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A presentation on the **Declaration of Emergency - Setting 2001 Spring Shrimp Season** was handled by Mr. Martin Bourgeois. The presentation would detail the most current data and hydrological conditions which affect growth and survival of the brown shrimp resource. Slides explained included a brief diagram of the life cycle for shrimp; annual Louisiana shrimp catch versus landings (heads off weight) of which catch for the year 2000 was over 106 million pounds and landings measured 92.2 million pounds; Louisiana monthly shrimp landings for all species combined (heads off weight); Louisiana shrimp catch for the year 2000 (heads off weight); and annual Louisiana shrimp catch (heads off weight). In the year 2000, catch was 44 million pounds of brown shrimp and there was a tremendous increase in the white shrimp catch. A slide of the annual Louisiana shrimp gear license sales was shown and it showed a dramatic decrease of license sales since 1986. The next series of slides illustrated hydrological conditions which are critical factors in the growth and development of juvenile shrimp. They included: monthly southeast Louisiana rainfall; monthly southeast Louisiana rainfall for the year 2000 and thus far for 2001; monthly Mississippi River discharge in thousand cubic feet/second for good years and poor years and comparing it with mean levels; monthly Mississippi River discharge for the years 2000 and 2001; south Barataria Bay monthly water temperatures and the deviations from 68°F; south Barataria Bay daily water temperature deviations for February 1 through April 2001; south Barataria Bay April 2001 daily water temperatures; south Barataria Bay water temperatures less than 68°F in hours following April 8th; north Barataria Bay monthly salinity and the deviations from 10 parts per thousand; north Barataria Bay daily salinity deviations for February through April 2001; April 2001 tidal range; April acreage greater than 10 parts per thousand; brown shrimp catch/effort in 6 foot trawl samples in Barataria Bay; brown shrimp mean size in 6 foot trawl samples in Barataria Bay; 2000 Louisiana brown shrimp catch by basin; brown shrimp catch/effort in 6 foot trawls for Week 18, 2001; and brown shrimp mean size for Week 18, 2001. A slide of the Louisiana Shrimp Management Zones was then shown. The Department will recommend an opening date based on when 50 percent of the brown shrimp will be 100 count or larger. In Zone 1 on May 7, it was projected 28 percent of the shrimp crop will be 100 count or

larger; on May 14, the percent will be 48; on May 21, there will be 77 percent; and on May 28, 97 percent of the crop will be 100 count or larger. For Zone 2, on May 7, 44 percent will be at that 100 count mark; on May 14, the percent will be 60; on May 21, 76 percent will be 100 count or larger and on May 28, it will be 91 percent. For Zone 3, the percent for 100 count or larger would be 5 percent on May 7, 15 percent on May 14, 36 percent on May 21 and 67 percent on May 28. Looking at the 100 count or larger criteria statewide, 41 percent was projected for May 7, 58 percent on May 14, 76 percent on May 21 and 91 percent on May 28. The last slide shown was the predicted tidal range for May 2001.

Chairman Stone stated a lot of people talked last year about the 100 count being antiquated and asked if there was any data to support a 70 count. Mr. Bourgeois stated in 1996, a Select Council for Shrimp and an Industry Review Panel met and they had the option to change the standard and eventually took no action. Chairman Stone then opened the meeting for comments.

Secretary Jenkins introduced Senator Reggie Dupre and welcomed him to the Meeting.

Mr. T-Roy Borne asked, if Vermilion Bay was taken out of Zone 2, where would the 50 percent date be then? Mr. Bourgeois stated there is not a lot of resource in Vermilion Bay and the date projects to May 14. Mr. Borne then asked that the season open on May 7. He added that if they miss the first moon in May, they will miss a quarter of their season.

Mr. Gene Adams, speaking for Zone 2, asked for the season to open on May 7. He also noted that whatever happens this season, does not reflect on any other season. Mr. Adams added it was important that they not miss the moon.

Mr. Bobby Samanie, Vice-President of Samanie Packing Company in Dulac, stated he would also like to see the season open on May 7. He asked that the Commission do something different and open the season at 6:00 p.m. instead of the 6:00 a.m. opening.

Senator Reggie Dupre from District 20 stated he has had many calls from constituents that have been catching a lot of nice sized shrimp in cast nets over the last week. He asked the Commission to consider opening the season on May 7; but if not, then a compromise date could be May 10. He reminded them nothing in statute requires

them to open the season on a Monday. Senator Dupre then stated May 10 is the date when the shrimp will reach that 50 percent criteria.

Mr. Pete Gerica, representative of the Lake Pontchartrain Fisherman's Association, stated he agreed with opening Zone 2 early. But he added that Zone 1 needs more time because they want to shrimp for money and not for small shrimp. Mr. Gerica asked that Zone 1 open on May 21. Chairman Stone asked if Zone 1's opening dates were staggered last year? Mr. Gerica answered yes and recommended opening Breton Sound the same as Zone 2 in order to accommodate the larger boats. Chairman Stone then asked how did the split season work? Mr. Gerica stated it worked well, it helped spread the boats out and they made a good amount of money. Commissioner Gattlé asked if they were talking about the double rig line? Mr. Bourgeois stated that last year and in 1999, Zone 1 was split out and the waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds were open the same date as Zone 2. The interior marshes and lakes were held back an additional week.

Mr. Bill Dekemel, East Bank Commercial Fisherman's Association based primarily east of the Mississippi River, asked for a later season not just because that is what they like, but because of the biological fact that shrimp stay in that system much longer. He stated that their biggest expense this year will be fuel and a little extra money and value from the shrimp size will help them a lot. He agreed that opening Breton and Chandeleur Sounds the same as Zone 2 has helped ease the problem of boats moving from one place to another. Mr. Dekemel recommended opening Zone 1 no earlier than May 21 or even later.

Chairman Stone asked if Enforcement had problems last year with the split opening in Zone 1? Major Brian Spillman stated the double rig line has been identified for quite a number of years and there was not a problem using it the last several years.

Mr. Neddie Cheramie, a commercial shrimper, began stating the last three years have been progressively the best three years for shrimping yet. He realized there are a lot of factors, such as weather, salinity, and the date the season opens, that will influence the type of season they will have. Then he gave personal statistics on the success he had the last two years during the opening week of the season. Mr. Cheramie then added he served on the Shrimp Industry Review Panel and believes it is the Department's intent to do what is best for the shrimper and industry as a whole. From his experience, Mr. Cheramie knows that

an early opening and a timely closing will help make for a good white shrimp season. With May 7 being a full moon, that crop of shrimp will move out within several days and the majority of the shrimpers will miss it if the season is not open. Mr. Cheramie recommended opening the season on May 7.

Mr. Joey Bouziga, Mayor of Golden Meadow, asked the Commission to consider an early opening date so the people could go back to work.

Mr. Barry Flash, a fisherman from Zone 1, asked that the season open on May 21 or later.

Mr. George Terrebonne, the Seafood Shed, recommended opening the season on May 7. Chairman Stone asked Mr. Terrebonne if he was a shrimper or buyer? Mr. Terrebonne answered a buyer. Chairman Stone asked then about the complaints on the 100 count shrimp? Mr. Terrebonne stated there are some areas that catch is 81-100 shrimp the first day and the last day and some areas get progressively larger and some get progressively smaller.

Chairman Stone then asked if the Department had any recommendations? Mr. Bourgeois recommended Zone 1 open on May 21, but if the Commission chooses, they could open the Sounds earlier than the interior waters. For Zone 2, it was recommended to open that area on May 14, but the 100 count criteria would be at the 50 percent mark on May 10. For Zone 3, May 28 was the recommended opening date. Commissioner Gattle asked Mr. Bourgeois to clarify Zone 1's opening date. Mr. Bourgeois stated the waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds could open on May 14 and the remainder of the Zone could open on May 21. Commissioner Kelly asked about the white shrimp population in Zone 2 west of the Atchafalaya River? Mr. Bourgeois stated the white shrimp population was measuring roughly over 100 count both inside and outside. The outside waters has a 100 count rule and these shrimp will not be ready for harvesting until May 14. Commissioner Kelly stated if that area from the Atchafalaya River westward in Zone 2 was opened earlier than May 14, then that area would be illegal to fish in. Commissioner Gattle stated there was a suggestion to open the season at 6:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 a.m. and asked if the Department had any comments on this? Mr. John Roussel stated the Commission has the authority to set time and opening dates and deferred this question to Enforcement for their opinion. Major Spillman stated the issue was more of a safety and navigational problem that may exist on the waterways. He agreed with Mr.

Roussel that the 6:00 a.m. opening has been a historical time. Chairman Stone stated the safety issue could occur on both sides.

Mr. Gene Adams stated the biologists are asking for May 10 and he felt it defeats their purpose of having the moon. But he added they would take May 10 if they had to. He concluded stating that commercial shrimpers are not out to slaughter shrimp, they are only out to make a living and to do it at the best time.

Mr. Danny Babin, a former Commission Member, stated, if you use the 50 percent, 100 count criteria and bind yourself to a Monday, you would think about a May 14 opening. But he suggested not binding to just a Monday opening and not wasting those three or four days the shrimpers could be making money when that criteria was reached.

Commissioner McCall made a motion to open the waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds of Zone 1 on May 14, the inshore waters of Zone 1 on May 21, Zone 2 on May 10 and Zone 3 on May 28 all at 6:00 a.m. Commissioner Gattle seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition. Mr. Roussel stated that a portion of Zone 2 offshore of Vermilion Bay was closed and the Resolution will open those waters the same time and date as Zone 2. Chairman Stone then asked Mr. Bourgeois to read the Resolution with the dates included. Then he asked if the motion and second was needed again. Mr. Don Puckett stated that Commissioner McCall's motion was within the context of the Resolution and the reading of the Resolution just entered it into the record.

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

RESOLUTION
2001 Spring Shrimp Season

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WHEREAS, the traditional management criteria used by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in recommending the opening dates for the spring inshore shrimp season are based on the population of brown shrimp in each shrimp management zone reaching such a size that 50% or more of the brown shrimp are 100 count per pound or larger, and

WHEREAS, current biological data project that 50% of the 2001 brown shrimp crop will meet the 100 count per pound management criteria in shrimp management Zone 1 by May 14, 2001, in Zone 2 by May 10, 2001 and in Zone 3 by May 24, 2001, and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2001 the Commission had closed that portion of the State's Territorial Waters south of the Inside/Outside Shrimp Line as described in R.S. 56:495, from the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel at Eugene Island as delineated by the River Channel buoy line to the eastern shore of Freshwater Bayou.

WHEREAS, the Commission has frequently utilized Mondays as shrimp season opening dates based upon input from various sectors of the industry.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby opens the spring inshore shrimp season in Zone 1 at 6 a.m., May 21, 2001, except the open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds as described in the menhaden rule (LAC 76:VII.307D) which shall open at 6 a.m., May 14, 2001, in Zone 2 and that portion of the State's Territorial Waters south of the Inside/Outside shrimp line as described in R.S. 56:495 from the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel at Eugene Island as delineated by the River Channel buoy line to the eastern shore of Freshwater Bayou at 6 a.m., May 10, 2001 and in Zone 3 at 6 a.m., May 28, 2001.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby grants to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the authority to close any portion of Louisiana's inshore waters to protect small white shrimp if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so, or enforcement problems develop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2001 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all or part of inside waters and shall have the authority to open or close outside waters, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2001 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season to open as follows:

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The Commissioners agreed to hold the **September 2001 Meeting** on Thursday, September 6, 2001 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Stone then asked if there were any **Public Comments** and none were heard.

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



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A presentation on the **Declaration of Emergency - Setting 2001 Spring Shrimp Season** was handled by Mr. Martin Bourgeois. The presentation would detail the most current data and hydrological conditions which affect growth and survival of the brown shrimp resource. Slides explained included a brief diagram of the life cycle for shrimp; annual Louisiana shrimp catch versus landings (heads off weight) of which catch for the year 2000 was over 106 million pounds and landings measured 92.2 million pounds; Louisiana monthly shrimp landings for all species combined (heads off weight); Louisiana shrimp catch for the year 2000 (heads off weight); and annual Louisiana shrimp catch (heads off weight). In the year 2000, catch was 44 million pounds of brown shrimp and there was a tremendous increase in the white shrimp catch. A slide of the annual Louisiana shrimp gear license sales was shown and it showed a dramatic decrease of license sales since 1986. The next series of slides illustrated hydrological conditions which are critical factors in the growth and development of juvenile shrimp. They included: monthly southeast Louisiana rainfall; monthly southeast Louisiana rainfall for the year 2000 and thus far for 2001; monthly Mississippi River discharge in thousand cubic feet/second for good years and poor years and comparing it with mean levels; monthly Mississippi River discharge for the years 2000 and 2001; south Barataria Bay monthly water temperatures and the deviations from 68°F; south Barataria Bay daily water temperature deviations for February 1 through April 2001; south Barataria Bay April 2001 daily water temperatures; south Barataria Bay water temperatures less than 68°F in hours following April 8th; north Barataria Bay monthly salinity and the deviations from 10 parts per thousand; north Barataria Bay daily salinity deviations for February through April 2001; April 2001 tidal range; April acreage greater than 10 parts per thousand; brown shrimp catch/effort in 6 foot trawl samples in Barataria Bay; brown shrimp mean size in 6 foot trawl samples in Barataria Bay; 2000 Louisiana brown shrimp catch by basin; brown shrimp catch/effort in 6 foot trawls for Week 18, 2001; and brown shrimp mean size for Week 18, 2001. A slide of the Louisiana Shrimp Management Zones was then shown. The Department will recommend an opening date based on when 50 percent of the brown shrimp will be 100 count or larger. In Zone 1 on May 7, it was projected 28 percent of the shrimp crop will be 100 count or

larger; on May 14, the percent will be 48; on May 21, there will be 77 percent; and on May 28, 97 percent of the crop will be 100 count or larger. For Zone 2, on May 7, 44 percent will be at that 100 count mark; on May 14, the percent will be 60; on May 21, 76 percent will be 100 count or larger and on May 28, it will be 91 percent. For Zone 3, the percent for 100 count or larger would be 5 percent on May 7, 15 percent on May 14, 36 percent on May 21 and 67 percent on May 28. Looking at the 100 count or larger criteria statewide, 41 percent was projected for May 7, 58 percent on May 14, 76 percent on May 21 and 91 percent on May 28. The last slide shown was the predicted tidal range for May 2001.

Chairman Stone stated a lot of people talked last year about the 100 count being antiquated and asked if there was any data to support a 70 count. Mr. Bourgeois stated in 1996, a Select Council for Shrimp and an Industry Review Panel met and they had the option to change the standard and eventually took no action. Chairman Stone then opened the meeting for comments.

Secretary Jenkins introduced Senator Reggie Dupre and welcomed him to the Meeting.

Mr. T-Roy Borne asked, if Vermilion Bay was taken out of Zone 2, where would the 50 percent date be then? Mr. Bourgeois stated there is not a lot of resource in Vermilion Bay and the date projects to May 14. Mr. Borne then asked that the season open on May 7. He added that if they miss the first moon in May, they will miss a quarter of their season.

Mr. Gene Adams, speaking for Zone 2, asked for the season to open on May 7. He also noted that whatever happens this season, does not reflect on any other season. Mr. Adams added it was important that they not miss the moon.

Mr. Bobby Samanie, Vice-President of Samanie Packing Company in Dulac, stated he would also like to see the season open on May 7. He asked that the Commission do something different and open the season at 6:00 p.m. instead of the 6:00 a.m. opening.

Senator Reggie Dupre from District 20 stated he has had many calls from constituents that have been catching a lot of nice sized shrimp in cast nets over the last week. He asked the Commission to consider opening the season on May 7; but if not, then a compromise date could be May 10. He reminded them nothing in statute requires

them to open the season on a Monday. Senator Dupre then stated May 10 is the date when the shrimp will reach that 50 percent criteria.

Mr. Pete Gerica, representative of the Lake Pontchartrain Fisherman's Association, stated he agreed with opening Zone 2 early. But he added that Zone 1 needs more time because they want to shrimp for money and not for small shrimp. Mr. Gerica asked that Zone 1 open on May 21. Chairman Stone asked if Zone 1's opening dates were staggered last year? Mr. Gerica answered yes and recommended opening Breton Sound the same as Zone 2 in order to accommodate the larger boats. Chairman Stone then asked how did the split season work? Mr. Gerica stated it worked well, it helped spread the boats out and they made a good amount of money. Commissioner Gattle asked if they were talking about the double rig line? Mr. Bourgeois stated that last year and in 1999, Zone 1 was split out and the waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds were open the same date as Zone 2. The interior marshes and lakes were held back an additional week.

Mr. Bill Dekemel, East Bank Commercial Fisherman's Association based primarily east of the Mississippi River, asked for a later season not just because that is what they like, but because of the biological fact that shrimp stay in that system much longer. He stated that their biggest expense this year will be fuel and a little extra money and value from the shrimp size will help them a lot. He agreed that opening Breton and Chandeleur Sounds the same as Zone 2 has helped ease the problem of boats moving from one place to another. Mr. Dekemel recommended opening Zone 1 no earlier than May 21 or even later.

Chairman Stone asked if Enforcement had problems last year with the split opening in Zone 1? Major Brian Spillman stated the double rig line has been identified for quite a number of years and there was not a problem using it the last several years.

Mr. Neddie Cheramie, a commercial shrimper, began stating the last three years have been progressively the best three years for shrimping yet. He realized there are a lot of factors, such as weather, salinity, and the date the season opens, that will influence the type of season they will have. Then he gave personal statistics on the success he had the last two years during the opening week of the season. Mr. Cheramie then added he served on the Shrimp Industry Review Panel and believes it is the Department's intent to do what is best for the shrimper and industry as a whole. From his experience, Mr. Cheramie knows that

an early opening and a timely closing will help make for a good white shrimp season. With May 7 being a full moon, that crop of shrimp will move out within several days and the majority of the shrimpers will miss it if the season is not open. Mr. Cheramie recommended opening the season on May 7.

Mr. Joey Bouziga, Mayor of Golden Meadow, asked the Commission to consider an early opening date so the people could go back to work.

Mr. Barry Flash, a fisherman from Zone 1, asked that the season open on May 21 or later.

Mr. George Terrebonne, the Seafood Shed, recommended opening the season on May 7. Chairman Stone asked Mr. Terrebonne if he was a shrimper or buyer? Mr. Terrebonne answered a buyer. Chairman Stone asked then about the complaints on the 100 count shrimp? Mr. Terrebonne stated there are some areas that catch is 81-100 shrimp the first day and the last day and some areas get progressively larger and some get progressively smaller.

Chairman Stone then asked if the Department had any recommendations? Mr. Bourgeois recommended Zone 1 open on May 21, but if the Commission chooses, they could open the Sounds earlier than the interior waters. For Zone 2, it was recommended to open that area on May 14, but the 100 count criteria would be at the 50 percent mark on May 10. For Zone 3, May 28 was the recommended opening date. Commissioner Gattle asked Mr. Bourgeois to clarify Zone 1's opening date. Mr. Bourgeois stated the waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds could open on May 14 and the remainder of the Zone could open on May 21. Commissioner Kelly asked about the white shrimp population in Zone 2 west of the Atchafalaya River? Mr. Bourgeois stated the white shrimp population was measuring roughly over 100 count both inside and outside. The outside waters has a 100 count rule and these shrimp will not be ready for harvesting until May 14. Commissioner Kelly stated if that area from the Atchafalaya River westward in Zone 2 was opened earlier than May 14, then that area would be illegal to fish in. Commissioner Gattle stated there was a suggestion to open the season at 6:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 a.m. and asked if the Department had any comments on this? Mr. John Roussel stated the Commission has the authority to set time and opening dates and deferred this question to Enforcement for their opinion. Major Spillman stated the issue was more of a safety and navigational problem that may exist on the waterways. He agreed with Mr.

Roussel that the 6:00 a.m. opening has been a historical time. Chairman Stone stated the safety issue could occur on both sides.

Mr. Gene Adams stated the biologists are asking for May 10 and he felt it defeats their purpose of having the moon. But he added they would take May 10 if they had to. He concluded stating that commercial shrimpers are not out to slaughter shrimp, they are only out to make a living and to do it at the best time.

Mr. Danny Babin, a former Commission Member, stated, if you use the 50 percent, 100 count criteria and bind yourself to a Monday, you would think about a May 14 opening. But he suggested not binding to just a Monday opening and not wasting those three or four days the shrimpers could be making money when that criteria was reached.

Commissioner McCall made a motion to open the waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds of Zone 1 on May 14, the inshore waters of Zone 1 on May 21, Zone 2 on May 10 and Zone 3 on May 28 all at 6:00 a.m. Commissioner Gattle seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition. Mr. Roussel stated that a portion of Zone 2 offshore of Vermilion Bay was closed and the Resolution will open those waters the same time and date as Zone 2. Chairman Stone then asked Mr. Bourgeois to read the Resolution with the dates included. Then he asked if the motion and second was needed again. Mr. Don Puckett stated that Commissioner McCall's motion was within the context of the Resolution and the reading of the Resolution just entered it into the record.

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

RESOLUTION
2001 Spring Shrimp Season

May 3, 2001

WHEREAS, the traditional management criteria used by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in recommending the opening dates for the spring inshore shrimp season are based on the population of brown shrimp in each shrimp management zone reaching such a size that 50% or more of the brown shrimp are 100 count per pound or larger, and

WHEREAS, current biological data project that 50% of the 2001 brown shrimp crop will meet the 100 count per pound management criteria in shrimp management Zone 1 by May 14, 2001, in Zone 2 by May 10, 2001 and in Zone 3 by May 24, 2001, and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2001 the Commission had closed that portion of the State's Territorial Waters south of the Inside/Outside Shrimp Line as described in R.S. 56:495, from the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel at Eugene Island as delineated by the River Channel buoy line to the eastern shore of Freshwater Bayou.

WHEREAS, the Commission has frequently utilized Mondays as shrimp season opening dates based upon input from various sectors of the industry.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby opens the spring inshore shrimp season in Zone 1 at 6 a.m., May 21, 2001, except the open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds as described in the menhaden rule (LAC 76:VII.307D) which shall open at 6 a.m., May 14, 2001, in Zone 2 and that portion of the State's Territorial Waters south of the Inside/Outside shrimp line as described in R.S. 56:495 from the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel at Eugene Island as delineated by the River Channel buoy line to the eastern shore of Freshwater Bayou at 6 a.m., May 10, 2001 and in Zone 3 at 6 a.m., May 28, 2001.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby grants to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the authority to close any portion of Louisiana's inshore waters to protect small white shrimp if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so, or enforcement problems develop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2001 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all or part of inside waters and shall have the authority to open or close outside waters, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2001 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season to open as follows:

Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the Mississippi State line to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River, to open at 6 a.m., May 21, 2001, except the open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds as described in the menhaden rule (LAC 76:VII.307D) which shall open at 6 a.m., May 14, 2001, and

Zone 2, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island, as well as that portion of the State's Territorial Waters south of the Inside/Outside Shrimp Line as described in R.S. 56:495 from the Atchafalaya River Channel at Eugene Island as delineated by the River Channel buoy line to Freshwater Bayou, all to open at 6 a.m., May 10, 2001, and

Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island westward to the Texas State Line, to open at 6 a.m. May 28, 2001.

The Commission also hereby grants to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries the authority to close any portion of the State's inshore waters to protect small white shrimp if biological and technical data indicates the need to do so, or enforcement problems develop.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

Notice of Intention to Amend Commission By-Laws began with Mr. Don Puckett stating that amending the By-Laws required following a two meeting procedure. The first change was attaching the Election Procedure to the By-Laws and making it an addendum. The second change was the time when a newly elected Chairman would take the gavel, which would be at the beginning of the next meeting. Mr. Puckett added no vote was needed and if it was the Commission's pleasure, action could be taken at the next meeting.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **September 2001 Meeting** on Thursday, September 6, 2001 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Stone then asked if there were any **Public Comments** and none were heard.

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

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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Shrimp season opens in Zone 2 on May 10

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Advocate outdoors writer

In an unprecedented move, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission voted to open the state's most productive near-coastal shrimping area on a Thursday.

Zone 2, the area stretching from the Mississippi River's South Pass to Vermilion Bay, will open the spring inshore shrimp season at 6 a.m. May 10.

In past years, the usual opening days for the state's three shrimp zones are any of the Mondays in May.

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' recommendation was to open the season on May 14, the second Monday of the month, and the first Monday after state marine biologists believe 50 percent of the zone's brown shrimp will be larger than 100 count, or 100 to the pound. Biologists use that 100-count rule as the main factor for recommending opening dates.

Commercial shrimpers in Zone 2 asked for a May 7 opening. However, the biological data indicated only 44 percent of the brown shrimp in the zone would be larger than 100 count on that date.

Marty Bourgeois, the LDWF's Shrimp Study leader, told the commission that projections indicated the 50-percent factor would be reached on May 10, which coincides with the peak of the first major tidal movement of the month.

Lafourche Parish shrimper Gene Adams, who asked for a May 7 opener, said the May 10 opening day is good because the brown shrimp will not have moved through Barataria and Caminada passes by that time.

He said a May 14 date would have put too many boats in the passes and created a safety hazard for the predominately small-boat shrimpers. He said larger boats can move into the passes and put the small, 22-27 foot boats against the larger 45-65 foot trawlers.

The spring season's catch is primarily made up of brown shrimp, which move into the state's coastal estuary system from the Gulf of Mexico on

the strong high tides in March and April. During those months, the brown shrimp grow from the post-larval stage and juvenile stages -- when the shrimp are between a half-inch to one-inch long -- to marketable sizes which make Louisiana the most productive shrimping state in the country. The brown shrimp also move from the estuary areas on the strong tides in May and June.

Zone 1, which runs from the Louisiana-Mississippi line to South Pass, posed another problem for the seven-man LWFC. The zone includes Breton and Chandeleur sounds, which, according to shrimpers and backed up by biological data, have market-sized shrimp much earlier than the inland waters in and around Lakes Pontchartrain, Borgne and St. Catherine.

