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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, May 5, 2005

Chairman Wayne Sagrera presiding.

Terry Denmon
Earl King
Frederic Miller
Patrick Morrow
Henry Mouton
Robert Samanie, III

Secretary Dwight Landreneau was also present.

Chairman Sagrera called for a motion for approval of the **March 3, 2005 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Denmon. The motion passed with no opposition.

Then the Chairman asked for a motion to approve the **April 7, 2005 Commission Minutes**. A motion was made by Commissioner Denmon and seconded by Commissioner Miller. The motion passed with no opposition.

There were no **Commission Special Announcements** for this month.

A **Safe Boating Week Proclamation** was read by Lt. Col. Brian Spillman. It stated that the week of May 21-27 would be proclaimed Safe Boating Week in Louisiana. Commissioner Mouton asked that next year the word jacket be changed to preserver. He then expressed appreciation for bringing the proclamation forward. Lt. Col. Spillman added that Governor Blanco had also signed a proclamation and the Commission was following her actions. Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Mouton made a motion to accept the Proclamation. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, recreational boating in Louisiana is fun and enjoyable,
and we are fortunate that we have an abundance of

available space and opportunity to pursue pleasure boating; and

WHEREAS, our waterways become crowded and dangerous at times and recreational boating, to the unprepared, can become a risky sport; and

WHEREAS, between 30 and 50 people die in boating accidents each year on Louisiana's waterways; nearly 90% by drowning; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment or environmental factors; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of boaters that lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

WHEREAS, boating knowledge and skills are important in reducing human error and improving judgment; and

WHEREAS, every boater can make a difference by always wearing their life jacket and acquiring knowledge and skills through taking a safe boating course; and

WHEREAS, every boater can help by spreading the National Safe Boating Council's 2005 slogan "BOAT SMART - BOAT SAFE."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby proclaim May 21 - 27, 2005 as

SAFE BOATING WEEK

in Louisiana, and encourage all boaters to participate by exercising caution and following safe practices.

Wayne J. Sagera, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Resolution - National Fishing and Boating Week was handled by Mr. John Sturgis. The Resolution would recognize two no license required recreational fishing days in the State as authorized by Act 301 of the 1987 Legislature. Both residents and non-residents can fish without purchasing a freshwater or saltwater fishing license. This hopefully would increase participation in the sport, added Mr. Sturgis. He then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Morrow made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Miller. Hearing no further comments, the motion passed unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

WHEREAS, sportfishing provides recreation for more than sixty million Americans of all ages, giving families a healthy, shared outdoor activity, and

WHEREAS, sportfishing, through the payment of millions of dollars annually for licenses, taxes and fees, has provided the funding for federal and state programs that contributes significantly to the preservation and protection of our natural environment, and

WHEREAS, the estimated 970,000 plus sportfishermen in Louisiana spend in excess of \$703 million annually, and

WHEREAS, Act 301 of the 1987 Louisiana Legislature authorizes the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to declare no more than two no license required recreational fishing days each year, and

WHEREAS, no License Required Fishing Days during National Fishing Week would provide an excellent opportunity to introduce additional individuals to the wholesome outdoor activity of fishing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we the undersigned members of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission do hereby officially declare the week of June 6 - June 12, 2005 as

NATIONAL FISHING WEEK

in the State of Louisiana, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 11 & 12, 2005 are hereby declared No License Required Recreational Fishing Days, during which residents and non-residents may exercise the privileges of a licensed recreational fisherman without purchase of any otherwise necessary recreational fishing license.

Date: May 5, 2005

Wayne J. Segrera
Chairman

Terry D. Denmon
Vice-Chairman

Henry M. Mouton

Frederic L. Miller

Robert Samanie, III

Earl P. King, Jr.

Patrick C. Morrow

Dwight Landreneau, Secretary

Next was a presentation by Mr. Marty Bourgeois on **Resolution and Declaration of Emergency - Setting the 2005 Spring Shrimp Season and Announcement of Vermilion Bay Crab Trap Closure Dates**. The slide presentation included a diagram of the shrimp life cycle; annual Louisiana shrimp catch versus landings from 1976-2004; Louisiana monthly shrimp landings for all species combined plotted against 2003, 2004 and mean of 1990 and 2002; Louisiana 2004 monthly shrimp landings by species; annual Louisiana shrimp landings for brown and white shrimp over time plotted against the long term mean from 1976 to 2004; annual Louisiana shrimp gear license sales from 1976 through 2004 (current numbers are at their lowest total since 1976); brown shrimp landing by count size for 2000 through 2004; and 2004 Louisiana brown shrimp by basin. Then Mr. Bourgeois showed a series of slides depicting hydrological conditions in the Barataria Bay system. These slides included monthly southeast Louisiana rainfall for 2004 and 2005 compared with the mean; monthly Mississippi River discharge for 2004 and 2005 compared with long term mean; south Barataria Bay monthly water temperature deviations from 68°F for 2005 versus long term mean; south Barataria Bay daily water temperatures for February 1 through April 30, 2005 compared with the mean; south Barataria Bay April 2005 daily water temperature deviations from 68°F; north Barataria Bay monthly salinities for 2005 versus 20 year mean; April 2005 tidal range comparing predicted with actual tides; April acreage greater than 10 ppt plotted against brown shrimp landings; brown shrimp catch per effort in 6 foot trawls from Barataria Bay during the four April work weeks; brown shrimp mean size in 6 foot trawls from Barataria Bay for the April work weeks; 2004 Louisiana brown shrimp catch by the major bay systems; week 18, 2005 brown shrimp catch per effort from 6 foot trawl samples by the major bay systems and by zones; week 18, 2005 brown shrimp mean size from 6 foot trawl samples by the same bay systems; brown shrimp percent size frequency distribution in Zone 2 for week 18, 1993 when the season opened its latest on May 31 plotted against 2000 when the season opened the earliest on May 8 and against 2005; the Commission's duties and responsibilities as described under R.S. 56:497; and a map of Louisiana's three shrimp management zones. The growth projected in Zone 1 plotted against the Monday's in May showed it would not be until May 23 that more than 50 percent of the sample population were at 100 count per pound or larger. In Zone 2, the projected size on May 16 would be 49 percent and on May 23, 68 percent of the population would reach 100 count or larger.

Not until June 6 would the majority of the shrimp be 100 count per pound in Zone 3 at 81 percent. Then for a statewide basis, on May 23, 65 percent of the population would be at 100 count or larger. The final slide shown was the predicted May tidal range. Mr. Bourgeois then noted the Department recommended having three opening dates. It was recommended Zone 1, including Breton and Chandeleur Sounds, open at 6 AM on Monday, May 23, but the Department would not object to a later date since shrimp in this system hold for longer periods of time. For Zone 2, statute requires the season open no later than the third Monday in May, so the Department recommended 6 AM on Monday, May 16. Also it was recommended the portion of outside waters between Atchafalaya River and Freshwater Bayou reopen at the same time as Zone 2. The recommendation for Zone 3 was 6 AM, Thursday, June 2. Mr. Bourgeois then announced the crab trap closure in Vermilion Bay would become effective with the opening of the Zone 2 spring inshore shrimp season.

Hearing no questions from the Commission, Chairman Sagraera asked Mr. Bourgeois to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Samanie made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner King. The Chairman then asked for public comments.

Mr. Michael Campo felt that Zone 1 should open no later than May 23.

Mr. Pete Gericca, Lake Pontchartrain Fisherman's Association and Louisiana Seafood Management Council, stated he talked to a large number of members that wanted a later date opening. The later opening would mean larger shrimp and more profits for the shrimpers.

Mr. Daniel Babin, a shrimp processor and former Commission Member, wanted to see the Commission work in getting back the authority in opening the shrimp season. He felt the Department and Commission could do a better job in setting an opening instead of having the Legislature set it for the season.

Mr. John Brown, a commercial fisherman from Barataria, stated Zone 2 should open on May 9. He added that the shrimp would not grow any bigger once the new moon in May comes around. If the season opened on May 9, Mr. Brown felt the shrimpers could catch the white shrimp in the area and make a few dollars.

Mr. Bill Dekemel, East Bank Commercial Fisherman's Association, also requested a later opening for Zone 1 than May 23. From the data presented on water temperatures and salinities, this in no way represented what occurs east of the River and one of the reasons was the Pearl River system which has been very high. Mr. Dekemel noted most of the recruitment has not come in, but what has arrived was concentrated in small areas. He recommended opening Zone 1 the

last day of May. He then suggested listening to the other fishermen in opening Zone 2 and the other areas.

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

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

RESOLUTION

2005 Spring Shrimp Season Opening
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

May 5, 2005

WHEREAS, the traditional management criteria used by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in recommending the opening dates for the spring shrimp season in inside waters 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 2005 brown shrimp population in inside waters will meet the 100 count per pound management criteria in Shrimp Management Zone 1 by May 20, 2005, in Shrimp Management Zone 2 by May 17, 2005 and in Shrimp Management Zone 3 by June 2, 2005, and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2005 the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission had closed to shrimping that portion of the State's Outside Waters south of the Inside/Outside Shrimp Line as described in R.S. 56:495, from the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel at Eugene Island as delineated by the River Channel Buoy Line to the eastern shore of Freshwater Bayou Canal at longitude 92° 18' 33" W.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby opens the spring shrimp season in inside waters in Shrimp Management Zone 1 at 6 a.m. May 23, 2005, in Zone 2 and that portion of the State's Outside Waters south of the Inside/Outside Shrimp Line as described in R.S. 56:495 from the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel at Eugene Island as delineated by the River Channel Buoy Line to the eastern shore of Freshwater Bayou at 6 a.m. May 16, 2005 and in Zone 3 at 6 a.m. June 2, 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

hereby authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close any portion of Louisiana's inside 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 2005 Spring Shrimp Season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Wayne J. Sagrera, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall 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 2005 Spring Shrimp Season in Louisiana state waters to open as follows:

Shrimp Management Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inside waters from the Mississippi State line to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River, to open at 6 a.m. May 23, 2005, and

Shrimp Management Zone 2, that portion of Louisiana's inside 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 Outside 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 Canal at longitude 92° 18' 33" W, all to open at 6 a.m. May 16, 2005, and

Shrimp Management Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inside 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. June 2, 2005.

The Commission also hereby grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close any portion of the State's inside waters to protect small white shrimp if

biological and technical data indicates the need to do so, or enforcement problems develop.

Wayne J. Sagrera
Chairman

Notice of Intent - Alligator Tag Fee began with Commissioner Henry Mouton reminding everyone that several years ago the tag fee was lowered and where and how the money was spent. After several meetings, all sides within the alligator industry agreed that the tag fee should go back to \$4. Chairman Sagrera asked if the Department had anything to add. Mr. Parke Moore believed the move would be proactive and supported it totally. He added the alligator management program was a beneficial component of a healthy industry in the State. Mr. Noel Kinler agreed with Commissioner Mouton in that there was a consensus from the industry from meetings held over the last 6 months on the need for additional tag fees. Commissioner Denmon asked for a brief report on what happened to the funding since the tag fee was first lowered. Mr. Kinler reported that in September 2002, the balance for the Alligator Resource Fund was \$2.45 million and since that time, it has decreased by \$700,000. By the end of this fiscal year, the balance was expected to be around \$1.5 - \$1.6 million which is where the Department hoped to maintain the balance. Current expenditures versus projected income with the \$3 tag fee would continue the decline and by 2009, there would be a \$0 balance. With the \$4 tag fee, it was expected the fund would stay at a break even point over the next several years and then start a decline if production stayed the same. Mr. Kinler felt it was appropriate to go back to the \$4 tag fee to maintain the \$1.5 million balance. Commissioner Denmon asked, at the \$4 level, how many years would the balance stay above \$1.5 million? Mr. Kinler stated that by 2009, the balance would be right at \$1.5 million. There being no further questions from the Commission, Chairman Sagrera asked Mr. Kinler to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. The Chairman asked if the new tag fee would go into effect with the September season. Mr. Kinler thought it would be effective September 20 and noted there were typically very few inspections from the wild season until early October. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

**Elimination of the \$1.00 Suspension of the \$4.00
Alligator Hide Tag Fee**

adopted by the

Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

May 5, 2005

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:279(A) established the Alligator Resource Fund recognizing that the Louisiana alligator industry is a vital aspect of Louisiana's economic base, that one state agency, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has provided the impetus for inception and development of the total alligator conservation program and,

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:279(A) further recognized the urgent need to support the alligator industry with a comprehensive research and development program and recognizing the need to staff and fund the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries with adequate personnel in order to service this industry's needs, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:279(B) specified the goals of the Alligator Resource Fund, and provided specific requirements regarding the income and expenditures from the Alligator Resource Fund, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:266 established the Louisiana Fur and Alligator Advisory Council providing that the Council shall be responsible for reviewing and approving recommended procedures, programs and contracts to be funded from the Louisiana Alligator Resource Fund, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:253C(2)(a) established the alligator hide tag fee shall be no more than four dollars for each raw alligator skin to be shipped, used for taxidermy, or tanned, and

WHEREAS, in September 2004, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission suspended \$1.00 of the \$4.00 tag fee for a period of 2 years or until such time this Commission takes further action, whichever occurs first, and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission recognizes the need to restore the alligator hide tag fee to \$4.00 to provide funding for alligator program, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby eliminate the \$1.00 suspension of the \$4.00 alligator hide tag fee and thus restore the alligator hide tag fee to \$4.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate

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

Wayne Sagrera, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby advertise its intent to eliminate the suspension of \$1.00 of the \$4.00 alligator hide tag fee.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 7. Alligators

§701. Alligator Regulations

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby establish regulations governing the harvest of wild populations of alligators and alligator eggs, raising and propagation of farmed alligators, tanning of skins and regulations governing the selling of hides, alligator parts and farm raised alligators. The administrative responsibility for these alligator programs shall rest with the Department Secretary; the Assistant Secretary, Office of Wildlife; and the Fur and Refuge Division.

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4. Licenses, Permits and Fees

a. The licenses and fees required for activities authorized by these regulations are as prescribed under provisions of Title 56, or as prescribed in these regulations, and are:

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xi. ~~\$4 for each alligator hide tag; provided however, that this Commission does hereby suspend the collection of \$1 of the \$4 tag fee. This suspension shall commence in September~~

~~2004 and continue for a period of 2 years or until such time this Commission takes further action, whichever occurs first.~~

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115, R.S. 56:259, R.S. 56:262, R.S. 56:263 and R.S. 56:280.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:1070 (December 1990), amended LR 17:892 (September 1991), LR 19:215 (February 1993), LR 20:321 (March 1994), LR 26:1492 (July 2000), LR 28:1996 (September 2002), LR 30:2338 (October 2004), LR 30:2878 (December 2004), LR 31:.

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Philip Bowman, Fur & Refuge Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, July 7, 2005.

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

Wayne J. Sagrera
Chairman

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for April** began with Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze stating he provided copies of the case reports, aviation report and the list of monthly boating accidents. In regards to the case report, April cases included turkey baiting, over the limit of turkeys, taking of turkey during closed season, and 16 frogging in closed season. With the boating accident report, there were 9 accidents with 8 injuries (one very serious case in Sabine Parish) and 1 fatality in Concordia Parish. News Releases involved a shrimp peddler was to provide 310 pounds of shrimp but the purchaser only ended up with 158 pounds in the transaction, and several agents attended a Farmer Safety Day in Caldwell and Franklin Parishes where they talked with fifth graders on boating safety. Lt. Col. LaCaze then stated he would be glad to answer any questions.

The **Notice of Intent - Deer and Elk Importation** was handled by Mr. Fred Kimmel and Mr. Scott Durham. Mr. Kimmel stated the proposed was to continue and renew a current rule that bans the importation of deer and elk. The first rule was adopted by the Commission in 2002 as a result of the concern for chronic wasting disease (CWD) and had a sunset provision of May 30, 2005. The sunset provision was included since CWD was an emerging disease and it was not known what it would be like in 2005 and this would force the need to reevaluate the need. It was also expected USDA rules would be promulgated that would govern the transport of deer across state lines. However, those rules from USDA have not come forth and the situation with CWD has not improved, but continues to spread. So, Mr. Kimmel requested the renewal of the ban through a Declaration of Emergency which would cover the timeframe until the rule was ratified. Mr. Kimmel at this point explained CWD and the background on how it was identified. Since 1996, CWD has been found in captive deer in 12 states and in 2000 the disease was found in wild deer outside of Colorado and Wyoming. Currently, CWD has been found in 9 states and provinces in wild deer or elk. Several characteristics of CWD that makes it troublesome are no practical live animal test, very long incubation period of 3-5 years, not totally sure of how the disease is transmitted, disinfection techniques do not neutralize the prions, no known long-term impacts in wild deer, evidence indicates interstate movement of deer or elk has introduced CWD into new areas, and the method of dealing with this disease was to drastically reduce the deer population. In Louisiana, over 3,000 wild deer have been tested since 2002 and to date, CWD has not been detected in this state nor a neighboring state. Mr. Kimmel felt with the economic, cultural and ecological value of wild deer Louisiana should remain vigilant and take steps in keeping CWD from being introduced. At this point, Mr. Durham provided a summary of the proposed rules. Commissioner Denmon asked if the proposal would extend the same provisions that were adopted the first time? Mr. Durham answered yes, and added that the sunset provision was being removed which would make it permanent. Then Commissioner Denmon asked about the provision that parallel regulations with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture? Mr. Kimmel stated that a sanitary provision still remains in effect. Commissioner Denmon asked if there has been any instance or concern with exotics? Mr. Kimmel stated CWD has not been found in any exotic deer. Commissioner Morrow asked if the proposed would be permanent unless revisited by the Commission? Mr. Kimmel responded yes. Chairman Sagrera asked Mr. Durham to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Denmon made a motion to approve the Resolution, it was seconded by Commissioner Miller and unanimously approved.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

May 5, 2005

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, May 5, 2005.

- WHEREAS, chronic wasting disease is a neurodegenerative disease found in captive deer and elk in eight states, as well as, in free ranging deer in 5 states, and
- WHEREAS, chronic wasting disease is a poorly understood disease that is related to bovine spongiform encephalopathy (mad cow disease) of cattle, Creutzfeld-Jakob disease of humans, scrapie of sheep, and is always fatal, and
- WHEREAS, there is no live animal test for chronic wasting disease, and
- WHEREAS, evidence has shown that interstate movement of deer and elk can quickly spread chronic wasting disease, and
- WHEREAS, evidence from other states strongly suggests that chronic wasting disease has spread from captive deer and elk herds to free ranging deer, and
- WHEREAS, the infectious agent that causes chronic wasting disease is resistant to traditional disinfection techniques and apparently survives in the environment for an extended period of time, and
- WHEREAS, although the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry have licensed approximately 263 captive deer or elk enclosures of various types, the deer and elk industry in Louisiana is small and not dependent on imported animals, and
- WHEREAS, in contrast, the economic impact of deer hunting is in excess of \$600,000,000 per year in Louisiana, providing over 3,350 jobs, and
- WHEREAS, the cost to the state and private sector would be substantial if a chronic wasting disease outbreak occurs in Louisiana's wild deer, and
- WHEREAS, the primary means of containing a chronic wasting disease outbreak is a drastic reduction of the deer population in an area surrounding the outbreak, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in order to protect Louisiana's wild deer resources, the attached Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent prohibiting importation of deer and elk are adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Wayne J. Sagrera, Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R. S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under the authority of LSA Const. Art. IX Sec. 7; LSA 56:6(10), (13) and (15) and 20 and 171 et seq., the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) hereby adopts the following emergency rule.

This rule is effective May 30, 2005 and shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act or until adoption of the final rule.

The reasons for the promulgation of this Declaration of Emergency are as follows:

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a neurodegenerative disease that has been found in captive and free-ranging deer and elk herds in thirteen states. Bovine tuberculosis (TB) occurs in captive and free ranging deer in Michigan. In 1998, the LWFC prohibited importation of white-tailed deer from Wyoming and Colorado, states with endemic CWD in certain populations of free-ranging deer. Importation from Michigan was also prohibited due to the occurrence of TB. In response to the increasing threat of CWD introduction, the LWFC in 2002 prohibited deer importation from all states and further prohibited elk importation in violation of any Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board Quarantine. That rule will expire on May 30, 2005. Since the 2002 Deer and Elk Importation Rule was promulgated, CWD has been found in five more states and 59 additional captive deer or elk herds. Since CWD was first identified, cases have been found in at least 80 captive deer or elk herds in Colorado, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Montana, Kansas, Minnesota, Wyoming, Wisconsin, New York, and the Canadian Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. In addition to the CWD cases in captive deer and elk, the disease has been found in free-ranging deer in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, Illinois, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wisconsin and Saskatchewan. Several of the CWD outbreaks in wild deer appear to be associated with captive elk herds.

CWD is related to other transmissible spongiform encephalopathies such as Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (Mad Cow Disease) of cattle, Creutzfeld-Jakob Disease of humans, and scrapie of sheep. Mutant proteins, called prions, are believed to be the infectious agent responsible for CWD. Current information suggests that the disease is limited to deer and elk, and is not naturally transmitted to livestock or humans. The means by which CWD is transmitted is not known, but it is probably transmitted from animal to animal. Maternal transmission from infected does to fawns is also thought to occur. There is no cure or treatment for CWD, and it is always fatal.

CWD is a particularly difficult disease to detect and control. The incubation period (time from which the animal is infected until it exhibits symptoms) is at least 18 months and may be as long as 3-5 years. Until symptoms appear, infected animals appear normal. Symptoms of CWD include weight loss, excessive salivation, depression, dehydration, general weakness, and behavioral changes. There is no practical live animal test for CWD. Examination of brain tissue from dead animals is the primary means of positive diagnosis. The agent that causes CWD is extremely resistant to traditional disinfection techniques. It is not known how long the infectious agent can persist in the soil or other media, but some evidence indicates that the infectious agent can persist for an extended period of time.

Interstate and intrastate movement of infected captive deer and elk can quickly spread CWD beyond those areas where it already occurs. Strong circumstantial evidence suggests that CWD outbreaks in free ranging deer in Colorado, Nebraska, and South Dakota are related to captive elk enclosures.

Trade in captive deer and elk lend itself to the spread of CWD. Deer and elk are frequently transferred from one owner to another. These movements are often from state to state. For example, at least 109 elk movements which occurred during 1982-97, were indirectly or directly traced back to a single CWD positive captive elk herd in Montana. Elk from this herd were sent to at least 12 states and 2 Canadian provinces. Elk from a CWD infected Colorado herd were sent to 19 states and introduced into 45 herds. A CWD outbreak in Saskatchewan, Canada that affected 39 elk herds was traced back to a single elk from South Dakota. Exotic animal auctions are another source of concern. At these auctions, a large number of animals come into contact with each other and then are dispersed across the United States. Accurate and verifiable records of where animals have been, and what animals they have been in contact with, are seldom available. In some states, including Louisiana, captive deer and elk may be introduced into large enclosures containing wild deer. Once introduced into large, often heavily vegetated enclosures, the animals usually cannot be monitored or re-captured. Enclosures are not escape-proof and

escapes or fence to fence contact with free ranging wild deer can be expected.

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry has licensed approximately 187 alternative livestock farms. In addition, 31 supplemented hunting preserves that average 690 acres each are licensed by LDAF. These supplemented hunting preserve enclosures may contain both released deer and native wild deer. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries licenses about 40 non-commercial game breeders that possess deer. The deer and elk farming industry in Louisiana is relatively small, and as a whole, not highly dependent on imported deer. In 2000, the LDAF issued only 10 importation permits involving 57 deer.

In contrast, recreation associated with wild deer and wild deer hunting has significant economic impact in Louisiana. In 2003, there were approximately 169,000 licensed deer hunters in Louisiana. There were also an undetermined number that were not required to have a license (under age 16 or over age 60). The *2001 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Recreation* reports that deer hunting in Louisiana has an economic impact of approximately \$600,000,000 per year and provides over 3,350 jobs. Many landowners receive income from land leased for deer hunting. Recreation has been the driving force maintaining rural and timberland real estate values during the last several years.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries instituted a CWD surveillance program in 2002. To date, 3,274 deer have been tested for CWD. CWD has not been detected in Louisiana.

The cost of a CWD outbreak in Louisiana could be substantial. State government could incur considerable costs in order to effectively contain and monitor a CWD outbreak. By way of example, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources spent approximately \$11,500,000 for monitoring and containment during the first year of the outbreak in that state.

In addition to the cost to government, the private sector would be affected by a CWD outbreak in Louisiana. Interest in deer hunting would likely decline if significantly lower deer populations result. Additionally, hunter concerns regarding contact with, or consumption of, infected animals could also reduce deer hunting activity. Lower hunting lease values and fewer hunting related retail purchases would therefore be likely. A significant reduction in deer hunting activity could also have deleterious effects on agriculture, horticulture, and forestry resulting from increased deer depredation of crops, ornamentals, and trees if the reduction in hunting mortality is not offset by CWD mortality.

