  
**Season:** November 28-29, 2003  
**Bag Limit:** One deer per day  
**Permit:** Limited Permit Hunt ( Lottery )  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Deer  
**Type Hunt:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Lottery General Gun Hunt  
**Season:** December 13-14, 2003  
**Bag Limit:** One deer per day  
**Permit:** Limited Permit Hunt ( Lottery )  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Deer  
**Type Hunt:** Muzzleloader; either-sex  
**Season:** December 5-7, 2003  
**Bag Limit:** One deer per day  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Waterfowl  
**Type Hunt:** General Gun  
**Season:** Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sundays until noon during regular state season  
**Bag Limit:** State Limit  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure  
**Significant Changes:** None  
**Note:** Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

**Species:** Waterfowl  
**Type Hunt:** Youth Lottery Hunt(Greenlea Ag Unit)  
**Season:** January 10, 2004  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure and Proof of Hunter Education  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Waterfowl  
**Type Hunt:** General Youth Hunt (Refuge Wide)  
**Season:** State Youth Waterfowl Day  
**Bag Limit:** State Limit  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure and Proof of Hunter Education  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Raccoon  
**Type Hunt:** General Gun  
**Season:** January 1 - February 8, 2004  
**Bag Limit:** State Limit  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Woodcock  
**Type Hunt:** General Gun  
**Season:** State Season  
**Bag Limit:** State Limit  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure  
**Significant Changes:** None  
**Note:** Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

**Species:** Turkey  
**Type Hunt:** General Gun  
**Season:** 16 day season - TBA  
**Bag Limit:** 1 Gobbler per day - 2 Gobblers per season  
**Permit:** Access Permit on Hunt Brochure  
**Significant Changes:** None

**BAYOU COCODRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
2003-2004 HUNT SCHEDULE**

**SPECIES:** RABBIT AND SQUIRREL  
 Type Hunt: General Gun  
 Season: Oct. 4, 2002 - Jan. 11, 2003(without dogs)  
 Jan. 12 - Feb. 8, 2004(with/without dogs)  
 Bag Limits: State Regulations  
 Comments: Closed during Youth hunts, Muzzleloader Hunt,  
 and General deer gun hunt  
 Permits: General Permits  
 Significant Changes: None

**SPECIES:** DEER (EITHER SEX)  
 Type Hunt: General Gun (Youth Hunt)  
 Season: Nov. 15- Nov. 16, 2003  
 Limits: State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)  
 Permits: General Permits  
 Significant Changes: None

**SPECIES:** DEER (EITHER SEX)  
 Type Hunt: Archery  
 Season: Nov. 1, 2003 - Jan. 31, 2004  
 Bag Limits: State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)  
 Comments: Closed during youth hunts and lottery deer hunt,  
 Archers must abide by hunter orange  
 requirements during muzzleloader hunt.  
 Permits: General Permits  
 Significant Changes: None

**SPECIES:** DEER (EITHER SEX)  
 Type Hunt: Muzzleloader  
 Season: Dec. 6 - Dec. 7, 2003  
 Bag Limits: State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)  
 Permits: General Permits  
 Significant Changes: None

**SPECIES:** DEER (EITHER SEX)  
 Type Hunt: General Gun (lottery deer hunt)  
 Season: Dec. 20-21, 2003  
 Limits: State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)  
 Permits: Lottery Permit Required  
 Significant Changes: Moved to later in the season

**SPECIES:** **DEER (EITHER SEX)**  
Type Hunt: General Gun (lottery youth)  
Season: Jan. 3 - 4, 2004  
Bag Limits: State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)  
Permits: Lottery Permit Required  
Significant Changes: None

**SPECIES:** **WOODCOCK**  
Type Hunt: General Gun  
Season: ~~Jan. 12 - Jan. 31, 2004~~ *State Season*  
Bag Limits: State Regulations  
Permits: General Permits  
Significant Changes: None

**SPECIES:** **WATERFOWL**  
Type Hunt: General Gun  
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: Open an additional 1 day/week