The LWFC voted to open the sounds on May 14, but delayed the opening of Zone 1's inside areas until May 21.

Zone 3, which runs from the western shore of Vermilion Bay to the Louisiana-Texas line, will open May 28.

Bourgeois said the variations in opening dates are due environmental factors like water temperature, water salinity, the outflow of the Mississippi and Atchafalaya rivers, rainfall and tidal ranges.

When added together, these factors don't approach those recorded in 2000 when catch totals went over 100 million pounds for only the second time since records have been kept by the state. Landings in the state last year were slightly less than 1986's record of between 95-96 million pounds.

In other action, the LWFC heard further testimony from proponents of a 6-point rule for taking whitetail deer in Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge and Iberville parishes; learned that state enforcement agents issued 1,383 citations and another 364 warnings in April, mostly for fishing and boating violations; posted a notice to amend its by-laws covering the election and terms of office for the chairman and vice-chairman; and, voted its September meeting date for Sept. 6.

SHRIMP SEASON DATES

The spring inshore shrimp season opening dates for the state's three shrimping zones set by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Thursday. The dates are for commercial and recreational shrimping.

Zone 1 -- The Louisiana-Mississippi line to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River.

Inside Zone -- 6 a.m., May 21.

Outside Zone (Breton & Chandeleur sounds) -- 6 a.m., May 14.

Zone 2 -- Eastern shore of South Pass to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island: 6 a.m., May 10.

Zone 3 -- Western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island to the Louisiana-Texas line: 6 a.m., May 28.

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COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Thursday, May 3, 2001
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Jerry Stone (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	—
Tom Gattle	<u>✓</u>	—
Bill Busbice	<u>✓</u>	—
Tom Kelly	<u>✓</u>	—
Norman McCall	<u>✓</u>	—
Terry Denmon	<u>✓</u>	—
Lee Felterman	<u>✓</u>	—

Mr. Chairman:

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

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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LA
May 3, 2001
10:00 AM

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ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT
APRIL, 2001

185-Amph. - 61092
Hrs. - -0-

185-Float - 9667Q
Hrs. - 37.9

210 - 9467Y
Hrs. - 20.7

Enforcement Hours - 52.8

Other Divisions - 5.8

Total Plane Use - 58.6

Cases Made In Conjunction With Aircraft Use Resulted In Citations Issued For:

2 - Take Oysters From Polluted Area

2 - Cull Oysters in Closed Area

3 - Trawl Closed Season State Waters

2 - Use Skimmers Closed Season

1 - Undersize Red Drum

1 - Expired Registration

1 - No P.F.D.

Total Cases: 12

Confiscations: 300 Sacks of Oysters, 550 Lbs. of Shrimp, 2 Trawls, 2 Skimmer Nets

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

APRIL 2001

REGION 1-MINDEN
18 Agent positions

PARSHES: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER,
CADDO, CLAIBORNE,
WEBSTER

TOTAL CASES	74
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
19	Boating Safety
25	Angling W/O A Resident License
6	Angling W/O A License – Non-Resident
2	Fishing W/O A Resident Pole License
6	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Hunt From A Moving Vehicle
1	Take Deer Closed Season
1	Take Deer From A Public Road
1	Hunt Turkey W/O A Turkey Stamp
5	Hunt Turkey Over Bait
4	Littering
2	Other Than Wildlife & Fisheries
1	Discharge Firearm From A Public Road

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	
1	Boating Safety
3	Angling W/O A Resident License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
6 Rod & Reel Combos; 7 Black Bass; 1-.223 Cal. Bushmaster Rifle; 5 – 1 Gallon Bags of Deer Backstrap; 1 Pair Tennis Shoes W/Blood On Them; 2 Leather Slapjacks; 1 Marijuana Pipe; 1 Ballisong Butterfly Fishing Knife

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1-MINDEN

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
19	Boating
00	Commercial Fishing
00	Federal Migratory
4	Littering
3	Miscellaneous
39	Recreational Fishing
9	State Hunting/Trapping

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
00	Public Assistance

REGION 2-MONROE
20 Agent positions

**PARISHES: E. CARROLL, JACKSON,
 LINCOLN, MOROEHEAD,
 OUACHITA, RICHLAND,
 UNION, W. CARROLL**

TOTAL CASES	65
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
27	Boating
3	Operate ATV On Public Road
1	Fail To Comply With Hunter Safety Regulation
2	Hunt From A Moving Vehicle
2	Hunt From Public Road
1	Fail To Abide By WMA Rules and Regulations
18	Angle W/O A Resident License
4	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Use Recreational Gear W/O License
1	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
1	Take Game Fish Illegally
1	Use Commercial Gear W/O License
3	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
18	
1	Fail To Display Valid Decal
4	Angle W/O A Resident License
7	Fail To Comply With PFD Requirements
2	Operate Unregistered Motorboat
1	Not Abiding By WMA Rules and Regulations
2	Discharge Firearm From Public Road
1	No Boat Numbers

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
5- Black Bass, 2-Turkeys, 2- Shotguns, 4- White Perch, 8- Bream , 1- Catfish, 7- Bass, 2- Rods & Reel

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2-MONROE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
27	Boating
1	Commercial Fishing
-0-	Federal Migratory
3	Littering

3	Miscellaneous
25	Recreational Fishing
6	State Hunting/Trapping
18	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
10	Public Assistance (Assisting Stranded Motorists and Boaters)

REGION 3-ALEXANDRIA
26 Agent positions

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

TOTAL CASES	150
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
49	Boating
59	Angling W/O A Resident License
5	Angle W/O A Non-Resident License
1	Angle W/O Resident Pole License
1	Allow Another To Use Recreational Fishing License
1	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
1	Possess Undersize Black Bass
1	Take Undersize Catfish With Wire Nets
3	Releasing And/Or Taking Pen Raised Quail W/O A Permit
3	Hunt Turkey Over Baited Area
2	Hunt From A Moving Vehicle
1	Hunt Turkey Closed Area
1	Possess Fur Bearing Animal W/O A License
11	Littering
1	Operate A.T.V. On Public Road
2	Criminal Trespass On State Property

2	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
6	Not Abide By Rules & Regulations

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL - 41	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
12	Boating
16	Angling W/O A License In Possession
4	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
9	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
35 quail, 2 bobcat, 2 grey fox, 24 undersized catfish, 1 black bass, 1 resident fishing license, 2 bottles, 8 cans, 1 photo, 1 bag of marijuana & rolling papers, 2 marijuana cigarettes, 1 rob & reel, 1 12 ga. spent shell.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3-ALEXANDRIA

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
49	Boating
0	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
11	Littering
11	Miscellaneous
69	Recreational Fishing
10	State Hunting/Trapping

41	Written Warnings
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TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 4-FERRIDAY
24 Agent positions

PARISHES: CALDWELL, CATAHOULA
CONCORDIA, FRANKLIN
LASALLE, MADISON, TENSAS

TOTAL CASES	117
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
28	Boating
33	Angling W/O A License
9	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
24	Fishing W/O Resident Pole License
4	Take Game Fish Illegally
1	Take Over Limit Of Undersize Freshwater Fish
2	Not Abiding By Commission Rules & Regulations (Taking Slot Limit Bass)
2	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
1	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
3	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
1	Use Illegal Mesh Nets
1	Take Undersize Commercial Fish
2	Use Illegal Mesh Hoop Net Freshwater
1	Hunt Turkey Closed Area
1	Hunt Turkey Over Baited Area
1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA

1	Resisting An Officer
2	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
23	
8	Angling W/O A License
3	Fishing W/O Pole License
12	Boating

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1-16' Weldcraft Boat; 40 HP Motor; 3-Rod & Reels; 1-Shotgun; 1-Turkey Call; 6-Hoop Nets with leads; 700 Yds. 2" Gill Net; 56-Catfish; 400-Crappie; 33-Bream; 9-Bass

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4-FERRIDAY

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
28	Boating
17	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
66	Recreational Fishing
3	State Hunting/Trapping

23	Written Warnings
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TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Public Assistance

REGION 5-LAKE CHARLES
23 Agent positions

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

TOTAL CASES	138
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
74	Boating
18	Angling W/O A License
13	Angling W/O A License Non. Res.
2	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear Lic.
2	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
5	Take Or Poss. Undersize Black Drum (Rec)
3	Take Or Poss. O/L Black Drum (Rec)
1	Take Comm. Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic. (Shrimp)
2	Trawl State Waters Closed Season (Outside Waters)
5	Violate of Sanitary Code Chapter 9 (Vessel Reg)
1	Hunt Turkey Over Baited Area
3	Illegal Poss. Of Alligators, Eggs, Or Their Skins
2	Poss. Of Live Alligators W/O Permit
3	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On State Land
4	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 29	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
9	Angling W/O A License
10	Failure To Comply W/PFD Requirements
4	Improper Or No Fire Extinguisher
1	Expired Boat Registration Certificate
1	Operate Unregistered Motorboat Or Sailboat
1	Overloading Of Motorboat
2	No Boat Numbers
1	Violate Rules/Regulations/Personal Watercraft PFD

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
121 Lbs. Of Shrimp Sold For \$278.30; 1 Basket; 1 Box; 1 Cast Net; 7 Reels; 7 Rods; 1 Resident Fishing License; 1 Beer Bottle; 26 Undersize Black Drum; 1 Undersize Bass Rtw; 1 Live Alligator-Released Alive; 1 Alligator -Destroyed; 27 Sacks of Oyster Rtw; 2 Trawls.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5-LAKE CHARLES

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
45	Boating
8	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
4	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
43	Recreational Fishing
1	State Hunting/Trapping
29	Written Warnings
5	Alligators
3	WMA'S

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 6-OPELOUSAS
24 Agent positions

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

TOTAL CASES	194
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
93	Boating
72	Angling W/O License
2	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
6	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
3	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
4	Take Comm. Fish W/O Comm. Gear License
2	Take Crawfish Commercially
1	Buy Commercial Fish From Un-licensed Fisherman
2	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
1	Littering
1	Obtain License Fraudulently
2	Violate Lacy Act
1	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
1	Trawling in Closed Season
1	Use Wire Net Illegal Area

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL - 49	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
24	Boating
22	Angling W/O License
1	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
1	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2 Black Bass, 2 Rod and Reels, 19 Crawfish Traps, 9 Trip Tickets, 1 Fishing License, 1 Trawl

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6-OPELOUSAS

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
93	Boating
12	Commercial Fishing
2	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
3	Miscellaneous

83	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
49	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 7-BATON ROUGE
22 Agent positions

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

TOTAL CASES	125
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
71	Boating
29	Fishing W/O Resident License
6	Fishing W/O Non-Resident Basic License
4	Fishing W/O Resident Pole License
1	Obtain License by Fraud
2	Operate W/O Scenic River Permit
1	Littering
1	Fail to Maintain Records
1	Take Commercial Fish w/O Commercial License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License
1	Hunt W/O Basic License
1	Hunt W/O Un-Plugged Shotgun
1	Hunt W/O Big Game License
1	Hunt W/O Turkey Stamp
2	Poss. Live Alligators W/O Permit
1	Hit and Run

1	Failure to Render Aid
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WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
17	
11	Boating
6	Fishing

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
None

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7-BATON ROUGE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
71	Boating
3	Commercial Fishing
	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
7	Miscellaneous
39	Recreational Fishing
4	State Hunting/Trapping
17	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Public Assistance Tire Change, Boat Tow

REGION 8-NEW ORLEANS
18 Agent positions

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

TOTAL CASES	197
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
50	Boating
64	Angling W/O A License
16	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
5	Angling W/O Saltwater License
2	Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident
2	Take or Poss. Game Fish Illegally
4	Take/Poss. O/L Red Drum
2	Take or Poss. Undersized Red Drum
6	Take or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout
2	Possess over 50 Spotted Seatrout (off water)
1	Not Abiding By Commission Rules (Rec.) Finfish
2	Take or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Lic.
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.
1	Take or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel Lic.
2	Fail to Maintain Records
2	Use Saltwater Net Illegally(Gill Net)

2	Take Salt Water Commercial Fish With Net Closed Season
2	Take Spotted Seatrout without permit
2	Take/Possess Undersized Black Drum
2	Use Skimmers in Closed Season
8	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
1	Failure to pay Severance Tax
2	Buying or Selling For Resale Untagged Oysters
1	Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
1	Fail to Tag Alligator Upon Taking
3	Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated
3	Littering
2	Other Than Wildlife and Fisheries
1	Obtain License by Fraud
2	Violation of Sanitary Code-Chapter 9(Fail to refrigerate properly)
2	Poss. Red Drum Illegally(Gillnet)
1	Taking or Possessing Alligators Closed Season

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 10	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
6	Boating
3	Angling W/O A License
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
Returned to Water...Oyster Sacks(190)...Red Drum(7)...Spotted Seatrout(1)...Flounder(4)...Black Drum(26)...Sheepshead(15)...Stingray(3) Donated...Oyster Sacks(3)...Red Drum(10)...Speckled Seatrout(289)...Shucked Oysters(9 gallons)...Paddle Fish(2)...Flounder(2)...Striped Bass(1)...Catfish(1)...Black Bass(1)...Black Drum(400 lbs.)...Sheepshead(200 lbs.)...Mangrove Snapper(1) Hardware Confiscated...Gill Nets(8)...Alligator(1)...Rod and Reel(19)...Res. Lic.(1)...Personal ID(1)...Shotgun(1)...Drivers Lice.(1)...Oyster Dredges(2)...Oyster Vessel(1)...Oyster Tags(25)...Purchase/Sale Books(4)

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8-NEW ORLEANS

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
50	Boating
29	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
10	Miscellaneous
103	Recreational Fishing
2	State Hunting/Trapping
10	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
6	Public Assistance

REGION 9-THIBODAUX

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

25 Agent positions

TOTAL CASES	323
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
142	Boating
55	Angling Without A License
9	Angling Without A License Non-Resident
3	Fish Without Resident Pole License
2	Use Gear Without Recreational Gear license
21	Angling Without Saltwater License
1	Take O/L Of Red Drum (On Water)
1	Take Illegal Size Black Drum
6	Take Undersized Red Drum
12	Take Undersized Black Drum (Recreational)
3	Take O/L Black Drum (Recreational)
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
6	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Oyster Dredge)
4	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Crawfish Traps)
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Dipnet)

1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Trawl)
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail License
1	Sell Fish W/O Retail Seafood License
1	Transport W/O Required License (Resident)
1	Remove Contents Of Legal Crab Traps
3	Allow Another To Use Commercial License
14	Use Skimmers In Closed Season
5	Trawl State Waters Closed Season (Outside Waters)
5	Taking Oysters From Unapproved Area (Polluted)
1	Failure To Display Proper Number On Vessel
1	Failure To Tag Containerized Oysters
1	Fail To Maintain Traceable Oyster Records
5	Fail To Cull Oysters In Proper Location
2	Harvest Oysters From Unmarked Lease
2	Littering
1	Misrepresentation During Misdemeanor Issuance
1	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License Non-Resident
6	Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 173	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
136	Boating
9	Angling W/O A License
5	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
1	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
3	Angling W/O Non-Resident Saltwater License
19	Angling W/O Saltwater License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
50 Lbs. Mullet, 2 Sac-a-Lait, 11 Perch , 1 Bass, 1 ½ Crates Crabs, 30 Red Drum, 36 Black Drum, 78 Sacks Oysters, 10 ½ Gallons Oysters, 353 Lbs. Crawfish, 651 Lbs. Shrimp Sold For \$1593.40, 2 Recreational Licenses, 1 Boat (Paper Seizure), 3 Rods and Reels, 16 Skimmers, 8 Trawls, 6 Champagne Baskets

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9-THIBODAUX

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
142	Boating
58	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
120	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping

173	Written Warnings
TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
8	Public Assistance

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE
3 Agent positions

COASTAL WATERS

TOTAL CASES	38
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	Unlawfully Take Oyster From A Private Lease
1	Take Oysters W/O Commercial Vessel License
1	Take Oysters W/O Commercial Fisherman License
1	Take Oysters W/O Commercial Harvester License
19	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
1	Selling /Buying Oysters W/O A Retail Seafood Dealers License
1	Failure To Maintain Traceable Oysters On Shucked Oysters

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
63 Sacks Of Oysters, 2 Oyster Dredges, 16 Quarts Of Oysters, 5-1/2 Gallons of Oysters

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
38	Commercial Fishing

0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT
8 Agent positions

STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	13
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Buy/Sell Fish W/O A Retail Seafood Dealer's License
3	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Transport W/O Required License
3	Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data
1	Failure To Pay Severance Tax
1	Failure To Tag Sacked Or Containerized Oysters
1	Fail To Maintain Records Reptile/Amphibian
1	Violate Interstate Commerce Regulations (State Lacey)
1	Violation Of Sanitary Code-Ch. 9. Refrigerate And Hold Tags

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
7 Pints Of Oysters Destroyed

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

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

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

**S.W.E.P.
8 Agent positions**

COASTAL WATERS

TOTAL CASES	12
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
10	Angling W/O A License
2	Use Skimmer During Closed Season

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
None

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
2	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
10	Recreational Fishing

0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

NOTE: BOATS CHECKED - 25
BOAT HOURS - 76

REFUGE PATROL
8 Agent positions

**LOCATIONS: MARSH ISLAND,
 ROCKEFELLER
 STATE WILDLIFE**

TOTAL CASES	31
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
6	Boating
4	Angling W/O A Basic License
1	Not Abiding By Commission Rules and Regulations, Take Shark Closed Season
15	Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations on W.M.A.'s
1	Trawling In Closed Season (Inside Waters)
4	Trawl State Waters Closed Season (Outside Waters)

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 6	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
5	Boating
1	Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations On W.M.A.'s

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
5 Shrimp Trawls, 740 Lbs. Of Shrimp Sold For \$962.00, 1 Shark, 174 Blue Crabs

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REFUGE PATROL

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

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Public Assistance

TOTAL CASES - 1,383

NOTE: WRITTEN WARNINGS = 364

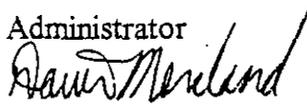
March 30, 2001

Memo

To: Tommy Prickett, Wildlife Division Administrator

From: David Moreland, Deer Program

Subject: QDM meeting, March 20



A lot of emphasis was placed on the Recruitment Estimates at this meeting and it generated a lot of confusion among those present. The statement was made toward the end that these recruitment figures appear low, which led some to believe we were telling them QDM really doesn't work. Tommy Rozas came to me and asked since all categories show an increase in recruitment, why do we think QDM doesn't work? I told him that we really do not know what these numbers really represent or what impact an increase of 2 or 3 deer per one thousand acres would have on the population as a whole. We should be somewhat cautious when using these calculated recruitment numbers. I do not think these are necessarily the best case scenario and have argued with Mike about this. I think we need to look at the population as a whole, rather than what people shoot, or don't shoot. A recent paper by MS State concerning their four point regulation states, we cannot properly address the question of whether the four point selective harvest criteria has affected the number of older-aged males in the studied populations because we do not have estimates of herd demographics independent of harvest data.

These numbers were derived from DMAP harvest data, which is quite bias in nature. For instance, the highest adult buck harvest per one thousand acres shown on the sheet was achieved on Choctaw Bayou, West Baton Parish, and the Upland Hardwood Habitat. A glance at the known age buck harvest table for these areas shows why the adult buck harvest was higher. These DMAP cooperators harvest their 2 ½ year old bucks and that category accounted for the highest buck harvest among the age classes. The Upland Harvest is just a reflection of the harvest strategies by DMAP cooperators in West Feliciana Parish. The Bottomland Hardwood Harvest is a reflection of the harvest strategies by those cooperators with emphasis on the 3 ½+ age classes; look at East Carroll Parish and Lottie Wildlife. The adult buck harvest on Lottie is really low, not because the deer are not there, but they simply don't shoot their younger age classes. I don't see Lottie having fewer adult bucks than the Choctaw Bayou Association.

If we use the harvest strategy of the Choctaw Bayou Association we can calculate a minimum population estimate for the yearling buck population in 1998. In 1998 there were 90, 1 ½ year old bucks killed (34% of the male harvest). In 1999, there were 157, 2 ½ year old bucks killed (38% of the buck harvest). Add these numbers together and there were 247 known age yearling bucks in the population. A **minimum estimate** of yearling bucks is obtained by dividing 72% into 247, for a **crude minimum estimate of 343 yearling bucks**. This equates to one yearling buck per 82 acres, or 12 bucks per thousand acres on this association. During the 1998 season, 90 were killed, leaving 253, a carry-over of 74% of this cohort, one per 111 acres, nine per thousand. If we add in a couple of bucks that the mandatory six point regulation may have saved, our carry-over is almost the same as what we started with. In 1999, the cooperators killed 157. This leaves 96 to move up to the 3 ½ age class, one per 293 acres or 3.4 bucks per thousand. I don't have the 2000 year harvest of 3 ½ year old bucks, but in 1999 there were 80

killed, so we are probably in the ballpark. Add in natural mortality, etc. and it is easily seen that our population estimate is minimum. I think this gives a clearer picture of what QDM regulations can achieve and how this carry-over impacts the harvest over time.

It was said that Sherburne WMA is representative of a non-DMAP club. The present buck harvest on Sherburne is fair, however only 2.7 adult bucks per one thousand acres are harvested. The six month old buck kill on Sherburne is much higher than the DMAP clubs and higher than the non-DMAP Wilbert clubs. What we must remember about this also is that the six month harvest in 1997, 1998, and 1999 (26% average for those three years), affected our carry-over into the older age classes, 1 ½, 2 ½, 3 ½, and reduced the availability of bucks for harvest in 2000. A two buck per thousand carry-over that might be obtained from the bucks only season may be sufficient to increase our adult buck harvest by 25%, within a few years.

✱ Harvest data from 12 non-DMAP Wilbert clubs shows that the 1 ½ age class of bucks represents the highest harvest of males. Of these 51 bucks, 38 were spikes, 10 were less than six points, and 3 were six points or greater. Of the 20 adult bucks harvested, 15 were six points or more and 5 were less than six points (all two year old deer). The maximum carry-over of yearling bucks would have been 48, one per 236 acres, or 4.2 per thousand. The present carry-over, based upon the two year old buck kill was 16, one per 709 acres, or 1.4 bucks per thousand acres. Their actual population is slightly higher, since they are harvesting 1.8 adult bucks per thousand acres. Harvest dates for these clubs are as follows: 41% were harvested in the early season, prior to December 8 and 59% were harvested after December 8.

Choctaw Bayou Association
Crude Population Estimate-**Minimum Estimate**

1998- 1 ½ year buck harvest= 90= 34% buck harvest
1999- 2 ½ year buck harvest= 157= 38% buck harvest

Total 1 ½ year buck population in 1998= X

247 (known number of yearling bucks in 1998)= 72%X

X= 343 yearling bucks in 1998 (minimum estimate, since we know there is loss of bucks from natural mortality, deer moving out, etc., therefore the yearling buck population was higher than this estimate). This is a minimum population of one yearling buck per 82 acres or twelve, yearling bucks per 1000 acres.

Following the 1998 harvest of 90 bucks (26% of population), there was a carry-over of 253 bucks (74% of population) into the 2 ½ year age class. This represents one buck per 111 acres or nine, 2 ½ year old bucks per thousand acres. It is interesting to note that if the additional recruitment calculated from the mandatory 6 point regulation, whether it be 2 or 4.7, is added to this, then the number of 2 ½ year old bucks available for harvest is high, similar to the 1 ½ year age class.

During the 1999 season 157, 2 ½ year old bucks were killed; this is a harvest of one, 2 1/2 year old buck per 179 acres. This would leave 96 bucks to move up into the 3 ½ year old age class, one per 293 acres or 3.4 per thousand, which is pretty good when compared to the adult harvest of bottomland habitat bucks.