The primary means of containing a CWD outbreak in wild deer involves depopulating an area surrounding the infection site(s). By way of example, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources personnel and landowners are working to reduce the deer population by about 90% in a 1,693 sq. mile core area where CWD has been found. In addition, they are attempting to reduce the deer population by about 70% in a 8,236 square mile buffer zone around the core area. In Colorado, the Division of Wildlife killed as many deer and elk as possible in a 5-mile radius of the CWD outbreak in western Colorado. These types of depopulation efforts are offensive to wildlife agencies, hunters, and other citizens. However, this is the only available means to control CWD outbreaks in wild free-ranging deer.

In recognition of the CWD threat, prohibitions on the importation of deer and elk have been instituted in approximately 25 states. The remaining states allow deer or elk importation only under limited circumstances.

The lack of a practical live animal test to detect CWD, an incubation period measured in years, and insufficient animal records make it extremely difficult to prevent the introduction of CWD infected deer and elk into Louisiana without an importation prohibition. The recent establishment of a large exotic animal auction facility in Louisiana highlights the potential for significant movement of deer and elk into Louisiana from other states. Introduction of CWD into Louisiana could have wide-ranging and significant negative impacts on the state's wild deer resources and economy. For these reasons and those outlined above, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission believes that an immediate prohibition on the importation of deer and elk into Louisiana is warranted. This prohibition will remain in effect until no longer necessary.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§117. Deer and Elk Importation

A. Definitions

Elk or red deer - any animal of the species Cervus elaphus.

Mule deer or black-tailed deer - any animal of the species Odocoileus hemionus.

White-tailed deer - any animal of the species Odocoileus virginianus.

B. No person shall import, transport or cause to be imported or transported live white-tailed deer, mule deer, or black-tailed deer (hereinafter "deer"), into or through the State of Louisiana. No person shall import, transport or cause to be imported or transported, live elk or red deer (hereinafter "elk") into or through Louisiana in violation of any Imposition of Quarantine by the Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board. Any person transporting deer or elk between licensed facilities within the state must notify the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and provide information as required by the Department prior to departure from the source facility and again upon arrival at the destination facility. A transport identification number will be issued upon providing the required information prior to departure. Transport of deer or elk between licensed facilities without a valid transport identification number is prohibited. Notification must be made to the Enforcement Division at 1-800-442-2511. All deer or elk imported or transported into or through this state in violation of the provisions of this ban shall be seized and disposed of in accordance with Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and Department of Wildlife and Fisheries rules and regulations.

C. No person shall receive or possess deer or elk imported or transported in violation of this rule. Any person accepting delivery or taking possession of deer or elk from another person has a duty to review and maintain bills of sale, bills of lading, invoices, and all other documents which indicate the source of the deer or elk.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with the Louisiana Constitution, Article IX, Section 7, R.S. 56:1, R.S. 56:5, R.S. 56:6(10), (13) and (15), R.S. 56:20, R.S. 56:112, R.S. 56:116.1 and R.S. 56:171 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 24:1140 (June 1998), repromulgated LR 24:1325 (July 1998), amended LR 28:2206 (October 2002), LR 31: .

Wayne J. Sagrera
Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend the rules governing white-tailed deer importation.

Title 76

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~~D. This rule shall be in effect until May 30, 2005.~~

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with the Louisiana Constitution, Article IX, Section 7, R.S. 56:1, R.S. 56:5, R.S. 56:6(10), (13) and (15), R.S. 56:20, R.S. 56:112, R.S. 56:116.1 and R.S. 56:171 et seq.

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: David Moreland, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, July 7, 2005.

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

Wayne J. Sagrera
Chairman

Mr. Fred Kimmel stated on the next item, a **Notice of Intent - Bird Dog Training Areas** would establish and designate certain areas within WMAs as training areas. The fact there is an increase in urban and suburban population that lacks places to train bird dogs is an obstacle for hunting and dog ownership. Small portions of designated WMAs would be selected so owners can utilize firearms and live birds to train their dogs. The proposed rules have been developed in the hope it would minimize the impacts on wildlife. The areas would be posted with unique signs so the boundaries were clear and would not be more than 100 acres in size. Only bird dog training, including retriever training would be allowed and those dogs should be under the control of its handler. Trainers will not be allowed to let their dog pursue raccoons, rabbits or other wildlife. Those wishing to utilize an area would have to obtain a permit from the region office and undergo a background check. Bobwhite quail and pigeons would be the only animals released and shot while training. There will be a limit of six bobwhite quail allowed to be taken or possessed, but there will be no limit on pigeons. Quail being used would have to be banded with a Department issued band before entering the WMAs. There will be

restrictions on firearms when WMA hunting seasons are closed. The dog training areas would be open year round except during a WMA turkey season and either-sex deer season, and possibly at other times depending on the needs of the WMA. Any person that takes or attempts to take one of the released birds would have to be licensed and abide by the hunting permit requirements. Mr. Kimmel thought that any bobwhite quail not recovered by trainers would be picked up by predators within a short time. If the proposal was adopted, Bodcau WMA would be the first bird dog training area and then if that worked, it may be expanded to additional areas. Commissioner Morrow asked if this allowed the wild quail season to be open year round? Mr. Kimmel stated yes on that limited area. Commissioner Morrow then asked if it would be better to mandate a trainer bring his own quail in order to prevent the possible kill of wild quail. Mr. Kimmel felt the idea was to be as flexible as possible. Commissioner Morrow asked if cost for the bands had been determined when there would be no charges applied. Mr. Kimmel stated it would cost the State about \$200 per year. Then Commissioner Morrow asked if there would be any agent problems and Mr. Kimmel stated they worked with Enforcement when the proposal was developed. Commissioner Miller commented that he has trained dogs for many years and knows the need for additional grounds. He felt a legitimate trainer would always bring his own birds so he was assured to have birds for his dog to work. Commissioner Miller understood the concerns but the opportunity and service provided by the concept far outweighed the possibility of a trainer killing a wild quail. Hearing no other questions, Chairman Sagrera asked Mr. Kimmel to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Miller made a motion to accept the proposal. Commissioner Mouton seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

May 5, 2005

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, May 5, 2005.

WHEREAS, many Louisiana bird hunters reside in urban or suburban communities, and

WHEREAS, suitable locations to train bird dogs are often difficult to find in these communities, and

WHEREAS, lack of opportunity for bird dog training is an obstacle to recruiting new bird hunters and retaining current bird hunters, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has established Wildlife Management Areas across the state, and

WHEREAS, some of these areas contain sites suitable for bird dog training, and

WHEREAS, bird dog training is a traditional outdoor recreational activity and can be conducted in a manner consistent with the goal and purposes of the Wildlife Management Areas, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the attached Notice of Intent to establish bird dog training areas on Wildlife Management Areas is adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Wayne J. Sagera, Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Wildlife and Fisheries Commission do hereby advertise their intent to create and establish rules for bird dog training areas on wildlife management areas.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 3. Wild Birds

§321. Bird Dog Training Areas

A. Purpose. Bird dog training areas (BDTA) are established to afford users of Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) an opportunity to train pointing dogs and flushing retrievers or spaniels with live released birds. The BDTA is not intended to serve as a hunting preserve. The following regulations are adopted to ensure that users of the BDTA utilize the area as intended, and to minimize the potential for negative impacts on wildlife.

B. Establishment and Posting. BDTAs may be established on any WMA. Portions of the WMA without significant wild quail populations, and where wildlife will not be negatively impacted are suitable for establishment of BDTAs. BDTAs must be marked with signs and/or paint clearly indicating the boundaries.

C. Permits and Licenses. Each party using the BDTA for dog training must include at least one permittee, and the permittee must have a valid permit in his/her possession while engaged in dog training on the BDTA. For purposes of this rule, a person or party will be considered to be engaged in dog training if they possess or release live bobwhite quail or pigeons at any time, or if they are present on the BDTA with pointing dogs, spaniels or retrievers during the time quail, woodcock, or waterfowl season is closed on the WMA. Each BDTA requires a unique permit and permits are valid only on the specific BDTA for which the permit is issued. Permits will not be issued to applicants with Class 2 or higher wildlife violation convictions or guilty pleas within 3 years of the date of application. All users of the BDTA must comply with the WMA self-clearing permit requirements. Any person who takes or attempts to take released or wild bobwhite quail or pigeons on the BDTA must comply with applicable hunting license and WMA permit requirements.

D. Dogs. Only recognizable breeds of pointing dogs, spaniels, and retrievers may be trained on the BDTA. All dogs must wear a collar or tag imprinted with the name and phone number of the owner or trainer. Trainers shall not knowingly allow or encourage their dogs to pursue rabbits, raccoons, or other wildlife.

E. Birds. Only bobwhite quail or pigeons may be released for dog training activities on the BDTA. Bobwhite quail and pigeons may only be released within the boundaries of the BDTA. Bobwhite quail and pigeons may be shot in conjunction with dog training activities. When WMA hunting seasons are closed, only bobwhite quail and pigeons may be taken and possessed. When the WMA quail or woodcock hunting season is closed, bobwhite quail and pigeons may only be shot within the boundaries of the BDTA. No more than 6 quail per day may be released, taken, or possessed per permittee. For example, a party consisting of 1 permit holder and 2 helpers may not possess, release, or take more than 6 quail per day. Wild quail may be taken on the BDTA at any time the BDTA is open to dog training and must be included in the 6-bird limit. There is no limit on the number of pigeons that may be taken, released, or possessed. All quail must be marked with a Department provided leg band prior to entering the WMA, and if the bird is shot or recaptured, the band must remain on the bird until arrival at the trainer's domicile. Wild quail taken on the BDTA must immediately be marked with a LDWF issued band. Pigeons are not required to be banded. Bands will be provided by LDWF when the permit is issued. Persons in possession of live bobwhite quail

must have a valid game breeders license or bill of sale from a licensed game breeder.

F. Firearms. When the WMA hunting seasons are closed, only shotguns with shells containing shot not larger than lead size 8 or steel size 7 are permitted on the BDTA. Firearms must be encased or broken down upon entering and leaving the BDTA when the WMA hunting seasons are closed. Pistols capable of firing only blanks are also permitted.

G. Seasons. Unless specified, BDTAs are open to dog training all year, except all BDTAs are closed to bird dog training activities during the applicable WMA turkey season and modern firearm either-sex deer season. Additional closure periods may be adopted for some BDTAs. Such closure periods will be listed in the annual hunting regulations pamphlet for the WMA on which the BDTA is located.

H. Hunter Orange Requirements. Persons engaged in dog training on BDTAs during WMA hunting seasons must comply with WMA hunter orange requirements.

I. Wildlife Management Area Regulations. Except as provided herein, all rules and hunting seasons applicable to the WMA on which the BDTA is located are also applicable to the BDTA. Additional regulations may be adopted for some BDTAs and will be listed in the annual hunting regulations pamphlet for the WMA on which the BDTA is located.

J. Violation of Rules. A person who is convicted or enters a guilty plea for violation of any provision of this rule shall be guilty of a Class 2 violation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:109(B), R.S. 56:115, and R.S. 56:141(C).

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

Interested persons may submit written comments of the proposed rule to Dave Moreland, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, July 7, 2005.

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

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

Wayne J. Segrera
Chairman

The **Duck Hunting Presentation** began with Commissioner Denmon stating there has been a lot of conversation relative to duck hunting and the lack of ducks. He personally knew lots of people had ideas on this issue and felt the Commission should listen to some of those ideas. He then introduced Representative Francis Thompson and Representative Lelon Kenney, representing the Legislative Sportsman's Caucus. Commissioner Denmon noted several groups have made presentations that sometimes conflicted with each other and he did not know what was right and what was wrong from the information provided. The only common thread from the information presented was that if there was enough moisture on the breeding grounds, more ducks were raised and this results in a good hunting season. With this concept, Commissioner Denmon did not feel state funds should go to the different groups but maybe to a rainmaker.

Representative Francis Thompson, representing 7 parishes in northeast Louisiana, stated he was a retired professor with a masters in biology. He made that statement so everyone would know he respects what the Department biologists try to do for all of the people in the State. The Representative felt there were very serious problems with duck hunting, fishing and deer hunting. But he wanted to speak on behalf of the Rural Caucus and wanted to address the shortage of ducks since it was a very important industry and tradition in Louisiana. He introduced a very well noted person as it related to hunting ducks and the duck industry, Mr. Phil Robertson and his partner Mr. George Franklin. Representative Thompson suggested the Commission try a pilot program of using the best sites available to raise and release ducks into the wild. He asked this be done now in order to keep people interested in hunting ducks. Mr. Robertson and Mr. Franklin would provide their own money to do the research in north Louisiana that may be suggested through the Commission and the Department. If the ducks were released, they would need to be checked by veterinarians like what occurred in other states to make sure the population does not become diseased. He then asked the Commission to give Mr. Robertson the opportunity to say a few words.

Mr. Phil Robertson began expressing appreciation to the Commission for the opportunity to talk. He stated he has found that for the entire 20th Century, trillions of dollars has changed hands. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has purchased 105 million acres of

property on this continent. Mr. Robertson noted there are less ducks now than at the turn of the century and the biologists all agree that 90 percent of the ducks are raised in a 36 million acre block. Most of the land mass in the continental U.S. and all of the federal refuges were bought and built to provide duck sanctuaries against one enemy, people. Mr. Robertson stated neither the federal government nor Ducks Unlimited has spent any money in Canada or northern U.S. to deal with the predators that kill 85 to 90 percent of all ducks. So he was approached by Representative Thompson and others and asked why not raise our own ducks. Mr. Robertson felt Louisiana has the habitat, the drive and the will to raise ducks instead of giving money to an organization that hopefully would send Louisiana some ducks. One of the objections to raising ducks was that they would not be as wild, but Mr. Robertson knew that wild ducks eating can still be approached. Based on current circumstances, Mr. Robertson asked the Commission to allow him to raise wild mallard ducks for a three year period to find out if it can be done. If it could be done on a small scale, he felt it could be done then on a larger scale. This project would not cost Louisiana any money and would be handled by private individuals only. The proposal would be to raise 2,000 ducks the first year, have the biologists monitor them carefully, have graduate students document the process, and if the ducks were not wild, he would come back to the Commission and report such. Mr. Robertson asked for consideration and added if it would be done this year, the project needed to start within 30 days. He emphasized that there would be no human contact at any time during the process in order to keep them wild.

Commissioner Denmon thanked Mr. Robertson, Representative Thompson and Representative Kenney. He added that Representative Kenney told him that millions of dollars have been spent building duck blinds, lodges, levees and the industry and this has made the economic impact very real. Commissioner Denmon then asked the Commission to keep an open mind. Commissioner Miller felt there was no way the Department or Commission could jump on a project within 30 days. He then asked the Commission if they had any interest in requesting the staff make a preliminary study of Mr. Robertson's suggestion and report back at the next meeting. Commissioner Morrow stated under R.S. 56:104.A(1)(b), the Commission has the right to expend funds for the preservation of breeding grounds for waterfowl to an organization that was deemed important to ducks. He then asked Mr. Landreneau to find out if there was any money that could be used to purchase ducklings for a pilot program. Commissioner Denmon stated Mr. Robertson was asking for permission to do a limited pilot program they were willing to pay for while under the guidance and supervision of the Department. He then asked what type of permission or permit would they need? Secretary Landreneau stated these type projects have been done throughout the United States and before jumping into the program without no policies, he proposed the Department evaluate and develop a scientific study in cooperation with private landowners.

Also attached to the proposal would be a fiscal note to let everyone know how much an authentic study would cost. Commissioner Miller commented he was looking for a feasibility study before going forward. He stated he had great concerns with the release of pen-raised birds of unknown genetic origin into the wild without proper supervision. Then Commissioner Miller noted it was a wise choice to go forward with a feasibility study to see how this could be done as an alternative. Commissioner Denmon agreed with Commissioner Miller's concerns, but he had greater concerns with there not being any ducks. He then asked Secretary Landreneau how long would a study take. Secretary Landreneau stated a proposal for what the Department envisioned to be a credible study could be presented at the next meeting. He added they were not opposed to the study, but wanted to make sure the Department was the driving force in developing and implementing the study. Commissioner Denmon asked the Department to look at Mr. Robertson and Mr. Franklin's research and then report back to the Commission. Secretary Landreneau stated they could make it an item for next month's meeting.

Mr. Joe Macaluso, outdoor writer, stated he did not want to refute what Mr. Robertson said, but there are several areas in the Dakotas open for public hunting developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ducks Unlimited and Delta Waterfowl. He then asked if ducks were going to be released, would there be a need for cooperation from the Federal Government? Commissioner Denmon asked Mr. Robert Helm to check into that question.

Chairman Sagrera came across two comment cards on items already discussed but offered those individuals the opportunity to speak.

Mr. Gerald Domingue, a tanner, stated they purchase about 100,000 alligator skins a year and about 90 percent go to Europe. He noted the tag fee was paid by those who buy the skins and it would be a burden to come up with another \$1 per skin. But in this day and time, another dollar makes the market very competitive for products coming back to the states.

Mr. Joey Rhodes stated his concern was on the renewal to ban the exporting and importing of white-tailed deer without a sunset rule. He knew that CWD was a bad disease and it was not wanted in Louisiana, but felt that once this was closed, it would not be reviewed again. Mr. Rhodes asked that the sunset provision be left in the proposal and then see where the state stands with the disease. Also he asked that the research and results be made public.

For the next item, **Public Comments - 2005-07 Season Dates and Bag Limits and Approval of Notice of Intent on General and WMA Hunting Rules & Regulations**, Chairman Sagrera asked for the Department's recommended changes. Mr. Jimmy Anthony began stating the changes

included adding a youth lottery deer hunt to Sherburne WMA; adding a youth lottery waterfowl hunt to North Farm on Sherburne WMA; setting archery season in Area 6 to close on February 15 rather than 2nd Sunday of February each year; changing the late muzzleloader season in Area 4 and Area 6 to correspond with the other areas in the State; changing the muzzleloader and still hunting seasons in Areas 3, 7 and 8 due to overlaps that would occur in future years; adding muzzleloader season to Bodcau WMA based on public comment received from the area; adding five days to nighttime raccoon hunting season on Sabine Island, West Bay and Boise-Vernon WMAs; amending some of the language on vessels and vehicles on Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA; exempting Thistlethwaite WMA from the rule that allows certain individuals the right to retrieve deer off ATV trails; and proposing season dates for the Barataria Preserve Jean Lafitte National Park. On a new request, Mr. Anthony asked that the boundaries around Thistlethwaite WMA be extended all the way to an area bounded on the north and east by La. Highway 359, on the west by La. Highway 10 and on the south by La. Highway 103. Most of the landowners were agreeable to the change, but not all have been contacted. Mr. Anthony noted enforcement would be easier if hard boundaries were included. Commissioner Morrow asked how many landowners and how much acreage would be involved in the boundary change for Thistlethwaite? Mr. Tony Vidrine stated there are lots of landowners and he had not calculated the acreage. He did note he contacted the larger landowners and about 50 percent like having the same management as Thistlethwaite and the other 50 percent were not sure. Commissioner Morrow asked if there were any organized hunting clubs in the area and had contact been made. Mr. Vidrine answered yes and added that about half were for the proposal and about half were against. Commissioner Mouton asked Mr. Vidrine if he knew about how many had not been contacted? Mr. Vidrine stated he started with the larger landowners first, then it got to where one piece of property was owned by several people and trying to contact someone during the day was almost impossible. Commissioner Mouton asked if 50 percent of the landowners had been contacted and Mr. Vidrine answered yes. Commissioner Denmon asked to remind him of where Area 4 is in the State. Mr. Anthony stated it was on the east side of Ouachita River in Richland, Ouachita and Morehouse Parishes. Then Commissioner Denmon asked if the season in Area 4 was reduced to be compatible with the rest of the area? Mr. Anthony answered yes. Commissioner Morrow felt the idea of adding the lottery hunts on Sherburne WMA was a great idea. Commissioner Denmon echoed the comment of Commissioner Morrow on the youth hunts and added that they needed to do all possible for the youth. Chairman Sagrera felt the change on Thistlethwaite boundary was one that needed more clarification and could be decided later. But Mr. Anthony stated this was a boundary change, was subject to legislative oversight and needed to be decided then. He did comment that they could go back to the original Notice of Intent on this change. Mr. Dave Moreland agreed that they could go back to the original boundary with just Thistlethwaite WMA. Commissioner Mouton suggested taking the Thistlethwaite change off

the list and have more time to talk with the landowners. Commissioner Miller asked if this was the last opportunity to put this change in the Notice of Intent for this year? Mr. Anthony said yes. Chairman Sagrera then asked for a motion to accept changes except the item that related to the Thistlethwaite boundary. A motion was made by Commissioner Mouton, seconded by Commissioner King and passed with no opposition.

When the Commission reconvened from a break, Chairman Sagrera announced that the item, **Resolution - Spinning Wing Decoys** was withdrawn by Commissioner Mouton.

Going on with **Public Comments for Hunting**, Mr. Anthony noted they have received the least number of public comments than anytime in the last 5 years. In reference to the results on the deer and turkey tags, which was not a part of the current Notice of Intent, Mr. Anthony stated there was overwhelming support. Those support numbers included 75 percent from an Erwinville Meeting; 90 percent from Region 6 Meetings in Houma, Lafayette and Opelousas; 89 percent from a BSBA Meeting in Alexandria; 97 percent from Lake Charles Meeting; 64 percent from Hammond Meeting; 90 percent from a Meeting in Baton Rouge; 89 percent from the Bossier City Meeting; and 81 percent from Winnsboro Meeting. Results from letters and e-mails to Mr. Moreland was 85 percent were in favor of tags. From the Department website, 848 out of 932 or 90 percent supported tagging system. Mr. Anthony added that they would continue asking people's opinions until next March.

Mr. Don Puckett suggested the Commission amend the current agenda item to Public Comments - 2005-07 Season Dates and Bag Limits and Approval of Notice of Intent on General and WMA Hunting Rules & Regulations. Chairman Sagrera then asked for a motion to which Commissioner Mouton made a motion. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

Continuing on, Commissioner Denmon talked about electronic turkey calling devices and wondered why they are not allowed in Louisiana. He then felt that the Commission should do things to promote hunting opportunities and not diminish hunting opportunities. If these opportunities were not taken advantage of, Commissioner Denmon felt the Commission would not be in charge of anything one day. Then he stated another issue came up while talking with other Commissioners and that was the use of crossbows and the Draw Loc. Again he felt that the device should be allowed for someone that cannot shoot a bow or even for someone that has not shot one before such as a youth. He asked the Department and Commission to look at the regulations and see if other hunting opportunities could be created. Commissioner Mouton stated the Draw Loc could be used by handicapped bowhunters and if they could use this device, they would maybe bring a youth hunter with them. Commissioner Denmon stated he was for sending people into the woods to hunt.

Mr. Dave Townsend asked for an explanation on why the Draw Loc cannot be used. He then talked about the crossbow and that it was shot from the shoulder, which he could not do. The Draw Loc was his answer to getting back into hunting since his stroke. Commissioner Mouton asked Mr. Townsend to explain the Draw Loc. He stated the Draw Loc was the same as a crossbow, they both have locking devices and foot stir ups built into the apparatus. Mr. Townsend felt the crossbow at 40 yards would not be an accurate or ethical kill in harvesting an animal. But a compound bow would allow for more foot poundage at impact and would give more penetration and kill. Mr. Townsend explained how he has adapted in the use of his bow. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to allow the use of the Draw Loc for handicapped hunters only. Mr. Townsend stated the handicapped license was simple to get, it needed to be revamped and classified. Commissioner Mouton asked if there were other manufacturers that makes that device. Mr. Townsend stated he has not seen another manufacturer with this particular device. Mr. Puckett stated methods of take was prescribed by statute and would take a statutory change. Commissioner Mouton then made a motion to support legislation to amend a bill adding the Draw Loc. Commissioner Denmon stated he had no objection to Commissioner Mouton's movement, but felt it would not get through the this year's session. Secretary Landreneau stated this action could be taken into consideration but felt there was no time to move it forward through this Legislative Session. Commissioner Denmon asked why limit the use of the Draw Loc to handicapped, why not allow youth or an ordinary person the opportunity to use it. Commissioner Morrow added that the Department should address that in a report to the Commission. Mr. Townsend recommended this device be allowed for upper bodied extremity disabled persons.