**SPECIES:** **WATERFOWL**  
Type Hunt: Youth Lottery  
Season: To be determined  
Bag Limits: State Regulations  
Permits: Lottery Permit Required  
Significant Changes: This is a new hunt

**2003 – 2004 Hunting Seasons  
BLACK BAYOU LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

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|--------------------|---|----------------------------|
| - Duck, Coot       | State Season<br>Closed during special teal season | Hunting until noon<br>only |
| - Quail, Woodcock  | State Season                                      |                            |
| - Squirrel, Rabbit | State Season                                      |                            |
| - Raccoon, Opossum | December 1, 2003 – January 31, 2004               |                            |
| - Coyotes, Beaver  | Open all refuge hunts                             |                            |
| - Deer Archery     | October 1 – December 31, 2003                     |                            |
| - Deer Gun         | Closed  |                            |

**D'ARBONNE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

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|---------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| - Duck, Goose, Coot | State Season<br>Closed during special teal season | Hunting until noon<br>only          |
| - Quail, Woodcock   | State Season                                      |                                     |
| - Squirrel, Rabbit  | State Season                                      |                                     |
| - Raccoon, Opossum  | December 1, 2003 – January 31, 2004               |                                     |
| - Coyotes, Beaver   | Open all refuge hunts                             |                                     |
| - Deer Archery      | State Season                                      |                                     |
| - Deer Gun          | November 1-2, 28-30, December 6-7, 2003           |                                     |
| - Restricted Deer   | November 8-9, 2003                                | LDWF Class I Permit<br>holders only |

**UPPER OUACHITA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| - Duck, Goose, Coot       | State Season including teal<br>season | Hunting until noon<br>only |
| - Limited Youth Waterfowl | State Season                          | Draw type hunt             |
| - Mourning Dove           | First 3 days of State Season          |                            |
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- Quail, Woodcock            State Season
  - Squirrel, Rabbit            State Season
  - Raccoon, Opossum        December 1, 2003 – January 31, 2004
  - Coyotes, Beaver, Feral Hog Open all refuge hunts
  - Deer Archery                State Season
  - Deer Gun Hunting         November 1-2, 28-30, December 6-7, 2003
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Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge

Proposed Hunt Seasons for 2003/2004

Currently, Cat Island NWR is comprised of 6,500 acres, of which 5,600 acres is in the hunt zone. By fall 2003, we anticipate acquiring about 3,000 additional acres, of which about 8,600 acres will be opened to hunting.

Small Game (Squirrel & Rabbit)

Dates: State Season; closed during refuge gun and muzzleloader deer hunts; dogs allowed after close of State gun deer season

Significant changes: none

Deer-Archery

Dates: State Season; closed during refuge gun and muzzleloader deer hunts

Significant changes: none

Deer-Muzzleloader

Dates: one 2-day lottery hunt November 8-9, 2003; one deer either sex per hunt; 300 permits will be drawn.

Significant changes: increase number of permits drawn by 100

Deer-Gun

Dates: one 2-day lottery hunt November 22-23, 2003; one deer either sex per hunt; 300 permits will be drawn.

Significant changes: increase number of permits drawn by 100

Waterfowl

Dates: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during state waterfowl season; closed during refuge gun and muzzleloader deer hunts

Significant changes: none

Woodcock

Dates: State season; dogs allowed after close of State gun deer season

Significant changes: none

Grand Cote National Wildlife Refuge  
Proposed Hunt Seasons for 2003-2004

The Grand Cote National Wildlife Refuge "Hunting Opening Package" (Hunt Plan, Environmental Assessment, Compatibility Determinations, State Letter of Concurrence, and Section 7 Consultation) has been approved and forwarded to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Washington Office for publication in the Federal Register and Part 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Currently, Grand Cote NWR is 6,075 acres, of which, 4,000 acres is in the hunt zone. The remaining acreage and portions of the hunt area will be closed to provide waterfowl sanctuary.