Known Age Buck Harvest

Area	6 mo.	1 ½	2 ½	3 ½+	Adult Kill/Acre
Choctaw Bayou	30	120	159	106	10.3 / 1000
West BR Parish	35	149	176	108	8.9 / 1000
Upland Hardwood	74	185	212	96	6.2 / 1000
West Fel. Parish	73	202	217	98	5.5 / 1000
Bottomland Hdwd.	292	1025	872	990	3.7 / 1000
Lottie Wildlife	21	13	8	23	1.9 / 1000
East Carrol Parish	10	19	80	143	6.2 / 1000
Pointe C. Parish	36	154	86	104	4.4 / 1000
Iberville Parish	85	195	161	171	5.5 / 1000
Coastal Marsh	61	200	207	191	1.7 / 1000
Coastal Prairie	18	7	7	1	.3 / 1000
Historic Longleaf	175	516	340	224	1.8 / 1000
Swamp Hdwd.	21	126	69	54	1.7 / 1000
Longleaf Ftwd.	14	119	75	25	2.0 / 1000
NW Pine/Hdwd.	164	827	484	339	3.0 / 1000
SE Pine/Hdwd.	127	480	223	176	2.5 / 1000
Sherburne WMA	63	124	30	39	2.7 / 1000
Wilbert Clubs (no DMAP)	13	51	16	4	1.8 / 1000

Proposed Changes To 2001-02 Seasons & Regulations Package

1. Changes to either-sex days

Reason for Changes: Staff mistake due to computers

Area 1 & 6-- (some parishes): Reduce by 2 days (from 13 to 11 days)

E. Baton Rouge, E. Feliciana, Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa,
Washington, W. Feliciana and Lafourche, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James,
St. John, Jefferson

Area 1 & 2-- Caldwell and Catahoula: Add 2 days (from 7 to 9 days)

Area 4-- East Carroll: Add 2 days (from 5 to 7 days)

2. Chase only experimental racoon season

Reason for Change: Public hearings and letters of request

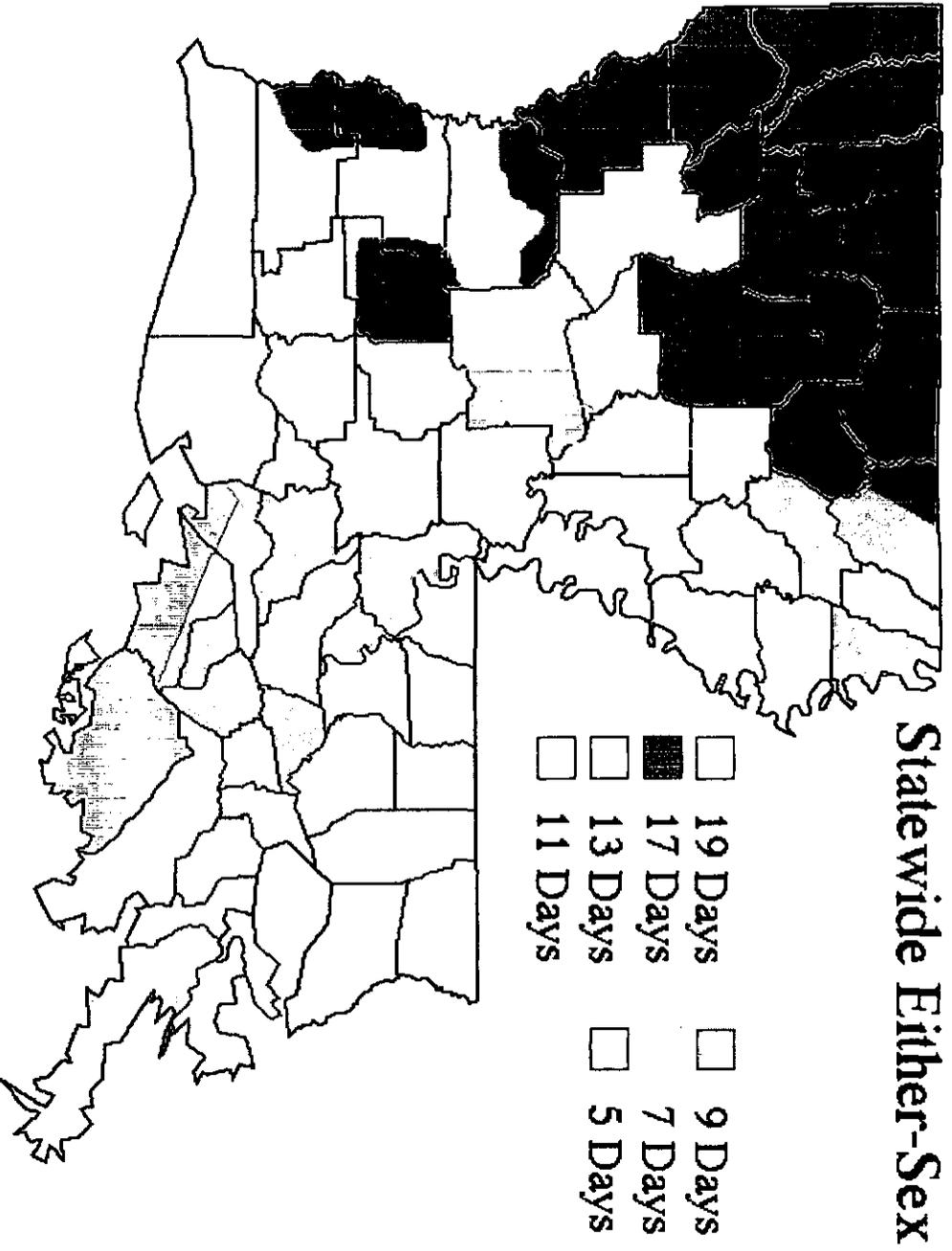
Big Lake & Little River WMA's: May 1- Sept. 27 Tuesdays and Thursdays only; Night-time chase only racoon hunting permitted.

3. Area 7 Deer Season-- Earlier

Reason for Change: Public hearings and letters of request

	<u>Currently</u>	<u>Change to</u>
Archery	Oct.1-Jan.31	Oct.1-Jan.31
Muzzleloader	Oct.13-19 Jan.2-6	Oct.6-19
Gun Still	Oct.20-Nov.4 Nov.17-Dec.2	Oct.20-Nov.11 Nov.17-25
Gun Dog	Dec.8-Jan.13	Nov.26-Jan.1

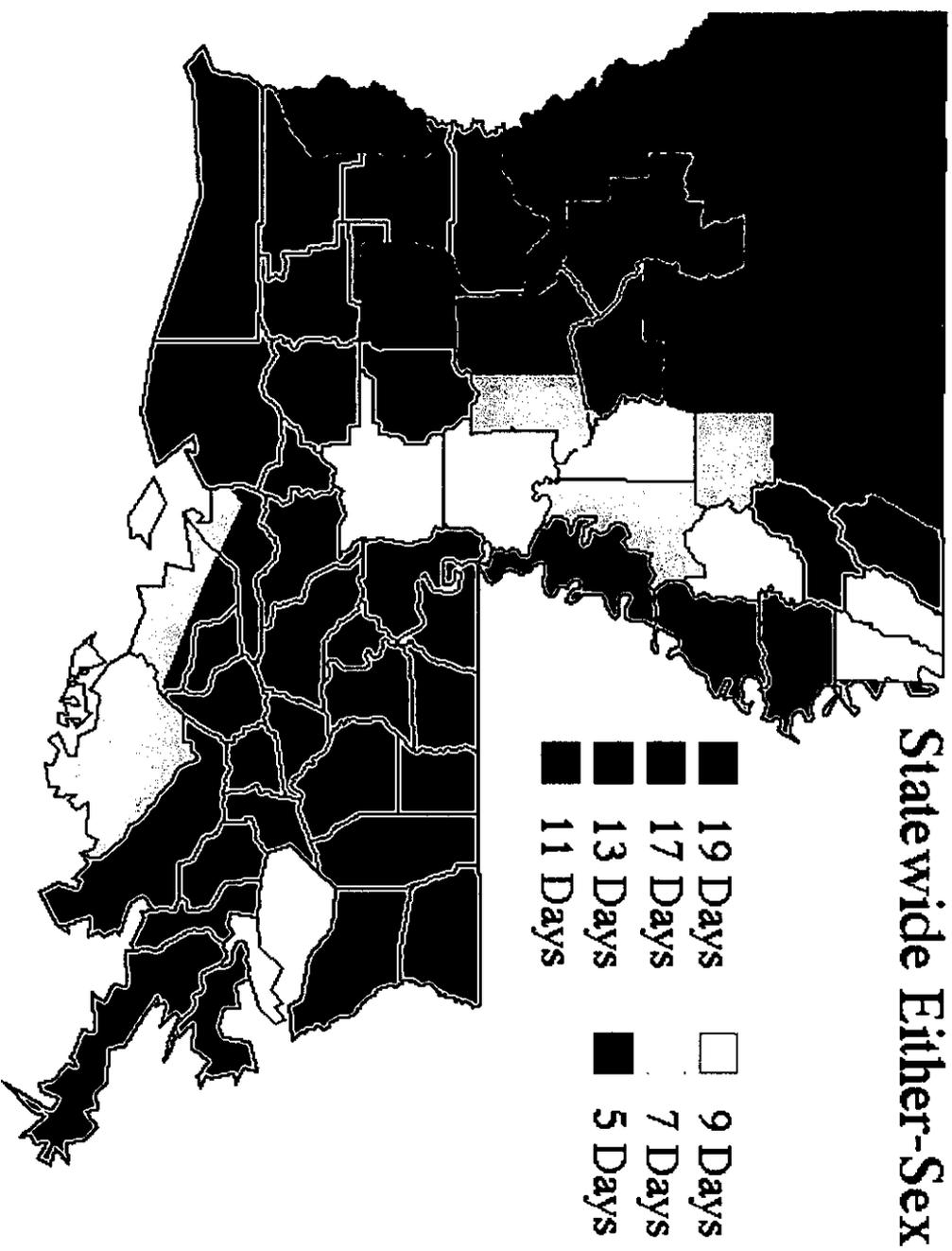
Originally Presented 3/1/01



Either-Sex Days

Presented 5/3/01

Statewide Either-Sex



Either Sex Days

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Proposed Changes To 2001-02 Seasons & Regulations Package

amended - accepted/amended

1. Changes to either-sex days

Reason for Changes: Staff mistake due to computers

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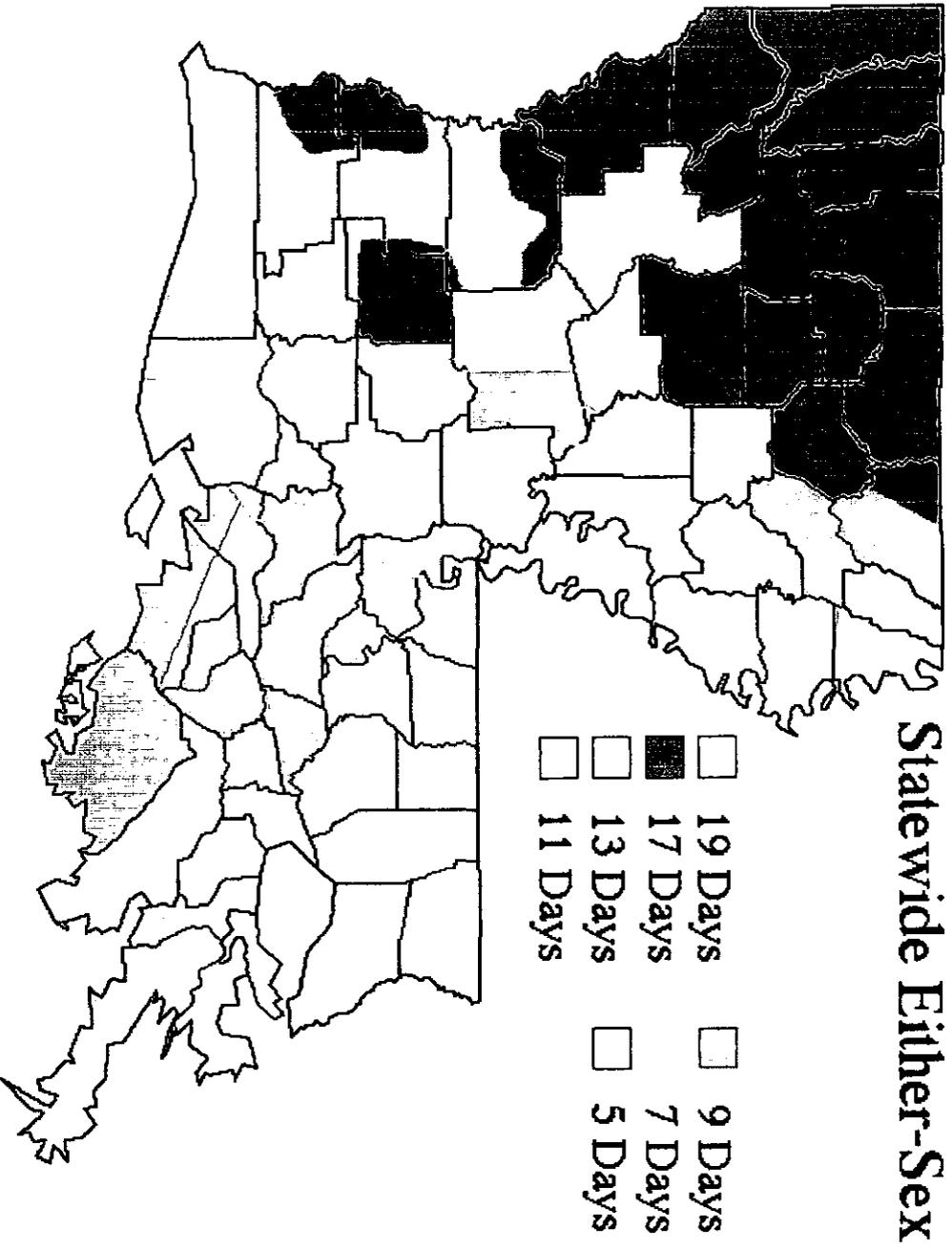
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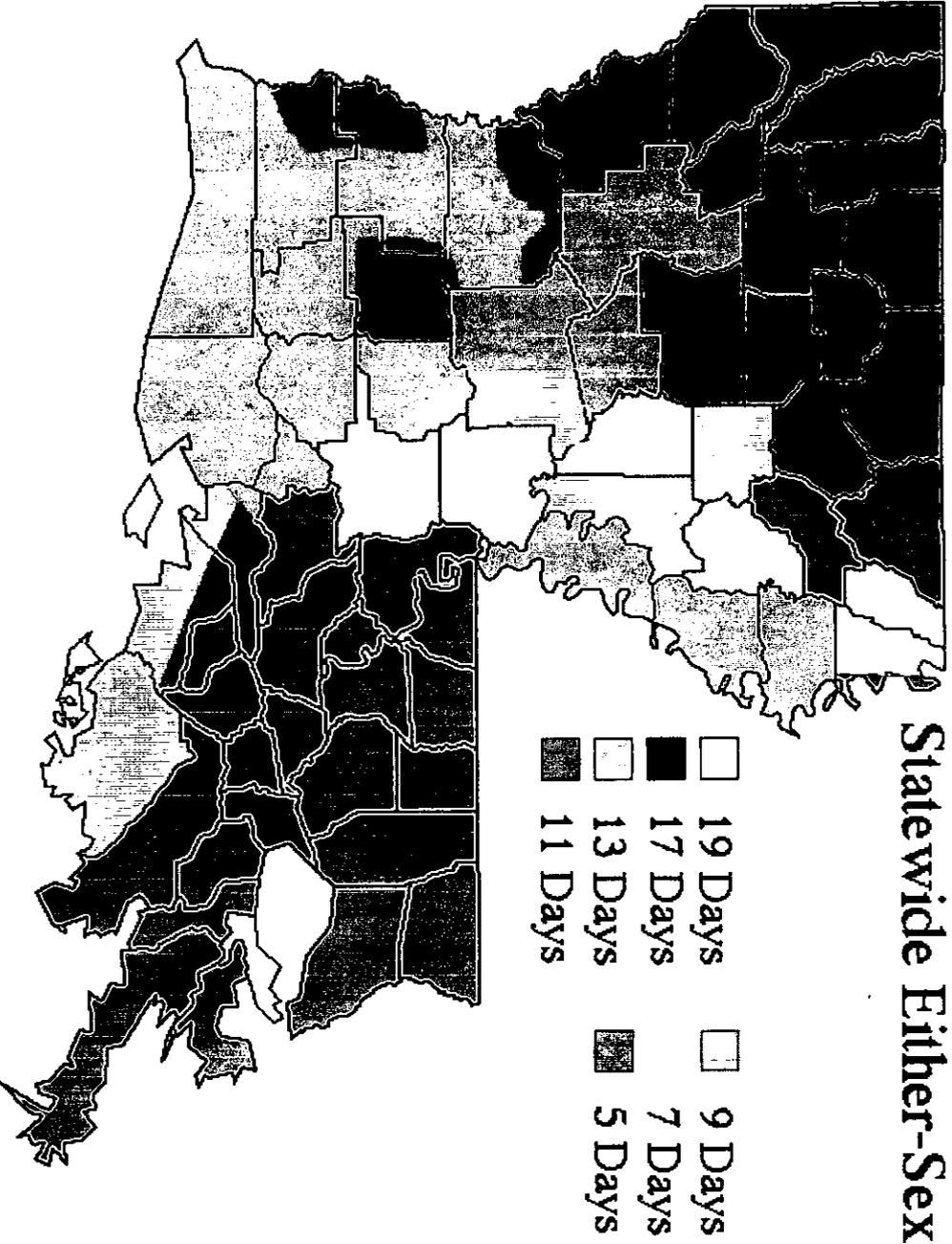
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Either-Sex Days

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Statewide Either-Sex



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May 1, 2001

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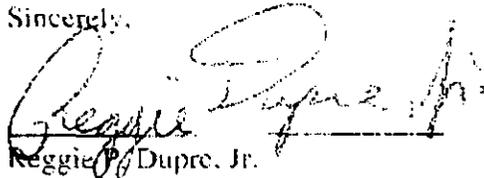
James Jenkins
Secretary, Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
P.O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

RE: Opening of May Shrimp Season in Zone 2

Dear Secretary Jenkins:

I understand that at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 2, 2001, the Wildlife & Fisheries Commission will be meeting to recommend the opening date for the brown shrimp season in Zone 2. I have received numerous call from constituents and understand people are catching a great deal of shrimp with cast nets in the 70/80 count range. Consequently, I would respectfully recommend next Monday, May 7, 2001, as the opening date for the May season in Zone 2. If I am unable to attend the meeting, please read this request on my behalf. Your and the Commission's consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Reggie Dupre, Jr.
State Senator
District 20

cc: John Roussel, WI.&F

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BY-LAWS

Adopted May 20, 1980

Amended December 9, 1991; November 5, 1992; May 6, 1993;

May 4, 1995; March 5, 1998

ARTICLE I

COMMISSION OFFICE

1. The principal office of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commissioners shall be 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
2. The Commission at its discretion, may from time to time, hold meetings at any other location within the State of Louisiana after proper notice.

ARTICLE II

REGULAR MEETINGS

1. The Commission shall hold regular monthly meetings at a place, date and time properly noticed in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meeting law.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

1. Special meetings of the Commission may be called by the Chairman, at his discretion, and shall be called by the chairman upon written request of any four members. The notice of each special meeting shall state the purpose for which it is called, and only those matters shall be considered that have been included in the call, unless every member of the Commission is present at the called meeting and a quorum of the Board agrees to take up other matters.

2. The chairman, shall cause written notices of the time and place of special meetings to be mailed, or hand delivered, to each member, at the addresses as they appear in the records of the Commission, at least three days before the day on which the meeting is to be held, or shall communicate the notice of such meetings to the members by telegram or telephone not later than 24 hours before the meeting is to be held.

ATTENDANCE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

1. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall attend all meetings of the Commission unless excused, or directed by the Commission not to attend, or unless other appropriate staff alternates, acceptable to the Commission by prior arrangement, are designated by the Secretary to attend.

ARTICLE III

QUORUM - MINUTES

1. The attendance of four members at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business.
2. Final minutes will be available to Commission members as soon as possible before the next regular meeting.

ARTICLE IV

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Officers shall be elected annually at the regular meeting of the Commission in December, at which the members shall elect, from among their own number, a chairman and a vice-chairman, to hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected, pursuant to Appendix A which is attached to, and shall comprise a part of, these By-Laws. The Board shall not be bound by any particular order of succession in the nomination of members for election to office.
2. In case a vacancy shall occur among the elected officers, due to death, resignation, or other cause, an election shall be held, at a regular or special meeting, to fill the vacant office for the unexpired portion of the term.
3. Within the terms of their respective appointments, any member elected as Vice-Chairman who shall have served in such office for one term, shall be eligible to succeed himself. Any member elected as Chairman who shall have served in such office for one term shall be ineligible to succeed himself in the year immediately following his service as Chairman.

ARTICLE V

DUTIES OF THE CHAIRMAN

The powers and duties of the chairman shall be:

1. To preside as chairman at all meetings of the Commission, with the right to vote on all questions.
2. To see that the laws of the State, pertaining to the purpose and functions of the Commission, the Ordinances of the Commission and its policies are faithfully observed and executed.
3. To call special meetings of the Commission, at his discretion, or upon the written request of four members.
4. To establish committees and appoint members thereof, at his discretion, as he deems necessary to carry out the business of the Commission.
5. To serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.
6. To perform such other duties as are usually incumbent upon the chairman of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES OF THE VICE CHAIRMAN

1. Whenever the chairman is absent from any regularly scheduled meeting, his duties shall be performed by the vice-chairman. Whenever the chairman is absent from a special meeting called by him, upon his own initiative, or upon written request of four commissioners, his duties shall be performed by the vice-chairman. The vice-chairman may not assume the duties of the chairman for the purpose of calling a special meeting when the

chairman is temporarily absent from the State, or when the chairman is temporarily incapacitated through illness, or otherwise, unless the chairman or the other five members, direct the vice-chairman to assume the office of the chairman for the purpose of calling such special meeting.

2. Whenever the chairman's absence from the state, or his incapacity due to illness, prevents him from handling routine, but necessary Commission business, at time other than at Commission meetings, such business shall be handled by the vice-chairman.

ARTICLE VII

COMMISSION COMMITTEES:

The following named committees shall be permanent standing committees. All members shall be appointed by the chairman and shall serve at his pleasure. Additional committees may be added by a majority vote of the Commission members at a regular or special meeting.

- 1) Hunting Regulations Committee
- 2) Minerals Committee
- 3) Sports & Commercial Fishing Committee
- 4) Oyster and Shrimp Committee
- 5) Wildlife Management Area Committee
- 6) Budget Committee

ARTICLE VIII

AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Secretary shall prepare and submit to the Commission an agenda covering the items of business to be considered and acted upon at each meeting of the Commission including those items enumerated by the chairman. The chairman, or in his absence the vice-chairman, shall give verbal approval of the final agenda to the Secretary no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting. Any item of business requested by any member of the Commission shall be placed on the agenda unless the Chairman or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman determines (a) that the item requested is a matter which is outside the constitutional or statutory jurisdiction of the Commission; or (b) is inappropriate for consideration at the meeting requested; provided that the Chairman or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman shall state at the meeting the reasons for any such determination. If either the chairman or the vice-chairman are unavailable, verbal approval of the final agenda may be given by any two (2) commission members. The Commission may consider such other matters as may properly be brought before it. The order of business may be altered by the Commission at its discretion.

The Commission may, by majority vote, exclude any items or class of items from the agenda for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months; provided, however, that by two-thirds vote, the Commission may return such item or class of items to the agenda at any subsequent meeting.

At least 3 days prior to each meeting, the staff, under the direction of the Secretary, shall provide each Commission member with full explanations and back-up material and information on each item to be presented at the meetings.

ARTICLE IX

RULES OF ORDER

Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedures of this Commission not otherwise covered in these By-laws.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

These By-laws may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Commission by a majority vote of the commissioners present at the meeting. However, no such alteration or amendment shall be considered unless (a) notice of the intention to alter or amend the By-laws shall have been given in writing at a previous meeting of the Commission, and (b) a

draft of the proposed alteration or amendment shall have been sent to each member of the Commission at least forty-eight hours in advance of the meeting at which action on such alteration or amendment is to be taken.

**PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN
(Pursuant to Article IV of the Bylaws)**

I. The election procedure shall be by roll call vote. ~~(The Commission selected roll call vote as its standard election procedure at its December 1999 meeting; and it shall remain as such unless and until changed by the Commission.)~~

II. Election of Chairman

A. Chair entertains nominations for chairman

- any number may be nominated.
- no second required for nominations.
- chairman may not serve succeeding terms.

B. When it appears that no further nominations are forthcoming, the chair ~~can~~ declares nominations closed.

C. When nominations are closed, the chair will call for votes for each of the persons nominated - in the order of nomination. If there is only one nominee, the chair can declares election by acclamation.

D. When any nominee receives a majority vote of the members present, then voting ceases and he is declared chairman.

E. In the event that there are more than two nominees for chairman and no nominee receives a majority vote of those present, then the balloting ~~should~~ shall be repeated as many times as necessary until one candidate obtains a majority vote. If second and subsequent balloting is required, all nominees are kept on the ballot.

F. ~~Chairman-elect takes possession of his office immediately upon election. Outgoing chairman continues to preside over election of vice-chairman and until adjournment.~~

III. Election of Vice-Chairman

When a chairman is declared, then the Commission proceeds to elect a vice-chairman using the same procedure set out above for chairman. ~~(The vice-chairman can succeed himself.)~~

IV. POINTS OF ORDER - ALL OBJECTIONS, QUESTIONS OR POINTS OF ORDER CONCERNING THE ABOVE PROCEDURE OR THE ELECTION **MUST** BE MADE PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT OF THIS MEETING. IF NOT MADE PRIOR TO THE ADJOURNMENT, THEY ARE WAIVED.

RESOLUTION
2001 Spring Shrimp Season
May 3, 2001

WHEREAS, the traditional management criteria used by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in recommending the opening dates for the spring inshore shrimp season are based on the population of brown shrimp in each shrimp management zone reaching such a size that 50% or more of the brown shrimp are 100 count per pound or larger, and

WHEREAS, current biological data project that 50% of the 2001 brown shrimp crop will meet the 100 count per pound management criteria in shrimp management Zone 1 by May 14, 2001, in Zone 2 by May 10, 2001 and in Zone 3 by May 24, 2001, and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2001 the Commission had closed that portion of the State's Territorial Waters south of the Inside/Outside Shrimp Line as described in R.S. 56:495, from the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel at Eugene Island as delineated by the River Channel buoy line to the eastern shore of Freshwater Bayou.

WHEREAS, the Commission has frequently utilized Mondays as shrimp season opening dates based upon input from various sectors of the industry.

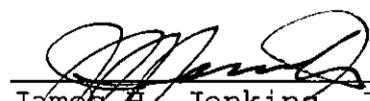
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby opens the spring inshore shrimp season in Zone 1 at 6 a.m. May 21, 2001, except the open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds as described in the menhaden rule (LAC 76:VII.307D) which shall open at 6 a.m. May 14, 2001, in Zone 2 and that portion of the State's Territorial Waters south of the Inside/Outside shrimp line as described in R.S. 56:495 from the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel at Eugene Island as delineated by the River Channel buoy line to the eastern shore of Freshwater Bayou at 6 a.m. May 10, 2001 and in Zone 3 at 6 a.m. May 28, 2001.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby grants to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the authority to close any portion of Louisiana's inshore waters to protect small white shrimp if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so, or enforcement problems develop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2001 Spring Shrimp Season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.