Mr. Chad Dauthier, a deer hunter in Pointe Coupee and Iberville Parishes, reminded the Commission he was part of the South Louisiana Branch of the Quality Deer Management Association that was successful in getting a trial program in Pointe Coupee, Iberville and West Baton Rouge Parishes. For a buck to be legally harvested, he had to have at least 6 points or more or to have two spikes less than 3 inches on his head. Those that have hunted in the area have seen the benefits, stated Mr. Dauthier. He was speaking today due to the lack of communication between the Department and hunters from his area. There were two things the fate of the program was to be based on and they were the success of the program and what the hunters thought. At a meeting last year on the 6 point rule, Mr. Dauthier came away with two main points. The first was three years was not long enough for the full benefits to be realized and he commented that they initially proposed the program should run for five years. The second point was that the data was to be compiled and given to the hunters and asked what they wanted. In an article Mr. Dauthier read, Mr. Moreland stated that the regulation did not do what it was intended and would not be recommended to be continued for this year. He added that he was disappointed but was not surprised with the actions. Mr. Dauthier

commented that the Department was requesting an antler restriction be placed on deer from Thistlethwaite WMA, but would not continue with the tri-parish restriction since it was not good enough. But he felt the reasons given for restricting on Thistlethwaite were the exact same things hunters from the tri-parish wanted to accomplish in their area. Again, he felt if the regulation was good enough for lands the Department manages, then it was good enough for the tri-parish area. Mr. Dauthier asked that the Commission do what the hunters in the area wanted. Chairman Sagrera stated all of the calls he has received were in favor of retaining the 6 point rule. Mr. Moreland stated the results in the article were from two years of data and it indicated the 1 ½ year old buck kill was reduced but the movement of bucks into the adult age class was very minimum. So, the point to the article was that the program did not appear to be producing results. Harvest data from the past year was still being entered and once it was all in, a report would be produced and meetings would be held. Mr. Moreland added that he probably has been quoted as saying that antler restriction would work, and he felt they would work on good habitat such as on Thistlethwaite where there is bottomland forest with agriculture. Commissioner Mouton asked if, during the first year of the program, was there an outbreak of blue tongue? Mr. Moreland stated that in 2001 there was low fawn production all across the state which may have been due to drought conditions. Then in 2002, there was a blue tongue outbreak. If the results of the study shows that there were increases in the 3 ½ year old age classes in Pointe Coupee, Iberville and West Baton Rouge Parishes, then it could be said that the regulation was starting to work and doing some good. But at this point, that could not be said. Commissioner Mouton stated from the phone calls, faxes and e-mails he has received and meetings he has attended, hunters were all in favor of continuing the 6 point rule and he felt there was no harm in that. He then made a motion to continue with the tri-parish 6 point rule for 3 more years. Commissioner King seconded the motion and it passed with opposition from Commissioner Denmon.

Mr. Joey Rhodes, representing a group of hunters from Plaquemines Parish, stated they were opposed to having a bucks only bow season from October 1-15 and asked that it be removed and have an either-sex season. He knew there was concern with the fawn population throughout Area 6 and they were charged with managing their own deer herd. With that, those hunters use the bowhunting season to knock down their doe population. By taking away those first 2 weeks, Mr. Rhodes commented it would devastate the deer herd since it was already on an increase.

Chairman Sagrera stated that it was brought to his attention that several people were interested in speaking on the 6 point rule, so he asked that the issue be revisited.

Mr. Shane Aydell, President of St. Louis Hunting Club, representing 140 people, stated they met and their club has been on the program

for 15 to 20 years. But they were starting to see a lot of inferior deer. He felt they were killing all of the good deer and leaving the inferior deer with bad genes behind. Mr. Aydell felt the program should be evaluated by the Department and not take the advice of just one man.

Commissioner Morrow agreed with Mr. Aydell, and felt both sides had not been represented. He wondered if the issue should be revisited and wait until an informed decision could be made after all of the data was received. But he asked that it be allowed to reconsider the vote. Commissioner Mouton noted he attended at least 10 meetings with hunting clubs in favor of the issue and was not basing his vote on just Mr. Dauthier speaking. Mr. Aydell again stated he was in favor of a program. Commissioner Denmon informed the other Commissioners he was the one that made the motion to pass the regulation and the reason he did so was the data showed all of the people were in favor of some type of quality deer management. He then stated he voted no earlier because he did not think it was sound judgement to vote on an issue based on who showed up at the meeting to testify. Commissioner Denmon then noted he was for leaving the regulation as it was and getting the tagging system in place next year. He then asked the Commission to reconsider the vote on the 6 point rule. Commissioner Miller stated he supported Commissioner Denmon's request to reconsider the 6 point vote for the reasons already stated. And, he added that the hunting clubs in the tri-parish area can continue the 6 point rule on its own without any action from the Commission. Commissioner Mouton asked if there would be a tagging system for the 2005-06. Mr. Anthony answered no. Commissioner Morrow made a motion to reconsider the issue on the 6 point rule. Commissioner Denmon seconded the motion and the motion passed with no opposition. Then Commissioner Denmon made a motion to strike the last motion and return the action to the way it was. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion and it also passed with no opposition.

Mr. Randy Seibert stated he wanted to speak on the bowhunting change and agreed with Mr. Rhodes. He felt that shooting a doe in February would be like killing three deer. Mr. Seibert commented they would not hunt in February and take a doe with a bow. He then asked that the bow season begin October 1 south of Highway 90 and allow the take of bucks or does.

Mr. Richard Gondron began stating he wanted to speak on a banning dogs in the Basin article that appeared in The Advocate on April 8, 2005. The land he hunts has been used since 1958 and the article referred to a dog problem in Area 6. Mr. Gondron asked why was the ban just for Area 6 and not affecting all dogs and all areas in Louisiana. He did note they have had trouble with trespassers and that problem will continue with or without dogs. Also the article talked about a slaughter of deer occurring in Area 6 and Mr. Gondron stated there was no truth to that statement. In 2004, his hunting club killed 4 does and 25 bucks on 1500 acres of land.

Then Mr. Gondron remarked that the archery hunters, still hunters, black powder hunters and dog hunters all have their season. He felt there would be no misunderstanding if those that do not have dogs would stay home during the dog hunting season. A suggestion to the Commission was to allow the first 42 days of hunting for the archery, black powder, rifle, shotgun still hunters and the next 42 days for the dog hunters. Then he suggested the Department issue a permit for the type of hunting each person would like to do. Commissioner King asked Mr. Gondron if he hunts public or private land and he was told it was private.

Mr. Kenny Gilbert, member of Grand Lake Hunting Club, stated he started a petition to keep deer hunting with dogs in Area 6 and the Atchafalaya Basin. The petition contained 300 names in a one week time and he added that he would continue getting signatures and come back at the next meeting if he needed to.

Mr. Eric Alleman stated he was a board member of a dog and still hunting club consisting of 285 members that leases over 22,000 acres. He asked the Commission to keep dog hunting since the dogs makes hunting more exciting for the youth. Commissioner King asked if his land was private or public. Mr. Alleman stated it was private land. He added that no landowners have come to them with any problems, but felt the problem was trespassing. Commissioner Miller asked how much of his leased land was contiguous. Mr. Alleman stated the majority was in one block and there was a lot of swamp land and that made it impossible to still hunt.

Mr. David Blank commented there were so many regulations for hunting that he did not think it fair to take the tradition of dog hunting away from one area. He felt if it was not allowed in one area, then it would be taken from another area and so on until there was no more. Mr. Blank suggested all hunters should try to get along and give and take so organizations like PETA and the Humane Society does not take it all away.

Mr. Nolan Alleman, representing Hog Island Hunting Club, stated there was another reason besides tradition to hunt with dogs in Area 6 and that was because it was under water or muddy. If dog hunting was eliminated, the only place to hunt would be on the canal banks. Mr. Alleman hoped the Commission would put a lot of thought into the issue and emphasized that dogs are needed in Area 6 and everyone needed to work together. Commissioner King asked how many acres was Mr. Alleman hunting and was it public or private. Mr. Alleman answered 3500 acres of private land, but most would not be of any use to them if the dogs were taken away. Then Commissioner King asked if the land was contiguous. Mr. Alleman stated it was all within a one mile circle.

Mr. Randy Miguez stated he runs a small club of 14 members with 6 to 8 guests per weekend and they do hunt state lands. All of their dogs have tracking collars so they would not have trouble with the

dogs going on private lands or on Attakapas WMA. He agreed there are a lot more hunters than there used to be and felt there should be a solution. Mr. Migus stated the Atchafalaya Basin was a beautiful place and could be good for all hunters.

Mr. Rene' Bordelon, Lucky Buck Hunting Club, stated they hunt on 5200 acres almost in one area within the Basin. He noted they still hunt and dog hunt and felt "things" should be added to hunting instead of subtracted in order to keep people in Louisiana. If one day the Basin was taken over by the Federal Government or the State, then the people that claim the land would retain all of their mineral rights. Mr. Bordelon felt the issue went far beyond pitting still hunters against dog hunters and suggested leaving the season as it was proposed.

Mr. Roy Savoy, President of Catahoula Hunting Club, stated they have hunted on 8,000 acres for the past 35 years. After checking with most of the landowners, he found they were okay with dog hunters. His feelings were the same as earlier speakers. Mr. Savoy noted his hunting club of 100 members has never had any accidents, trespassing problems, nor complaints to the Sheriff's Office. For the last 7 years, an average of 60.3 deer were killed per year and this did not seem to him to be a slaughter. He felt they should be asking for another weekend instead of taking away. His club has still hunting on the north and dog hunting to the south and again he stated there has never been a complaint.

Mr. Troy Gahn, a dog hunter and still hunter from St. Mary Parish, stated the younger generation likes hunting with dogs better than still hunting. By the time dog season opens, there are no spotted fawns. Mr. Gahn felt an outlaw would be an outlaw no matter the season. He noted he would stop deer hunting if dog hunting was banned. To Commissioner King's question on whether he hunts public or private lands, Mr. Gahn said he hunts both in the Basin.

Mr. Ray Boudreaux, a hunter in St. Martin Parish, reported he had a letter from one of the major landowners stating he had no objection to the use of dogs. He also had about 4,000 signatures favoring dog hunting. His club, Lucky Buck Hunting Club, began as a dog hunting club, was incorporated in 1971 and was comprised of 6,000 acres. They hunt according to the water and when it reaches 12 feet, they do not allow guests to hunt. The hunting club has a stricter management plan than what the state has, stated Mr. Boudreaux. He mentioned he contacted the Sheriff of Iberia Parish and asked him if he had any complaints on hunting dogs and the reply was he has not received any complaints on running of dogs or use of dogs. But the Sheriff did say he has received trespass complaints. He then asked the Commission not to take dog hunting away and let them have what they have been having.

Ms. Beth Hodgson, representing Louisiana Hunting Dog Association, stated when they enter into an issue, they conduct an

investigation. With this issue, it seemed the biggest concern centered on trespassing. What was upsetting was this was a hunter versus hunter issue and there was no resolution. Ms. Hodgson felt the dog hunters, still hunters and landowners need to meet and look at the issues, the maps, find out the problems and seek a way to satisfy the majority. Ms. Hodgson stated the Association felt the Department has set hunting seasons that were adequate for all hunters to enjoy. If dog hunting was taken away from certain areas, then there would be no encouragement to hunt. She concluded stating that not enough information was available, a compromise had not been set forth from both sides and the proposal needed additional work before making a final decision.

Mr. David Messina stated that dog hunting was what got him involved in hunting. He noted they were a broad gang that loves and respects wildlife and wanted to keep conservation. Mr. Messina asked the Commission to keep their dogs. Commissioner King asked how many acres are in the St. Louis Hunting Club? Mr. Messina answered it was 10,000 acres and that included state lands.

Mr. Mike Bienvenu, President of Louisiana Crawfish Producers Association, stated that the hunters have been trying to get them out of the Basin for 20 years. There was no scientific or biological data that showed dog hunting affects deer population.

Mr. Terry Melancon stated he did not hunt in the Basin, but does hunt dogs in an area south of Baton Rouge. He followed that with noting any restrictions placed on deer hunting in the Basin may eventually affect other portions of Area 6 and other areas of the State. When the water rises especially in the Basin, it probably escalates the problem between dog hunters and still hunters. Mr. Melancon suggested establishing a high water mark and closing the hunting season when it reached that mark.

Mr. Mark Miguez, a dog hunter that hunts on state lands, said they use tracking collars and they try to keep their dogs off private property. Dog hunting is a part of his heritage and he hoped to pass the heritage on to his grandson. He asked that dog hunting be allowed.

Mr. Troy Landry stated dog hunting was good and fun if done in the right way. Those clubs with 20,000 acres, 8,000 acres, or even 3,000 acres would not pose any problems if they ran dogs. He wondered what gave the dog hunters the right to turn their dogs loose on 500 acres of state land when within one hour they would be on private property. Mr. Landry thought that with 70 to 80 percent of the respondents wanting a tagging system, the hunters were ready for a change. In 18 years, they have run people off their land 40 to 50 times. The problem with the Basin, according to Mr. Landry, was there are small pieces of state land throughout the area.

Mr. Clint Bickham stated he was not against dogs, but there should be respect for the still hunters. He also suggested picking up the dogs as soon as a hunter was finished hunting.

Mr. Dale Patrick, Plantation Wildlife Hunting Club, stated they have problems with people turning their dogs loose and not picking them up.

Mr. Rudy Sparks provided a map that showed ownership in the Atchafalaya Basin in the area between the East and West Guide Levees, bounded on the north by I-10 and on the south by Highway 90. He stated he was speaking on behalf of 8 landowners that altogether own 170,000 acres of land south of I-10. Mr. Sparks advised that some of the lessees do not have any problems, but in other areas there are tremendous problems with trespassing, overharvest of the resource, taking advantage of high water conditions and excessively harvesting deer with the use of dogs. The lessees only want to hunt in peace and enjoy those rights they have paid for. Then Mr. Sparks informed the Commission he has not received any complaints from lessees outside of the Basin since those were large tracts of land, there was not the constant fluctuating of water levels, and no interspersed tracts of state land. A major concern for the landowners was the potential conflicts between the still hunters and dog hunters as well as protecting the rights of the lessees. He reassured everyone that they were not opposed to deer hunting with dogs if a club could utilize 3,000 to 4,000 acres of contiguous land and the hunters could keep their dogs contained. Mr. Sparks then asked the Commission to give strong consideration to a compromise that allowed hunting deer with dogs under certain circumstances in the Basin. He then provided copies of letters from landowners that asked Mr. Sparks to speak on their behalf on the issue. Commissioner King asked if the 170,000 acres represented about 50 percent of the landowners? Mr. Sparks stated he felt it was about 60 percent. Then Commissioner King asked how much public acreage was in the area. Mr. Moreland answered about one-third. Commissioner Miller requested that the letters provided by Mr. Sparks be made a portion of the record.

Mr. Vic Blanchard, forester and biologist for A. Wilbert Sons, dittoed the comments by Mr. Sparks. He emphasized that the problem was the state lands interspersed among private property and the accretion of lands. Mr. Blanchard suggested using the WMAs within the Basin for dog hunting if the public lands were taken.

Mr. Dale LaGrone, landowner in the Atchafalaya Basin, stated the reason he invested in the area was due to the resources and the experience he enjoys there. He noted he tries to teach his children they should not infringe on other people's rights. Every weekend of the dog season he has a problem with dogs running right through where he still hunts and ruins the hunt for the whole season. Another problem was when a dog comes on private property,

the owners are coming on these lands to get their dogs. Mr. LaGrone asked the Commission to find a way for all to enjoy their way of hunting while not allowing it to infringe on the rights of others.

Mr. Brandon Stockstill, a landowner in the Atchafalaya Basin, stated he and Mr. Sparks have conservatively 179,000 acres together. Again he noted the proposal was to cover those lands south of I-10 down to the Attakapas WMA within the levee system. Mr. Stockstill commented that the majority of the dog hunters that spoke at the meeting were not inside the levee system. He asked the Commission for a certain type of regulation for the dog hunters and not deny anyone the right to hunt whether on private or public lands. He felt one way to increase hunting opportunity was to increase the deer population and the quality of deer. Also Mr. Stockstill stated conservation was the key to the issue. In reference to a comment that dog hunting did not hurt the deer population, Mr. Stockstill read from three different reports published by the Department where one stated free running dogs were detrimental to the deer herd.

Mr. Daniel Edgar began stating it was unusual for him to speak on this side of the issue since he has always talked on behalf of dog hunters. The problem with dog hunting was they were using a tool that cannot be controlled. He explained how he cancelled leases on areas when he could not keep his dogs from running onto others property. Mr. Edgar also stated that after going to court, it was found that, when dogs are allowed to go on someone else's property without permission, this constituted trespassing. He felt they should be able to leave their camps on Sunday afternoon and find it in the same condition when they return the next time. Mr. Edgar asked the Commission, that if they allow the running of dogs, make it on a large enough tract where a hunter can reasonably control their dogs.

Chairman Sagraera asked if a high water mark and shutting down the Basin would solve some of the problems? Mr. Moreland stated one of the recommendations was using 18 feet at Butte LaRose within the proposed area south of I-10 to close. Commissioner Morrow asked if the Department already had the right to close the area? Mr. Moreland answered yes, but it would allow everyone to know the regulation was in place. Commissioner King stated this was a thorny issue and it was impossible to satisfy everyone. He then recommended a compromise in the form of a motion to designate a portion of the Basin as still hunting only with 2 exceptions. Those exceptions included issuing special permits to dog hunting clubs utilizing private lands of 2,000 contiguous acres or more and allowing dog hunting on public acreage on a tract of land in northern Iberia Parish. Commissioner King stated again this was a compromise and it could be adjusted as needed after the first year. Commissioner Mouton seconded the motion. Commissioner Miller asked if the motion was for the area south of I-10 between the Guide

Levees and Highway 90 on the south to be still hunting only, allow dog hunting only by permit on contiguous tracts of 2,000 acres or better and on the area in northern Iberia Parish. Commissioner King stated that was right and added that comments have been received for two months from both sides and a decision was needed. Commissioner Miller agreed that the situation would not get better with time. He added that there are too many people that hunt on too little land and it was unfortunate that regulations such as this was needed. Commissioner Miller stated he would support the motion for this year and hoped it would be a solution to the problem. Then he applauded Commissioner King on this workable solution. Chairman Sagrera felt this was a band-aid approach and added that the problem should be worked out between the individuals involved. He also commended Commissioner King on the viable compromise. Commissioner Morrow applauded Commissioner King on the issue and noted something needed to be done. But to regulate a tradition that has been around for a long time at a point when the Commission was trying to encourage hunting, was not a solution to the problem. Hearing no further comments, the motion passed with opposition from Commissioner Morrow. Chairman Sagrera stated this was a temporary solution at best.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **September 2005 Meeting** on Thursday, September 8, 2005, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Sagrera then asked for **Public Comments**. Mr. Gary Carroll, a hunter from the Basin, asked what was a club that has 1,000 acres to do while the one next to him had 2,000 acres and they dog hunted. Commissioner Miller and Commissioner King suggested they join together. Mr. Carroll noted there was some misinformation given and felt it would have been better for the clubs to get along and work the problem out personally.

An Unidentified Speaker, responding to the report read by Mr. Stockstill on free ranging dogs, stated that was a wild dog and not a controlled dog. He added that deer dogs were not keeping the deer population down.

Commissioner Miller stated Commissioner King's motion addressed dog hunting in the Basin only. He then made a motion to adopt the Department's recommendation that the river stage at Butte LaRose of 18 feet be the closing high water mark for the deer season within the Basin. Commissioner King seconded the motion.

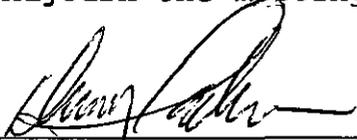
An Unidentified Speaker asked if the river reached 18 feet at Butte LaRose during the last season? Mr. Tony Vidrine answered it did toward the end of the season. Then the speaker commented that when the water begins rising, the dogs will run on the banks and there will be the same problem. Commissioner Miller stated this was not

a permanent solution and hoped it was the beginning of a work in progress.

Hearing no further comments on the motion, it passed with no opposition.

Mr. Billy Miguez, Lucky Buck Hunting Club, stated most of the clubs represented were within the containment levees and that Mr. Stockstill was wrong.

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



Dwight Landreneau
Secretary

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Mananne,
Please review
attached Minutes.

Thanks,

Susan Falcon

5/20/05


MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, May 5, 2005

presiding.

Frederic Miller
Patrick Morrow
Henry Mouton
Robert Samanie, III

Secretary Dwight Landreneau was also present.

Chairman Sagrera called for a motion for approval of the **March 3, 2005 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Denmon. The motion passed with no opposition.

Then the Chairman asked for a motion to approve the **April 7, 2005 Commission Minutes**. A motion was made by Commissioner Denmon and seconded by Commissioner Miller. The motion passed with no opposition.

There were no **Commission Special Announcements** for this month.

A **Safe Boating Week Proclamation** was read by Lt. Col. Brian Spillman. It stated that the week of May 21-27 would be proclaimed Safe Boating Week in Louisiana. Commissioner Mouton asked that next year the word jacket be changed to preserver. He then expressed appreciation for bringing the proclamation forward. Lt. Col. Spillman added that Governor Blanco had also signed a proclamation and the Commission was following her actions. Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Mouton made a motion to accept the Proclamation. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, recreational boating in Louisiana is fun and enjoyable,
and we are fortunate that we have an abundance of

available space and opportunity to pursue pleasure boating; and

WHEREAS, our waterways become crowded and dangerous at times and recreational boating, to the unprepared, can become a risky sport; and

WHEREAS, between 30 and 50 people die in boating accidents each year on Louisiana's waterways; nearly 90% by drowning; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment or environmental factors; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of boaters that lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

WHEREAS, boating knowledge and skills are important in reducing human error and improving judgment; and

WHEREAS, every boater can make a difference by always wearing their life jacket and acquiring knowledge and skills through taking a safe boating course; and

WHEREAS, every boater can help by spreading the National Safe Boating Council's 2005 slogan "BOAT SMART - BOAT SAFE."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby proclaim May 21 - 27, 2005 as

SAFE BOATING WEEK

in Louisiana, and encourage all boaters to participate by exercising caution and following safe practices.

Wayne J. Sagrera, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Resolution - National Fishing and Boating Week was handled by Mr. John Sturgis. The Resolution would recognize two no license required recreational fishing days in the State as authorized by Act 301 of the 1987 Legislature. Both residents and non-residents can fish without purchasing a freshwater or saltwater fishing license. This hopefully would increase participation in the sport, added Mr. Sturgis. He then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Morrow made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Miller. Hearing no further comments, the motion passed unanimously.

Henry M. Mouton

Frederic L. Miller

Robert Samanie, III

Earl P. King, Jr.

Patrick C. Morrow

Dwight Landreneau, Secretary

Next was a presentation by Mr. Marty Bourgeois on **Resolution and Declaration of Emergency - Setting the 2005 Spring Shrimp Season and Announcement of Vermilion Bay Crab Trap Closure Dates.** The slide presentation included a diagram of the shrimp life cycle; annual Louisiana shrimp catch versus landings from 1976-2004; Louisiana monthly shrimp landings for all species combined plotted against 2003, 2004 and mean of 1990 and 2002; Louisiana 2004 monthly shrimp landings by species; annual Louisiana shrimp landings for brown and white shrimp over time plotted against the long term mean from 1976 to 2004; annual Louisiana shrimp gear license sales from 1976 through 2004 (current numbers are at their lowest total since 1976); brown shrimp landing by count size for 2000 through 2004; and 2004 Louisiana brown shrimp by basin. Then Mr. Bourgeois showed a series of slides depicting hydrological conditions in the Barataria Bay system. These slides included monthly southeast Louisiana rainfall for 2004 and 2005 compared with the mean; monthly Mississippi River discharge for 2004 and 2005 compared with long term mean; south Barataria Bay monthly water temperature deviations from 68°F for 2005 versus long term mean; south Barataria Bay daily water temperatures for February 1 through April 30, 2005 compared with the mean; south Barataria Bay April 2005 daily water temperature deviations from 68°F; north Barataria Bay monthly salinities for 2005 versus 20 year mean; April 2005 tidal range comparing predicted with actual tides; April acreage greater than 10 ppt plotted against brown shrimp landings; brown shrimp catch per effort in 6 foot trawls from Barataria Bay during the four April work weeks; brown shrimp mean size in 6 foot trawls from Barataria Bay for the April work weeks; 2004 Louisiana brown shrimp catch by the major bay systems; week 18, 2005 brown shrimp catch per effort from 6 foot trawl samples by the major bay systems and by zones; week 18, 2005 brown shrimp mean size from 6 foot trawl samples by the same bay systems; brown shrimp percent size frequency distribution in Zone 2 for week 18, 1993 when the season opened its latest on May 31 plotted against 2000 when the season opened the earliest on May 8 and against 2005; the Commission's duties and responsibilities as described under R.S. 56:497; and a map of Louisiana's three shrimp management zones. The growth projected in Zone 1 plotted against the Monday's in May showed it would not be until May 23 that more than 50 percent of the sample population were at 100 count per pound or larger. In Zone 2, the projected size on May 16 would be 49 percent and on May 23, 68 percent of the population would reach 100 count or larger.