Small Game (Rabbit)

Acres Open: 2,400

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: N/A

Deer - Archery ONLY

Acres Open: 4,000 (October 1 - October 31) and 2,400 (October 1 - January 31)

Dates/Days Open: State Season

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: N/A

Waterfowl - (Ducks, Geese, & Coots)

Acres Open: 2,400

Dates/Days Open: Wednesday and Saturday until noon during State waterfowl season

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: N/A

Waterfowl - Youth Weekend

Acres: 2,400

Dates/Days Open: During State Youth waterfowl weekend

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: N/A

Waterfowl - Youth Lottery

Acres: 250

Dates/Days Open: (3 - 5 hunt days) Will be a Youth Lottery hunt in the Crawfish Pond unit. Dates will be finalized after State waterfowl season is set.

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: N/A

Woodcock

Acres: 2,400

Dates/Days Open: State Season

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: N/A

Mourning Dove

Acres: 2,400

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: N/A

## LAKE OPHELIA NWR

### Proposed Hunt Seasons For 2003/2004

#### Small Game (Squirrel & Rabbit, no dogs)

Acres Open: 12,255 (10/4 to 11/30) And 10,390 (12/1 to 2/10)

Dates/Days Open: First Saturday in October through February 10, 2004 except closed during refuge youth and muzzleloader deer hunts.

Significant changes: None

#### Squirrel & Rabbit (Dog season)

Acres Open: 10,390

Dates/Days Open: 1/20 to 2/10, 2004

Significant Changes: None

#### Archery Deer

Acres Open: 12,995 (11/1 to 11/30) And 10,360 (12/1 to 1/31)

Dates/Days Open: November 1, 2003 through January 31, 2004 except closed during refuge youth and muzzleloader deer hunts.

Significant changes: None

#### Youth Shotgun/Muzzleloader Deer Hunt

Acres Open: 12,995

Dates/Days Open: November 1-2, 2003

Bag Limit & Method: One deer either sex with shotgun slugs or muzzleloader only.

Significant changes: None

#### Muzzleloader

Acres Open: 10,390

Dates/Days Open: December 13-14, 2003 and January 3-4 and 17-18, 2004

Bag Limit & Method: One deer either sex per hunt, quota drawing for 300 permits each hunt.

Significant changes: Reduce number of permits from 400 per hunt to 300 per hunt.

## Waterfowl

Acres Open: 10,390

Dates/Days Open: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during state waterfowl season except closed during youth and muzzleloader deer season.

Significant changes: None

## Youth Waterfowl Weekend

Acres Open: 10,390

Dates/Days Open: State season

Significant Changes: None

## Early Teal

Acres Open: 10,390

Dates/Days Open: State season

Significant Changes: None

## Woodcock

Acres Open: 10,390

Dates/Days Open: Statewide season except closed during muzzleloader deer hunts.

Significant changes: None

## Spring Turkey

### **Lottery Hunt**

Acres Open: 12,255

Dates/Days Open: March 22-24 and March 29-31, 2003

Bag Limit and Method: One gobbler per hunter/season, shotguns with shot size smaller than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and lottery drawing for 20 permits per hunt. Application deadline - February 28.

Significant changes: None

### **Open Hunt**

Acres Open: 12,255

Dates/Days Open: April 5-13, 2003

Bag Limit and Method: One gobbler per hunter/season. Hunters must complete a self-clearing permit before and after each hunt.

Significant changes: None

# CATAHOULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Proposed Hunts For 2003-2004

## 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 4 - 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 28 - 29 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 4 - December 5 (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 8 - 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 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 - 21  
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 28 - 30 & December 6 - 7  
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 season 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

## **Proposed Hunt dates for Southeast Louisiana Refuges 2003-2004**

### **Changes from previous season:**

Additional days in December and January for pursuit of squirrels with dogs on Bogue Chitto NWR.

Addition of season for rails and gallinules at Delta NWR.

**Proposed Hunt Dates: Bogue Chitto NWR (Louisiana & Mississippi) 2003-2004**

Deer: Archery--October 1-31, 2003 (either sex), January 1-11, 2004 (either sex)

Deer: General Gun Hunt--November 29-30,2003 (either sex), November 22-28, December 13-21,2003 (Bucks only)

Still hunt only, no dogs permitted during refuge deer hunts.