Dr. H. Jerry Stone, Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
La. Dept. of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all or part of inside waters and shall have the authority to open or close outside waters, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2001 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season to open as follows:

Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the Mississippi State line to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River, to open at 6 a.m. May 21, 2001, except the open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds as described in the menhaden rule (LAC 76:VII.307D) which shall open at 6 a.m. May 14, 2001, and

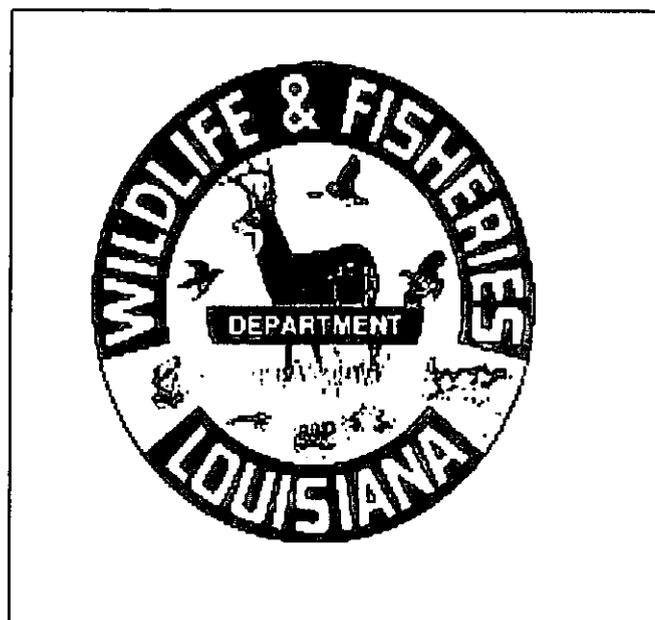
Zone 2, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island, as well as that portion of the State's Territorial Waters south of the Inside/Outside Shrimp Line as described in R.S. 56:495 from the Atchafalaya River Channel at Eugene Island as delineated by the River Channel buoy line to Freshwater Bayou, all to open at 6 a.m. May 10, 2001, and

Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island westward to the Texas State Line, to open at 6 a.m. May 28, 2001.

The Commission also hereby grants to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries the authority to close any portion of the State's inshore waters to protect small white shrimp if biological and technical data indicates the need to do so, or enforcement problems develop.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone, Chairman

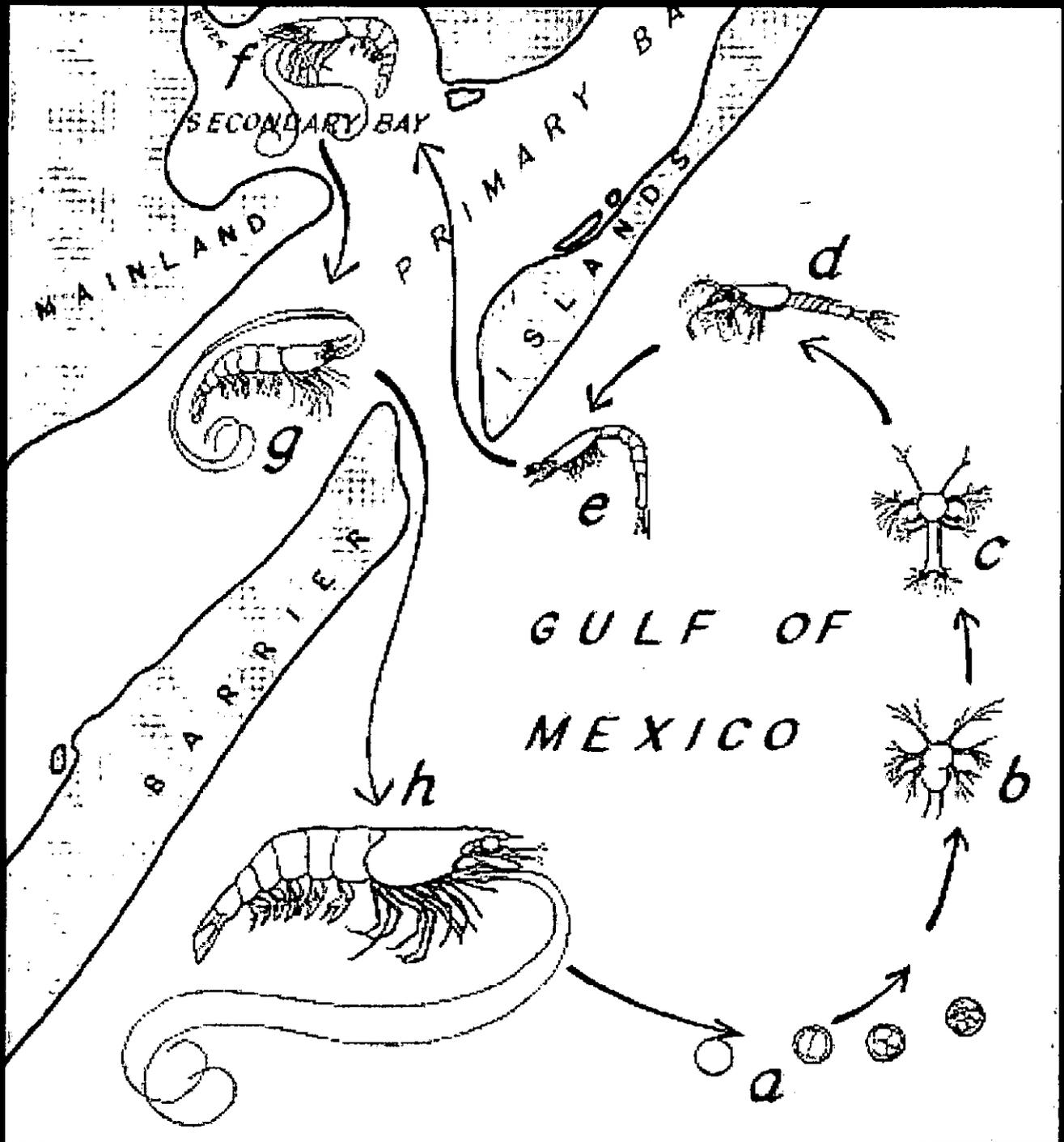
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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ANNUAL SPRING SHRIMP PRESENTATION

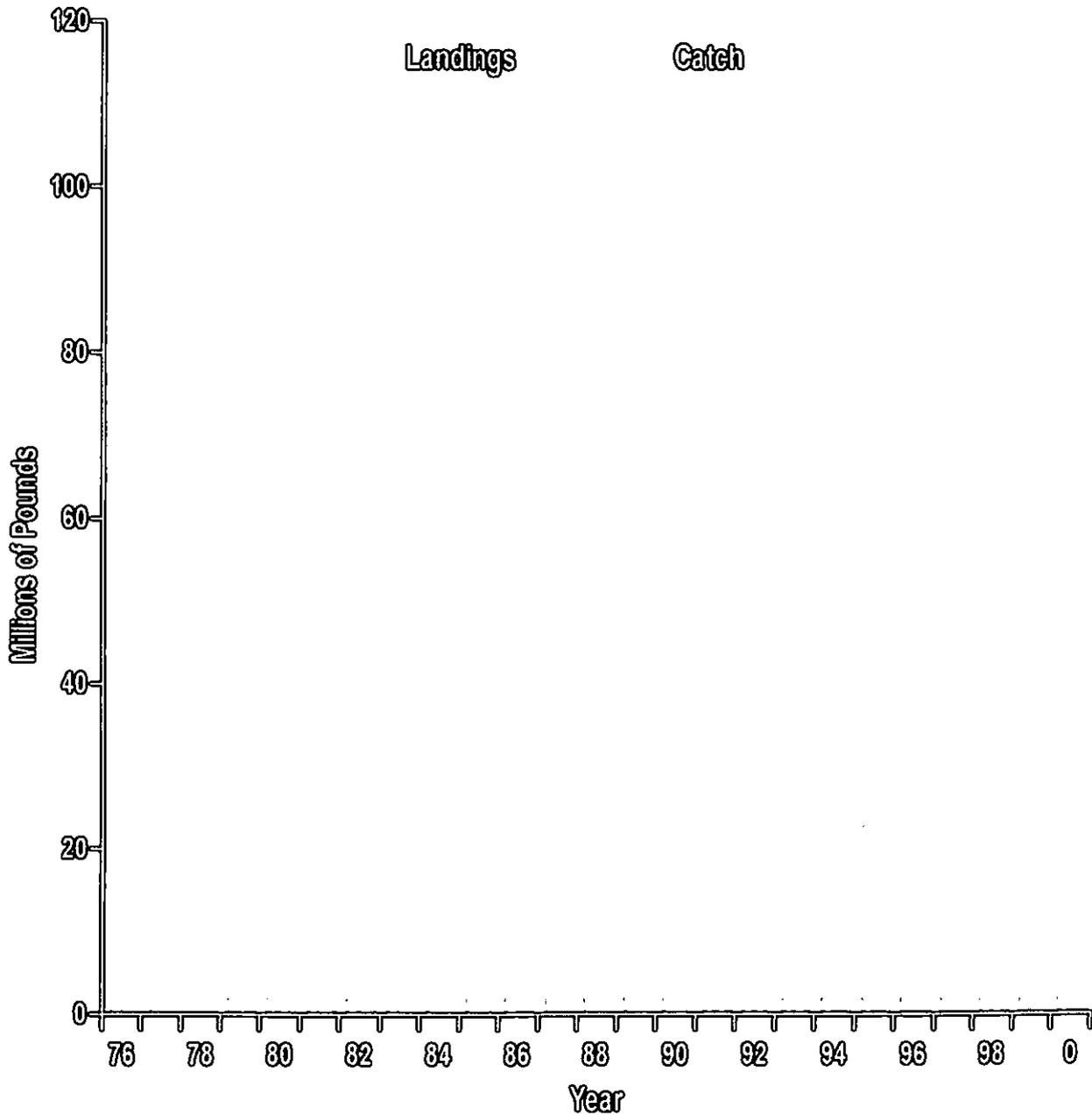
MAY 3, 2001

SHRIMP LIFE HISTORY DIAGRAM



a) shrimp eggs, b) nauplius larvae, c) protozoa, d) mysis, e) postmysis, f) juvenile shrimp, g) adolescent shrimp, h) adult shrimp

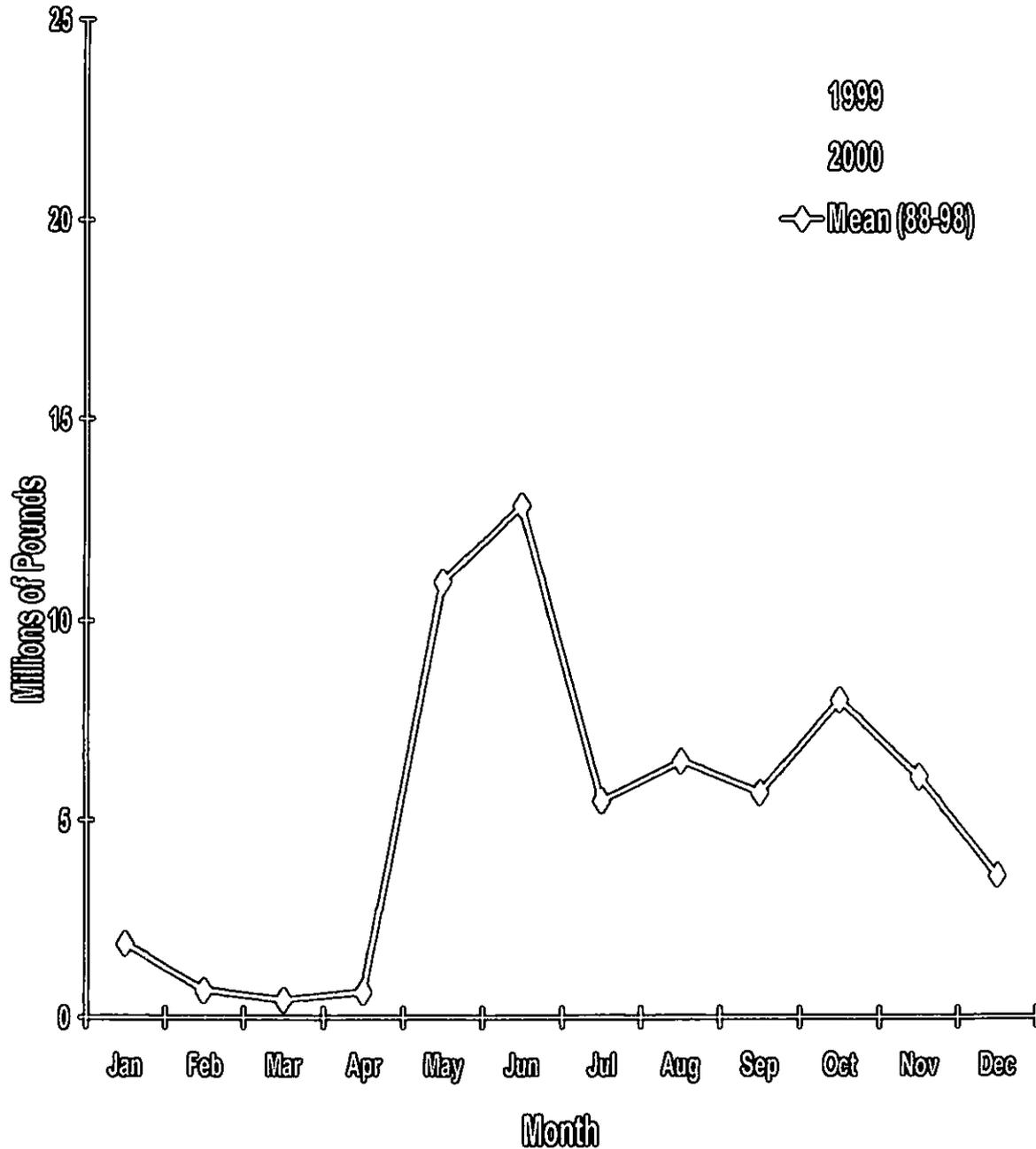
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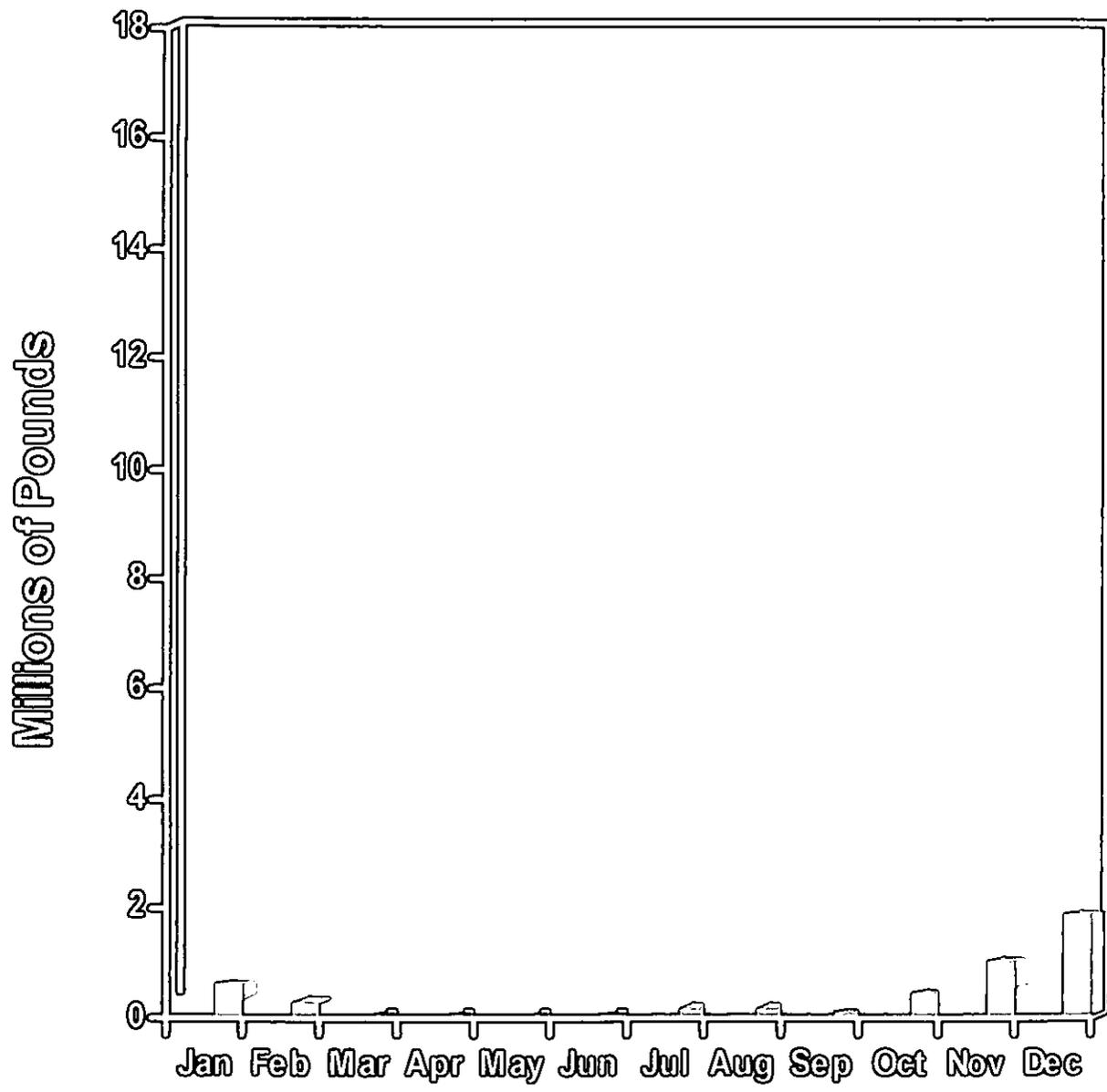
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LOUISIANA 2000 SHRIMP CATCH (Heads-Off Weight)