Not until June 6 would the majority of the shrimp be 100 count per pound in Zone 3 at 81 percent. Then for a statewide basis, on May 23, 65 percent of the population would be at 100 count or larger. The final slide shown was the predicted May tidal range. Mr. Bourgeois then noted the Department recommended having three opening dates. It was recommended Zone 1, including Breton and Chandeleur Sounds, open at 6 AM on Monday, May 23, but the Department would not object to a later date since shrimp in this system hold for longer periods of time. For Zone 2, statute requires the season open no later than the third Monday in May, so the Department recommended 6 AM on Monday, May 16. Also it was recommended the portion of outside waters between Atchafalaya River and Freshwater Bayou reopen at the same time as Zone 2. The recommendation for Zone 3 was 6 AM, Thursday, June 2. Mr. Bourgeois then announced the crab trap closure in Vermilion Bay would become effective with the opening of the Zone 2 spring inshore shrimp season.

Hearing no questions from the Commission, Chairman Sagrera asked Mr. Bourgeois to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Samanie made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner King. The Chairman then asked for public comments.

Mr. Michael Campo felt that Zone 1 should open no later than May 23.

Mr. Pete Gericca, Lake Pontchartrain Fisherman's Association and Louisiana Seafood Management Council, stated he talked to a large number of members that wanted a later date opening. The later opening would mean larger shrimp and more profits for the shrimpers.

Mr. Daniel Babin, a shrimp processor and former Commission Member, wanted to see the Commission work in getting back the authority in opening the shrimp season. He felt the Department and Commission could do a better job in setting an opening instead of having the Legislature set it for the season.

Mr. John Brown, a commercial fisherman from Barataria, stated Zone 2 should open on May 9. He added that the shrimp would not grow any bigger once the new moon in May comes around. If the season opened on May 9, Mr. Brown felt the shrimpers could catch the white shrimp in the area and make a few dollars.

Mr. Bill Dekemel, East Bank Commercial Fisherman's Association, also requested a later opening for Zone 1 than May 23. From the data presented on water temperatures and salinities, this in no way represented what occurs east of the River and one of the reasons was the Pearl River system which has been very high. Mr. Dekemel noted most of the recruitment has not come in, but what has arrived was concentrated in small areas. He recommended opening Zone 1 the

last day of May. He then suggested listening to the other fishermen in opening Zone 2 and the other areas.

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

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

RESOLUTION

2005 Spring Shrimp Season Opening
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

May 5, 2005

WHEREAS, the traditional management criteria used by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in recommending the opening dates for the spring shrimp season in inside waters 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 2005 brown shrimp population in inside waters will meet the 100 count per pound management criteria in Shrimp Management Zone 1 by May 20, 2005, in Shrimp Management Zone 2 by May 17, 2005 and in Shrimp Management Zone 3 by June 2, 2005, and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2005 the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission had closed to shrimping that portion of the State's Outside Waters south of the Inside/Outside Shrimp Line as described in R.S. 56:495, from the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel at Eugene Island as delineated by the River Channel Buoy Line to the eastern shore of Freshwater Bayou Canal at longitude 92° 18' 33" W.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby opens the spring shrimp season in inside waters in Shrimp Management Zone 1 at 6 a.m. May 23, 2005, in Zone 2 and that portion of the State's Outside Waters south of the Inside/Outside Shrimp Line as described in R.S. 56:495 from the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel at Eugene Island as delineated by the River Channel Buoy Line to the eastern shore of Freshwater Bayou at 6 a.m. May 16, 2005 and in Zone 3 at 6 a.m. June 2, 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

biological and technical data indicates the need to do so, or enforcement problems develop.

Wayne J. Sagrera
Chairman

Notice of Intent - Alligator Tag Fee began with Commissioner Henry Mouton reminding everyone that several years ago the tag fee was lowered and where and how the money was spent. After several meetings, all sides within the alligator industry agreed that the tag fee should go back to \$4. Chairman Sagrera asked if the Department had anything to add. Mr. Parke Moore believed the move would be proactive and supported it totally. He added the alligator management program was a beneficial component of a healthy industry in the State. Mr. Noel Kinler agreed with Commissioner Mouton in that there was a consensus from the industry from meetings held over the last 6 months on the need for additional tag fees. Commissioner Denmon asked for a brief report on what happened to the funding since the tag fee was first lowered. Mr. Kinler reported that in September 2002, the balance for the Alligator Resource Fund was \$2.45 million and since that time, it has decreased by \$700,000. By the end of this fiscal year, the balance was expected to be around \$1.5 - \$1.6 million which is where the Department hoped to maintain the balance. Current expenditures versus projected income with the \$3 tag fee would continue the decline and by 2009, there would be a \$0 balance. With the \$4 tag fee, it was expected the fund would stay at a break even point over the next several years and then start a decline if production stayed the same. Mr. Kinler felt it was appropriate to go back to the \$4 tag fee to maintain the \$1.5 million balance. Commissioner Denmon asked, at the \$4 level, how many years would the balance stay above \$1.5 million? Mr. Kinler stated that by 2009, the balance would be right at \$1.5 million. There being no further questions from the Commission, Chairman Sagrera asked Mr. Kinler to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. The Chairman asked if the new tag fee would go into effect with the September season. Mr. Kinler thought it would be effective September 20 and noted there were typically very few inspections from the wild season until early October. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

**Elimination of the \$1.00 Suspension of the \$4.00
Alligator Hide Tag Fee**

~~2004 and continue for a period of 2 years or until such time this Commission takes further action, whichever occurs first.~~

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115, R.S. 56:259, R.S. 56:262, R.S. 56:263 and R.S. 56:280.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:1070 (December 1990), amended LR 17:892 (September 1991), LR 19:215 (February 1993), LR 20:321 (March 1994), LR 26:1492 (July 2000), LR 28:1996 (September 2002), LR 30:2338 (October 2004), LR 30:2878 (December 2004), LR 31:.

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Philip Bowman, Fur & Refuge Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, July 7, 2005.

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

Wayne J. Sagrera
Chairman

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for April** began with Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze stating he provided copies of the case reports, aviation report and the list of monthly boating accidents. In regards to the case report, April cases included turkey baiting, over the limit of turkeys, taking of turkey during closed season, and 16 frogging in closed season. With the boating accident report, there were 9 accidents with 8 injuries (one very serious case in Sabine Parish) and 1 fatality in Concordia Parish. News Releases involved a shrimp peddler was to provide 310 pounds of shrimp but the purchaser only ended up with 158 pounds in the transaction, and several agents attended a Farmer Safety Day in Caldwell and Franklin Parishes where they talked with fifth graders on boating safety. Lt. Col. LaCaze then stated he would be glad to answer any questions.

The **Notice of Intent - Deer and Elk Importation** was handled by Mr. Fred Kimmel and Mr. Scott Durham. Mr. Kimmel stated the proposed was to continue and renew a current rule that bans the importation of deer and elk. The first rule was adopted by the Commission in 2002 as a result of the concern for chronic wasting disease (CWD) and had a sunset provision of May 30, 2005. The sunset provision was included since CWD was an emerging disease and it was not known what it would be like in 2005 and this would force the need to reevaluate the need. It was also expected USDA rules would be promulgated that would govern the transport of deer across state lines. However, those rules from USDA have not come forth and the situation with CWD has not improved, but continues to spread. So, Mr. Kimmel requested the renewal of the ban through a Declaration of Emergency which would cover the timeframe until the rule was ratified. Mr. Kimmel at this point explained CWD and the background on how it was identified. Since 1996, CWD has been found in captive deer in 12 states and in 2000 the disease was found in wild deer outside of Colorado and Wyoming. Currently, CWD has been found in 9 states and provinces in wild deer or elk. Several characteristics of CWD that makes it troublesome are no practical live animal test, very long incubation period of 3-5 years, not totally sure of how the disease is transmitted, disinfection techniques do not neutralize the prions, no known long-term impacts in wild deer, evidence indicates interstate movement of deer or elk has introduced CWD into new areas, and the method of dealing with this disease was to drastically reduce the deer population. In Louisiana, over 3,000 wild deer have been tested since 2002 and to date, CWD has not been detected in this state nor a neighboring state. Mr. Kimmel felt with the economic, cultural and ecological value of wild deer Louisiana should remain vigilant and take steps in keeping CWD from being introduced. At this point, Mr. Durham provided a summary of the proposed rules. Commissioner Denmon asked if the proposal would extend the same provisions that were adopted the first time? Mr. Durham answered yes, and added that the sunset provision was being removed which would make it permanent. Then Commissioner Denmon asked about the provision that parallel regulations with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture? Mr. Kimmel stated that a sanitary provision still remains in effect. Commissioner Denmon asked if there has been any instance or concern with exotics? Mr. Kimmel stated CWD has not been found in any exotic deer. Commissioner Morrow asked if the proposed would be permanent unless revisited by the Commission? Mr. Kimmel responded yes. Chairman Sagrera asked Mr. Durham to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Denmon made a motion to approve the Resolution, it was seconded by Commissioner Miller and unanimously approved.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent are made a part of the record.)

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with the Louisiana Constitution, Article IX, Section 7, R.S. 56:1, R.S. 56:5, R.S. 56:6(10), (13) and (15), R.S. 56:20, R.S. 56:112, R.S. 56:116.1 and R.S. 56:171 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 24:1140 (June 1998), repromulgated LR 24:1325 (July 1998), amended LR 28:2206 (October 2002), LR 31: .

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: David Moreland, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, July 7, 2005.

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

Wayne J. Sagrera
Chairman

Mr. Fred Kimmel stated on the next item, a **Notice of Intent - Bird Dog Training Areas** would establish and designate certain areas within WMAs as training areas. The fact there is an increase in urban and suburban population that lacks places to train bird dogs is an obstacle for hunting and dog ownership. Small portions of designated WMAs would be selected so owners can utilize firearms and live birds to train their dogs. The proposed rules have been developed in the hope it would minimize the impacts on wildlife. The areas would be posted with unique signs so the boundaries were clear and would not be more than 100 acres in size. Only bird dog training, including retriever training would be allowed and those dogs should be under the control of its handler. Trainers will not be allowed to let their dog pursue raccoons, rabbits or other wildlife. Those wishing to utilize an area would have to obtain a permit from the region office and undergo a background check. Bobwhite quail and pigeons would be the only animals released and shot while training. There will be a limit of six bobwhite quail allowed to be taken or possessed, but there will be no limit on pigeons. Quail being used would have to be banded with a Department issued band before entering the WMAs. There will be

restrictions on firearms when WMA hunting seasons are closed. The dog training areas would be open year round except during a WMA turkey season and either-sex deer season, and possibly at other times depending on the needs of the WMA. Any person that takes or attempts to take one of the released birds would have to be licensed and abide by the hunting permit requirements. Mr. Kimmel thought that any bobwhite quail not recovered by trainers would be picked up by predators within a short time. If the proposal was adopted, Bodcau WMA would be the first bird dog training area and then if that worked, it may be expanded to additional areas. Commissioner Morrow asked if this allowed the wild quail season to be open year round? Mr. Kimmel stated yes on that limited area. Commissioner Morrow then asked if it would be better to mandate a trainer bring his own quail in order to prevent the possible kill of wild quail. Mr. Kimmel felt the idea was to be as flexible as possible. Commissioner Morrow asked if cost for the bands had been determined when there would be no charges applied. Mr. Kimmel stated it would cost the State about \$200 per year. Then Commissioner Morrow asked if there would be any agent problems and Mr. Kimmel stated they worked with Enforcement when the proposal was developed. Commissioner Miller commented that he has trained dogs for many years and knows the need for additional grounds. He felt a legitimate trainer would always bring his own birds so he was assured to have birds for his dog to work. Commissioner Miller understood the concerns but the opportunity and service provided by the concept far outweighed the possibility of a trainer killing a wild quail. Hearing no other questions, Chairman Sagrera asked Mr. Kimmel to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Miller made a motion to accept the proposal. Commissioner Mouton seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

May 5, 2005

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, May 5, 2005.

WHEREAS, many Louisiana bird hunters reside in urban or suburban communities, and

WHEREAS, suitable locations to train bird dogs are often difficult to find in these communities, and

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

Wayne J. Sagrera
Chairman

The **Duck Hunting Presentation** began with Commissioner Denmon stating there has been a lot of conversation relative to duck hunting and the lack of ducks. He personally knew lots of people had ideas on this issue and felt the Commission should listen to some of those ideas. He then introduced Representative Francis Thompson and Representative Lelon Kenney, representing the Legislative Sportsman's Caucus. Commissioner Denmon noted several groups have made presentations that sometimes conflicted with each other and he did not know what was right and what was wrong from the information provided. The only common thread from the information presented was that if there was enough moisture on the breeding grounds, more ducks were raised and this results in a good hunting season. With this concept, Commissioner Denmon did not feel state funds should go to the different groups but maybe to a rainmaker.

Representative Francis Thompson, representing 7 parishes in northeast Louisiana, stated he was a retired professor with a masters in biology. He made that statement so everyone would know he respects what the Department biologists try to do for all of the people in the State. The Representative felt there were very serious problems with duck hunting, fishing and deer hunting. But he wanted to speak on behalf of the Rural Caucus and wanted to address the shortage of ducks since it was a very important industry and tradition in Louisiana. He introduced a very well noted person as it related to hunting ducks and the duck industry, Mr. Phil Robertson and his partner Mr. George Franklin. Representative Thompson suggested the Commission try a pilot program of using the best sites available to raise and release ducks into the wild. He asked this be done now in order to keep people interested in hunting ducks. Mr. Robertson and Mr. Franklin would provide their own money to do the research in north Louisiana that may be suggested through the Commission and the Department. If the ducks were released, they would need to be checked by veterinarians like what occurred in other states to make sure the population does not become diseased. He then asked the Commission to give Mr. Robertson the opportunity to say a few words.

Mr. Phil Robertson began expressing appreciation to the Commission for the opportunity to talk. He stated he has found that for the entire 20th Century, trillions of dollars has changed hands. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has purchased 105 million acres of

property on this continent. Mr. Robertson noted there are less ducks now than at the turn of the century and the biologists all agree that 90 percent of the ducks are raised in a 36 million acre block. Most of the land mass in the continental U.S. and all of the federal refuges were bought and built to provide duck sanctuaries against one enemy, people. Mr. Robertson stated neither the federal government nor Ducks Unlimited has spent any money in Canada or northern U.S. to deal with the predators that kill 85 to 90 percent of all ducks. So he was approached by Representative Thompson and others and asked why not raise our own ducks. Mr. Robertson felt Louisiana has the habitat, the drive and the will to raise ducks instead of giving money to an organization that hopefully would send Louisiana some ducks. One of the objections to raising ducks was that they would not be as wild, but Mr. Robertson knew that wild ducks eating can still be approached. Based on current circumstances, Mr. Robertson asked the Commission to allow him to raise wild mallard ducks for a three year period to find out if it can be done. If it could be done on a small scale, he felt it could be done then on a larger scale. This project would not cost Louisiana any money and would be handled by private individuals only. The proposal would be to raise 2,000 ducks the first year, have the biologists monitor them carefully, have graduate students document the process, and if the ducks were not wild, he would come back to the Commission and report such. Mr. Robertson asked for consideration and added if it would be done this year, the project needed to start within 30 days. He emphasized that there would be no human contact at any time during the process in order to keep them wild.

Commissioner Denmon thanked Mr. Robertson, Representative Thompson and Representative Kenney. He added that Representative Kenney told him that millions of dollars have been spent building duck blinds, lodges, levees and the industry and this has made the economic impact very real. Commissioner Denmon then asked the Commission to keep an open mind. Commissioner Miller felt there was no way the Department or Commission could jump on a project within 30 days. He then asked the Commission if they had any interest in requesting the staff make a preliminary study of Mr. Robertson's suggestion and report back at the next meeting. Commissioner Morrow stated under R.S. 56:104.A(1)(b), the Commission has the right to expend funds for the preservation of breeding grounds for waterfowl to an organization that was deemed important to ducks. He then asked Mr. Landreneau to find out if there was any money that could be used to purchase ducklings for a pilot program. Commissioner Denmon stated Mr. Robertson was asking for permission to do a limited pilot program they were willing to pay for while under the guidance and supervision of the Department. He then asked what type of permission or permit would they need? Secretary Landreneau stated these type projects have been done throughout the United States and before jumping into the program without no policies, he proposed the Department evaluate and develop a scientific study in cooperation with private landowners.

Also attached to the proposal would be a fiscal note to let everyone know how much an authentic study would cost. Commissioner Miller commented he was looking for a feasibility study before going forward. He stated he had great concerns with the release of pen-raised birds of unknown genetic origin into the wild without proper supervision. Then Commissioner Miller noted it was a wise choice to go forward with a feasibility study to see how this could be done as an alternative. Commissioner Denmon agreed with Commissioner Miller's concerns, but he had greater concerns with there not being any ducks. He then asked Secretary Landreneau how long would a study take. Secretary Landreneau stated a proposal for what the Department envisioned to be a credible study could be presented at the next meeting. He added they were not opposed to the study, but wanted to make sure the Department was the driving force in developing and implementing the study. Commissioner Denmon asked the Department to look at Mr. Robertson and Mr. Franklin's research and then report back to the Commission. Secretary Landreneau stated they could make it an item for next month's meeting.

Mr. Joe Macaluso, outdoor writer, stated he did not want to refute what Mr. Robertson said, but there are several areas in the Dakotas open for public hunting developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ducks Unlimited and Delta Waterfowl. He then asked if ducks were going to be released, would there be a need for cooperation from the Federal Government? Commissioner Denmon asked Mr. Robert Helm to check into that question.

Chairman Sagrera came across two comment cards on items already discussed but offered those individuals the opportunity to speak.

Mr. Gerald Domingue, a tanner, stated they purchase about 100,000 alligator skins a year and about 90 percent go to Europe. He noted the tag fee was paid by those who buy the skins and it would be a burden to come up with another \$1 per skin. But in this day and time, another dollar makes the market very competitive for products coming back to the states.

Mr. Joey Rhodes stated his concern was on the renewal to ban the exporting and importing of white-tailed deer without a sunset rule. He knew that CWD was a bad disease and it was not wanted in Louisiana, but felt that once this was closed, it would not be reviewed again. Mr. Rhodes asked that the sunset provision be left in the proposal and then see where the state stands with the disease. Also he asked that the research and results be made public.

For the next item, **Public Comments - 2005-07 Season Dates and Bag Limits and Approval of Notice of Intent on General and WMA Hunting Rules & Regulations**, Chairman Sagrera asked for the Department's recommended changes. Mr. Jimmy Anthony began stating the changes

included adding a youth lottery deer hunt to Sherburne WMA; adding a youth lottery waterfowl hunt to North Farm on Sherburne WMA; setting archery season in Area 6 to close on February 15 rather than 2nd Sunday of February each year; changing the late muzzleloader season in Area 4 and Area 6 to correspond with the other areas in the State; changing the muzzleloader and still hunting seasons in Areas 3, 7 and 8 due to overlaps that would occur in future years; adding muzzleloader season to Bodcau WMA based on public comment received from the area; adding five days to nighttime raccoon hunting season on Sabine Island, West Bay and Boise-Vernon WMAs; amending some of the language on vessels and vehicles on Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA; exempting Thistlethwaite WMA from the rule that allows certain individuals the right to retrieve deer off ATV trails; and proposing season dates for the Barataria Preserve Jean Lafitte National Park. On a new request, Mr. Anthony asked that the boundaries around Thistlethwaite WMA be extended all the way to an area bounded on the north and east by La. Highway 359, on the west by La. Highway 10 and on the south by La. Highway 103. Most of the landowners were agreeable to the change, but not all have been contacted. Mr. Anthony noted enforcement would be easier if hard boundaries were included. Commissioner Morrow asked how many landowners and how much acreage would be involved in the boundary change for Thistlethwaite? Mr. Tony Vidrine stated there are lots of landowners and he had not calculated the acreage. He did note he contacted the larger landowners and about 50 percent like having the same management as Thistlethwaite and the other 50 percent were not sure. Commissioner Morrow asked if there were any organized hunting clubs in the area and had contact been made. Mr. Vidrine answered yes and added that about half were for the proposal and about half were against. Commissioner Mouton asked Mr. Vidrine if he knew about how many had not been contacted? Mr. Vidrine stated he started with the larger landowners first, then it got to where one piece of property was owned by several people and trying to contact someone during the day was almost impossible. Commissioner Mouton asked if 50 percent of the landowners had been contacted and Mr. Vidrine answered yes. Commissioner Denmon asked to remind him of where Area 4 is in the State. Mr. Anthony stated it was on the east side of Ouachita River in Richland, Ouachita and Morehouse Parishes. Then Commissioner Denmon asked if the season in Area 4 was reduced to be compatible with the rest of the area? Mr. Anthony answered yes. Commissioner Morrow felt the idea of adding the lottery hunts on Sherburne WMA was a great idea. Commissioner Denmon echoed the comment of Commissioner Morrow on the youth hunts and added that they needed to do all possible for the youth. Chairman Sagrera felt the change on Thistlethwaite boundary was one that needed more clarification and could be decided later. But Mr. Anthony stated this was a boundary change, was subject to legislative oversight and needed to be decided then. He did comment that they could go back to the original Notice of Intent on this change. Mr. Dave Moreland agreed that they could go back to the original boundary with just Thistlethwaite WMA. Commissioner Mouton suggested taking the Thistlethwaite change off

the list and have more time to talk with the landowners. Commissioner Miller asked if this was the last opportunity to put this change in the Notice of Intent for this year? Mr. Anthony said yes. Chairman Sagrera then asked for a motion to accept changes except the item that related to the Thistlethwaite boundary. A motion was made by Commissioner Mouton, seconded by Commissioner King and passed with no opposition.

When the Commission reconvened from a break, Chairman Sagrera announced that the item, **Resolution - Spinning Wing Decoys** was withdrawn by Commissioner Mouton.

Going on with **Public Comments for Hunting**, Mr. Anthony noted they have received the least number of public comments than anytime in the last 5 years. In reference to the results on the deer and turkey tags, which was not a part of the current Notice of Intent, Mr. Anthony stated there was overwhelming support. Those support numbers included 75 percent from an Erwinville Meeting; 90 percent from Region 6 Meetings in Houma, Lafayette and Opelousas; 89 percent from a BSBA Meeting in Alexandria; 97 percent from Lake Charles Meeting; 64 percent from Hammond Meeting; 90 percent from a Meeting in Baton Rouge; 89 percent from the Bossier City Meeting; and 81 percent from Winnsboro Meeting. Results from letters and e-mails to Mr. Moreland was 85 percent were in favor of tags. From the Department website, 848 out of 932 or 90 percent supported tagging system. Mr. Anthony added that they would continue asking people's opinions until next March.

Mr. Don Puckett suggested the Commission amend the current agenda item to Public Comments - 2005-07 Season Dates and Bag Limits and Approval of Notice of Intent on General and WMA Hunting Rules & Regulations. Chairman Sagrera then asked for a motion to which Commissioner Mouton made a motion. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

Continuing on, Commissioner Denmon talked about electronic turkey calling devices and wondered why they are not allowed in Louisiana. He then felt that the Commission should do things to promote hunting opportunities and not diminish hunting opportunities. If these opportunities were not taken advantage of, Commissioner Denmon felt the Commission would not be in charge of anything one day. Then he stated another issue came up while talking with other Commissioners and that was the use of crossbows and the Draw Loc. Again he felt that the device should be allowed for someone that cannot shoot a bow or even for someone that has not shot one before such as a youth. He asked the Department and Commission to look at the regulations and see if other hunting opportunities could be created. Commissioner Mouton stated the Draw Loc could be used by handicapped bowhunters and if they could use this device, they would maybe bring a youth hunter with them. Commissioner Denmon stated he was for sending people into the woods to hunt.