Deer: Primitive Weapon – December 6-12 (either sex)

Squirrel: State Season - no dogs.

May be taken with the aid of dogs from November 1-9 and from Dec.22 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 1-9 and after the close of the state deer gun season. Non-toxic shot only.

Raccoon: January 12 - February 29, 2004 (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 deer archery, primitive weapon, and general gun hunts. Additionally: from January 12 - February 29, 2004, 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 2003-2004

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 - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer gun season. Shotguns only, non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.

Rabbit: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 2003-2004**

**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.

**Gallinules & Rails:** State season. Non-toxic shot only. Open only on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon in that portion of the refuge open to waterfowl hunting.

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Refuge Manager Date

**Approved By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

**Concurrence By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Date

## Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge 2003/2004 Proposed Hunt Schedule

Species: Archery Deer  
 Type Hunt: Archery  
 Season: October 01-November 22  
 Bag Limit: One either sex daily  
 Permits: Lottery permit & Daily Check Card  
 Significant Changes: None

Species: Youth Deer  
 Type Hunt: General Gun  
 Season: November 1/2  
 Bag Limit: One either sex daily  
 Permits: Lottery permit & Daily Check Card  
 Significant Changes: None

Species: General Gun Deer  
 Type Hunt: General Gun  
 Season: November 22/23 and 28/29/30  
 Bag Limit: One either sex daily  
 Permits: Lottery permit & Daily Check Card  
 Significant Changes: None

Species: Squirrel and Rabbit  
 Type Hunt: General Gun - No dogs  
 Season: Wed/Thurs/Sat/Sun of State season opening - Close of state waterfowl season  
 Bag Limit: State Limit  
 Permits: Lottery permit & Daily Check Card  
 Significant Changes: None

Species: Waterfowl  
 Type Hunt: General Gun  
 Season: Wed/Thurs/Sat/Sun of State Season  
 Bag Limit: State Limit  
 Permits: Lottery permit & Daily Check Card  
 Significant Changes: None

### 2002/2003 Harvest Summary

	Permitted Hunters	Harvest	Hunter Days
Archery Deer	89	0	27
Youth Gun Deer	27	1	14
Gun Deer	150	0	38
Squirrel/Rabbit	50	11 Squirrel/0 Rabbit	18
Waterfowl	50	1 (wood duck)	23
Overall	366	13	120

## Mandalay National Wildlife Refuge 2003/2004 Proposed Hunt Schedule

**Species:** Deer and Feral Hog  
**Type Hunt:** Archery  
**Season:** State Archery Deer Season  
**Bag Limit:** One either sex deer daily  
**Permits:** Daily Check Card  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Species:** Waterfowl  
**Type Hunt:** General Gun  
**Season:** Wednesdays, Saturdays of State Season  
**Bag Limit:** State Limit  
**Permits:** Refuge Lottery permit  
**Significant Changes:** None

### 2002/2003 Harvest Summary

#### Archery Deer and Feral Hog

	No. Harvested	Male: Female	Average estimated weight (lbs)	Recreational Days
Deer	6	3:3	83.5	264
Feral Hog	3	3:0	47	

#### Youth/Adult Lottery Waterfowl

	Number of Ducks	Hunter Days	Hunter Success (ducks/hunter day)
Youth Hunts	110	70	1.57
Adult Hunts	128	52	2.46
Overall	238	122	1.94

**LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 2003/2004 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. All hunting equipment must be removed daily.  
2. Possession of alcohol in the hunt areas during the hunting season is prohibited.

**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.  
**Gallinule Season:** Mornings until noon on Wednesdays (seniors) and Saturdays (youth) during State duck seasons for western zone until the end of the state gallinule season.  
**Bag Limit:** Same as state bag limits.  
**Permits:** Special Use Permit.  
**Significant Changes:** None

**Big Game**

**Species:** Deer, either sex.  
**Type Hunt:** Archery.  
**Season:** October 1 through 31.  
**Bag Limit:** One legal deer ~~of either sex~~ per day.  
**Permits:** Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.  
**Significant Changes:**  
1. All hunting equipment must be removed daily.  
2. Possession of alcohol in the hunt areas during the hunting season is prohibited.

## Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge 2003-2004 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)  
**Type Hunt:** Limited lottery drawn permits  
**Season:** Remaining Saturdays of the state season following the closure of the state waterfowl season.  
**Bag Limit:** State limits apply  
**Permit:** One day permits issued by lottery drawing to 4 groups (up to six individuals).  
**Other:** Hunts will be conducted 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Only beagles shorter than 15 inches at the shoulder are permitted. This season is still experimental. If unforeseen problems arise this hunt may be discontinued.

**Firearms:** Shotguns with approved Non-Toxic shot.

**Significant Changes:** Change from 5 groups to 4.

**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  
2003-2004 PROPOSED HUNTING SEASON**

**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

# Jean Laffite National Historical Park and Preserve Hunting Season Proposals within the Barataria Preserve in Jefferson Parish, Area 6.

## Deer ( and Eurasian Wild Boar, either-sex)

### Archery:

Oct. 11-Nov. 30, 2003  
Dec. 6-21, 2003  
Jan. 3-18, 2004

### Either-sex:

Oct. 11-Nov. 16, 2003  
Dec. 6-7, 2003

### Still Hunt (Shotgun Only)

Nov. 16-30, 2003  
Dec. 6-21, 2003  
Jan. 3-18, 2004

### Either-sex:

Nov. 15-16, 2003  
Dec. 6-7, 2003

## Small Game (squirrel, rabbit and nutria)

Oct. 13-Nov. 30, 2003  
Dec. 6-21, 2003  
Jan. 3-18, 2004

## Waterfowl

The Preserve will be closed to all waterfowl hunting again this year.

### Special Conditions

- a. Hunting activities will begin one-half hour before sunrise and close at 12:00 p.m. daily.
- b. The hunting program will again include a daily permitting system. Each participant will be required to have a National Park Service permit.
- c. The enclosed map illustrates the areas open to hunting. Total acreage open to hunting has increased over last year to approximately 6,000 acres. Certain areas of the Preserve are closed to hunting based on public safety and conflict with other public use.
- d. The Preserve will continue to enforce all applicable State laws, and Jefferson Parish ordinances prohibiting the use of rifles. Hunting in the Preserve will be by primitive weapons or shotguns only.

As in the past, seasons within the preserve track dates of the State season.

**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 8-9-10, 2003

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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 10, 2003

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its ~~regular~~ <sup>Special</sup> Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, March 10, 2003.

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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Terry D. Denmon, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., 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 ~~28~~ 29 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 BB lead or 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. Trespass 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 moved from the site of the kill. 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.

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. 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 ~~and migratory game birds~~. 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.

b. 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 (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 ~~owned by Adams and Summers,~~ 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 Area 5 and 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: East Feliciana, St. Helena, Concordia, Franklin, Tensas, East Baton

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

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. 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.

i. All deer hunting with firearms is for bucks only including muzzleloader season.

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, Plaquemines, St. John, Assumption, Pointe Coupee, St. Martin, Iberville, St. Bernard, Jefferson, St. Charles, Lafourche, St. James, 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 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 ~~eastward~~ 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 ~~lying~~ 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 ~~lying~~ east 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 WMAs 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 except in designated locations~~ 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.

i. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.) and wild plants is prohibited without prior approval. 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.

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

k. Nature trails. Access to 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.

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

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

n. 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.

o. Free ranging livestock prohibited.

2. Permits

a. 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.

b. Self-Clearing Permits. A Self-Clearing Permit is required for ALL ACTIVITIES (hunting, fishing, hiking, birdwatching, sightseeing, etc.) on WMAs unless otherwise specified. The Self-Clearing Permit will consist of 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. 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.)

c. 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.

b. Handicapped Season. For hunters possessing a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit only. 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.

c. 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 hunts.

d. 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 WMAs offering lottery hunts.

e. Trapping. Permits to take fur bearers 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.

f. 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. 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.

g. 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.

h. 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.

i. 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.