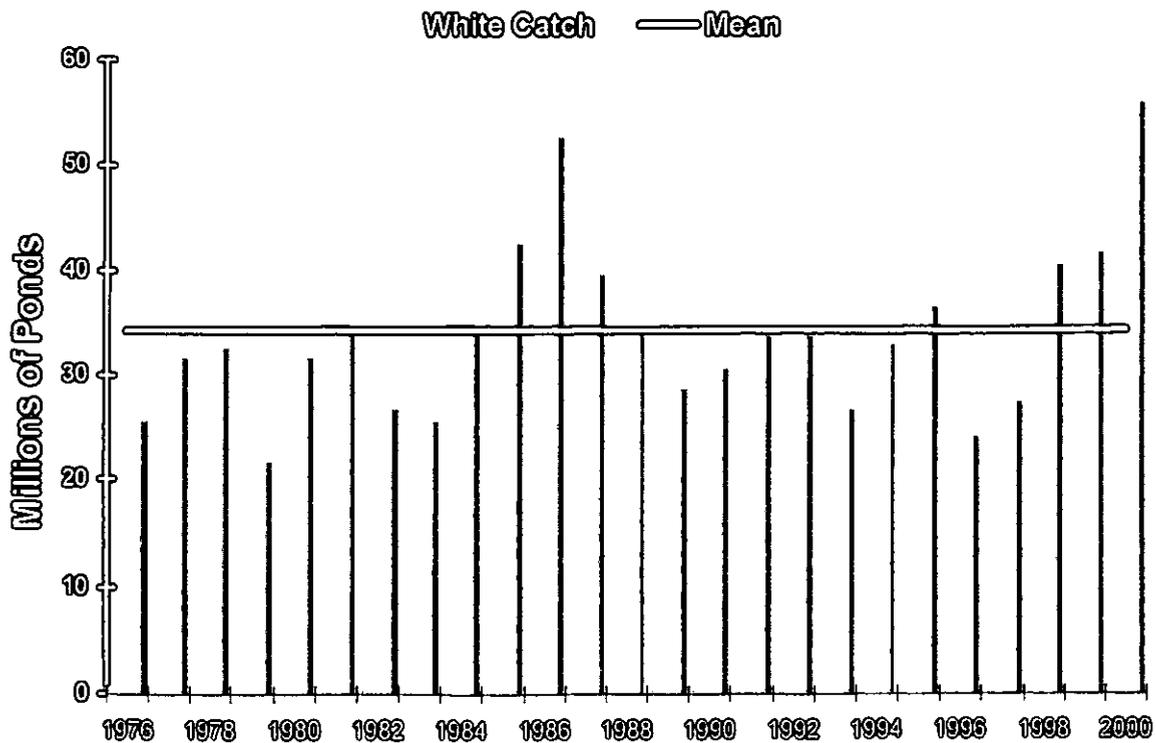
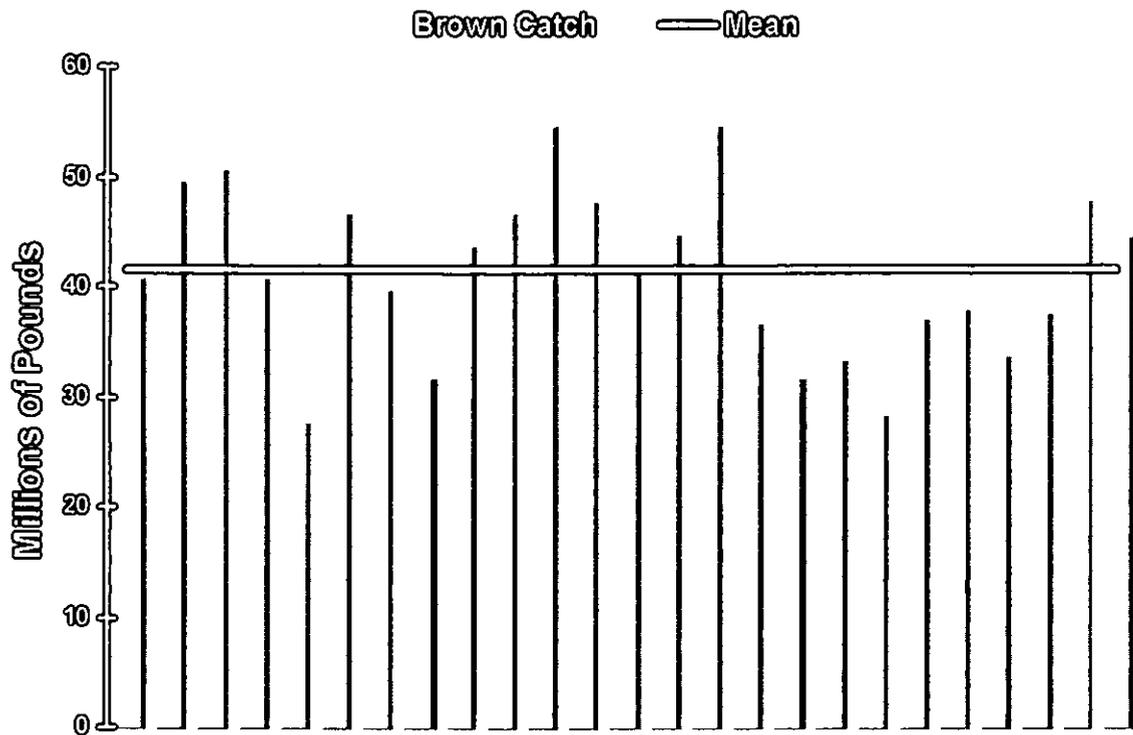
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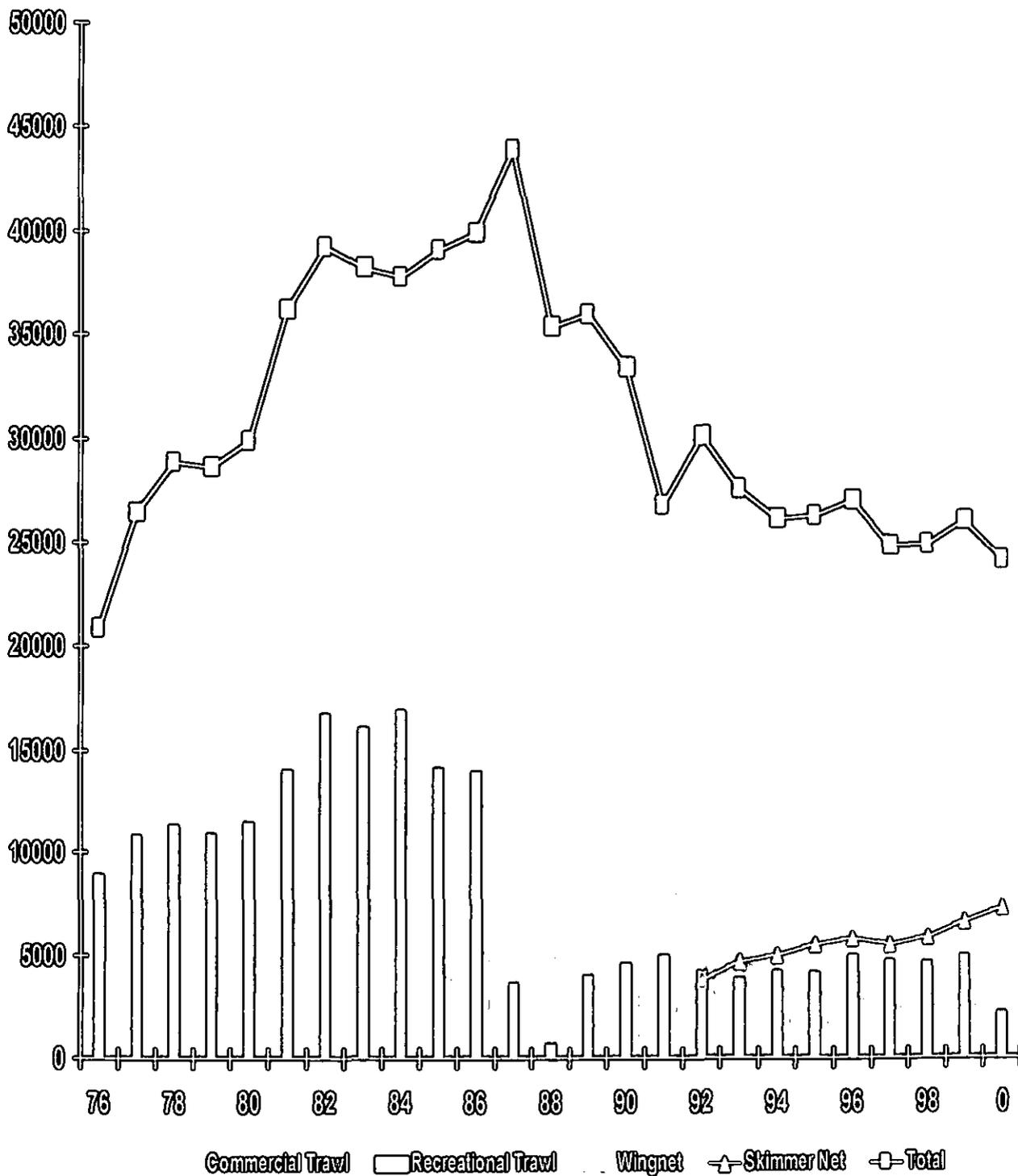
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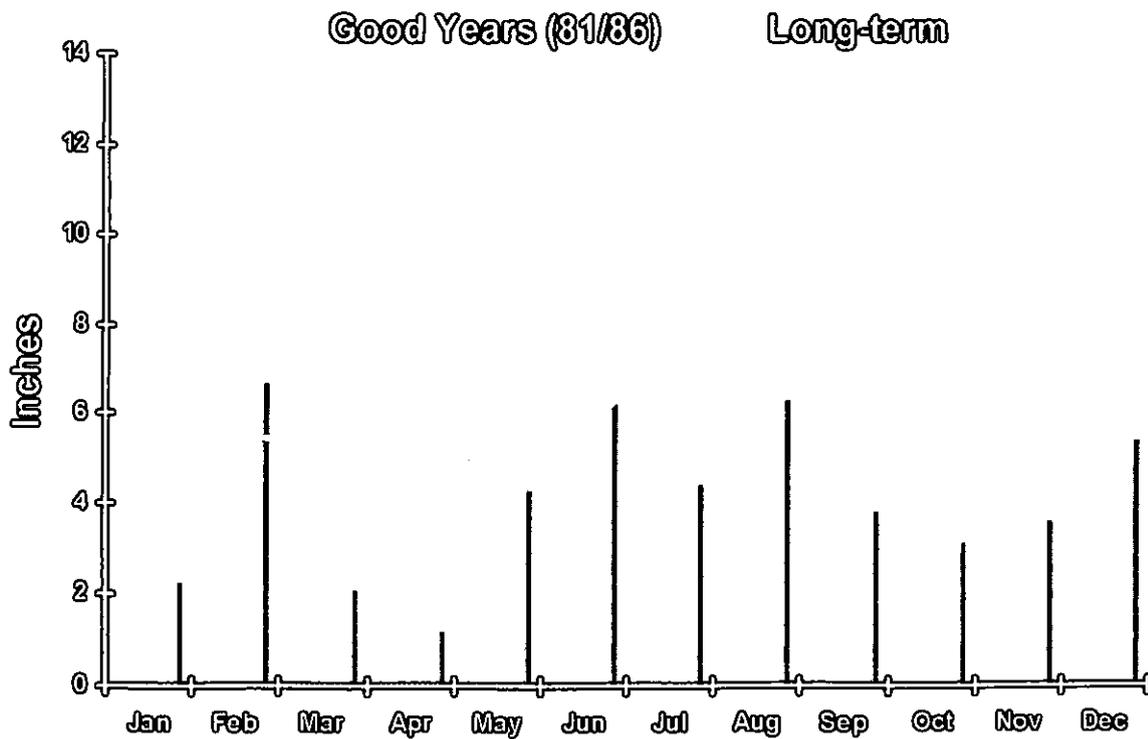
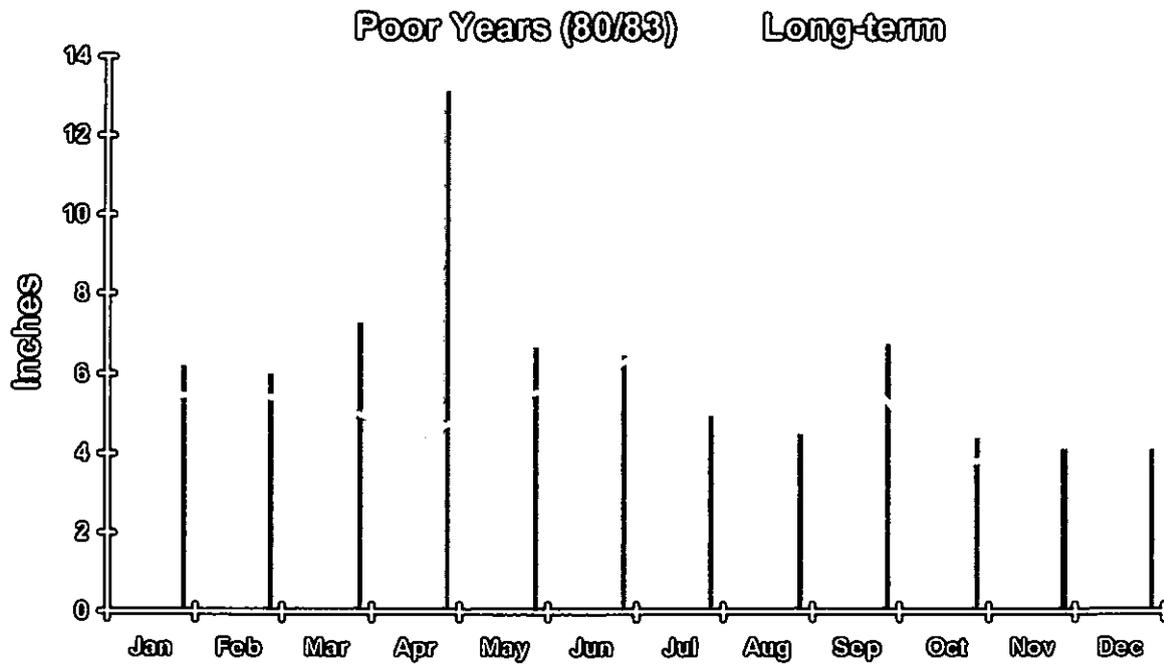
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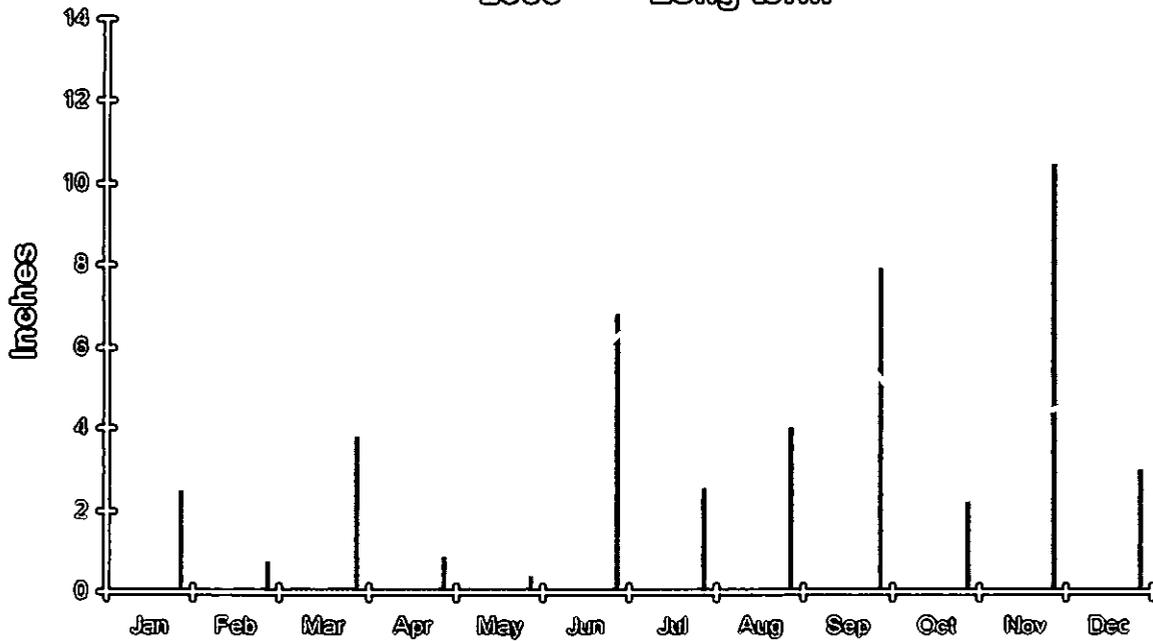
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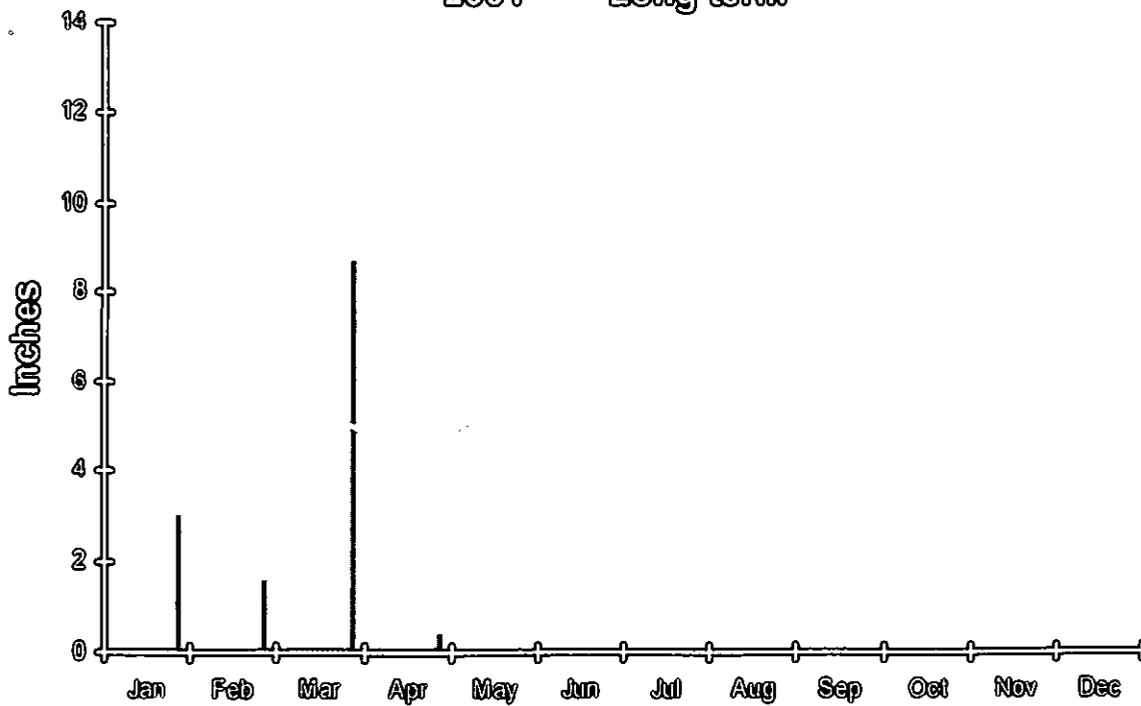
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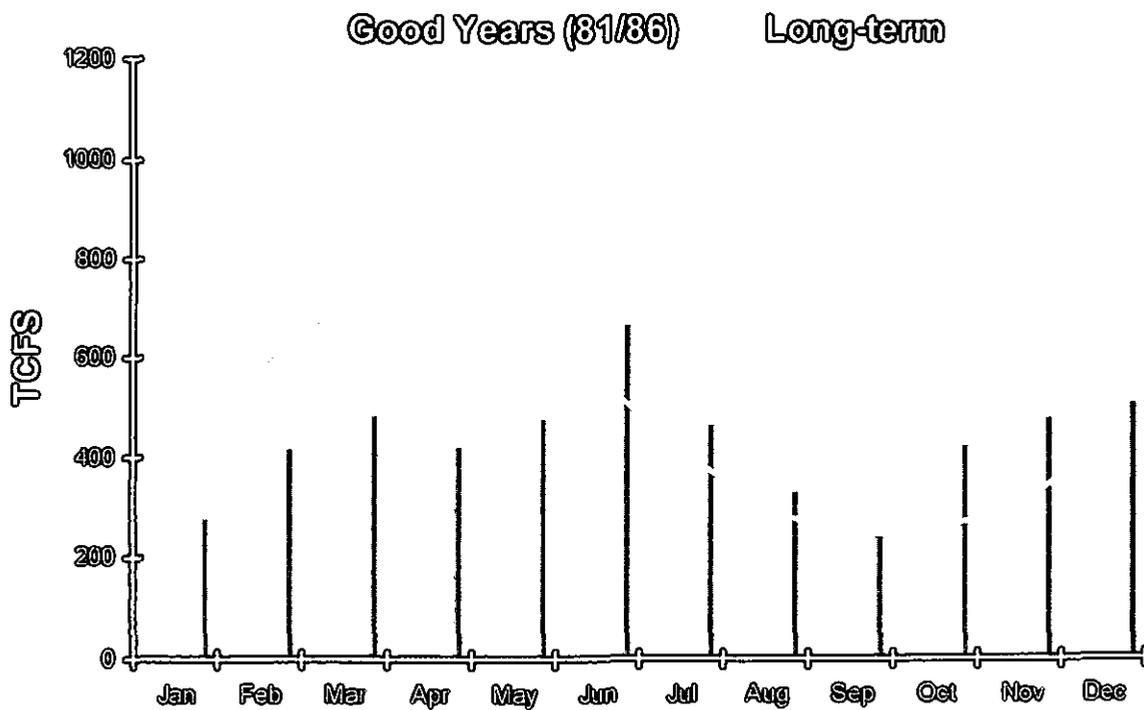
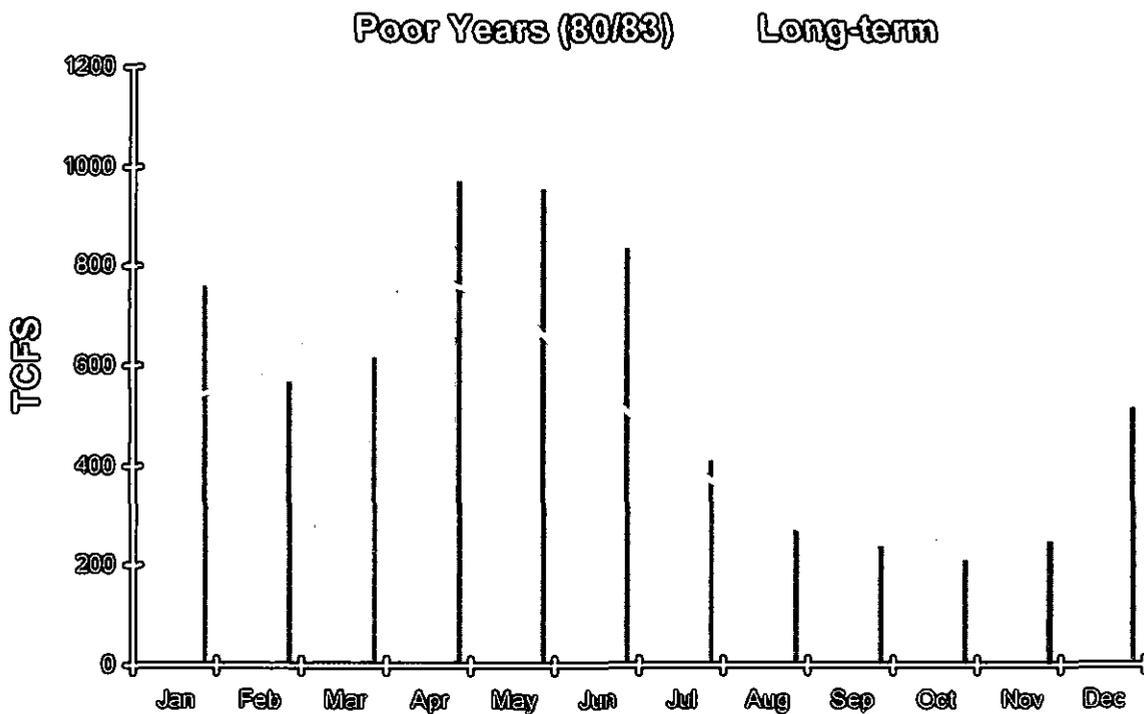