Mr. Dave Townsend asked for an explanation on why the Draw Loc cannot be used. He then talked about the crossbow and that it was shot from the shoulder, which he could not do. The Draw Loc was his answer to getting back into hunting since his stroke. Commissioner Mouton asked Mr. Townsend to explain the Draw Loc. He stated the Draw Loc was the same as a crossbow, they both have locking devices and foot stir ups built into the apparatus. Mr. Townsend felt the crossbow at 40 yards would not be an accurate or ethical kill in harvesting an animal. But a compound bow would allow for more foot poundage at impact and would give more penetration and kill. Mr. Townsend explained how he has adapted in the use of his bow. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to allow the use of the Draw Loc for handicapped hunters only. Mr. Townsend stated the handicapped license was simple to get, it needed to be revamped and classified. Commissioner Mouton asked if there were other manufacturers that makes that device. Mr. Townsend stated he has not seen another manufacturer with this particular device. Mr. Puckett stated methods of take was prescribed by statute and would take a statutory change. Commissioner Mouton then made a motion to support legislation to amend a bill adding the Draw Loc. Commissioner Denmon stated he had no objection to Commissioner Mouton's movement, but felt it would not get through the this year's session. Secretary Landreneau stated this action could be taken into consideration but felt there was no time to move it forward through this Legislative Session. Commissioner Denmon asked why limit the use of the Draw Loc to handicapped, why not allow youth or an ordinary person the opportunity to use it. Commissioner Morrow added that the Department should address that in a report to the Commission. Mr. Townsend recommended this device be allowed for upper bodied extremity disabled persons.

Mr. Chad Dauthier, a deer hunter in Pointe Coupee and Iberville Parishes, reminded the Commission he was part of the South Louisiana Branch of the Quality Deer Management Association that was successful in getting a trial program in Pointe Coupee, Iberville and West Baton Rouge Parishes. For a buck to be legally harvested, he had to have at least 6 points or more or to have two spikes less than 3 inches on his head. Those that have hunted in the area have seen the benefits, stated Mr. Dauthier. He was speaking today due to the lack of communication between the Department and hunters from his area. There were two things the fate of the program was to be based on and they were the success of the program and what the hunters thought. At a meeting last year on the 6 point rule, Mr. Dauthier came away with two main points. The first was three years was not long enough for the full benefits to be realized and he commented that they initially proposed the program should run for five years. The second point was that the data was to be compiled and given to the hunters and asked what they wanted. In an article Mr. Dauthier read, Mr. Moreland stated that the regulation did not do what it was intended and would not be recommended to be continued for this year. He added that he was disappointed but was not surprised with the actions. Mr. Dauthier

commented that the Department was requesting an antler restriction be placed on deer from Thistlethwaite WMA, but would not continue with the tri-parish restriction since it was not good enough. But he felt the reasons given for restricting on Thistlethwaite were the exact same things hunters from the tri-parish wanted to accomplish in their area. Again, he felt if the regulation was good enough for lands the Department manages, then it was good enough for the tri-parish area. Mr. Dauthier asked that the Commission do what the hunters in the area wanted. Chairman Sagrera stated all of the calls he has received were in favor of retaining the 6 point rule. Mr. Moreland stated the results in the article were from two years of data and it indicated the 1 ½ year old buck kill was reduced but the movement of bucks into the adult age class was very minimum. So, the point to the article was that the program did not appear to be producing results. Harvest data from the past year was still being entered and once it was all in, a report would be produced and meetings would be held. Mr. Moreland added that he probably has been quoted as saying that antler restriction would work, and he felt they would work on good habitat such as on Thistlethwaite where there is bottomland forest with agriculture. Commissioner Mouton asked if, during the first year of the program, was there an outbreak of blue tongue? Mr. Moreland stated that in 2001 there was low fawn production all across the state which may have been due to drought conditions. Then in 2002, there was a blue tongue outbreak. If the results of the study shows that there were increases in the 3 ½ year old age classes in Pointe Coupee, Iberville and West Baton Rouge Parishes, then it could be said that the regulation was starting to work and doing some good. But at this point, that could not be said. Commissioner Mouton stated from the phone calls, faxes and e-mails he has received and meetings he has attended, hunters were all in favor of continuing the 6 point rule and he felt there was no harm in that. He then made a motion to continue with the tri-parish 6 point rule for 3 more years. Commissioner King seconded the motion and it passed with opposition from Commissioner Denmon.

Mr. Joey Rhodes, representing a group of hunters from Plaquemines Parish, stated they were opposed to having a bucks only bow season from October 1-15 and asked that it be removed and have an either-sex season. He knew there was concern with the fawn population throughout Area 6 and they were charged with managing their own deer herd. With that, those hunters use the bowhunting season to knock down their doe population. By taking away those first 2 weeks, Mr. Rhodes commented it would devastate the deer herd since it was already on an increase.

Chairman Sagrera stated that it was brought to his attention that several people were interested in speaking on the 6 point rule, so he asked that the issue be revisited.

Mr. Shane Aydell, President of St. Louis Hunting Club, representing 140 people, stated they met and their club has been on the program

for 15 to 20 years. But they were starting to see a lot of inferior deer. He felt they were killing all of the good deer and leaving the inferior deer with bad genes behind. Mr. Aydell felt the program should be evaluated by the Department and not take the advice of just one man.

Commissioner Morrow agreed with Mr. Aydell, and felt both sides had not been represented. He wondered if the issue should be revisited and wait until an informed decision could be made after all of the data was received. But he asked that it be allowed to reconsider the vote. Commissioner Mouton noted he attended at least 10 meetings with hunting clubs in favor of the issue and was not basing his vote on just Mr. Dauthier speaking. Mr. Aydell again stated he was in favor of a program. Commissioner Denmon informed the other Commissioners he was the one that made the motion to pass the regulation and the reason he did so was the data showed all of the people were in favor of some type of quality deer management. He then stated he voted no earlier because he did not think it was sound judgement to vote on an issue based on who showed up at the meeting to testify. Commissioner Denmon then noted he was for leaving the regulation as it was and getting the tagging system in place next year. He then asked the Commission to reconsider the vote on the 6 point rule. Commissioner Miller stated he supported Commissioner Denmon's request to reconsider the 6 point vote for the reasons already stated. And, he added that the hunting clubs in the tri-parish area can continue the 6 point rule on its own without any action from the Commission. Commissioner Mouton asked if there would be a tagging system for the 2005-06. Mr. Anthony answered no. Commissioner Morrow made a motion to reconsider the issue on the 6 point rule. Commissioner Denmon seconded the motion and the motion passed with no opposition. Then Commissioner Denmon made a motion to strike the last motion and return the action to the way it was. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion and it also passed with no opposition.

Mr. Randy Seibert stated he wanted to speak on the bowhunting change and agreed with Mr. Rhodes. He felt that shooting a doe in February would be like killing three deer. Mr. Seibert commented they would not hunt in February and take a doe with a bow. He then asked that the bow season begin October 1 south of Highway 90 and allow the take of bucks or does.

Mr. Richard Gondron began stating he wanted to speak on a banning dogs in the Basin article that appeared in The Advocate on April 8, 2005. The land he hunts has been used since 1958 and the article referred to a dog problem in Area 6. Mr. Gondron asked why was the ban just for Area 6 and not affecting all dogs and all areas in Louisiana. He did note they have had trouble with trespassers and that problem will continue with or without dogs. Also the article talked about a slaughter of deer occurring in Area 6 and Mr. Gondron stated there was no truth to that statement. In 2004, his hunting club killed 4 does and 25 bucks on 1500 acres of land.

Then Mr. Gondron remarked that the archery hunters, still hunters, black powder hunters and dog hunters all have their season. He felt there would be no misunderstanding if those that do not have dogs would stay home during the dog hunting season. A suggestion to the Commission was to allow the first 42 days of hunting for the archery, black powder, rifle, shotgun still hunters and the next 42 days for the dog hunters. Then he suggested the Department issue a permit for the type of hunting each person would like to do. Commissioner King asked Mr. Gondron if he hunts public or private land and he was told it was private.

Mr. Kenny Gilbert, member of Grand Lake Hunting Club, stated he started a petition to keep deer hunting with dogs in Area 6 and the Atchafalaya Basin. The petition contained 300 names in a one week time and he added that he would continue getting signatures and come back at the next meeting if he needed to.

Mr. Eric Alleman stated he was a board member of a dog and still hunting club consisting of 285 members that leases over 22,000 acres. He asked the Commission to keep dog hunting since the dogs makes hunting more exciting for the youth. Commissioner King asked if his land was private or public. Mr. Alleman stated it was private land. He added that no landowners have come to them with any problems, but felt the problem was trespassing. Commissioner Miller asked how much of his leased land was contiguous. Mr. Alleman stated the majority was in one block and there was a lot of swamp land and that made it impossible to still hunt.

Mr. David Blank commented there were so many regulations for hunting that he did not think it fair to take the tradition of dog hunting away from one area. He felt if it was not allowed in one area, then it would be taken from another area and so on until there was no more. Mr. Blank suggested all hunters should try to get along and give and take so organizations like PETA and the Humane Society does not take it all away.

Mr. Nolan Alleman, representing Hog Island Hunting Club, stated there was another reason besides tradition to hunt with dogs in Area 6 and that was because it was under water or muddy. If dog hunting was eliminated, the only place to hunt would be on the canal banks. Mr. Alleman hoped the Commission would put a lot of thought into the issue and emphasized that dogs are needed in Area 6 and everyone needed to work together. Commissioner King asked how many acres was Mr. Alleman hunting and was it public or private. Mr. Alleman answered 3500 acres of private land, but most would not be of any use to them if the dogs were taken away. Then Commissioner King asked if the land was contiguous. Mr. Alleman stated it was all within a one mile circle.

Mr. Randy Migues stated he runs a small club of 14 members with 6 to 8 guests per weekend and they do hunt state lands. All of their dogs have tracking collars so they would not have trouble with the

dogs going on private lands or on Attakapas WMA. He agreed there are a lot more hunters than there used to be and felt there should be a solution. Mr. Migus stated the Atchafalaya Basin was a beautiful place and could be good for all hunters.

Mr. Rene' Bordelon, Lucky Buck Hunting Club, stated they hunt on 5200 acres almost in one area within the Basin. He noted they still hunt and dog hunt and felt "things" should be added to hunting instead of subtracted in order to keep people in Louisiana. If one day the Basin was taken over by the Federal Government or the State, then the people that claim the land would retain all of their mineral rights. Mr. Bordelon felt the issue went far beyond pitting still hunters against dog hunters and suggested leaving the season as it was proposed.

Mr. Roy Savoy, President of Catahoula Hunting Club, stated they have hunted on 8,000 acres for the past 35 years. After checking with most of the landowners, he found they were okay with dog hunters. His feelings were the same as earlier speakers. Mr. Savoy noted his hunting club of 100 members has never had any accidents, trespassing problems, nor complaints to the Sheriff's Office. For the last 7 years, an average of 60.3 deer were killed per year and this did not seem to him to be a slaughter. He felt they should be asking for another weekend instead of taking away. His club has still hunting on the north and dog hunting to the south and again he stated there has never been a complaint.

Mr. Troy Gahn, a dog hunter and still hunter from St. Mary Parish, stated the younger generation likes hunting with dogs better than still hunting. By the time dog season opens, there are no spotted fawns. Mr. Gahn felt an outlaw would be an outlaw no matter the season. He noted he would stop deer hunting if dog hunting was banned. To Commissioner King's question on whether he hunts public or private lands, Mr. Gahn said he hunts both in the Basin.

Mr. Ray Boudreaux, a hunter in St. Martin Parish, reported he had a letter from one of the major landowners stating he had no objection to the use of dogs. He also had about 4,000 signatures favoring dog hunting. His club, Lucky Buck Hunting Club, began as a dog hunting club, was incorporated in 1971 and was comprised of 6,000 acres. They hunt according to the water and when it reaches 12 feet, they do not allow guests to hunt. The hunting club has a stricter management plan than what the state has, stated Mr. Boudreaux. He mentioned he contacted the Sheriff of Iberia Parish and asked him if he had any complaints on hunting dogs and the reply was he has not received any complaints on running of dogs or use of dogs. But the Sheriff did say he has received trespass complaints. He then asked the Commission not to take dog hunting away and let them have what they have been having.

Ms. Beth Hodgson, representing Louisiana Hunting Dog Association, stated when they enter into an issue, they conduct an

investigation. With this issue, it seemed the biggest concern centered on trespassing. What was upsetting was this was a hunter versus hunter issue and there was no resolution. Ms. Hodgson felt the dog hunters, still hunters and landowners need to meet and look at the issues, the maps, find out the problems and seek a way to satisfy the majority. Ms. Hodgson stated the Association felt the Department has set hunting seasons that were adequate for all hunters to enjoy. If dog hunting was taken away from certain areas, then there would be no encouragement to hunt. She concluded stating that not enough information was available, a compromise had not been set forth from both sides and the proposal needed additional work before making a final decision.

Mr. David Messina stated that dog hunting was what got him involved in hunting. He noted they were a broad gang that loves and respects wildlife and wanted to keep conservation. Mr. Messina asked the Commission to keep their dogs. Commissioner King asked how many acres are in the St. Louis Hunting Club? Mr. Messina answered it was 10,000 acres and that included state lands.

Mr. Mike Bienvenu, President of Louisiana Crawfish Producers Association, stated that the hunters have been trying to get them out of the Basin for 20 years. There was no scientific or biological data that showed dog hunting affects deer population.

Mr. Terry Melancon stated he did not hunt in the Basin, but does hunt dogs in an area south of Baton Rouge. He followed that with noting any restrictions placed on deer hunting in the Basin may eventually affect other portions of Area 6 and other areas of the State. When the water rises especially in the Basin, it probably escalates the problem between dog hunters and still hunters. Mr. Melancon suggested establishing a high water mark and closing the hunting season when it reached that mark.

Mr. Mark Miguez, a dog hunter that hunts on state lands, said they use tracking collars and they try to keep their dogs off private property. Dog hunting is a part of his heritage and he hoped to pass the heritage on to his grandson. He asked that dog hunting be allowed.

Mr. Troy Landry stated dog hunting was good and fun if done in the right way. Those clubs with 20,000 acres, 8,000 acres, or even 3,000 acres would not pose any problems if they ran dogs. He wondered what gave the dog hunters the right to turn their dogs loose on 500 acres of state land when within one hour they would be on private property. Mr. Landry thought that with 70 to 80 percent of the respondents wanting a tagging system, the hunters were ready for a change. In 18 years, they have run people off their land 40 to 50 times. The problem with the Basin, according to Mr. Landry, was there are small pieces of state land throughout the area.

Mr. Clint Bickham stated he was not against dogs, but there should be respect for the still hunters. He also suggested picking up the dogs as soon as a hunter was finished hunting.

Mr. Dale Patrick, Plantation Wildlife Hunting Club, stated they have problems with people turning their dogs loose and not picking them up.

Mr. Rudy Sparks provided a map that showed ownership in the Atchafalaya Basin in the area between the East and West Guide Levees, bounded on the north by I-10 and on the south by Highway 90. He stated he was speaking on behalf of 8 landowners that altogether own 170,000 acres of land south of I-10. Mr. Sparks advised that some of the lessees do not have any problems, but in other areas there are tremendous problems with trespassing, overharvest of the resource, taking advantage of high water conditions and excessively harvesting deer with the use of dogs. The lessees only want to hunt in peace and enjoy those rights they have paid for. Then Mr. Sparks informed the Commission he has not received any complaints from lessees outside of the Basin since those were large tracts of land, there was not the constant fluctuating of water levels, and no interspersed tracts of state land. A major concern for the landowners was the potential conflicts between the still hunters and dog hunters as well as protecting the rights of the lessees. He reassured everyone that they were not opposed to deer hunting with dogs if a club could utilize 3,000 to 4,000 acres of contiguous land and the hunters could keep their dogs contained. Mr. Sparks then asked the Commission to give strong consideration to a compromise that allowed hunting deer with dogs under certain circumstances in the Basin. He then provided copies of letters from landowners that asked Mr. Sparks to speak on their behalf on the issue. Commissioner King asked if the 170,000 acres represented about 50 percent of the landowners? Mr. Sparks stated he felt it was about 60 percent. Then Commissioner King asked how much public acreage was in the area. Mr. Moreland answered about one-third. Commissioner Miller requested that the letters provided by Mr. Sparks be made a portion of the record.

Mr. Vic Blanchard, forester and biologist for A. Wilbert Sons, dittoed the comments by Mr. Sparks. He emphasized that the problem was the state lands interspersed among private property and the accretion of lands. Mr. Blanchard suggested using the WMAs within the Basin for dog hunting if the public lands were taken.

Mr. Dale LaGrone, landowner in the Atchafalaya Basin, stated the reason he invested in the area was due to the resources and the experience he enjoys there. He noted he tries to teach his children they should not infringe on other people's rights. Every weekend of the dog season he has a problem with dogs running right through where he still hunts and ruins the hunt for the whole season. Another problem was when a dog comes on private property,

the owners are coming on these lands to get their dogs. Mr. LaGrone asked the Commission to find a way for all to enjoy their way of hunting while not allowing it to infringe on the rights of others.

Mr. Brandon Stockstill, a landowner in the Atchafalaya Basin, stated he and Mr. Sparks have conservatively 179,000 acres together. Again he noted the proposal was to cover those lands south of I-10 down to the Attakapas WMA within the levee system. Mr. Stockstill commented that the majority of the dog hunters that spoke at the meeting were not inside the levee system. He asked the Commission for a certain type of regulation for the dog hunters and not deny anyone the right to hunt whether on private or public lands. He felt one way to increase hunting opportunity was to increase the deer population and the quality of deer. Also Mr. Stockstill stated conservation was the key to the issue. In reference to a comment that dog hunting did not hurt the deer population, Mr. Stockstill read from three different reports published by the Department where one stated free running dogs were detrimental to the deer herd.

Mr. Daniel Edgar began stating it was unusual for him to speak on this side of the issue since he has always talked on behalf of dog hunters. The problem with dog hunting was they were using a tool that cannot be controlled. He explained how he cancelled leases on areas when he could not keep his dogs from running onto others property. Mr. Edgar also stated that after going to court, it was found that, when dogs are allowed to go on someone else's property without permission, this constituted trespassing. He felt they should be able to leave their camps on Sunday afternoon and find it in the same condition when they return the next time. Mr. Edgar asked the Commission, that if they allow the running of dogs, make it on a large enough tract where a hunter can reasonably control their dogs.

Chairman Sagrera asked if a high water mark and shutting down the Basin would solve some of the problems? Mr. Moreland stated one of the recommendations was using 18 feet at Butte LaRose within the proposed area south of I-10 to close. Commissioner Morrow asked if the Department already had the right to close the area? Mr. Moreland answered yes, but it would allow everyone to know the regulation was in place. Commissioner King stated this was a thorny issue and it was impossible to satisfy everyone. He then recommended a compromise in the form of a motion to designate a portion of the Basin as still hunting only with 2 exceptions. Those exceptions included issuing special permits to dog hunting clubs utilizing private lands of 2,000 contiguous acres or more and allowing dog hunting on public acreage on a tract of land in northern Iberia Parish. Commissioner King stated again this was a compromise and it could be adjusted as needed after the first year. Commissioner Mouton seconded the motion. Commissioner Miller asked if the motion was for the area south of I-10 between the Guide

Levees and Highway 90 on the south to be still hunting only, allow dog hunting only by permit on contiguous tracts of 2,000 acres or better and on the area in northern Iberia Parish. Commissioner King stated that was right and added that comments have been received for two months from both sides and a decision was needed. Commissioner Miller agreed that the situation would not get better with time. He added that there are too many people that hunt on too little land and it was unfortunate that regulations such as this was needed. Commissioner Miller stated he would support the motion for this year and hoped it would be a solution to the problem. Then he applauded Commissioner King on this workable solution. Chairman Sagrera felt this was a band-aid approach and added that the problem should be worked out between the individuals involved. He also commended Commissioner King on the viable compromise. Commissioner Morrow applauded Commissioner King on the issue and noted something needed to be done. But to regulate a tradition that has been around for a long time at a point when the Commission was trying to encourage hunting, was not a solution to the problem. Hearing no further comments, the motion passed with opposition from Commissioner Morrow. Chairman Sagrera stated this was a temporary solution at best.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **September 2005 Meeting** on Thursday, September 8, 2005, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Sagrera then asked for **Public Comments**. Mr. Gary Carroll, a hunter from the Basin, asked what was a club that has 1,000 acres to do while the one next to him had 2,000 acres and they dog hunted. Commissioner Miller and Commissioner King suggested they join together. Mr. Carroll noted there was some misinformation given and felt it would have been better for the clubs to get along and work the problem out personally.

An Unidentified Speaker, responding to the report read by Mr. Stockstill on free ranging dogs, stated that was a wild dog and not a controlled dog. He added that deer dogs were not keeping the deer population down.

Commissioner Miller stated Commissioner King's motion addressed dog hunting in the Basin only. He then made a motion to adopt the Department's recommendation that the river stage at Butte LaRose of 18 feet be the closing high water mark for the deer season within the Basin. Commissioner King seconded the motion.

An Unidentified Speaker asked if the river reached 18 feet at Butte LaRose during the last season? Mr. Tony Vidrine answered it did toward the end of the season. Then the speaker commented that when the water begins rising, the dogs will run on the banks and there will be the same problem. Commissioner Miller stated this was not

a permanent solution and hoped it was the beginning of a work in progress.

Hearing no further comments on the motion, it passed with no opposition.

Mr. Billy Miguez, Lucky Buck Hunting Club, stated most of the clubs represented were within the containment levees and that Mr. Stockstill was wrong.

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

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Henry Mouton left Thursday's Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting wondering if the LWFC had done right by deer hunters.

The issue of deer hunters using dogs in the Atchafalaya Spillway was contentious.

Thursday wasn't the first time the commission has been asked to settle a still-hunter versus dog-hunter dispute.

In the past, the two sides worked out a compromise.

Not this time.

Mouton, former Gov. Mike Foster's final appointment to the seven-man commission, was driving back to his home in Lafayette.

"After leaving the meeting, I was thinking about how we're telling landowners of certain-sized parcels of land what they can and can't do with their lands," Mouton said. "It sounds like a zoning issue, and I question if it was fair."

As of Friday, he was pressing Department of Wildlife and Fisheries attorneys for an answer.

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"We're going to find out," Mouton said.

Lots of other folks were asking lots of other questions about a ruling that stripped small-plot landowners of the right to use dogs to hunt deer.

The issue was raised in March when a procession of land managers, landowners and lease hunters showed up at the LWFC's monthly meeting asking for a ban on the use of deer dogs in the Atchafalaya Basin, which makes up most of the western side of State Deer Area 6.

One hunter went so far as to ask for an outright ban on all Area 6 dog hunting.

That brought the dog hunters out in force for Thursday's meeting: Area 6 leads the state in the number of deer-dog hunters.

Sensing they were outmanned, the petitioners said quickly that the ban was on lands from Interstate 10 on the north to U.S. 90 on the south and in between the East Atchafalaya and West Atchafalaya Guide levees.

The ban's proponents told stories of dogs running deer from their land, of unscrupulous folks turning dogs loose on their lands and of confrontations with folks venturing onto private land without permission claiming they were there to find their dogs.

Furthermore, the petitioners said, these roaming bands were turning dogs out on small parcels of state land knowing full well that sooner or later the dogs would hit the well-tended and deer-rich private land.

The opposition countered with pleas for keeping the tradition of dog hunting, that all deer-dog hunters were being painted with the same colors of folks they called "outlaws" and that the Atchafalaya, the country's largest overflow swamp, is perfect for deer dogs.

The issue of rights of private-land ownership apparently swayed the LWFC into a method of solving what's now a decades-old problem. Part of the solution is what left Mouton scratching for an answer.

Newly appointed commission member Earl King Jr. made the motion, which included:

- A ban on the use of dogs in the area bounded by the guide levees, I-10 and U.S. 90 for the deer season.
- An exception: Use of dogs is OK in the 25,000-acre Attakapas Island Wildlife Management Area .
- An exception: Landowners and hunting clubs with 2,000 contiguous acres and only during the Area 6 "with/without dogs" season, Dec. 10-Jan. 22.
- Landowners/clubs using dogs must have a LDWF-issued permit.
- The deer season will be closed in the area when the Atchafalaya River reading reaches the 18-foot mark at Butte LaRose.

Commissioner Patrick Morrow from Opelousas cast the only dissenting vote.

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Louisiana shrimpers will have later opening days this year than in 2004 after the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission approved the spring inshore season at its meeting Thursday.

The state is divided into three zones: Zone 2 gets the earliest opening at 6 a.m. May 16, while Zone 1 will open at 6 a.m. May 23 and Zone 3 at 6 a.m. June 2.

Shrimp Management Zone 1 runs from the Louisiana-Mississippi line to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River. Zone 2 takes in the area from South Pass to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island. Zone 3 goes from there to the Louisiana-Texas line.