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 (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 28 29 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.

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.

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

n. 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.

o. All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters and 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. Quail hunters, woodcock hunters and archers (while on the ground) 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".

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

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

r. 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. All oil and gas production facilities (wells, dumping pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or 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 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 purpose. 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. 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.

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, dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Consult regulations pamphlet.

13. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet.

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.

ab. 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.

bc. 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.

cd. Attakapas. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~

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

ef. Bayou Pierre

fg. Bens Creek

gh. Big Colewa Bayou. All nighttime activities prohibited.

hi. Big Lake. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~

ij. Biloxi.

jk. Bodcau.

kl. Boeuf. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~

lm. Boise-Vernon

mn. Buckhorn. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~

no. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. ~~Free-ranging livestock~~

~~prohibited.~~ All game harvested must be reported. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details.

op. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.

pg. Elm Hall. No ATVs allowed.

r. Floy McElroy.

qs. 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.

rt. 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. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~ No hunting in restricted area.

su. Jackson-Bienville. ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management woods, roads and trails.

ty. 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.

uw. Lake Boeuf.

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

wy. Little River.

xz. Loggy Bayou.

yaa. Manchac. Crabs: No crab traps allowed.

Attended lift nets are allowed.

zbb. Maurepas Swamp.

aacc. 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.

bbdd. 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.

ccee. 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.

ddff. 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.

eeegg. Plum Creek (Formerly Georgia-Pacific). EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.

ffhh. Pointe-aux-Chenes. Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for DOVE hunting and experimental youth deer hunt as specified in regulation pamphlet. Point Farm: Gate will be open during each Saturday of the second split of 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. Vehicles prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by the department. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

ggii. 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 after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season. Crawfish: April 1 - July 31, recreational only, 100 lbs. per boat or group daily. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~

hhjj. Red River. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~ Crawfishing prohibited on Wetland Restoration Areas.

iikk. 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.

jjll. Sabine.

~~kkmm~~. 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.

hhnn. 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. Operation of the above described internal combustion engines in interior ditches is prohibited EXCEPT by experimental permit to be obtained from the New Orleans Office, Fur and Refuge Division, Room 217. 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. Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenasses). Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact Pointe-aux-Chenes. 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. 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. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~

mmpp. 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. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~ 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.

oogg. Sicily Island Hills. Firearms and any game harvested cannot be transported through the area except during the corresponding open season on area. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited.~~

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

qqss. 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.

rrtt. 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.

ssuu. Three Rivers. ~~Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.~~

ttvy. 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.

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

vvxx. West Bay. Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

wwyy. Wisner.

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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: .

Public hearings will be held at the following locations: Region 1 - March 11, 7:00 PM, Minden Civic Center, Minden, Louisiana; Region 2 - March 19, 7:00 PM, Ruston Civic Center, Ruston, Louisiana; Region 3 - March 11, 7:00 PM, Alexandria City Hall Convention Center, Alexandria, Louisiana; Region 4 - March 12, 7:00 PM, Concordia Parish Community Center, Ferriday, Louisiana; Region 5 - March 13, 6:00 PM, Burton Coliseum, Chalkley Room, Lake Charles, Louisiana; Region 6 - March 19, 7:00 PM, National Marine Fisheries Building, Suite 119, Lafayette, Louisiana; Region 7 - March 10, 7:00 PM, Pontchatoula High School Auditorium, Pontchatoula, 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 Wednesday, May 7, 2003 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).

Terry D. Denmon

Chairman

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

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## L.W.F.C. TO HOLD SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

A special public board meeting has been scheduled by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission for 3:30 p.m. on Monday, March 10. It will be held in the Louisiana Room of the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, located at 2000 Quail Drive in Baton Rouge.

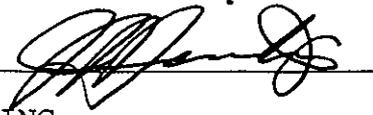
The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Reconsideration of 2003-2004 Deer Season Rules and Regulations
3. Public Comments
4. Adjournment

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March 7, 2003

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