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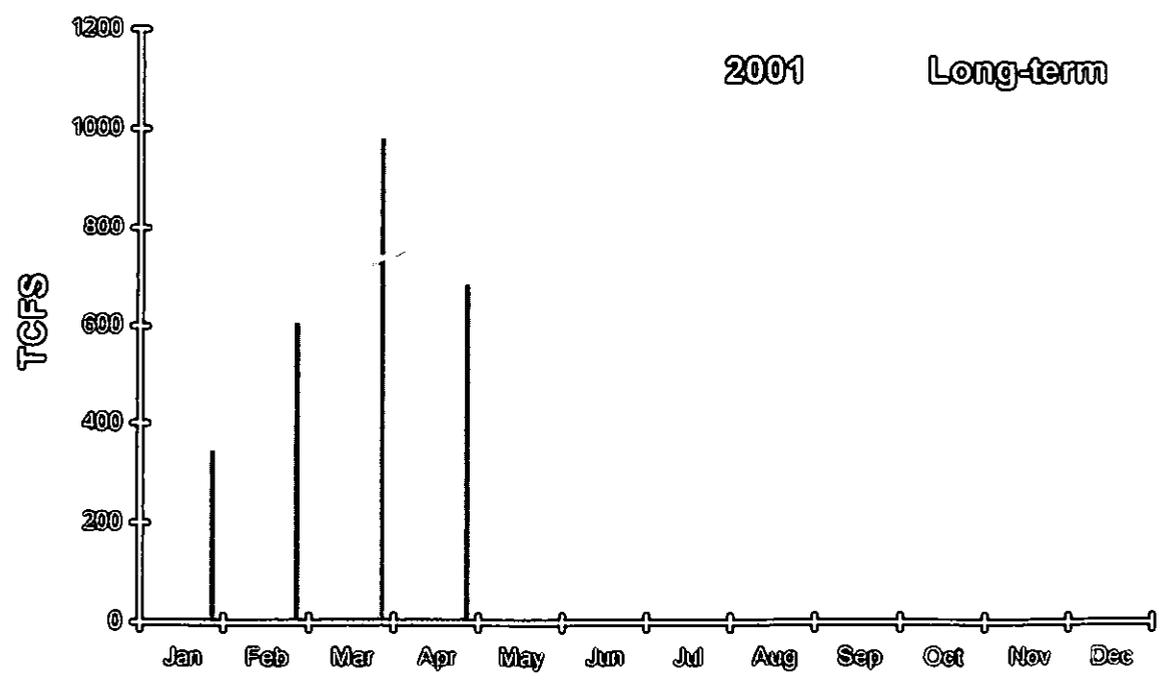
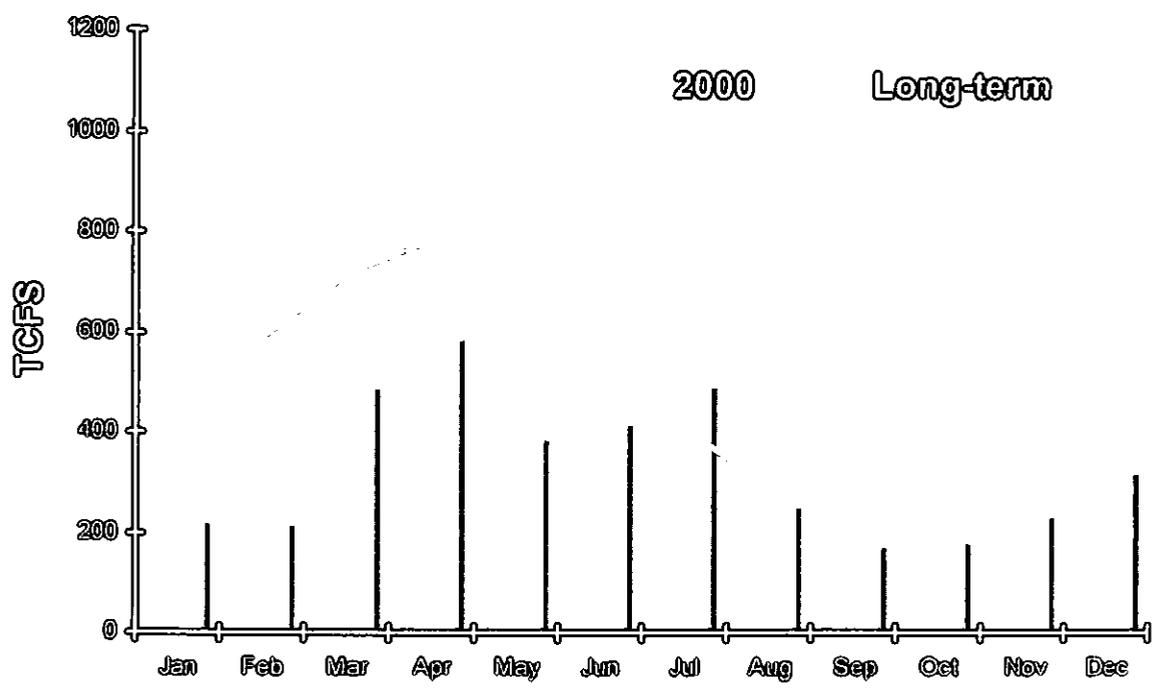
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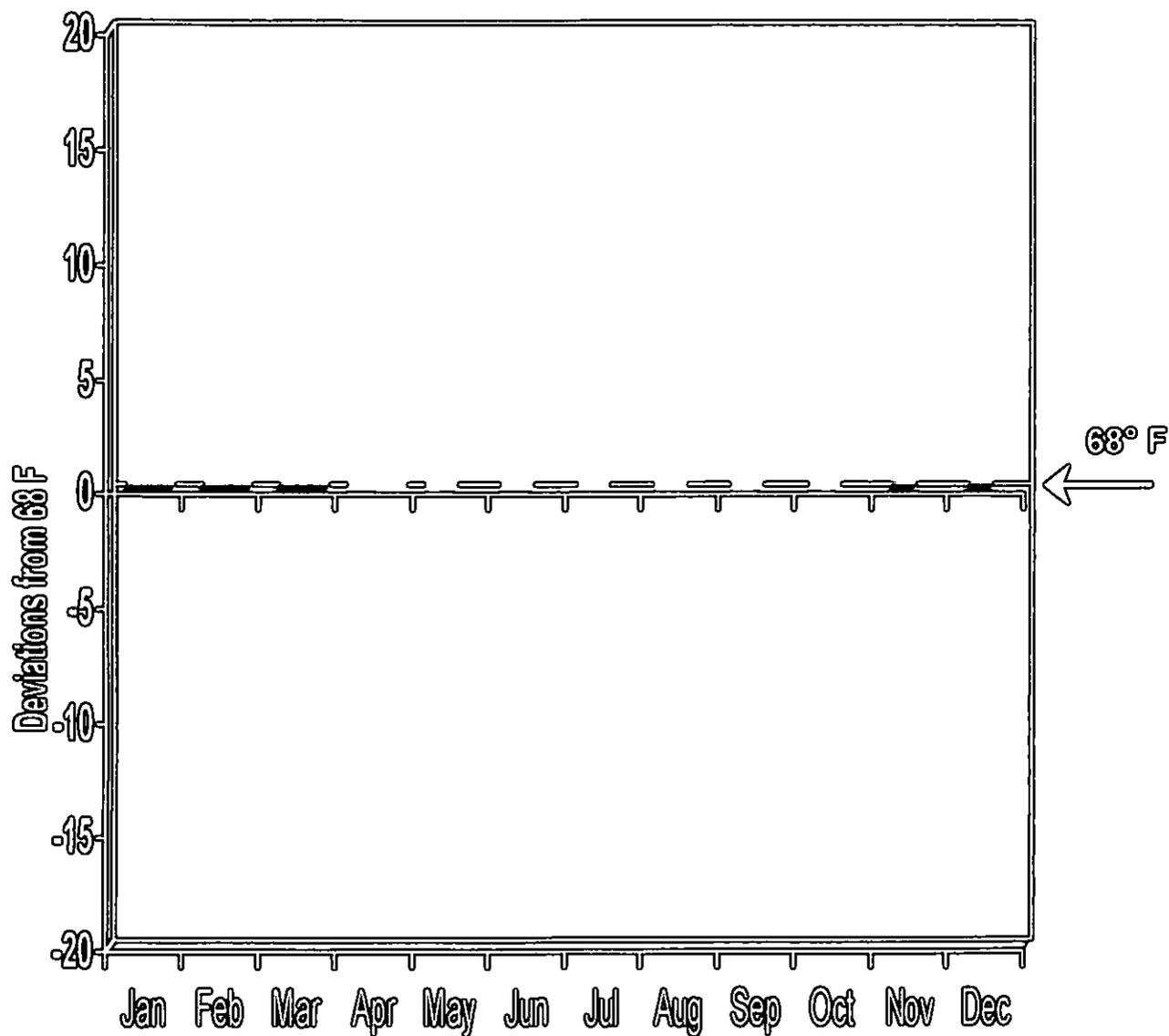
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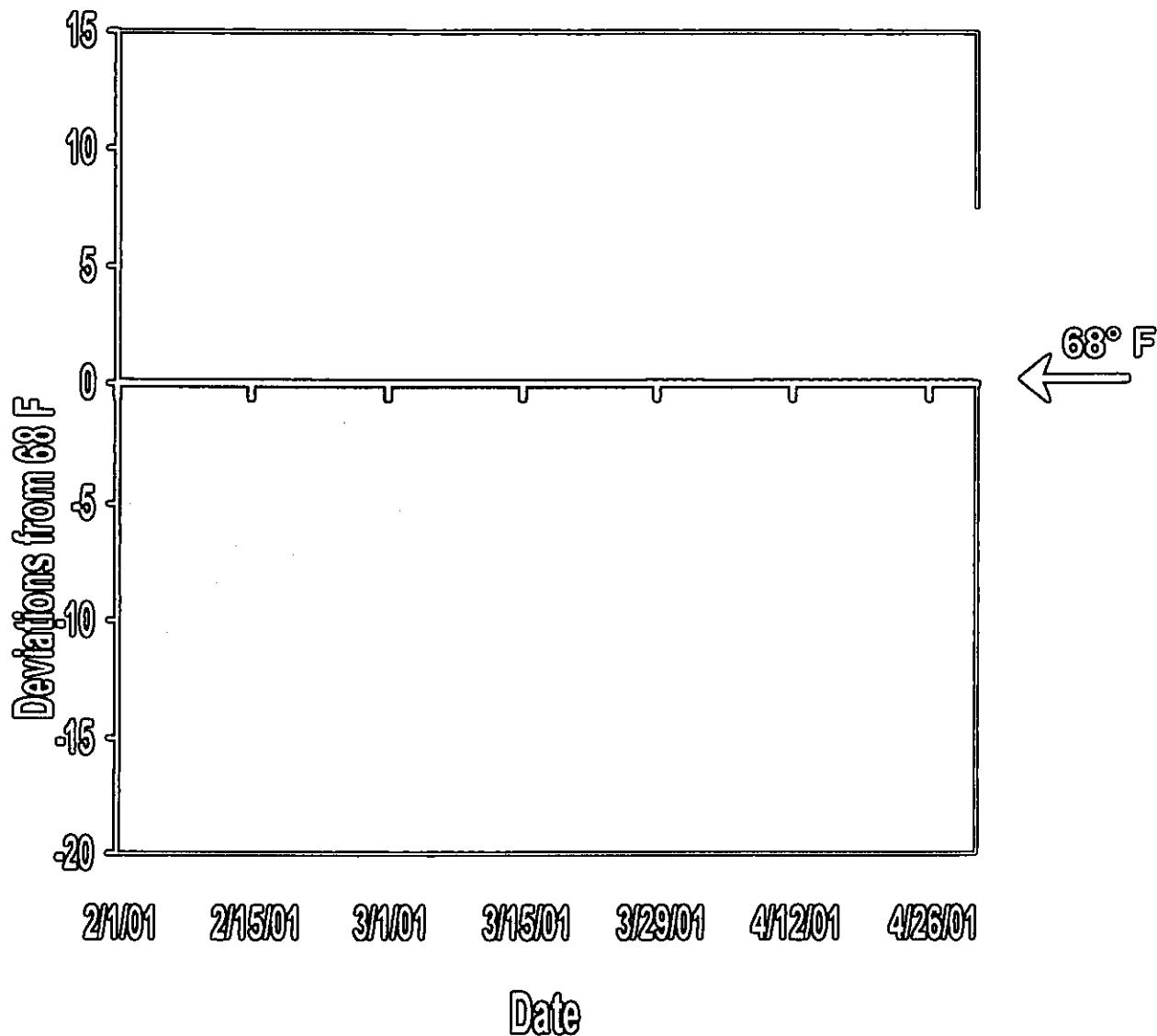
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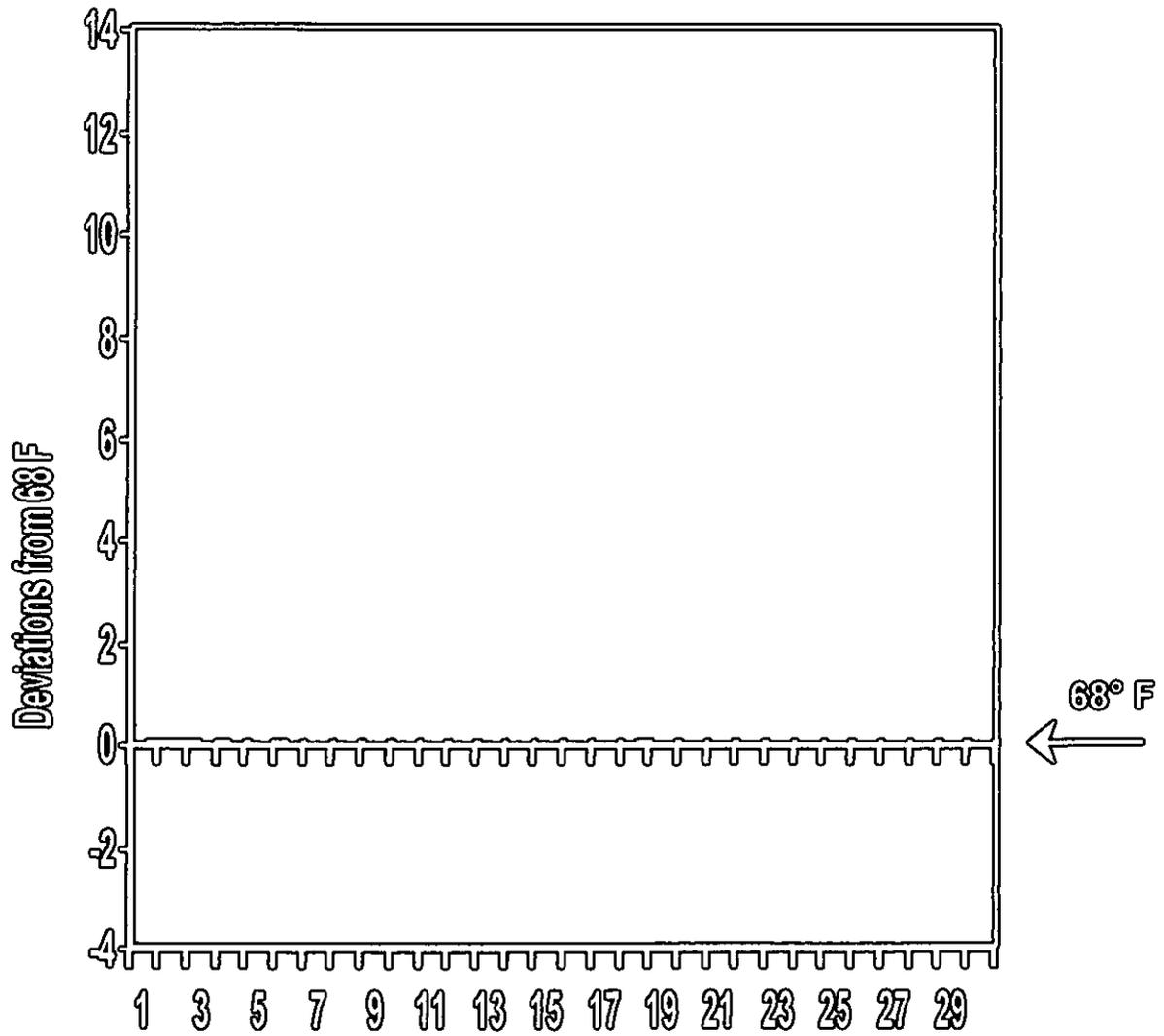
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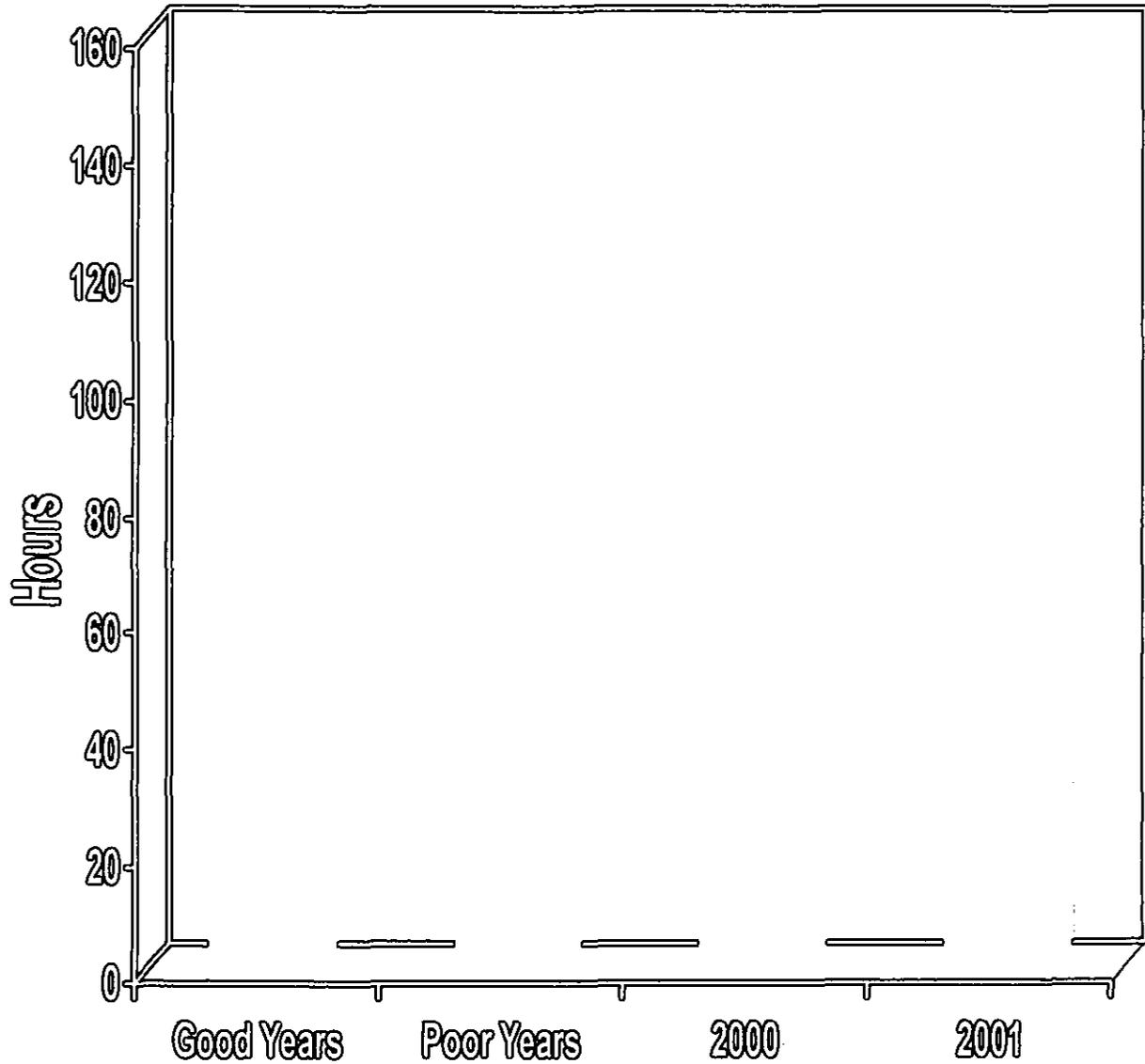
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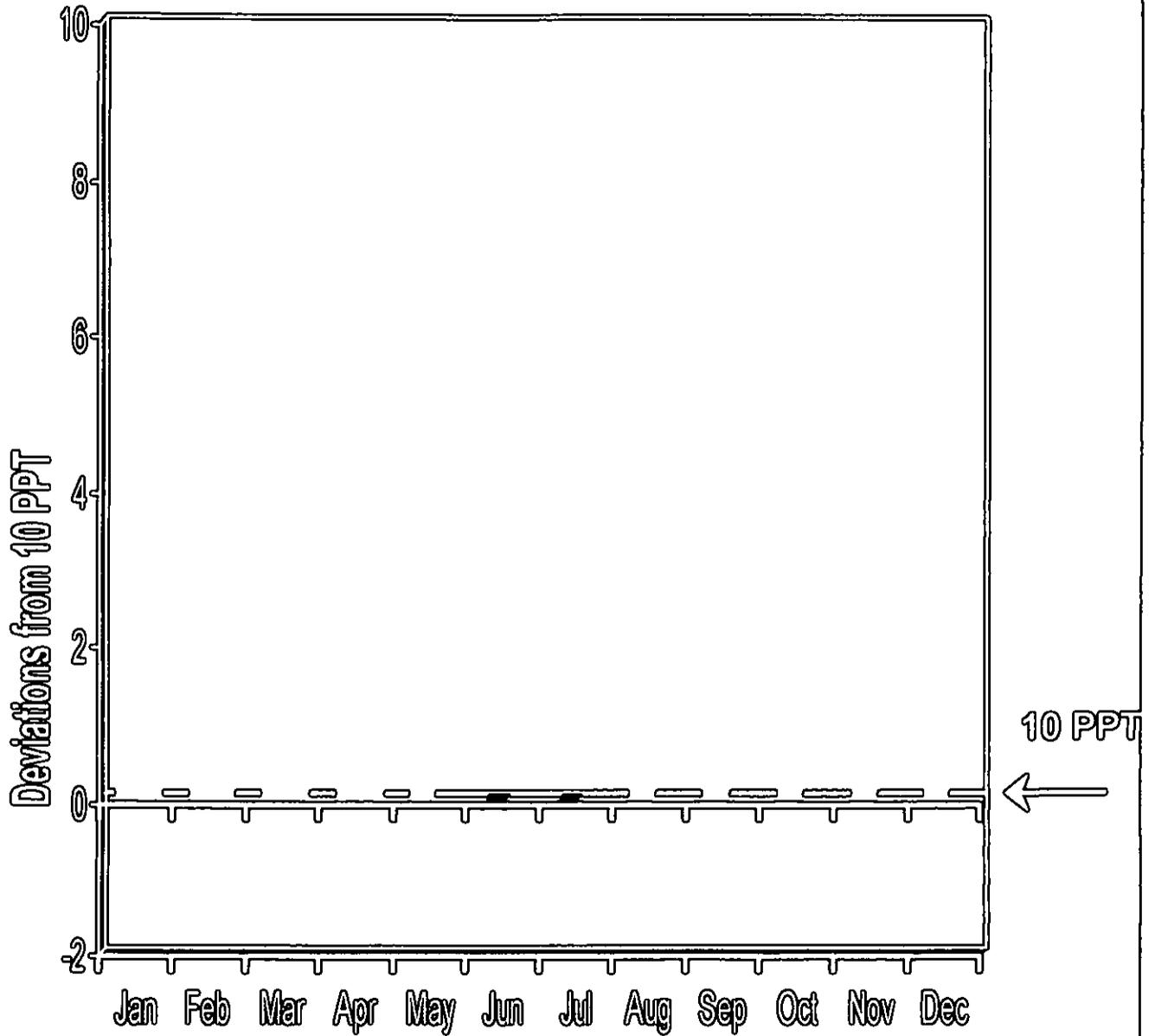
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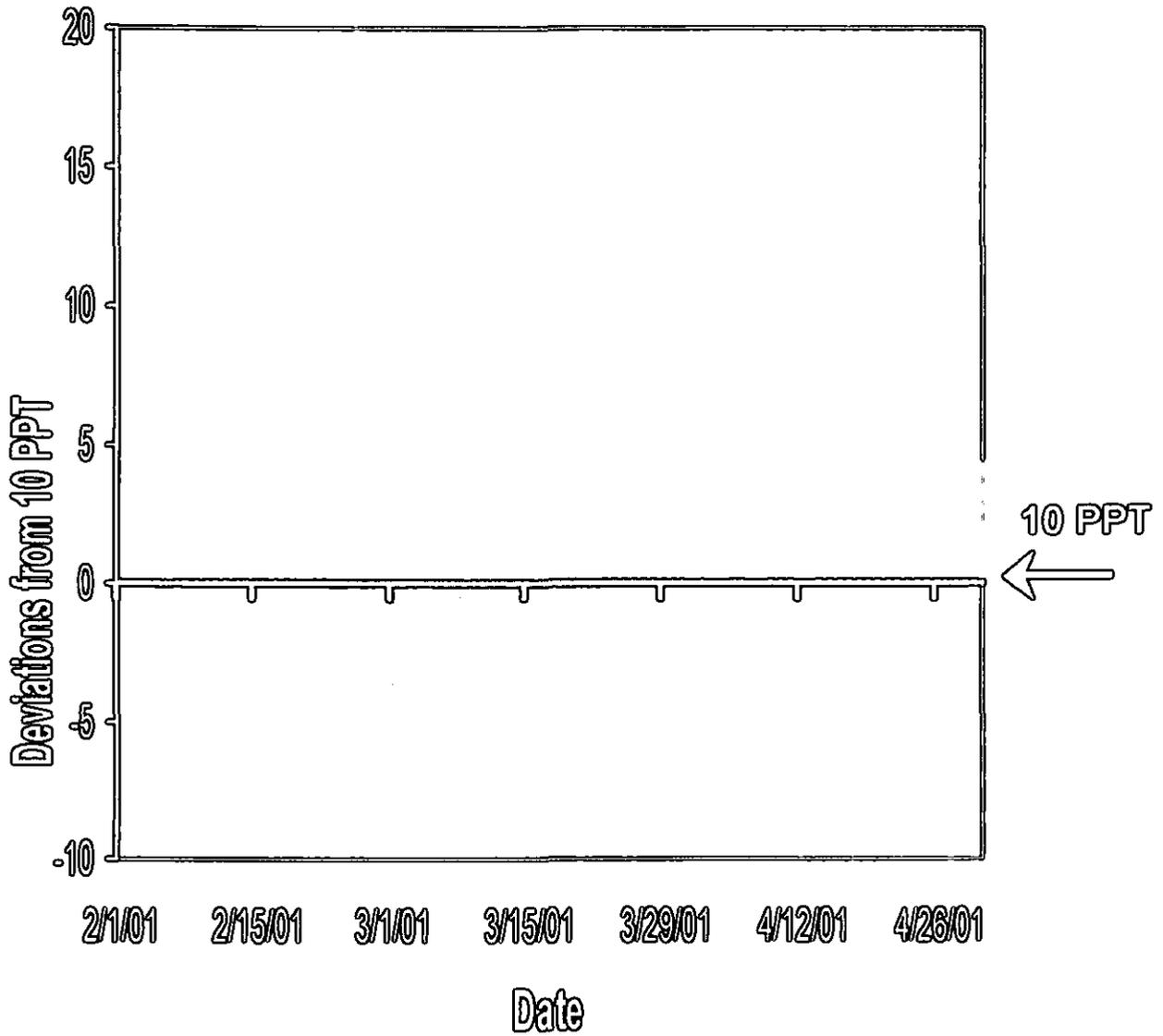
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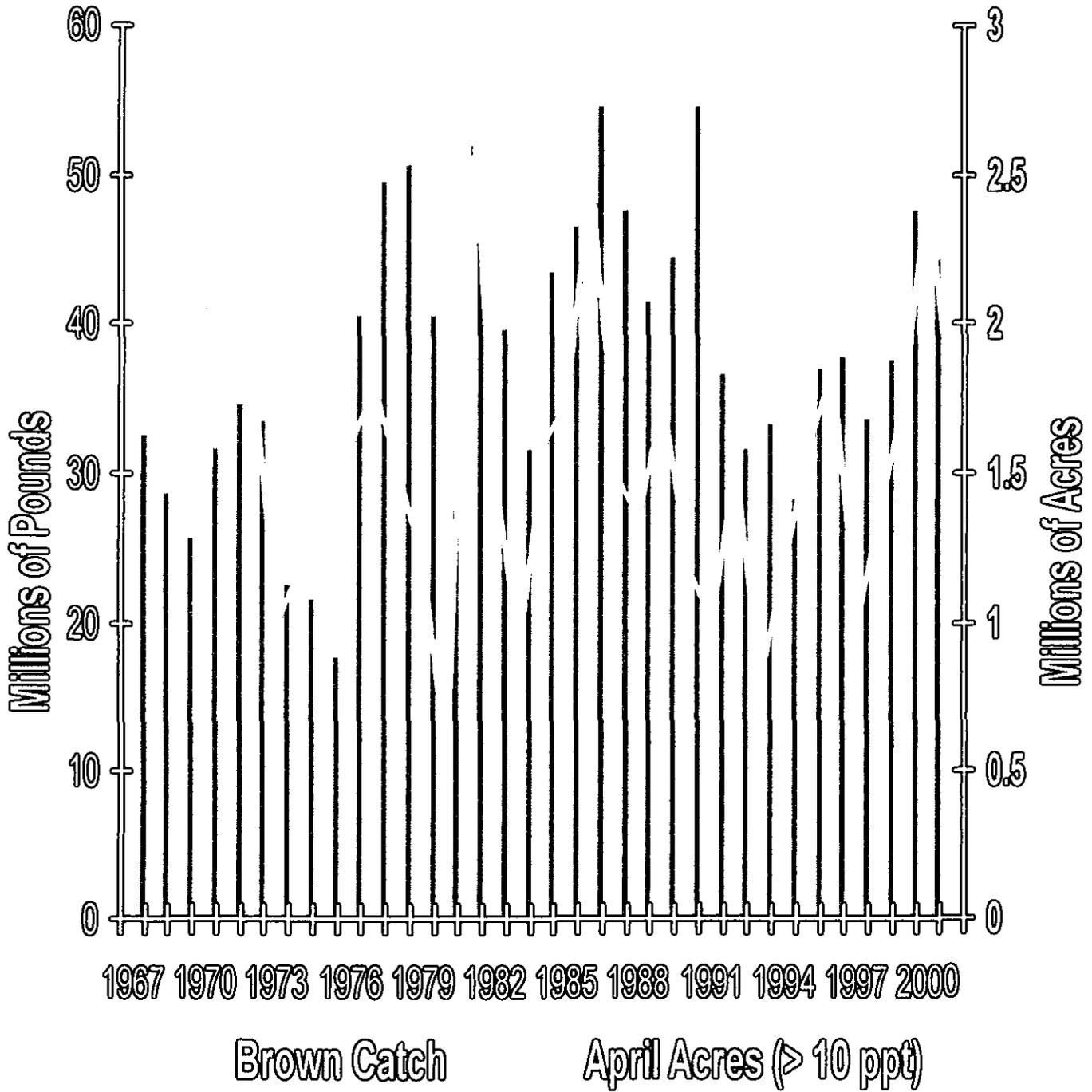