The commission also voted to open state waters from the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel at Eugene Island to Freshwater Bayou on May 16. This area has been closed to shrimping since February.

Citing colder-than-normal water temperatures; heavy Mississippi, Atchafalaya and Pearl rivers discharges; lower-than-normal salinity levels in the coastal estuaries and lower acreage available for brown shrimp, State Shrimp Study leader Martin Bourgeois said the dates will give the brown shrimp more time to grow to the 100-to-the-pound count.

The "count" is a determining factor in setting the seasons. Opening-date recommendations made by Bourgeois, a marine biologist, come after he and other Department of Wildlife and Fisheries marine biologists determine when at least 50 percent of the shrimp in a zone will be at least 100 count.

Brown shrimp make up most of the catch in the spring season.

Bourgeois said 2004 landings of 84.5 million pounds were valued at \$139 million. It was the third-highest haul on record. Brown shrimp make up about

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45 percent of the total, with white shrimp adding about the same. The other 10 percent is made up mostly of sea bobs, a winter catch.

Seasons open most years on a Monday, which allows for more commercial trawling and less recreational activity in the coastal areas for the first five days of any season. The Thursday, June 2 opening in Zone 3 marks only the third time in 10 years when a season has not opened on a Monday. Bourgeois said the first Monday projection for Zone 3 crossing the 100-count line was June 6, a very late date to open a brown shrimp season. He said the "actual projected date" for meeting that 100-count mark was June 1-2.

Vermilion Bay's commercial crab season will run concurrently with the Zone 2 shrimp season.

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Such divergent issues as deer, deer dogs, ducks, shrimp, alligators, elk, quail, pigeons, bird dogs, safe boating and free fishing days took the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to its longest meeting in more than three years Thursday.

Deer hunting dominated the six hours.

After hearing from still hunters, hunting-lease holders, landowners, land managers and hunters who use dogs to hunt deer in the Atchafalaya Basin, the LWFC added an historic regulation to its package of proposed hunting regulations for the upcoming 2005-06 season.

At the urging of commission member Earl King Jr., hunters using dogs will be limited to only those hunters and hunting clubs with 2,000 contiguous acres in the Atchafalaya Basin in an area bounded by I-10 on the north, U.S. 90 on the south and the East and West Atchafalaya Basin Guide levees.

Earlier, the seven-man LWFC approved the Spring Inshore Shrimp three-zone seasons: Zone 2 will open at 6 a.m. May 16, Zone 1 at 6 a.m. May 23 and Zone 3 at 6 a.m. June 2. A closure of the crab season in Vermilion Bay runs concurrently with the shrimp season.

The commission also heard a proposal from veteran duck hunter Phil Robertson about a plan to raise and release what he called "wild mallards" in the state. Robertson said the plan needed to be approved within the next 30 days for it to produce results this year.

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member Terry Denmon from Monroe pushed for the plan, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries secretary Dwight Landreneau, said the agency needs to study the proposal.

Commission member Fred Miller from Shreveport wanted more, too.

"There is no way the commission or the department can jump on the bandwagon in 30 days," Miller said. "I want a feasibility study done ... and I have concerns about releasing pen-raised birds of unknown genetic origin in the wild. How would we monitor diseases?"

No decision was made for the proposal.

After Wildlife Division biologist Jimmy Anthony outlined changes to the proposed resident-game hunting seasons, including adding lottery youth deer and duck hunts to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area, LWFC chair Wayne Segrera opened floor for public comment.

Long-time Quality Deer Management Association member Chad Dauthier appealed for reinstatement of the Six-Point Rule in Iberville, Pointe Coupee and West Baton Rouge parishes.

The three-year experiment, which ended in February, demanded that deer have at least six points in their antlers to be legal game in the three parishes.

Dauthier took exception to statements made by Wildlife Division administrator David Moreland about the plan's effects. He said clubs in the three parishes have seen benefits and questioned the Wildlife Division's proposal to institute the same plan on the Thistlethwaite WMA during the upcoming hunting season.

Moreland said two years studying Tri-Parish data showed bucks did not move into an older age group -- "The experiment did not appear to produce results," he said -- and that land composition and use was different between the Tri-Parish area and the WMA.

Acting on Dauthier's appeal, the LWFC added another three-year experimental plan to the hunting package, but, after hearing further public comment and considering that the deer-tagging program is one year away from implementation, the LWFC rescinded the vote, which removed the plan from the proposal.

The deer-hunting-with-dogs issue brought more heated comments.



In his motion, King outlined that the Basin area would be still-hunting only and the only public land opened to deer-dog hunters would be the 20,000 acres of the Attakapas Island Wildlife Management Area.

The exception takes in hunters and clubs with 2,000 or more acres. but those hunters and clubs would have to have a LDWF-issued permit to use dogs during the proposed Dec. 10, 2005-Jan. 22, 2006 "with or without dogs" Area 6 deer season.

The motion passed 5-1. Patrick Morrow from Opelousas cast the only dissenting vote. Denmon had left the meeting.

A collection of landowners, land managers and hunters said they held more than 170,000 acres in this area and petitioned the LWFC in March to help control the deer-dog problem.

Their complaints ranged from still-hunting trips interrupted by dogs, to trespassing to confrontations with dog owners.

Deer-dog hunters showed up by the dozens at Thursday's meeting and complained they were misrepresented during the March meeting and that all deer-dog hunters were cast in the same light.

"No landowners came to us to talk about the problems," Pierre Part's Eric Allemand said. "Why punish all in Area 6 because of a few?"

Dog hunter Ray Savoy of the Catahoula Hunting Club also protested the move.

"The problem you have here is that someone will be an outlaw with dogs and will be an outlaw without dogs," Savoy said.

An amendment to the proposed rule will close the Atchafalaya Basin to deer hunting when the Atchafalaya River reading reaches the 18-foot mark on the Butte LaRose gauge.

Commission member Henry Mouton said he had second thoughts about the legality of the move.

"After leaving the meeting, I was thinking about how we're telling landowners of certain sized parcels of land what they can and can't do with their lands," Mouton said. "It sounds like a zoning issue and I question if it was fair to all landowners."

In other action, the LDWF also approved to continue the import ban on deer and elk; establish bird-dog training areas on WMAs; OK'd May 21-27 as Safe Boating Week; voted June 11-12 as the state's Free Fishing Days; and, voted to return alligator tag fees to \$4.

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COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Thursday, May 5, 2005
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife and Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Wayne Sagrera (Chairman)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Terry Denmon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fred Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Henry Mouton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Earl King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bobby Samanie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick Morrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Mr. Chairman:

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

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BATON ROUGE, LA
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9:30 AM

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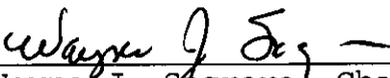
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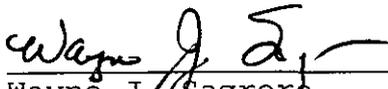
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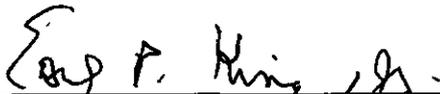
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Falcon, Susan

From: Sturgis, John
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2005 12:10 PM
To: Falcon, Susan
Cc: Boehringer, Bo
Subject: Free Fishing Days.doc



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From: Boehringer, Bo
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2005 11:01 AM
To: Sturgis, John; Moreland, Dave; Gresham, Thomas
Cc: Landry, Janis; Burke, Marianne; Falcon, Susan; LaCaze, B "Keith"
Subject: No License Required Fishing Days in June - Final Clarification of Official Dates

John / Dave / Thomas:

I have contacted the organizers of the events listed below and verified that their events are not being promoted as "free" fishing dates based on the National Fishing Week promotion that most states offer. All/most of these events are geared for kids where no license is required anyway or the events are simply instructional.

June 4 Events Promoted on Line at TakeMeFishing.org

- Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery Open House
- Bogue Chitto Kids Fishing Rodeo (Pearl River)
- Buggin on the Bayou (Monroe)
- Family Fishing Festival (Bell City)

So, we are clear to promote Louisiana's No License Required Fishing Days as June 11-12. PLEASE NOTE THAT DWIGHT DOES NOT WANT TO USE THE TERM FREE IN PROMOTING THAT WEEKEND –THUS THE TERM "NO LICENSE REQUIRED". Anything we send out from this point on should refer to the weekend that way.

With the issue of correct dates settled, the ad in the May/June "Conservationist" is correct as is and the April/May CENLA Sportsman article on fishing is correct as it appears in print.

TO DO's

1. I will have CENLA Sportsman pull their web correction notice.
2. John Sturgis will have TakeMeFishing.org correct their on-line dates for Louisiana (which now are posted as June 4-5) and see to it that the Commission resolution being prepared for next week points to June 11-12.
3. Thomas will see to it that the post-commission news release that goes out May 5 will promote June 11-12.
4. Janis Landry's staff will begin informing callers that June 11-12 are officially **No License Required Fishing Days**.

AND

5. Keith LaCaze has agreed to inform enforcement agents that anyone of licensing age found fishing without a license on June 4-5 -- based on information obtained via contact with LDWF during that period when June 4-5 was being relayed to the public as **No License Required Fishing Days** -- will be warned and not cited.

Call me if you have questions.

Bo Boehringer
Press Secretary
La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
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fax 225-765-2607
e-mail: bboehringer@wif.louisiana.gov

4/28/2005

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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Jordan
See my
revision notes.
-Bo
4/28

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June 4th - 12th

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE
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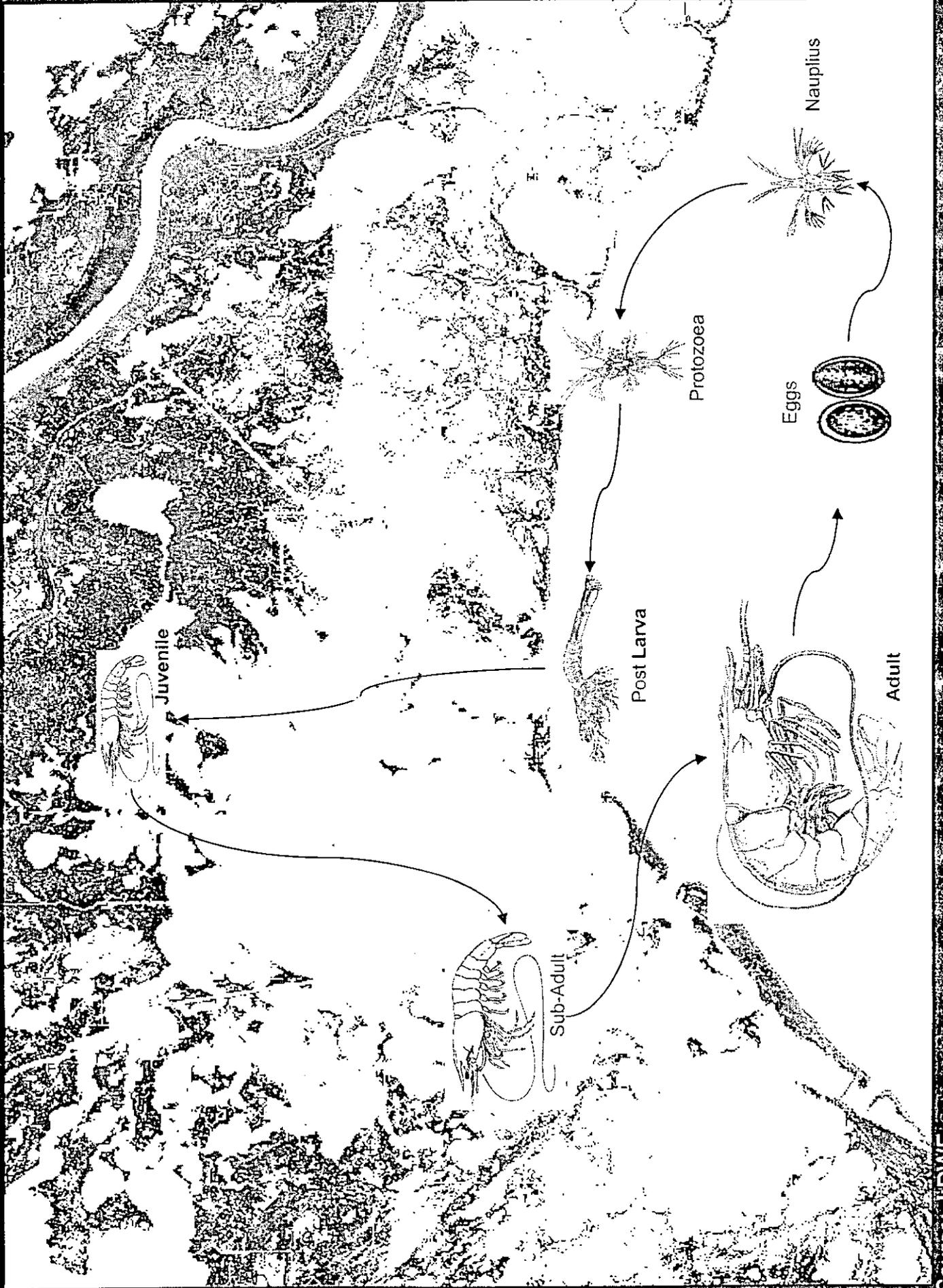
MARINE FISHERIES DIVISION



ANNUAL SPRING SHRIMP PRESENTATION

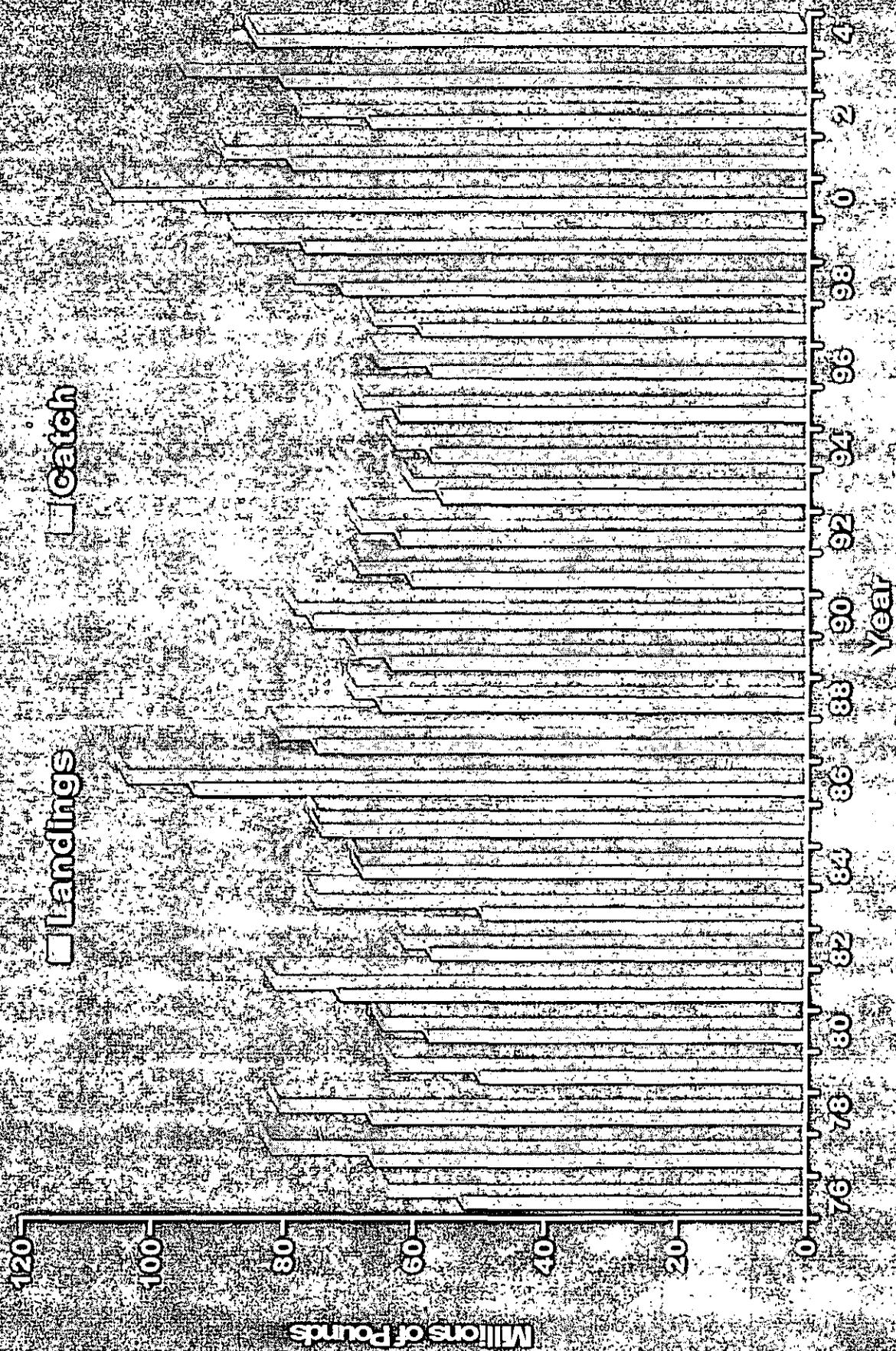
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SHRIMP LIFE CYCLE DIAGRAM



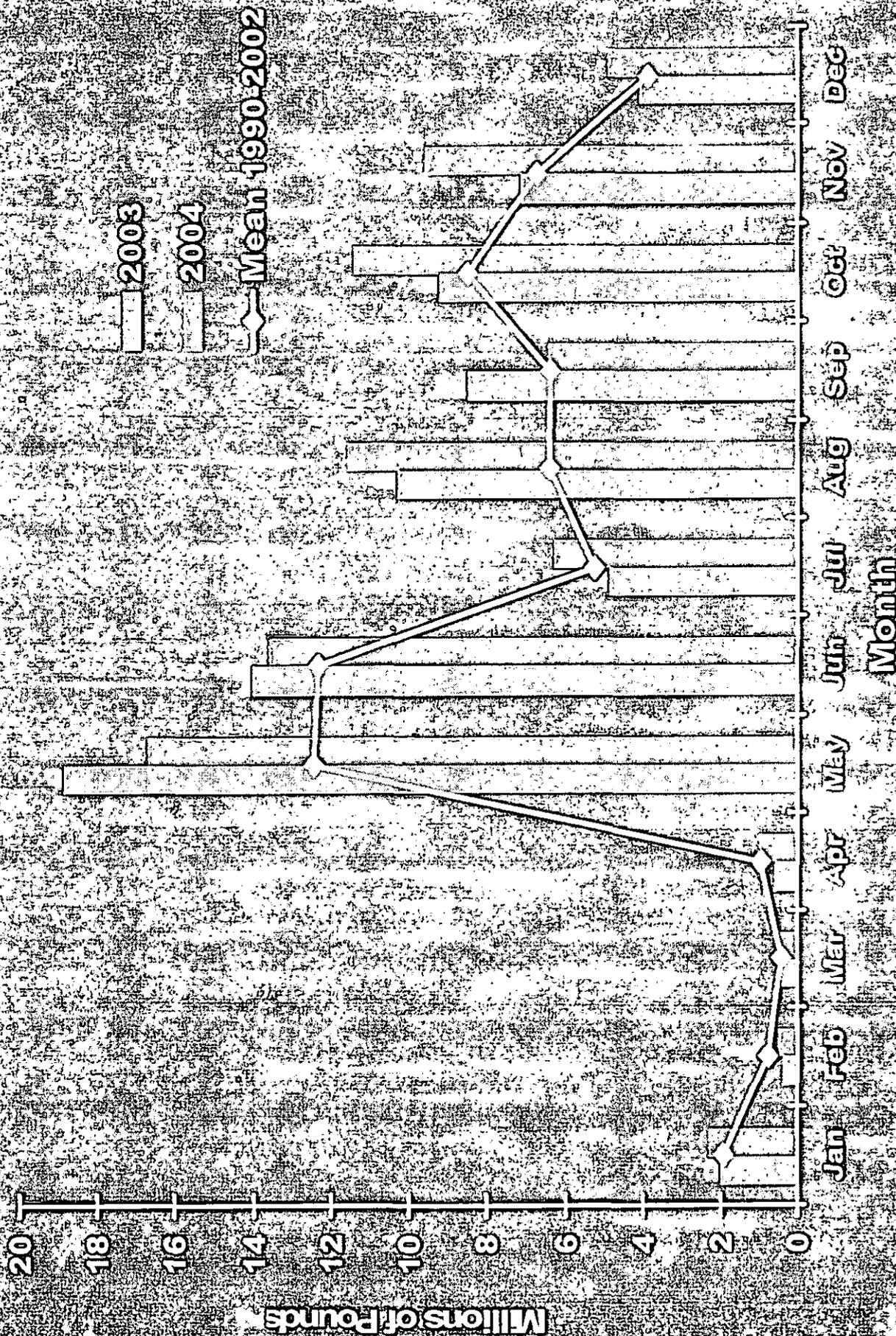
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(All Species Combined/Heads-Off Weight)



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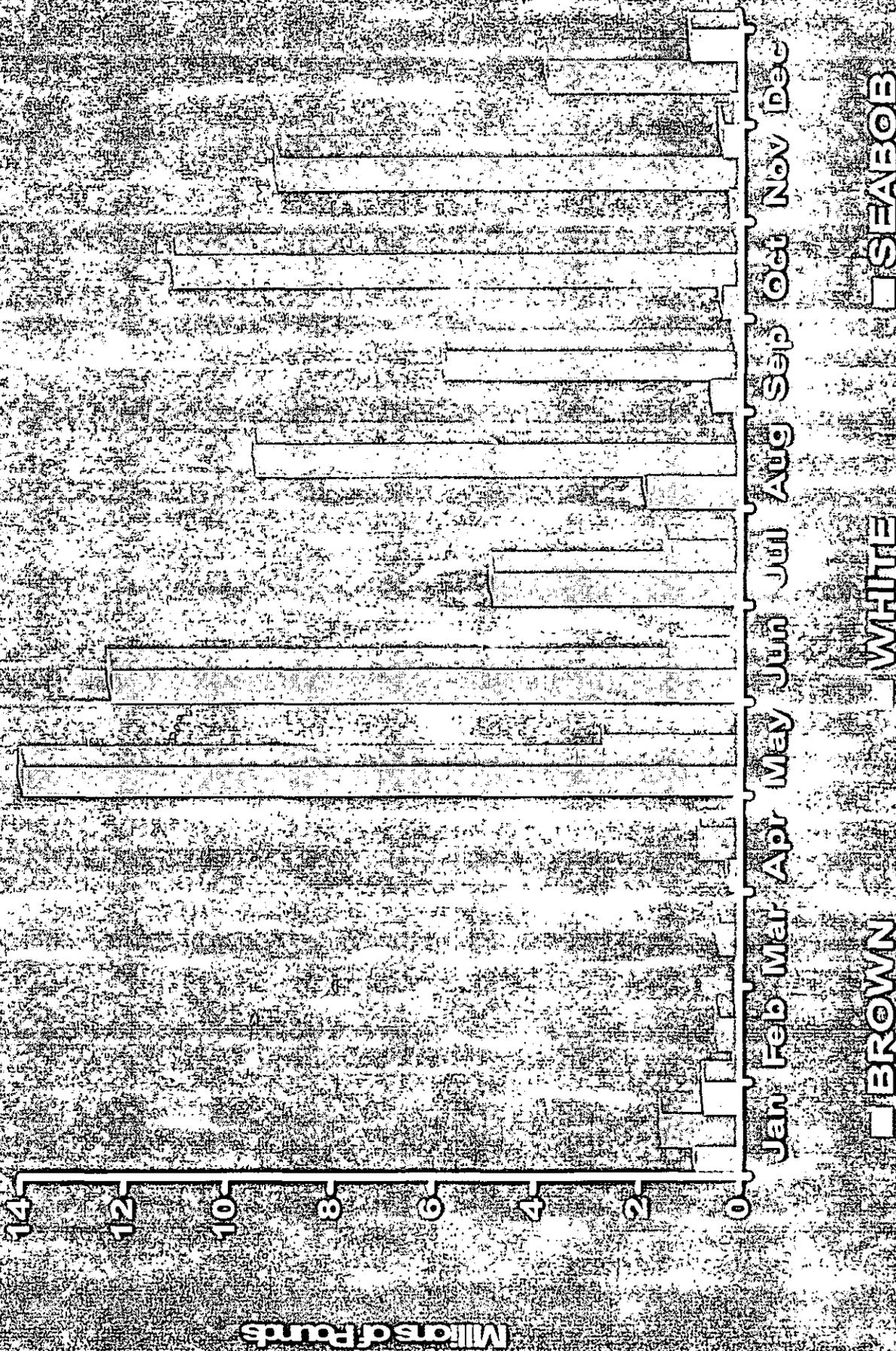
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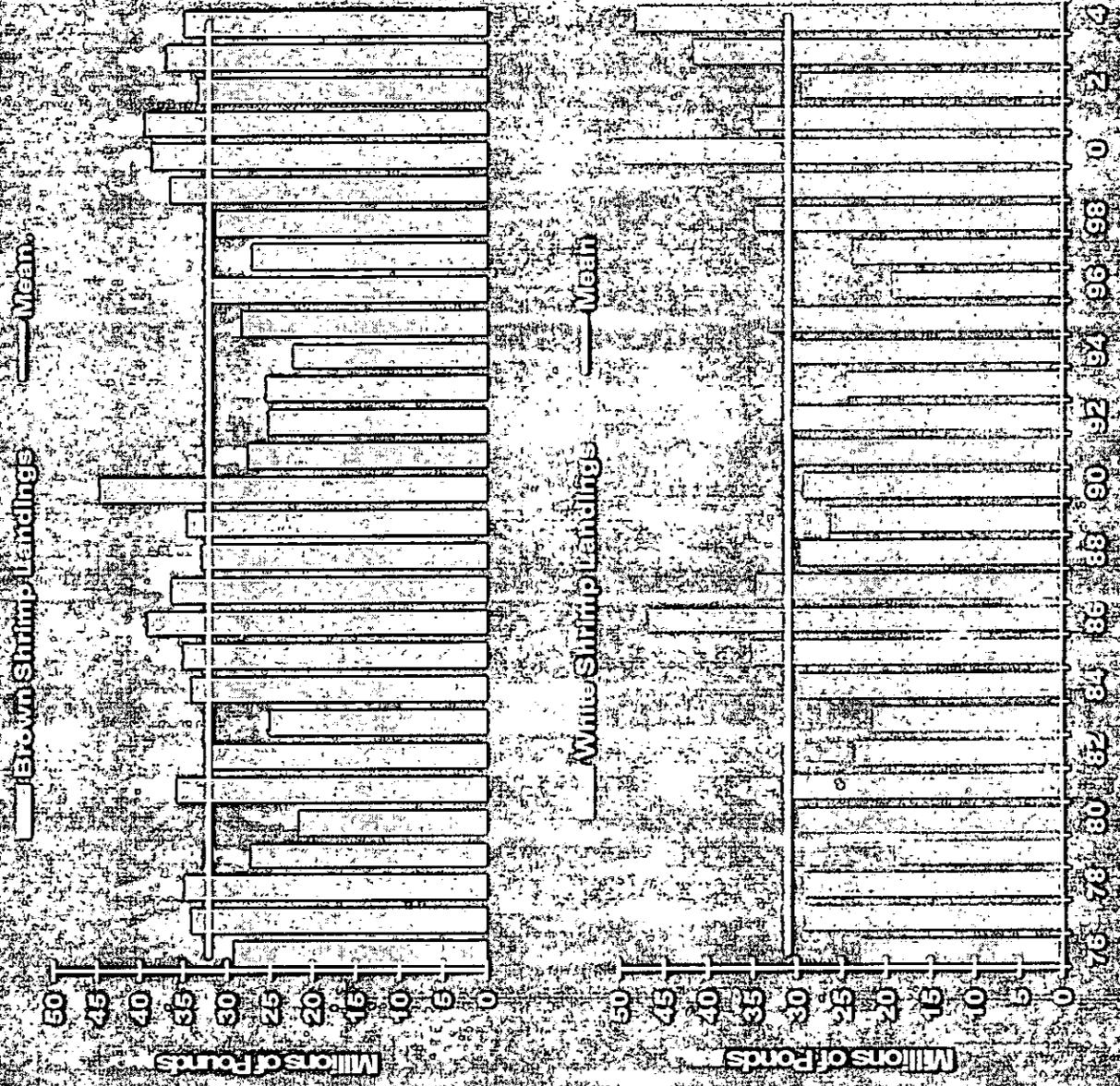
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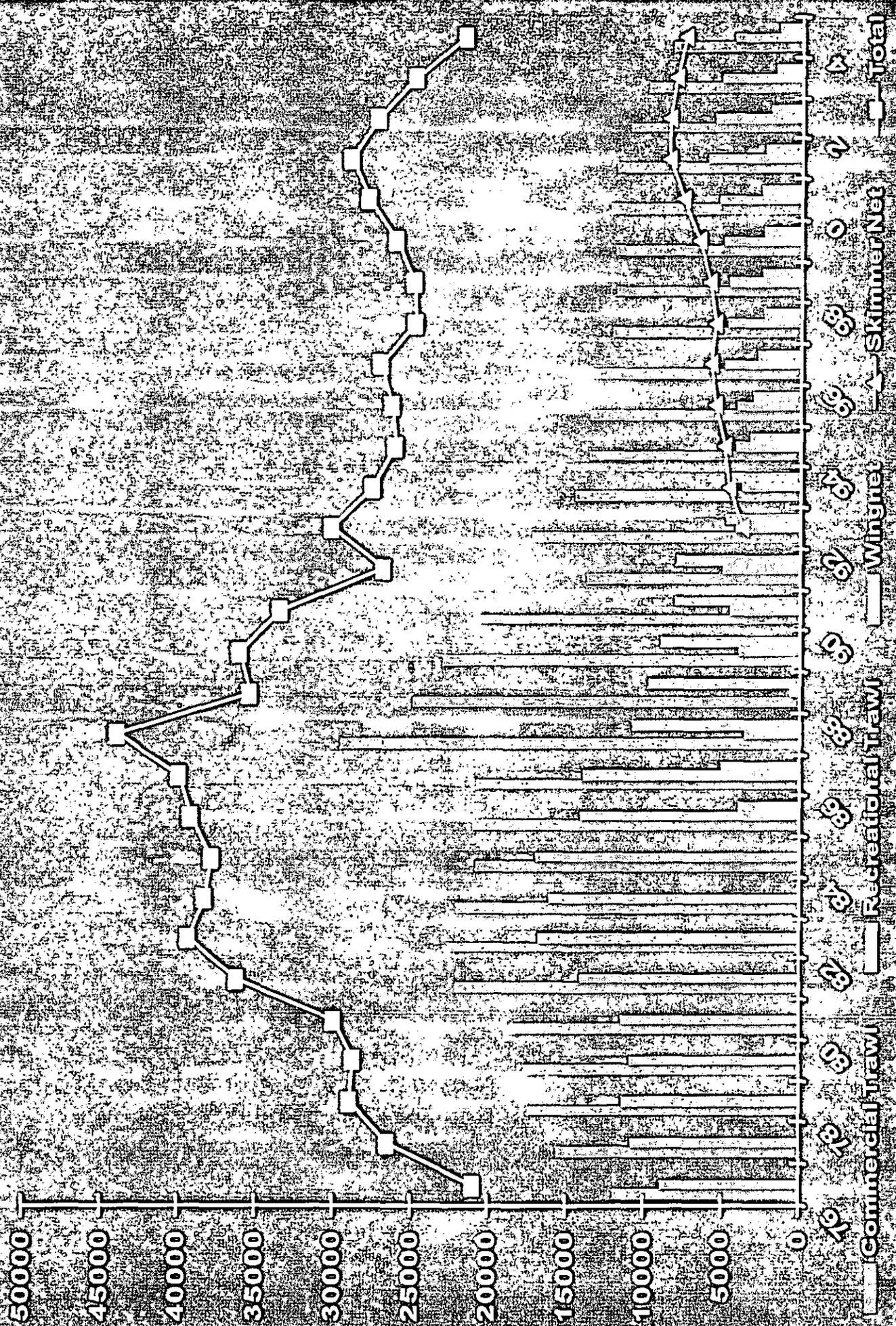


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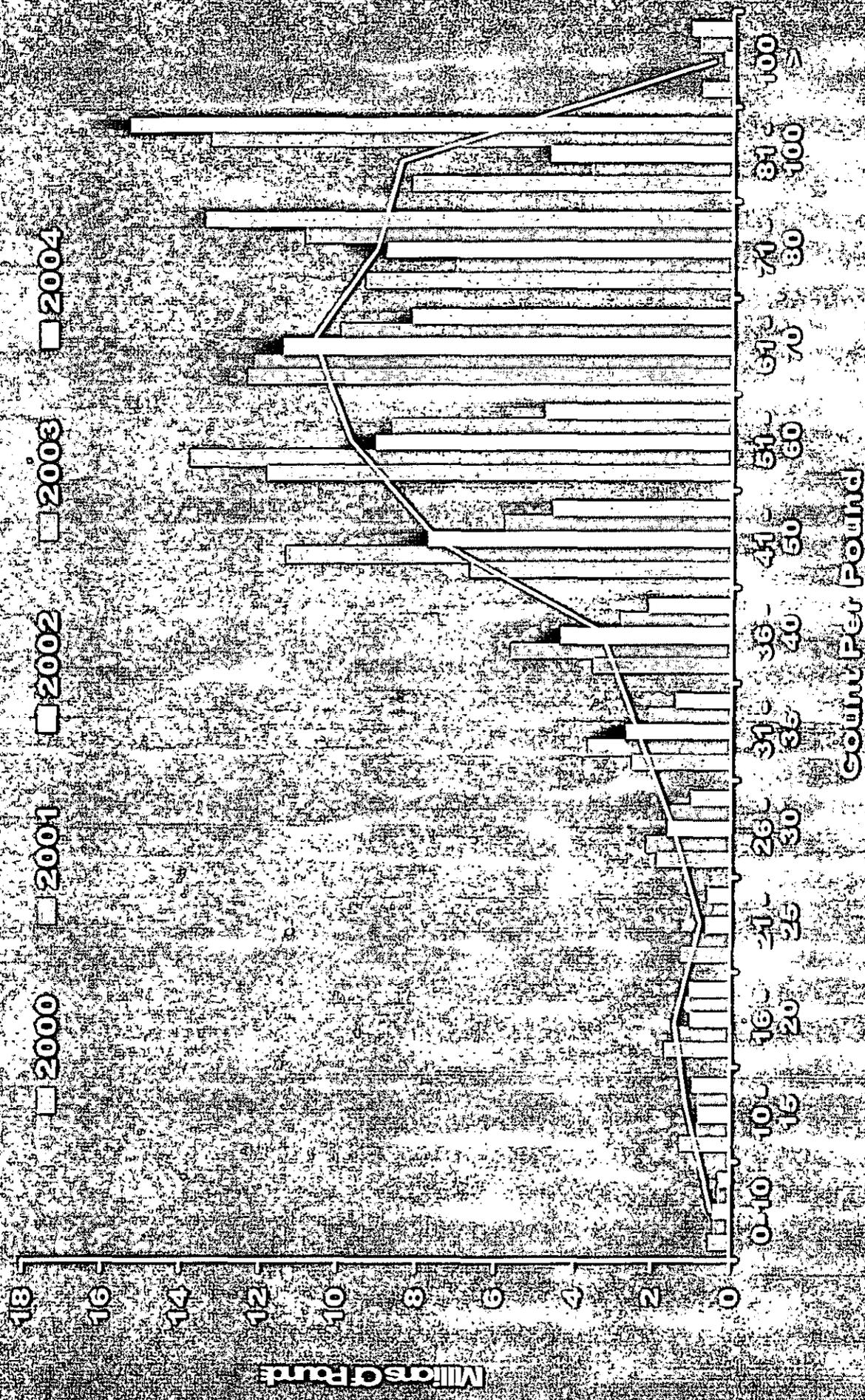
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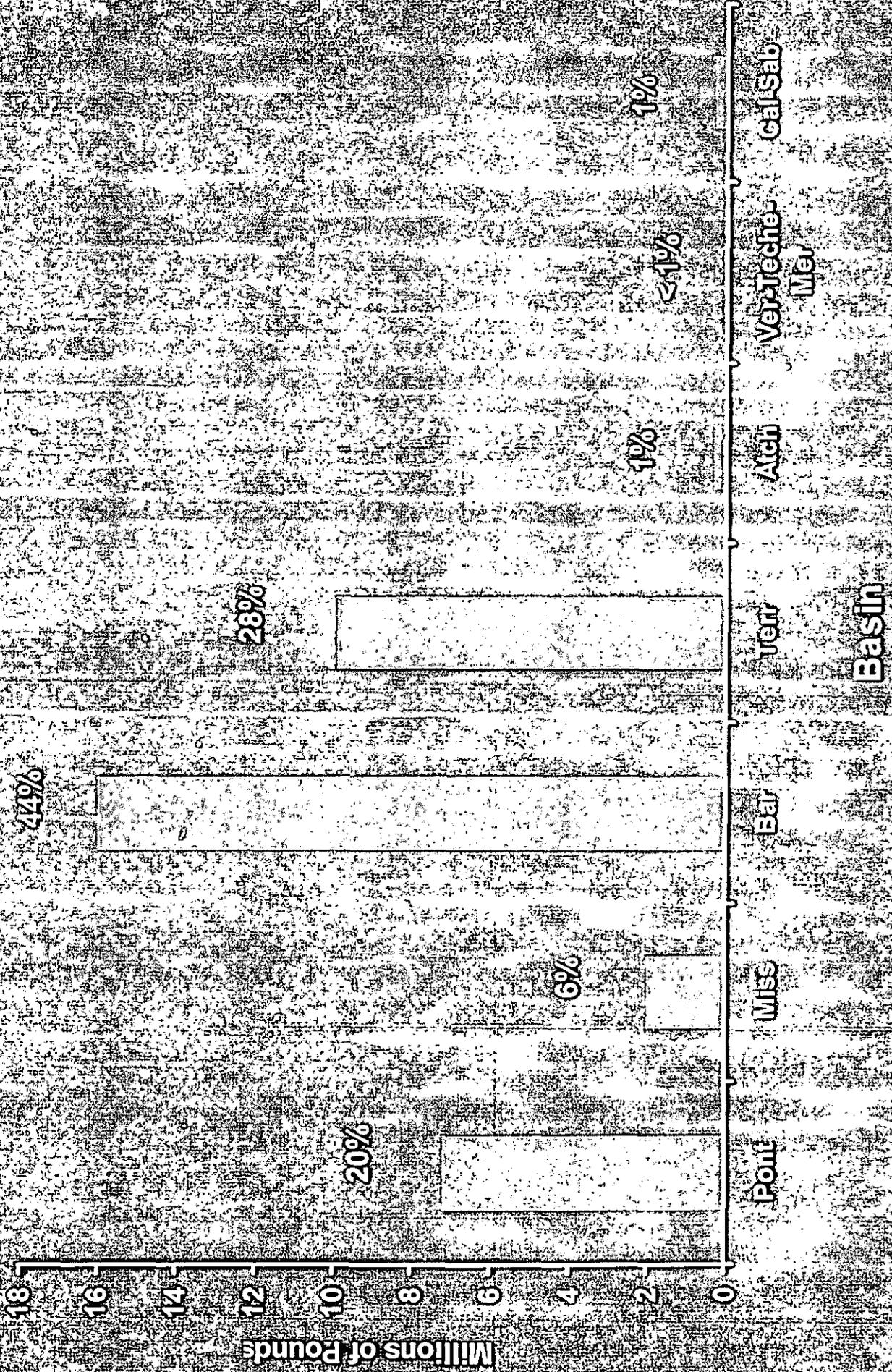
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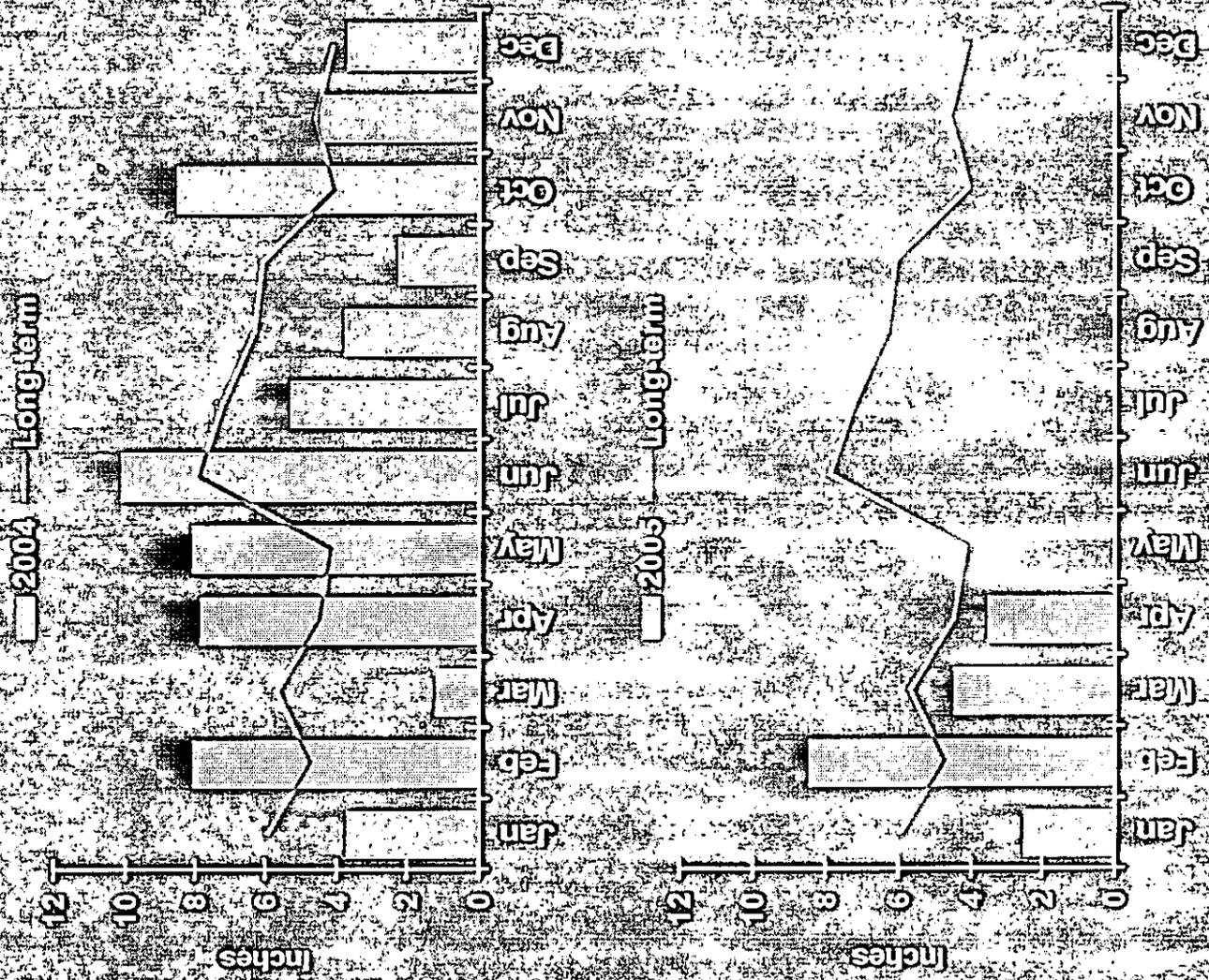


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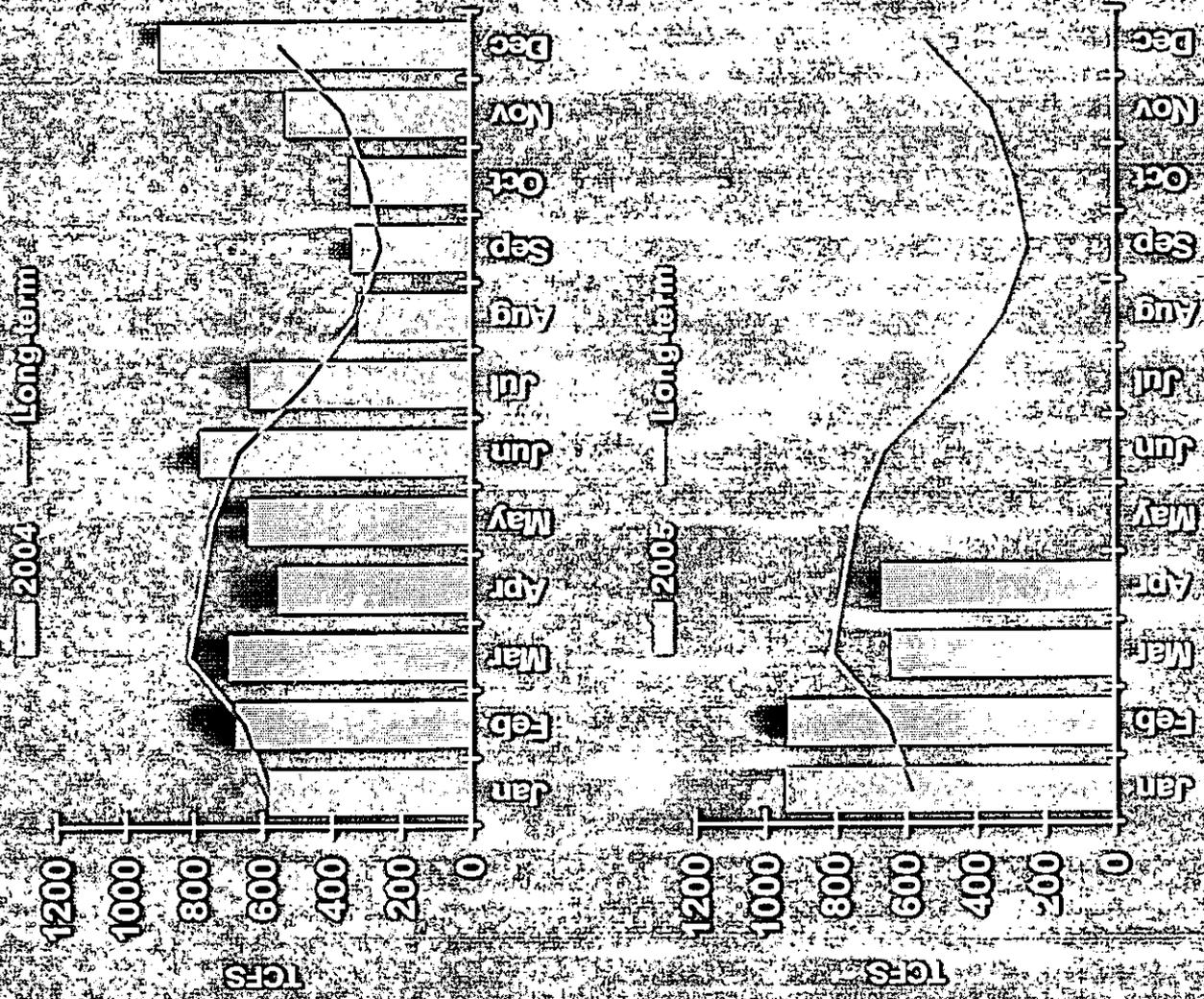