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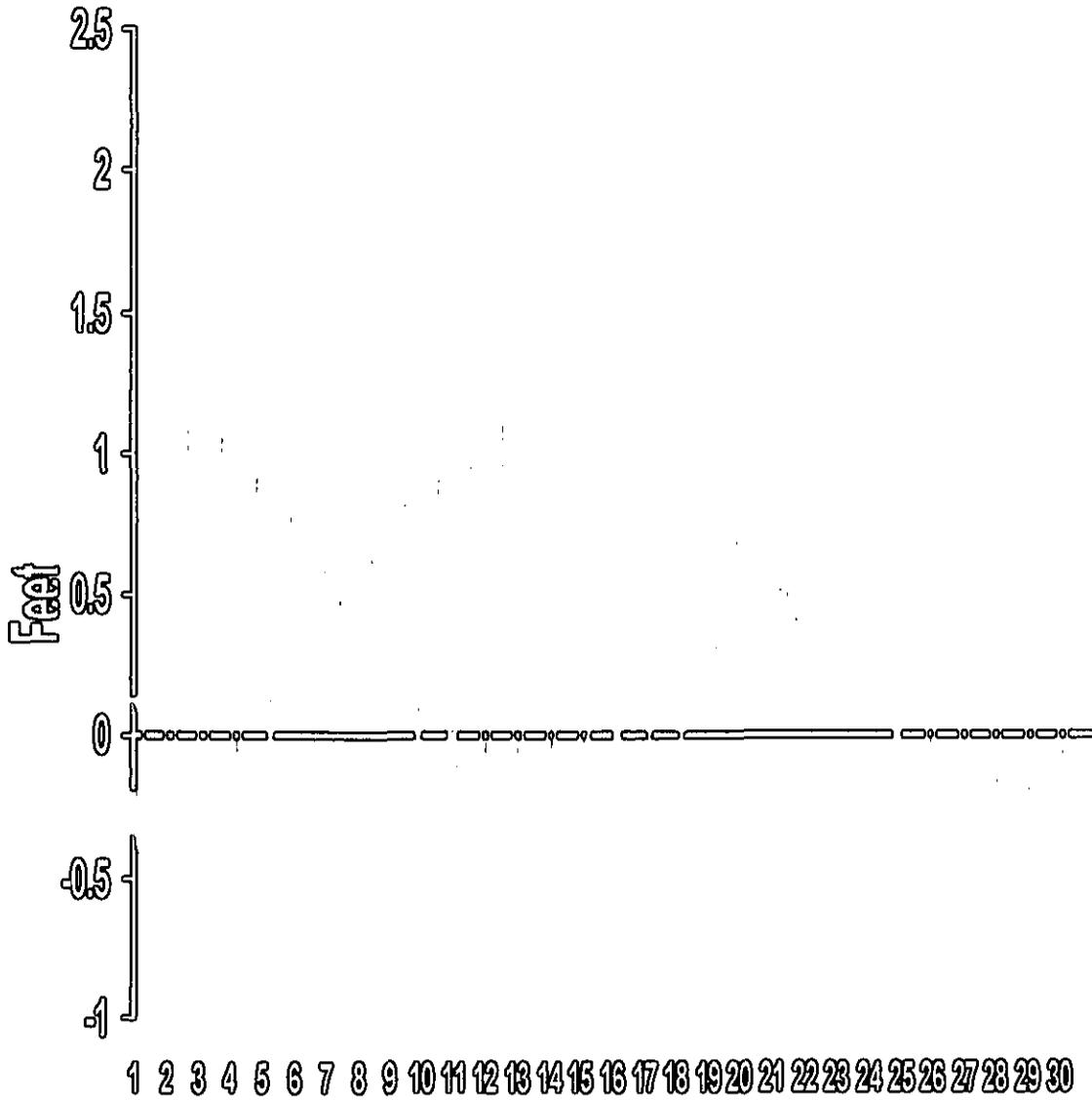
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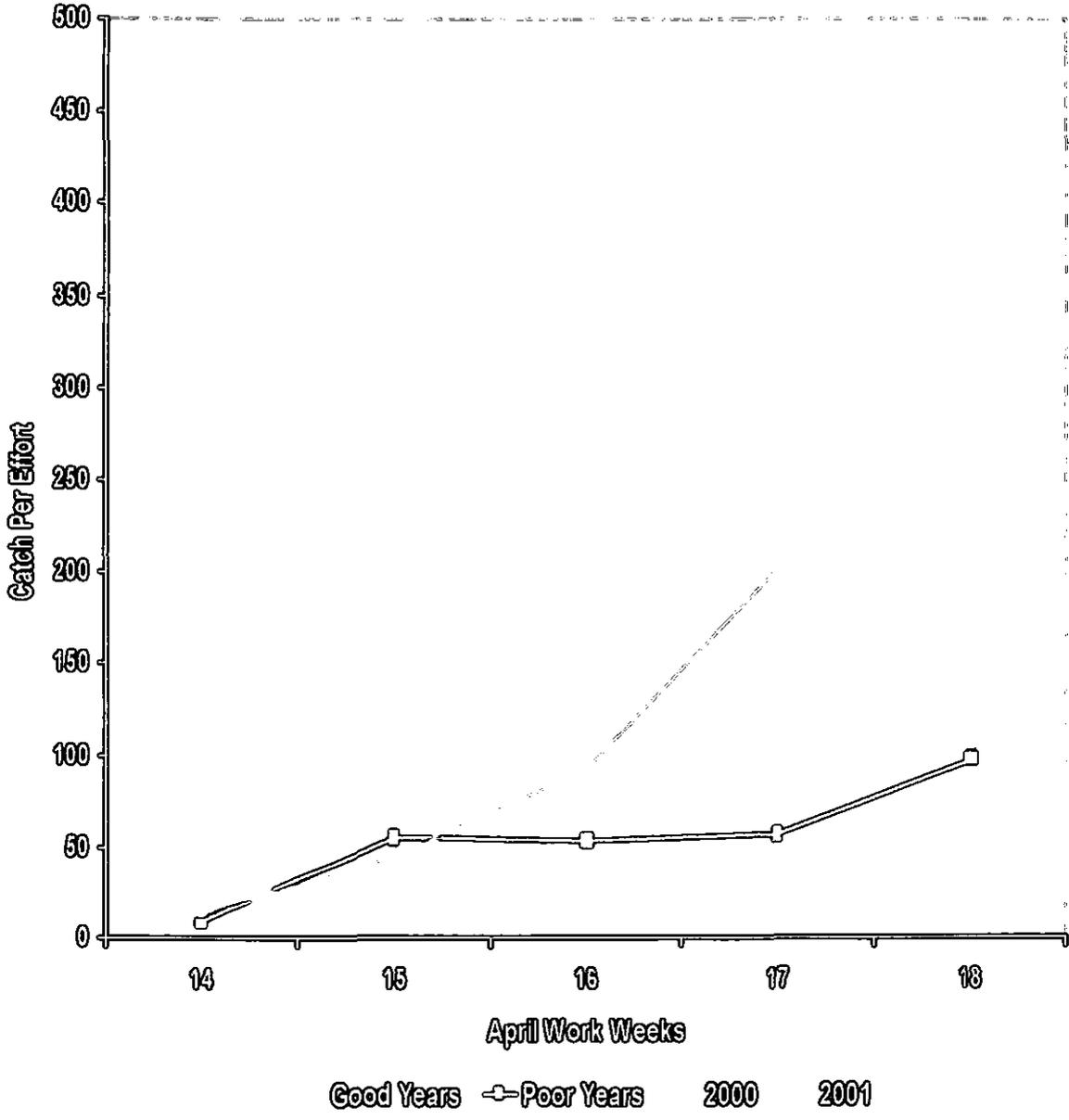
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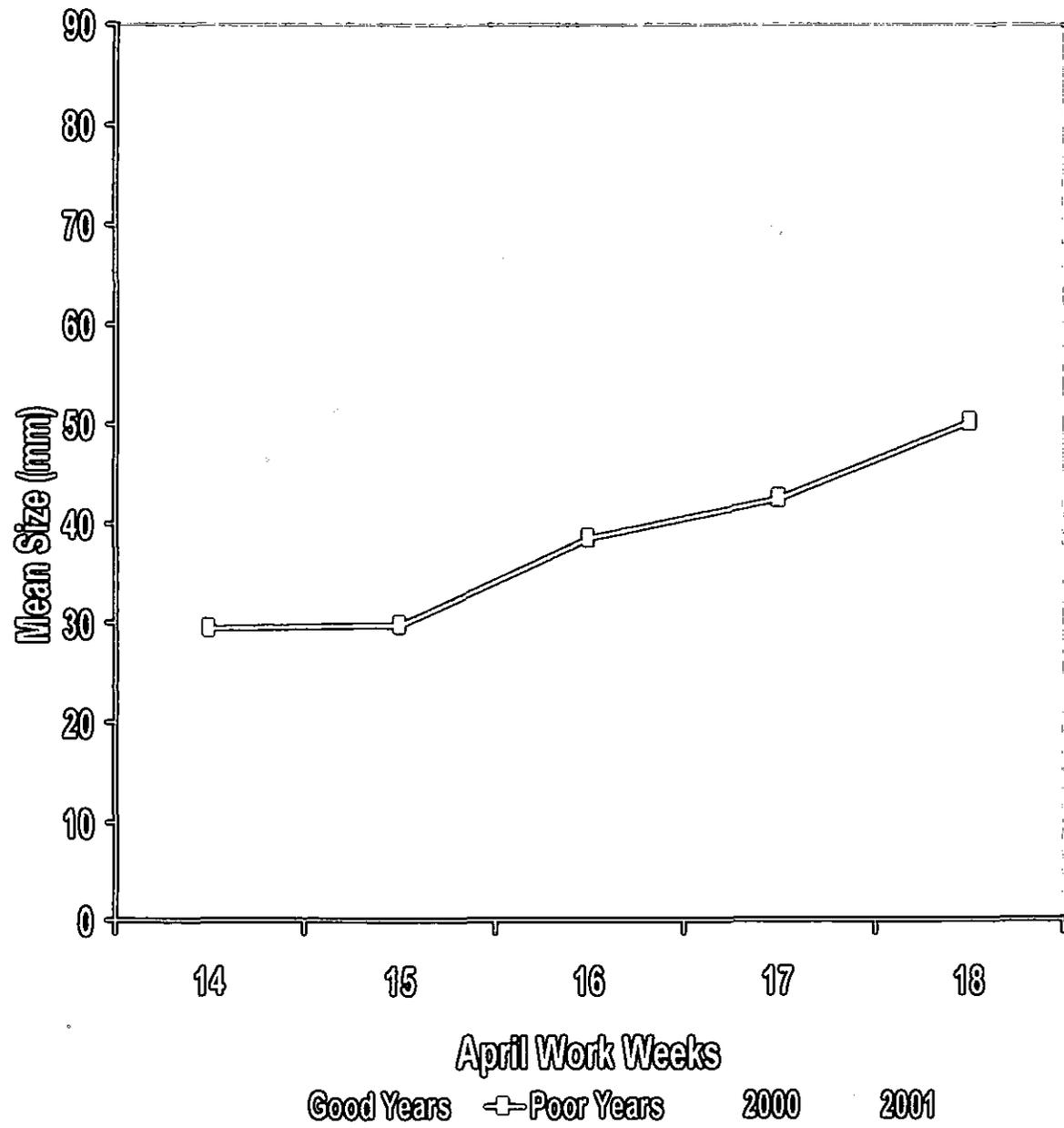
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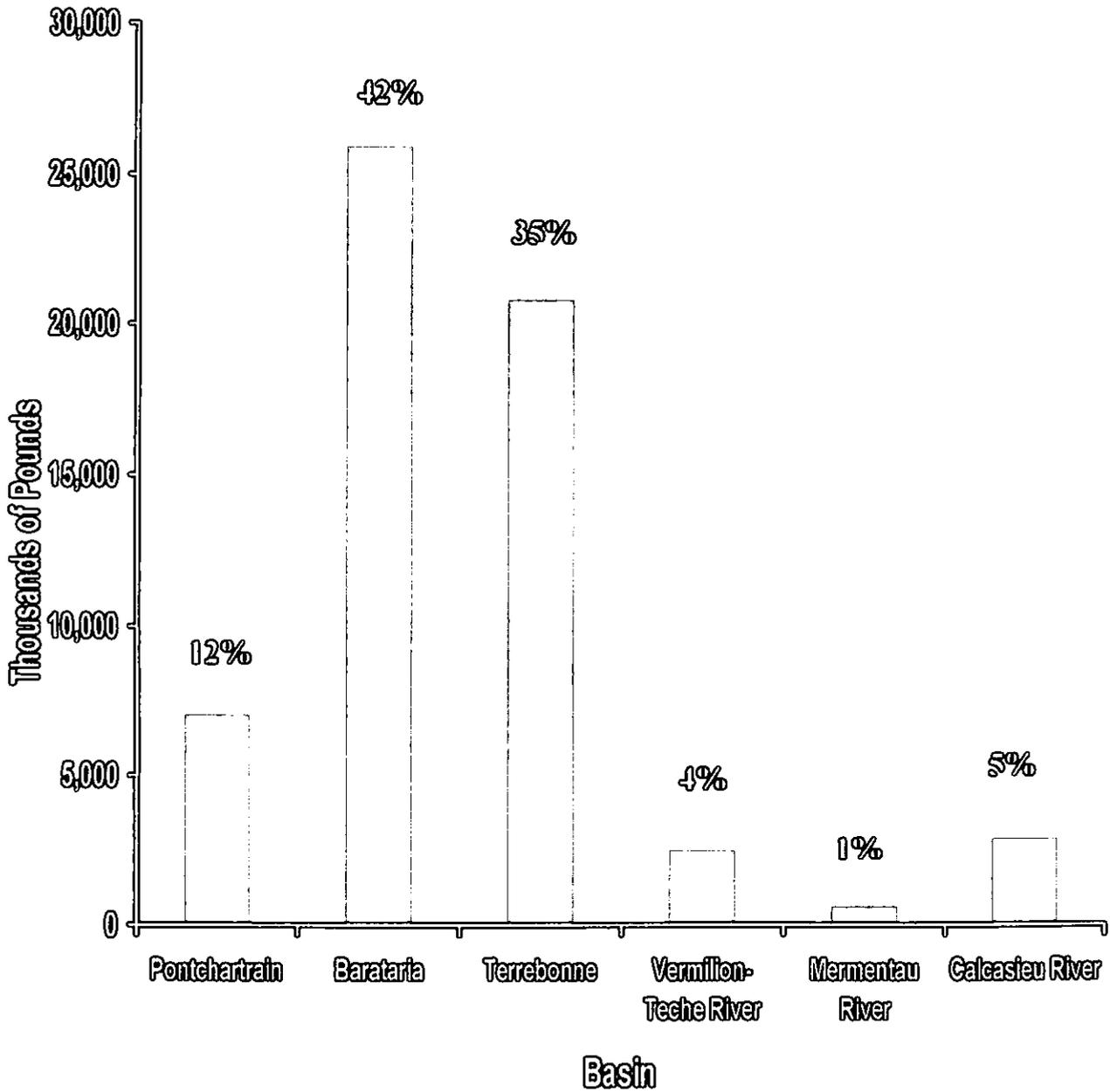
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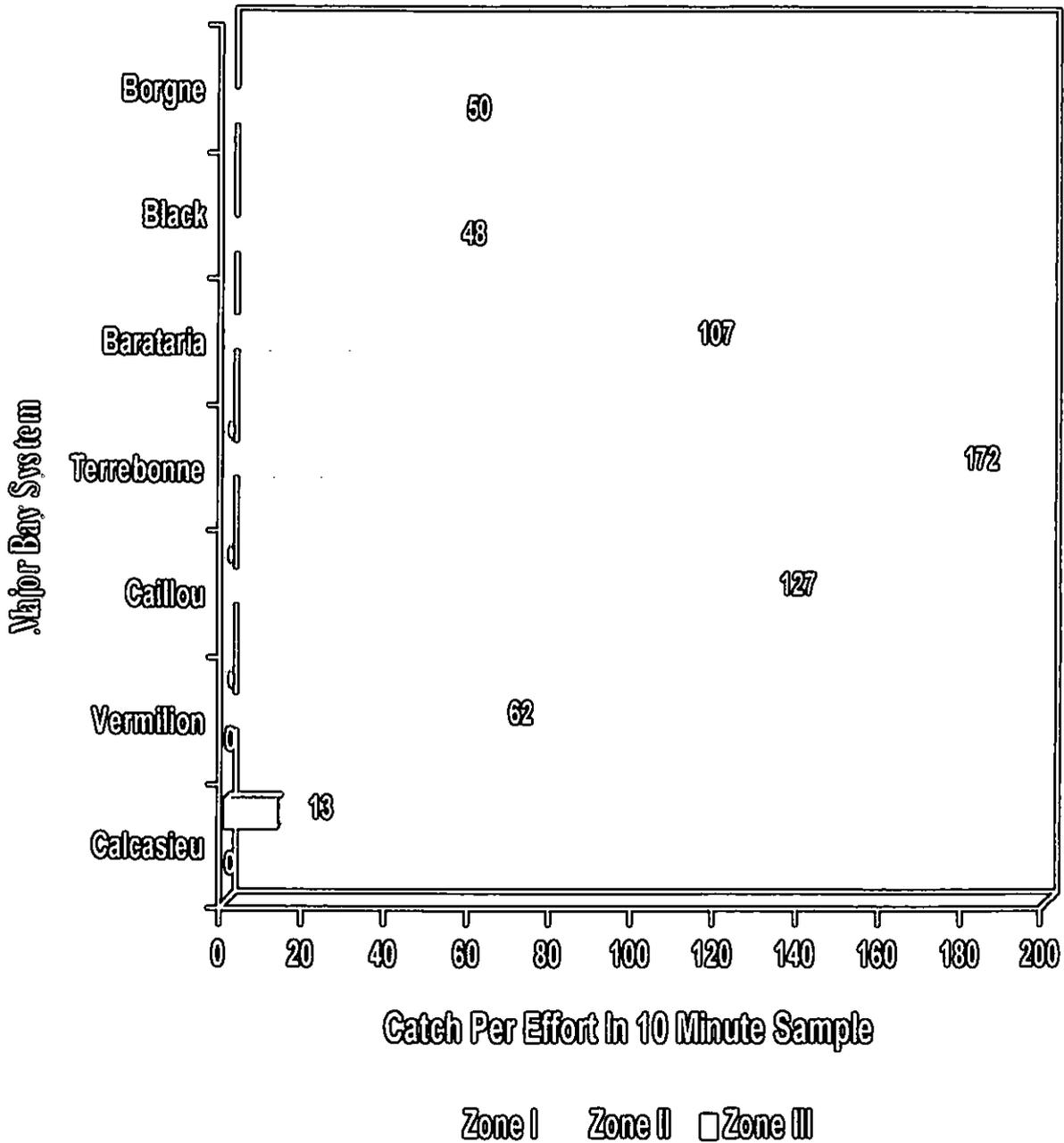
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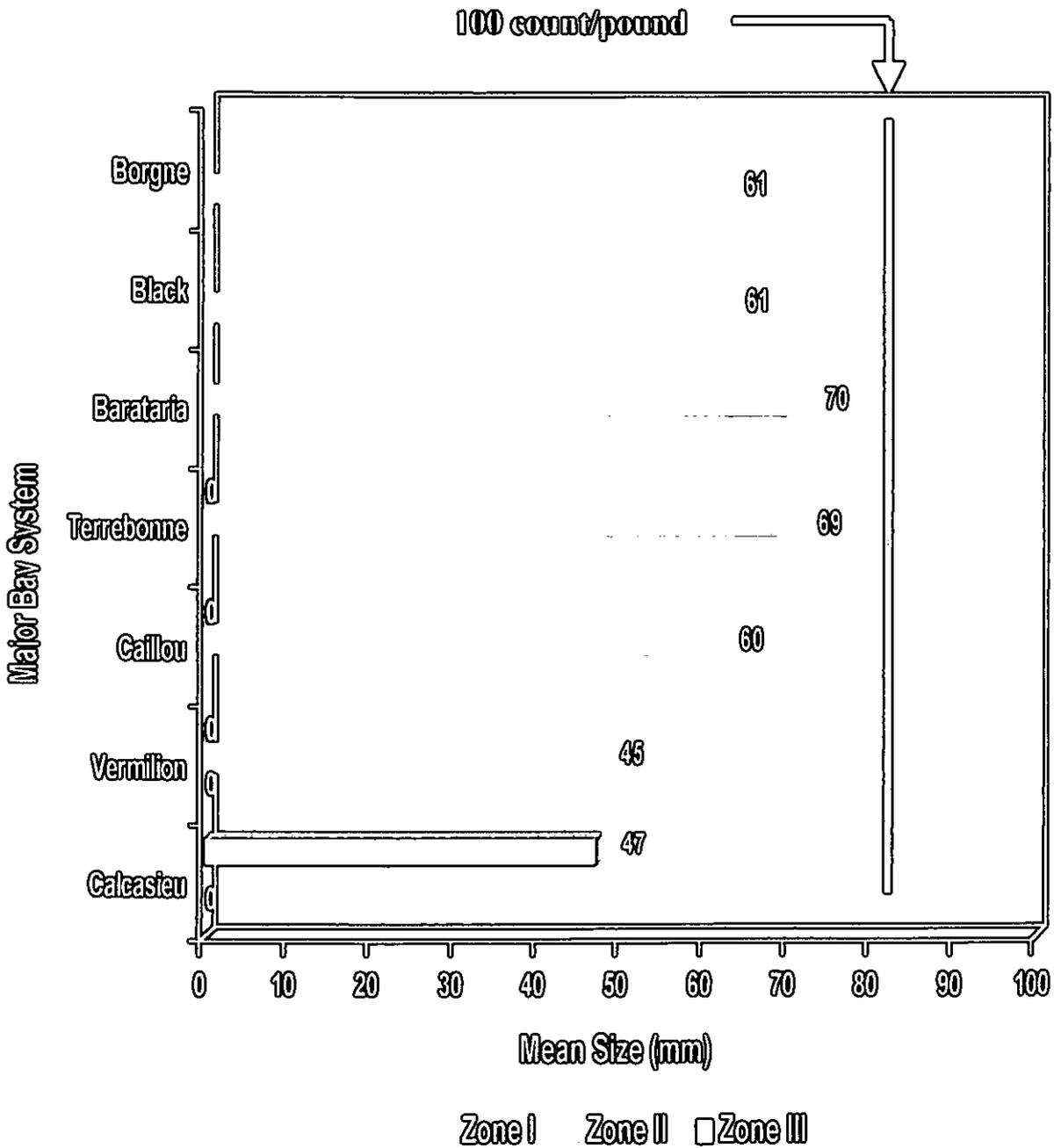
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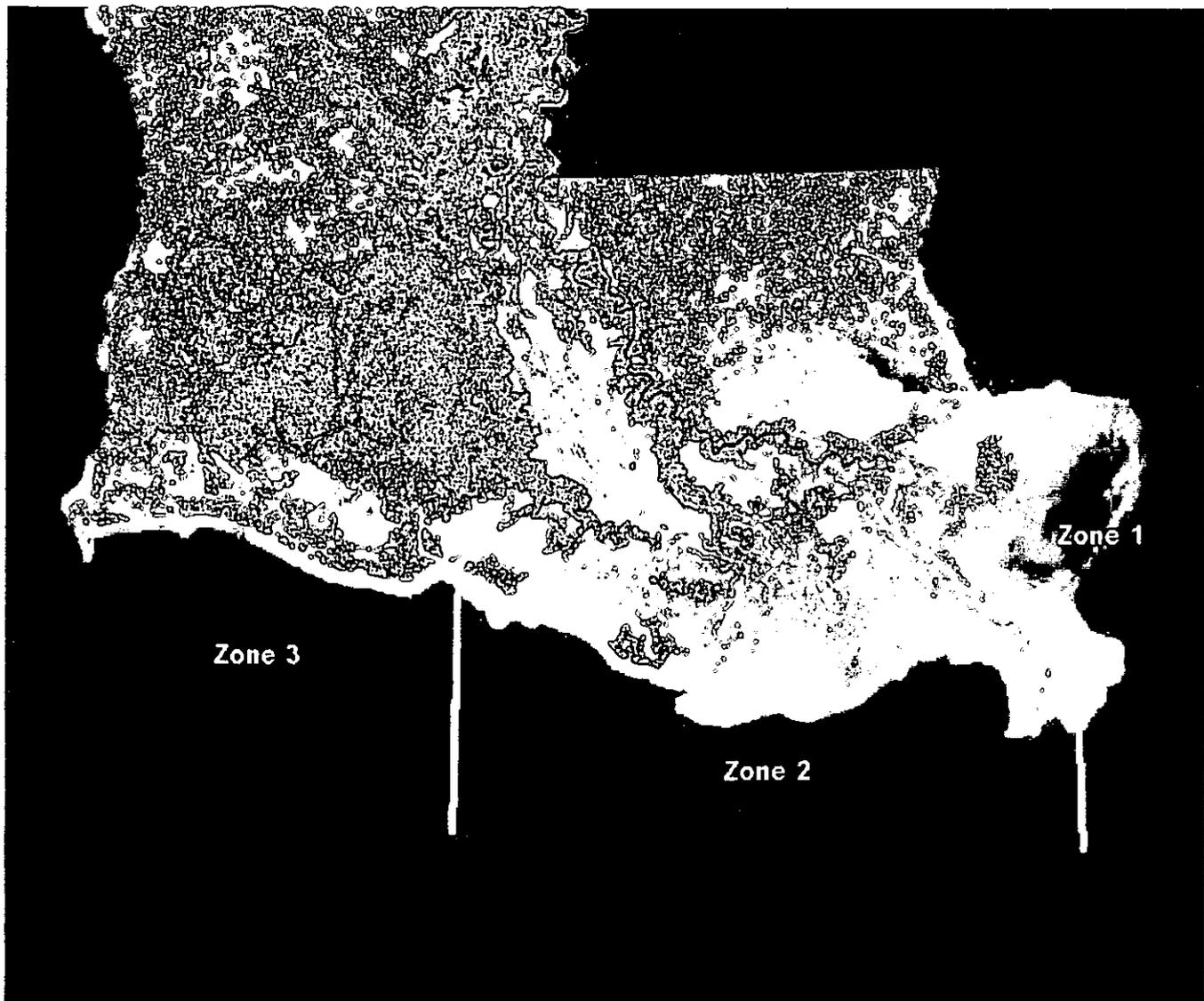
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LOUISIANA SHRIMP MANAGEMENT ZONES



Zone 1

Mississippi state line to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River.

Zone 2

Eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island.

Zone 3

Western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island to the Texas state line.

SHRIMP MANAGEMENT ZONE I 2001

Percentage > 100 count/pound

5/23/01 _____ 97%

5/21/01 _____ 77%

5/14/01 _____ 48%

5/7/01 _____ 28%

4/30/01 _____ 12%

Source: LDWF

SHRIMP MANAGEMENT ZONE III 2001

Percentage > 100 count/pound

5/28/01 _____ 91%

5/21/01 _____ 76%

5/14/01 _____ 60%

5/7/01 _____ 44%

4/30/01 _____ 25%

Source: LDWF

SHRIMP MANAGEMENT ZONE III 2001

Percentage > 100 count/pound

5/23/01 _____ 67%

5/21/01 _____ 36%

5/14/01 _____ 15%

5/7/01 _____ 5%

4/30/01 _____ 3%

Source: LDWF

STATEWIDE 2001

Percentage > 100 count/pound

5/28/01 _____ 91%

5/21/01 _____ 76%

5/14/01 _____ 58%

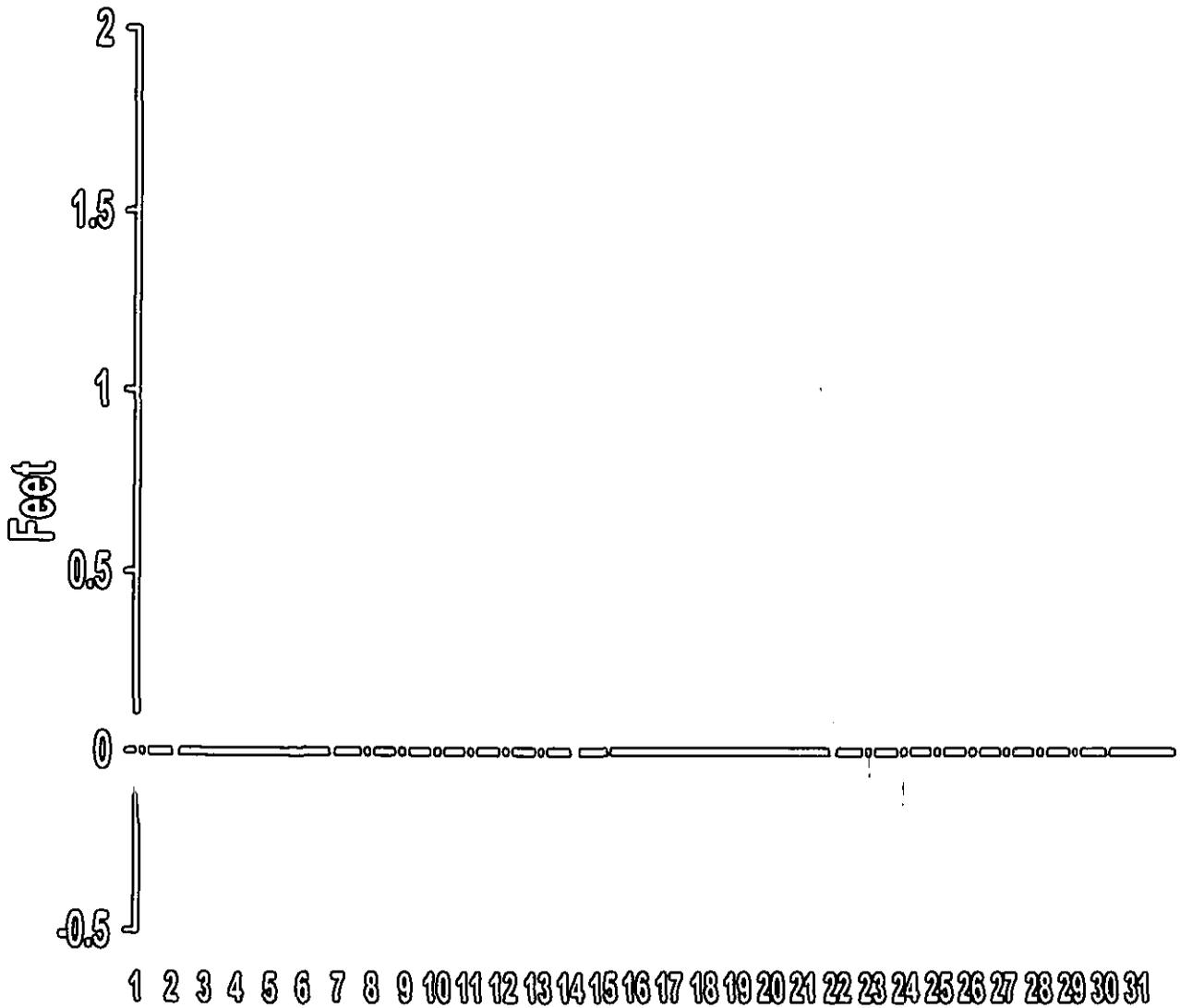
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4/30/01 _____ 23%

Source: LDWF

MAY 2001 TIDAL RANGE

Barataria Pass, Louisiana



Day

Predicted 2001

Source: Nautical Software

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MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	PERCENT DOLLARS PAID	PERCENT CASES PAID
FISCAL YEAR 1993-94								
July, 1993	25	\$21,039.00	(\$9,778.00)	29	\$4,855.00	\$2,545.00		
Aug., 1993	53	\$44,922.00	(\$1,137.00)	41	\$7,950.00	\$3,603.00		
Sept., 1993	42	\$137,635.00	(\$17,938.00)	35	\$6,783.00	\$3,048.00		
Oct., 1993	49	\$21,471.00	(\$11,282.00)	40	\$3,285.00	\$1,519.00		
Nov., 1993	57	\$31,207.00	(\$13,260.00)	32	\$3,053.00	\$2,845.00		
Dec., 1993	53	\$13,777.00		27	\$6,507.00	\$6,713.00		
Jan., 1994	38	\$18,918.00		32	\$4,423.00	\$2,831.00		
Feb., 1994	68	\$38,131.00	(\$8,238.00)	46	\$9,124.00	\$5,993.00		
Mar., 1994	38	\$22,739.00	(\$2,482.00)	51	\$10,854.00	\$6,796.00		
April, 1994	14	\$44,732.00	(\$1,404.00)	27	\$7,307.00	\$4,632.00		
May, 1994	10	\$4,504.00	(\$165.00)	7	\$5,447.00	\$3,808.00		
June, 1994	29	\$26,167.00	(\$2,986.00)	12	\$1,886.00	\$1,214.00		
Total FY 1994	476	\$425,242.00	(\$68,670.00)	379	\$71,474.00	\$45,547.00	27.5%	79.6%
FISCAL YEAR 1994-95								
July, 1994	17	\$2,127.00	(\$335.00)	23	\$2,101.00	\$1,437.00		
Aug., 1994	41	\$96,403.00	(\$3,035.00)	20	\$1,010.00	\$605.00		
Sept., 1994	34	\$14,614.00	(\$14,002.00)	26	\$2,596.00	\$2,342.00		
Oct., 1994	94	\$17,426.00	(\$8,677.00)	38	\$2,922.00	\$3,179.00		
Nov., 1994	43	\$103,592.00		45	\$3,992.00	\$2,803.00		
Dec., 1994	68	\$31,400.00		35	\$4,315.00	\$2,329.00		
Jan., 1995	55	\$27,601.00		52	\$7,493.00	\$4,921.00		
Feb., 1995	70	\$61,119.00		41	\$6,472.00	\$3,973.00		
Mar., 1995	31	\$25,072.00		44	\$8,315.00	\$4,737.00		
Apr., 1995	13	\$15,353.00		16	\$3,565.00	\$1,538.00		
May., 1995	23	\$11,632.00		16	\$4,315.00	\$654.00		
June 1995	45	\$31,008.00		18	\$2,630.00	\$1,025.00		
Total FY 1995	534	\$437,347.00	(\$26,049.00)	374	\$49,726.00	\$29,543.00	18.1%	70.0%
FISCAL YEAR 1995-96								
July, 1995	0	\$0.00						
Aug., 1995	46	\$17,425.00		27	\$9,028.00	\$1,729.00		
Sept., 1995	1	\$125.00		21	\$3,093.00	\$2,049.00		
Oct., 1995	122	\$206,244.00		29	\$2,720.00	\$1,161.00		
Nov., 1995	55	\$23,124.00		62	\$10,151.00	\$6,383.00		
Dec., 1995	50	\$18,607.26		32	\$4,780.66	\$2,802.76		
Jan., 1996	49	\$13,814.88	(\$15,296.45)	36	\$5,296.51	\$3,472.89		
Feb., 1996	50	\$14,716.97		38	\$5,777.53	\$3,416.91		
Mar., 1996	33	\$24,936.91		36	\$6,035.12	\$3,421.75		
Apr., 1996	30	\$11,006.66		36	\$7,173.12	\$2,711.54		
May., 1996	23	\$7,989.34		24	\$3,941.69	\$2,020.29		
June 1996	50	\$22,151.31		16	\$2,790.02	\$1,182.23		
Total FY 1996	509	\$360,141.33	(\$15,296.45)	357	\$60,786.65	\$30,350.37	25.3%	70.1%
FISCAL YEAR 1996-97								
July, 1996	40	\$71,894.13		32	\$5,249.93	\$2,947.96		
Aug., 1996	32	\$5,362.64		32	\$6,254.59	\$3,783.69		
Sept., 1996	41	\$7,210.00		29	\$2,259.96	\$1,326.58		
Oct., 1996	29	\$11,092.53		25	\$3,697.89	\$2,261.98		
Nov., 1996	20	\$10,009.10		22	\$1,624.63	\$698.02		
Dec., 1996	13	\$238,466.04		22	\$5,877.18	\$2,121.53		
Jan., 1997	27	\$11,755.22		17	\$4,393.30	\$2,377.09		
Feb., 1997	47	\$18,520.87		42	\$8,579.84	\$5,552.63		
Mar., 1997	26	\$13,434.02		27	\$4,999.59	\$2,757.67		
Apr., 1997	10	\$2,908.87		15	\$2,322.88	\$1,298.66		
May., 1997	20	\$11,682.70		15	\$5,198.91	\$1,399.21		
June 1997	5	\$8,036.58		10	\$2,335.24	\$765.34		
Total FY 1997	310	\$410,372.70	\$0.00	288	\$52,793.94	\$27,290.36	19.5%	92.9%
FISCAL YEAR 1997 - 98								
July, 1997	10	\$2,811.71		8	\$1,584.67	\$823.11		
Aug., 1997	14	\$8,741.30		8	\$1,496.49	\$779.14		
Sept., 1997	29	\$19,926.37		12	\$2,051.78	\$1,278.04		
Oct., 1997	12	\$4,716.81		23	\$3,184.83	\$2,063.89		
Nov., 1997	23	\$54,965.34		10	\$2,424.86	\$1,218.28		
Dec., 1997	25	\$36,881.09		15	\$4,376.97	\$2,775.66		
Jan., 1998	42	\$30,025.81		17	\$5,300.40	\$3,533.66		

Feb., 1998	37	\$31,164.95		29	\$22,961.69	\$8,501.18		
Mar., 1998	9	\$13,273.45		32	\$9,406.56	\$4,371.53		
Apr., 1998	10	\$5,628.21		10	\$2,602.62	\$1,279.77		
May., 1998	0	\$225.00		8	\$2,885.02	\$950.46		
June 1998	5	\$2,414.03		6	\$1,041.54	\$98.00		
Total FY 1998	216	\$210,774.07	\$0.00	178	\$59,317.43	\$27,672.72	41.3%	82.4%
FISCAL YEAR 1998 - 99								
July, 1998	9	\$1,390.43		8	\$1,964.20	\$716.75		
Aug., 1998	10	\$2,240.70		10	\$1,048.28	\$372.47		
Sept., 1998	8	\$2,768.96		11	\$2,000.36	\$1,148.23		
Oct., 1998	22	\$28,704.85		14	\$1,860.17	\$807.48		
Nov., 1998	19	\$9,137.79		11	\$1,765.97	\$1,092.43		
Dec., 1998	23	\$11,959.10		27	\$4,441.02	\$2,040.71		
Jan., 1999	41	\$21,179.55		18	\$6,621.63	\$3,838.22		
Feb., 1999	45	\$26,236.24		41	\$12,119.09	\$6,923.61		
Mar., 1999	15	\$7,549.57		33	\$8,281.77	\$4,138.44		
Apr., 1999	9	\$8,013.54		14	\$3,035.82	\$1,388.41		
May., 1999	5	\$5,161.23		5	\$905.50	\$405.00		
June 1999	7	\$3,719.01		13	\$3,011.06	\$533.83		
Total FY 1999	213	\$128,060.97	\$0.00	205	\$47,054.87	\$23,405.58	55.0%	96.2%
FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000								
July, 1999	5	\$1,556.38		9	\$2,287.53	\$1,198.81		
Aug., 1999	10	\$2,510.83		15	\$2,455.38	\$513.73		
Sept., 1999	6	\$2,032.19	\$5,324.80	28	\$3,563.06	\$475.93		
Oct., 1999	11	\$4,452.31	\$567.75	25	\$2,775.48	\$557.41		
Nov., 1999	14	\$8,634.64		26	\$3,250.96	\$1,322.96		
Dec., 1999	24	\$15,891.96		19	\$3,862.76	\$2,126.27		
Jan., 2000	49	\$27,872.14		28	\$7,952.94	\$3,814.02		
Feb., 2000	21	\$11,039.59		30	\$10,159.24	\$6,216.42		
Mar., 2000	19	\$9,873.21		31	\$6,709.07	\$3,555.40		
Apr., 2000	12	\$7,897.70		17	\$2,932.41	\$1,512.54		
May, 2000	7	\$5,039.46	\$293.60	20	\$7,062.23	\$3,164.00		
June, 2000	16	\$14,566.88		18	\$5,766.59	\$1,852.12		
Total FY 2000	194	\$111,367.29	\$6,186.15	266	\$58,777.65	\$26,309.61	76%	137%
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01								
July, 2000	2	\$865.01		14	\$1,948.03	\$154.01		
Aug., 2000	20	\$15,837.60		17	\$3,302.27	\$1,063.92		
Sept., 2000	12	\$3,562.26		23	\$8,718.21	\$1,351.41		
Oct., 2000	18	\$122,696.24		29	\$7,457.98	\$490.16		
Nov., 2000	13	\$15,851.30		22	\$4,038.50	\$309.30		
Dec., 2000	40	\$30,234.92		24	\$7,189.98	\$462.13		
Jan., 2001	28	\$15,923.38		25	\$7,611.66	\$833.60		
Feb., 2001	35	\$20,181.39		30	\$18,568.12	\$1,917.82		
Mar., 2001	8	\$5,956.83		37	\$15,724.02	\$753.86		
Apr., 2001	20	\$24,145.82		22	\$4,856.39	\$225.93		
May 2001								
June 2001								
Total FY 2001	196	\$255,254.75	\$0.00	243	\$79,415.16	\$7,562.14	34%	124%

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
 CURRENT MONTH
 04/01/2001 TO 04/30/2001

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	20	\$24,145.82
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	0	\$0.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	20	\$24,145.82
PAYMENTS	13	\$4,370.67-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	0	\$0.00
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	5	\$209.97-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	4	\$175.75-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	4	\$100.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	5	\$225.93-
OVERPAYMENTS	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	1	\$150.00
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	1	\$35,258.60-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00

 FOOTNOTE: /

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
 07/01/2000 TO 04/30/2001

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	198	\$255,228.34
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	34	\$975.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
=====		
RESTITUTION ASSESSED	198	\$256,203.34
PAYMENTS	134	\$65,716.91-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	4	\$420.43-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	22	\$6,905.06-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	18	\$5,522.76-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	32	\$875.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	92	\$7,562.14-
OVERPAYMENTS	14	\$192.61
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	3	\$336.23
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	1	\$1,842.00-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	1	\$25.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	1	\$20.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	2	\$93.60-
WRITE-OFFS	10	\$1,166.59-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	2	\$525.34-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	20	\$69,555.46-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00

 FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	10	\$47,882.85
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
 INCEPTION TO DATE
 04/30/2001

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	4,191	\$2,958,426.66
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	236	\$6,325.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	331	\$269,865.45-
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	148	\$71,951.21
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	4,191	\$2,766,837.42
PAYMENTS	2,807	\$556,837.22-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	15	\$1,696.70-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	55	\$15,066.14-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	24	\$7,222.79-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	113	\$2,975.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	1,984	\$251,391.91-
OVERPAYMENTS	138	\$3,195.17
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	52	\$10,960.47
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	14	\$31,747.30-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	5	\$12,222.64
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	20	\$90,603.09
RETURNED CHECKS	2	\$61.75
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	3	\$55.00
CREDITS	13	\$10.22-
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	21	\$6,881.15
CREDITS	60	\$36,485.07-
WRITE-OFFS	975	\$1,026,248.75-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	6	\$1,399.24-
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	24	\$12,389.60-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	60	\$146,864.25-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
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** TOTAL OUTSTANDING	369	\$800,482.50

 FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	36	\$86,424.60 *
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AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN	0	\$0.00
1 - 30 DAYS	0	\$0.00
31 - 60 DAYS	4	\$886.95
61 - 90 DAYS	5	\$21,817.23
91 - 120 DAYS	1	\$939.80
121 - 150 DAYS	2	\$270.80
151 - 180 DAYS	6	\$3,427.58
181 - 365 DAYS	108	\$108,726.79
OVER ONE YEAR	150	\$76,444.83
OVER TWO YEARS	142	\$123,362.21
OVER THREE YEARS	571	\$389,805.88
		=====
** TOTAL AGING	989	\$725,682.07

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:		
CAN NOT BE INVOICED	5	\$15,534.77
CURRENT	14	\$7,808.55
1 - 30 DAYS	14	\$9,535.72
31 - 90 DAYS	23	\$13,264.26
91 - 180 DAYS	23	\$98,182.18
181 - 365 DAYS	19	\$15,878.89
OVER ONE YEAR	189	\$183,064.72
COLLECTIONS WITH PRIVATE COLLECTIONS FIRM:		
1 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	81	\$456,663.87
AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:		
1 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	1	\$549.54
		=====
** TOTAL AGING	369	\$800,482.50

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
 CURRENT MONTH
 04/01/2001-04/30/2001

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	818	\$41,350.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	45	\$1,125.00
CREDITS	7	\$175.00-
		=====
TOTAL DUE		\$42,300.00

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PAID IN FULL	341	\$19,622.00-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	11	\$445.00-
OVERPAYMENTS	6	\$252.00
REFUNDS	4	\$225.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	1	\$50.00-
VOIDS	62	\$3,100.00-
NOT GUILTY	8	\$400.00-

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
 07/01/2000-04/30/2001

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	5,412	\$275,150.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	2,078	\$51,950.00
CREDITS	30	\$1,125.00-
		=====
TOTAL DUE		\$325,975.00

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PAID IN FULL	3,801	\$210,752.00-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	80	\$3,850.53-
OVERPAYMENTS	36	\$1,382.75
REFUNDS	25	\$975.00
RETURNED CHECKS	4	\$250.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	4	\$60.00
CREDITS	1	\$0.75-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	33	\$1,700.00
CREDITS	5	\$250.00-
VOIDS	385	\$16,175.00-
NOT GUILTY	183	\$8,300.00-

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
 INCEPTION TO DATE
 04/30/2001

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	87,857	\$4,465,707.07
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	20,645	\$516,427.80
CREDITS	30	\$6,500.00-
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TOTAL DUE		\$4,975,634.87

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PAID IN FULL	49,957	\$2,610,698.60-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	1,328	\$60,704.90-
OVERPAYMENTS	980	\$27,140.42
REFUNDS	196	\$9,350.31
RETURNED CHECKS	65	\$3,525.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	65	\$1,085.00
CREDITS	169	\$156.78-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	159	\$9,100.00
CREDITS	19	\$1,050.00-
VOIDS	4,930	\$210,982.73-
NOT GUILTY	968	\$48,425.00-
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TOTAL OUTSTANDING		\$2,093,817.59

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE

CURRENT	481	\$24,300.00
1 - 30 DAYS	356	\$18,430.00
31 - 90 DAYS	346	\$18,325.00
91 - 180 DAYS	406	\$21,725.00
181 - 365 DAYS	1,661	\$108,740.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	29,618	\$1,902,297.59
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** TOTAL AGING	32,868	\$2,093,817.59

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM HEARING DATE

PREHEARING	1,164	\$59,605.00
0 - 90 DAYS	2,130	\$108,325.00
91 - 180 DAYS	622	\$38,805.00
181 - 270 DAYS	521	\$36,440.00
271 - 365 DAYS	957	\$64,775.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	27,474	\$1,785,867.59
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** TOTAL AGING	32,868	\$2,093,817.59

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NEWS RELEASE

James H. Jenkins Jr.
Secretary



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WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION TO MEET MAY 3

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will hold its next regular meeting on Thursday, May 3, 2001, at 10 a.m. The meeting is open to the public and will take place in the Louisiana Room of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries building, located at 2000 Quail Dr. in Baton Rouge. The agenda follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of April 5, 2001
3. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/April
4. Public Comments - 2001-2002 Hunting Seasons
5. Declaration of Emergency - Setting 2001 Spring Shrimp Season
6. Notice of Intention to Amend Commission By-Laws
7. Set September 2001 Meeting Date
8. Public Comments
9. Adjournment

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M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
SUBJECT: May Commission Meeting Agenda

The next regular Commission meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 3, 2001, in the Louisiana Room at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

The following items will be discussed:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of April 5, 2001

WINTON VIDRINE

3. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/April

OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

4. Public Comments - 2001-2002 Hunting Seasons

OFFICE OF FISHERIES

5. Declaration of Emergency - Setting 2001 Spring Shrimp Season

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AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

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1. Roll Call
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3. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/April
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FAX

S H E E T

To: Dr. Stone
Fax #: 216-3175
Subject: Agenda
Date: April 23, 2001
Pages: 3, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

Please review the attached agenda and then give me a call. Thanks.

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

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April , 2001

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
SUBJECT: May Commission Meeting Agenda

The next regular Commission meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 3, 2001, in the Louisiana Room at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

The following items will be discussed:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of April 5, 2001

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3. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/April

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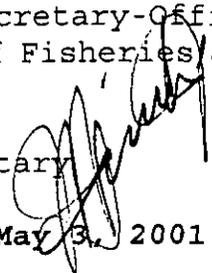
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Comments on Hunting Season

Hawkins, Susan

From: Foote, Karen
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2001 4:36 PM
To: Roussel, John E
Cc: Greeson, Cathy; Hawkins, Susan; Bourgeois, Martin
Subject: May 2001 Commission agenda - Marine Fisheries

Marine Fisheries recommends the following agenda item:

Declaration of Emergency- Setting 2001 Spring Shrimp Season- Martin Bourgeois

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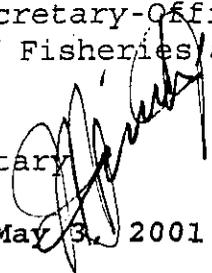
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Dear Susan:
Orlando Fish Division
has no items for
the May 3rd Commission
Meeting. Thanks
Bennie

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To Susan



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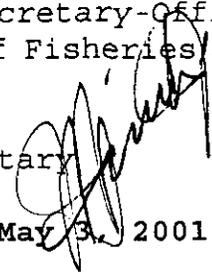
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No presentations from Public Information.

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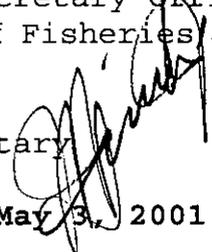
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What is Louisiana Operation Game Thief?

Louisiana Operation Game Thief, Inc. (LOGT) was established in 1984 to protect Louisiana's diverse wildlife resources. LOGT is a program similar to "Crime Stoppers" organizations.

LOGT provides an effective means for anyone to report wildlife and fish violations to the Enforcement Division of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries on a 24-hour-a-day basis. Those who provide information are not required to give their names. Each information provider is assigned a unique case number which allows the caller to obtain status reports on the case. The number allows for eventual collection of a reward if the provider so wishes.

Rewards may reach \$1,000 if the violation is of a very serious nature. A minimum reward of \$300 will be paid for information involving deer or wild turkeys, migratory game birds, endangered species violations or illegal sale of fish or wildlife. A reward of not less than \$100 will be paid for information involving other violations. A citizens advisory committee, composed of dedicated outdoor enthusi-

asts, administers the reward fund. They receive no compensation. The reward fund is maintained primarily by tax deductible private contributions. Rewards are paid for information which leads to an arrest or issuance of a citation. A conviction in court is not necessary to earn the reward.

The program is administered by the LOGT Coordinator, who is an officer of the LDWF Enforcement Division.

Here's How it Works.

Contact your nearest LDWF Region Enforcement Office from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays or dial toll-free, 1-800-442-2511 any time, day or night, to report a violation. Calls on the toll-free hotline go directly to Enforcement Division Statewide Dispatch located at Baton Rouge Headquarters. A wildlife enforcement agent will immediately respond to reports of violations in progress day or night.

Know the facts. Facts are important—physical descriptions of violators, vehicle or boat descriptions, and license or registration numbers, when and where the violation occurred, where illegally taken fish and wildlife can be found, and any other details you may know. Call immediately or as soon as possible after

witnessing a violation. The more information obtained, and the fresher it is, the more likely a case can be made.

Information providers need not give their name. A code number will be assigned to those who wish to remain anonymous. No one, not even the officer with whom the caller speaks, needs to know the caller's identity.

If a poacher is arrested or issued a citation as a result of the information provided, a reward will be authorized. Arrangements will be made for payment of the reward. Rewards are paid in cash and payment is arranged to protect the identity of the caller.

Why Do We Need LOGT?

Louisiana is blessed with vast wildlife resources. These resources are utilized and enjoyed by many. The demand placed on these resources increases constantly while wildlife habitat continues to decline in many areas. It has thus become increasingly important to minimize, and hopefully eliminate, poaching of OUR wildlife. Yes, OUR wildlife. The belief that all Louisiana citizens share equally in the ownership of our wildlife resources is so strong that many years ago our

legislature cemented this principle in law. The law in part reads, "The ownership and title to all wild birds, wild quadrupeds, and fish... are and remain the property of the state." The state is Louisiana and all it's citizens.

How Can You Help?

Poaching can be stopped in two ways:

1. Report wildlife law violations. Call 1-800-442-2511. If you know of a poaching activity, report it. Try to provide as much information as possible. Remember no one will know who you are.
2. Contribute to the Reward Fund. The reward fund makes the program possible. Send your tax deductible contribution to:

Louisiana Operation Game Thief
LA Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries
Enforcement Division
P.O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000
Tax Exempt. No. 72-0991146



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Support Louisiana Operation Game Thief

You have probably heard of OGT, a program giving cash rewards for anonymous information on wildlife violators. Please help by contributing to the reward fund, or by reporting poaching.

Operation Game Thief began when a group of outdoor enthusiasts formed a non-profit corporation called La. Operation Game Thief, Inc. It is similar to other "Crime Stoppers" organizations because poachers are thieves. They steal property—your wildlife; rob you of tax, license and business dollars; vandalize and destroy property; and trespass on your private property. They cheat us out of recreation, and our children out of our heritage and part of their future.

The non-profit corporation has approval from the Internal Revenue Service, and is a tax exempt organization under Section 501C. (3) of the Internal Revenues Code. Tax Exempt No. 72-0991146. Your contribution is tax deductible. OGT is funded entirely by private donations from individuals and organizations

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What type of violation are you reporting? _____
 Is this violation taking place right now? _____ If not, when? _____
 Where is the violation taking place? (lake, river, hunting lease, nearest town, parish, highway number, etc.) _____
 Violator(s) Information (if known): Name(s) _____
 Age (approx.) _____ Race _____ Height _____
 Weight _____ Sex _____ Eye Color _____
 Hair Color _____ Employment _____
 Other (scars, tattoos, clothing, etc.) _____
 Vehicles or boats used (license plate and registration number, color, make, model, etc.) _____
 Where have illegal fish or wildlife been taken or stored? _____
 May we contact you? _____ If so, phone number: _____ Email: _____
 Are you interested in a cash reward? _____ Do you wish to remain anonymous? _____
 If so, how may we contact you _____

In order to successfully apprehend a fish and wildlife violator, we need as much information as possible. Please provide the information requested and any other information which may be of use to the wildlife enforcement officers investigating this case. Remember, if citations are issued or an arrest is made as a result of information you provide, you are eligible for a cash reward. Your identity will be protected.

Call 1-800-442-2511 or visit the OGT page on the LDWF website at www.wlf.state.la.us/ogtonline.htm



**Call
1-800-442-2511
to report violations
(24 hours, toll-free)**

Make check payable to:

LA Operation Game Thief, Inc.
 c/o LA Dept of Wildlife & Fisheries
 Enforcement Division
 P.O. Box 98000
 Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

Or contact your nearest LDWF Enforcement Office at:

- Region I, Minden 318-371-3049
- Region II, Monroe 318-362-3139
- Region III, Pineville 318-487-5634
- Region IV, Ferriday 318-757-3072
- Region V, Lake-Charles 337-491-2580
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