MONTHLY SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA RAINFALL



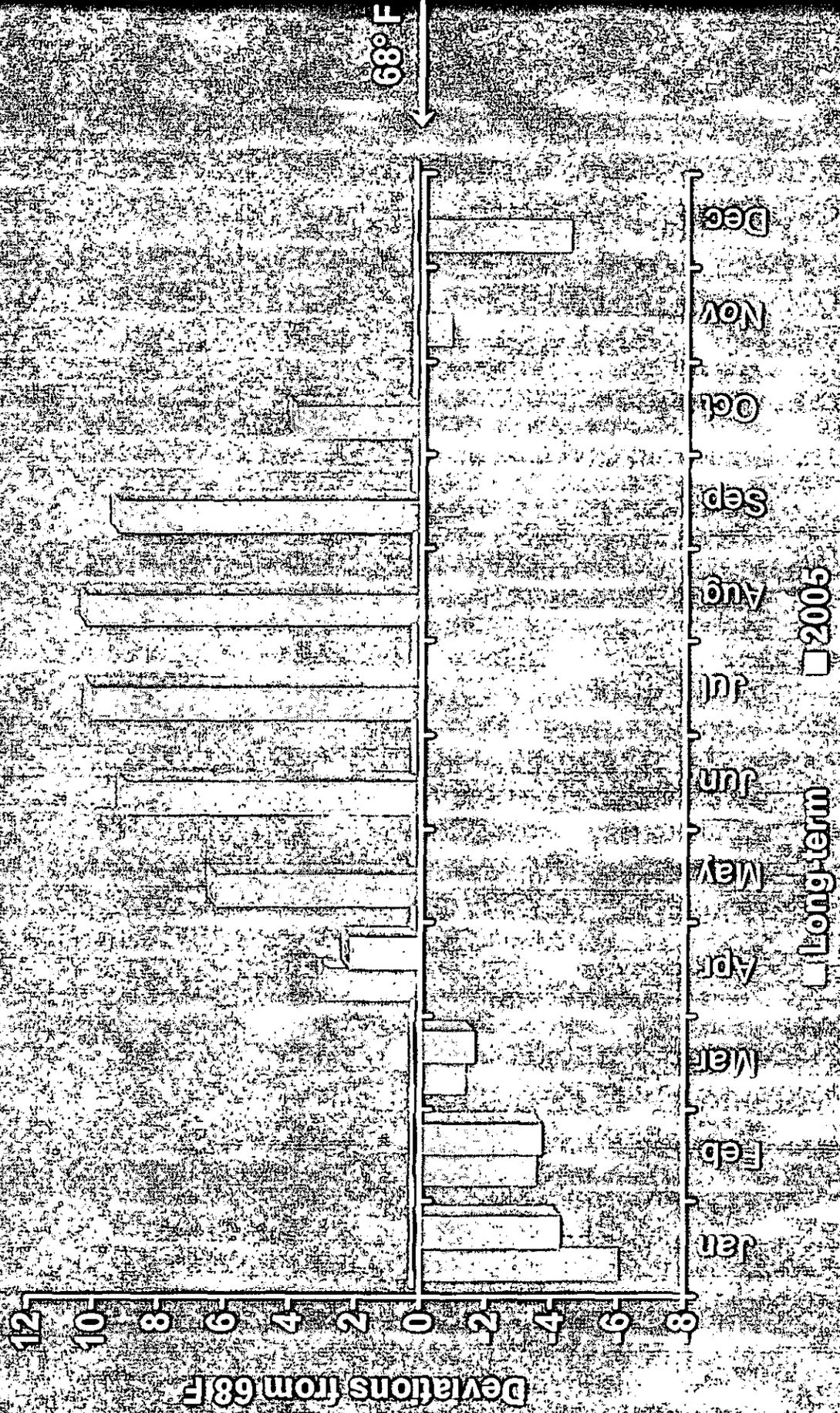
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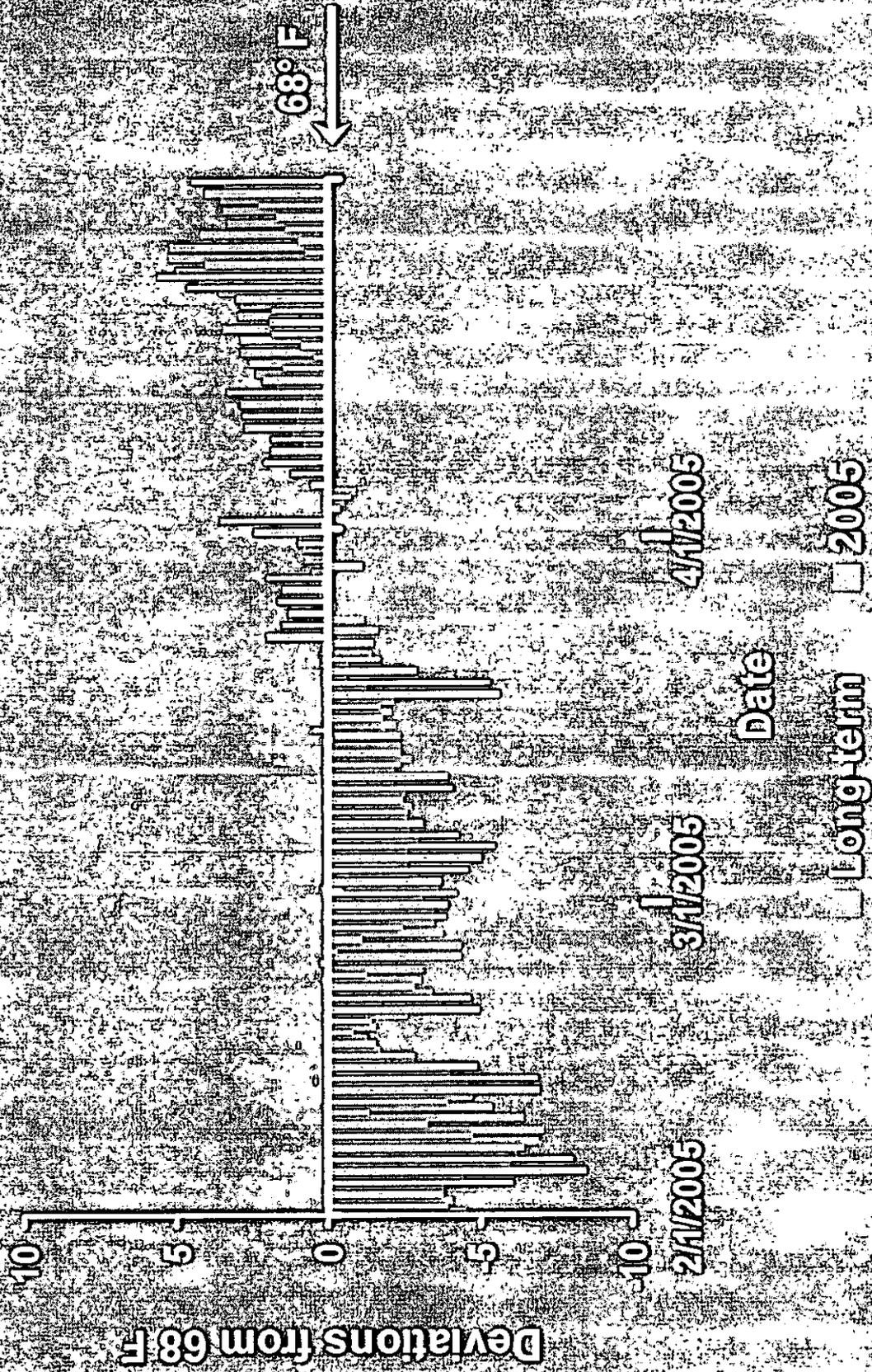
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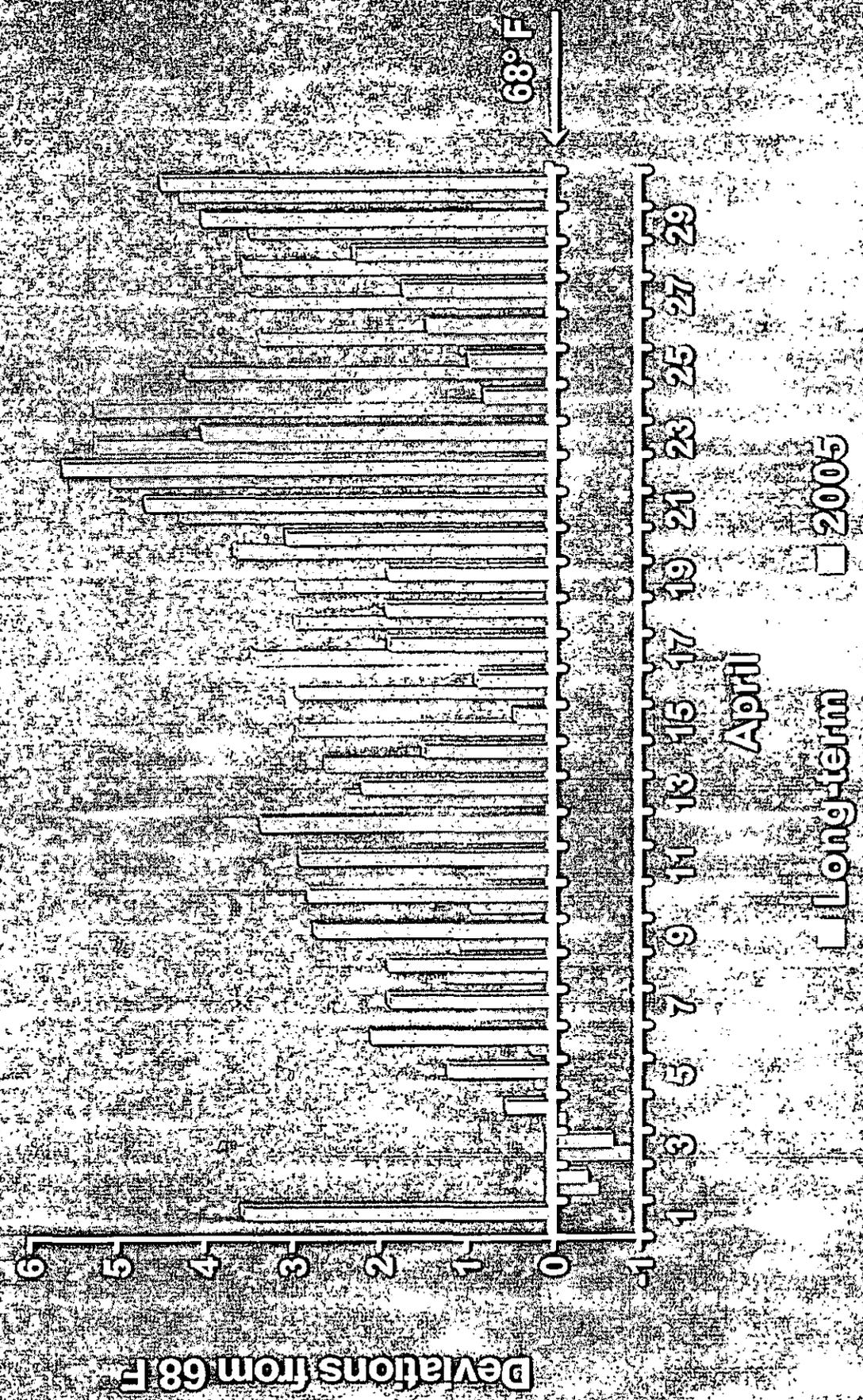
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FEBRUARY - APRIL, 2005



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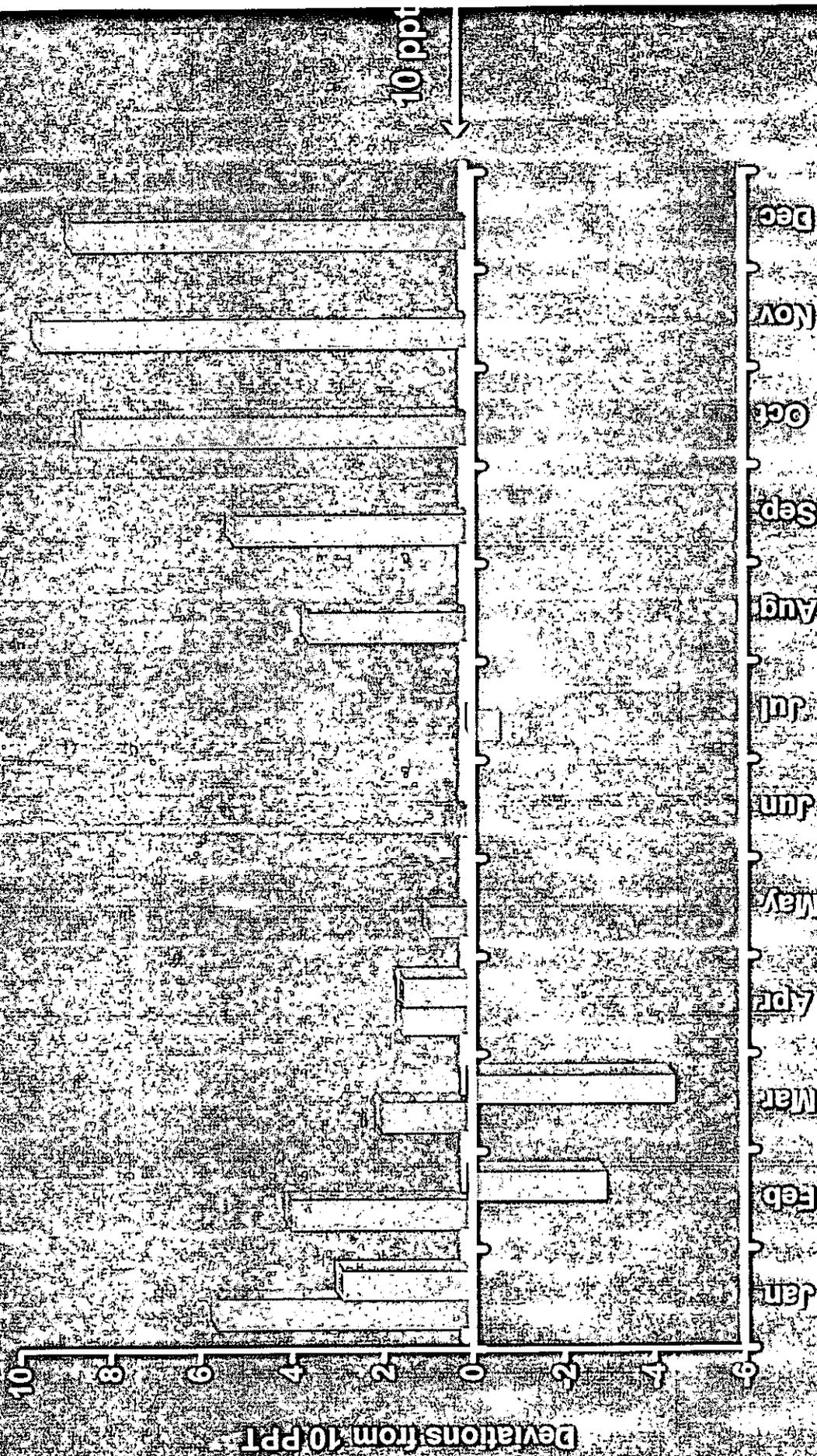
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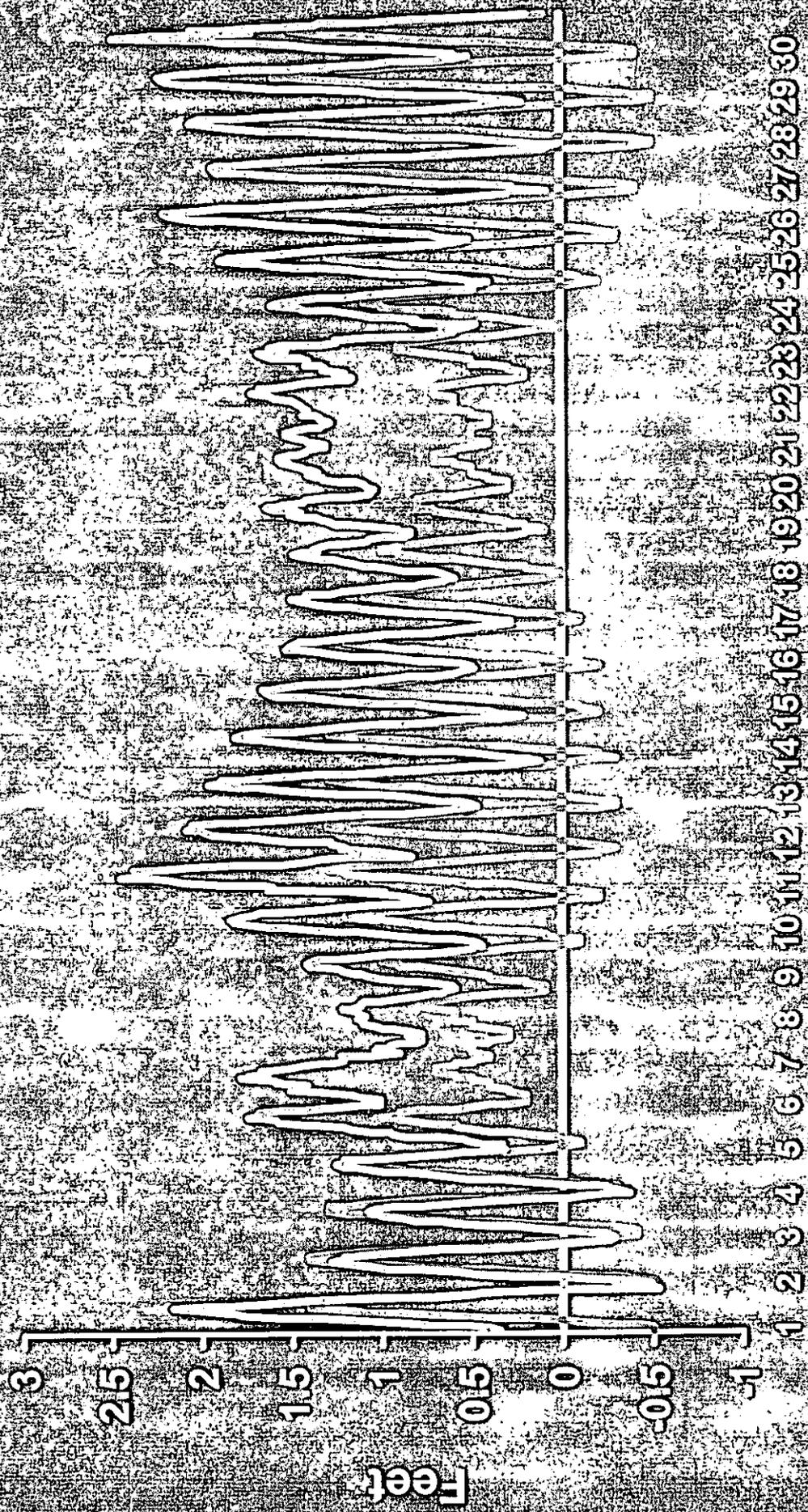
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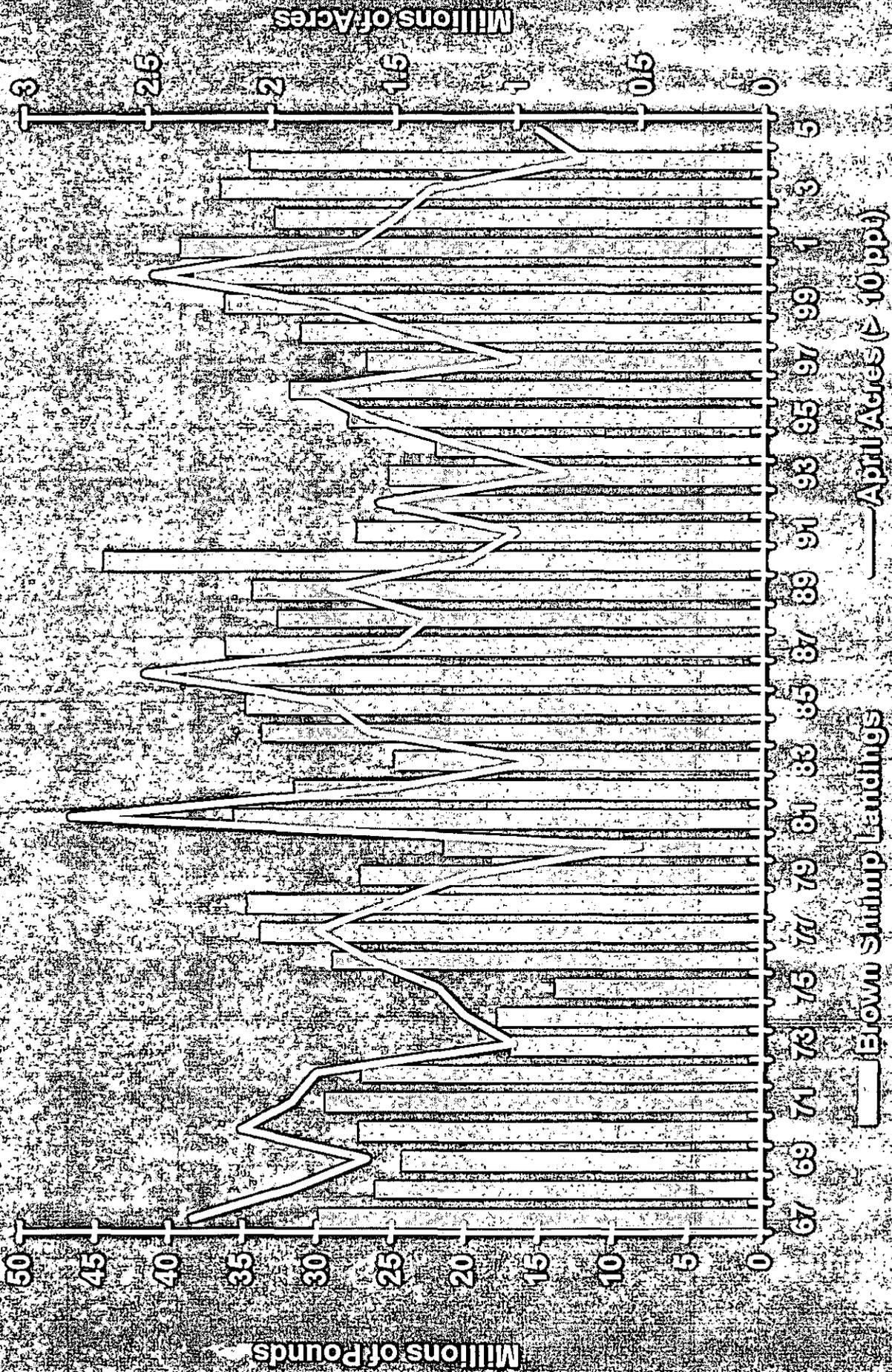
APRIL 2005 TIDAL RANGE

Barataria Pass, Louisiana



— Predicted
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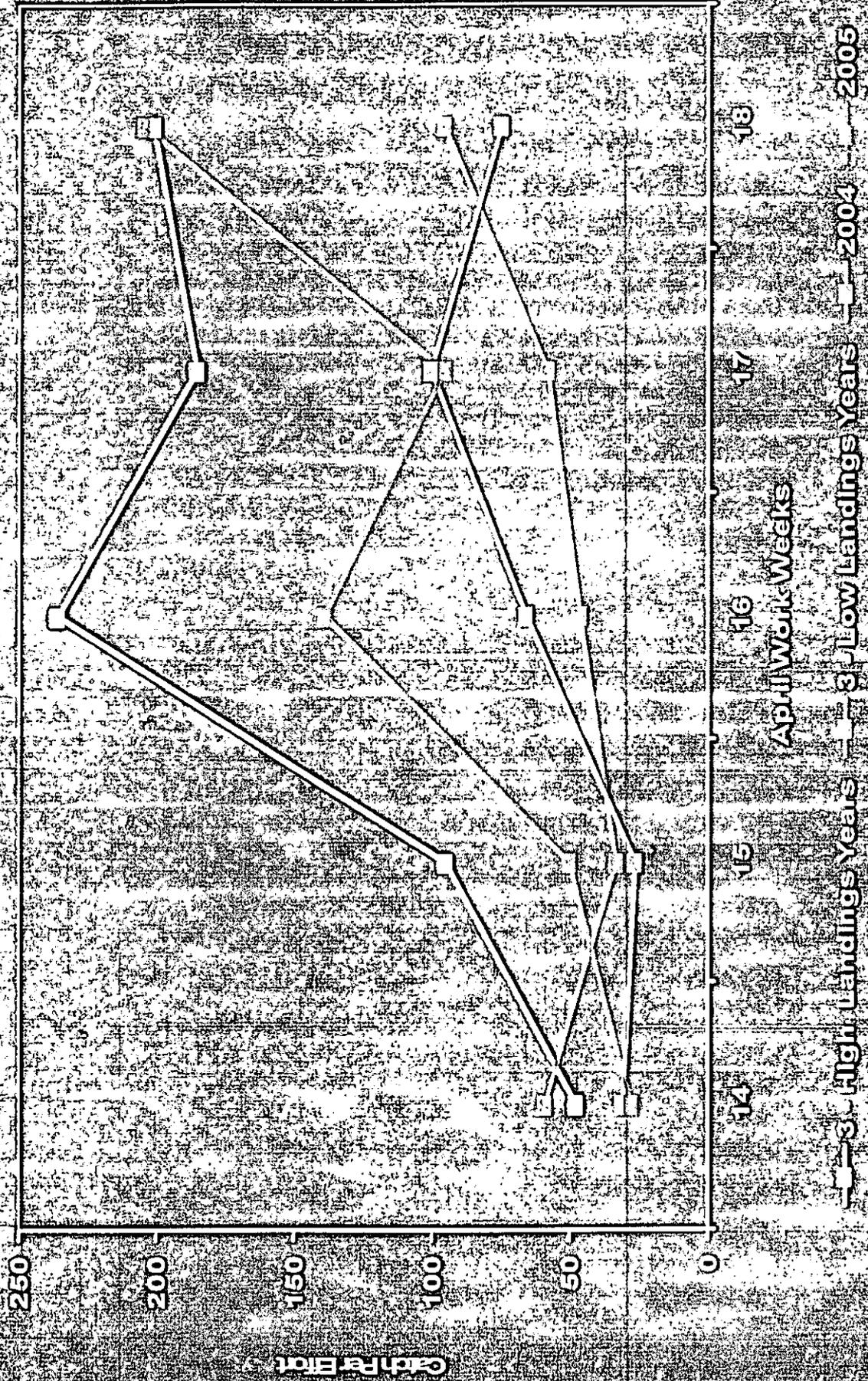
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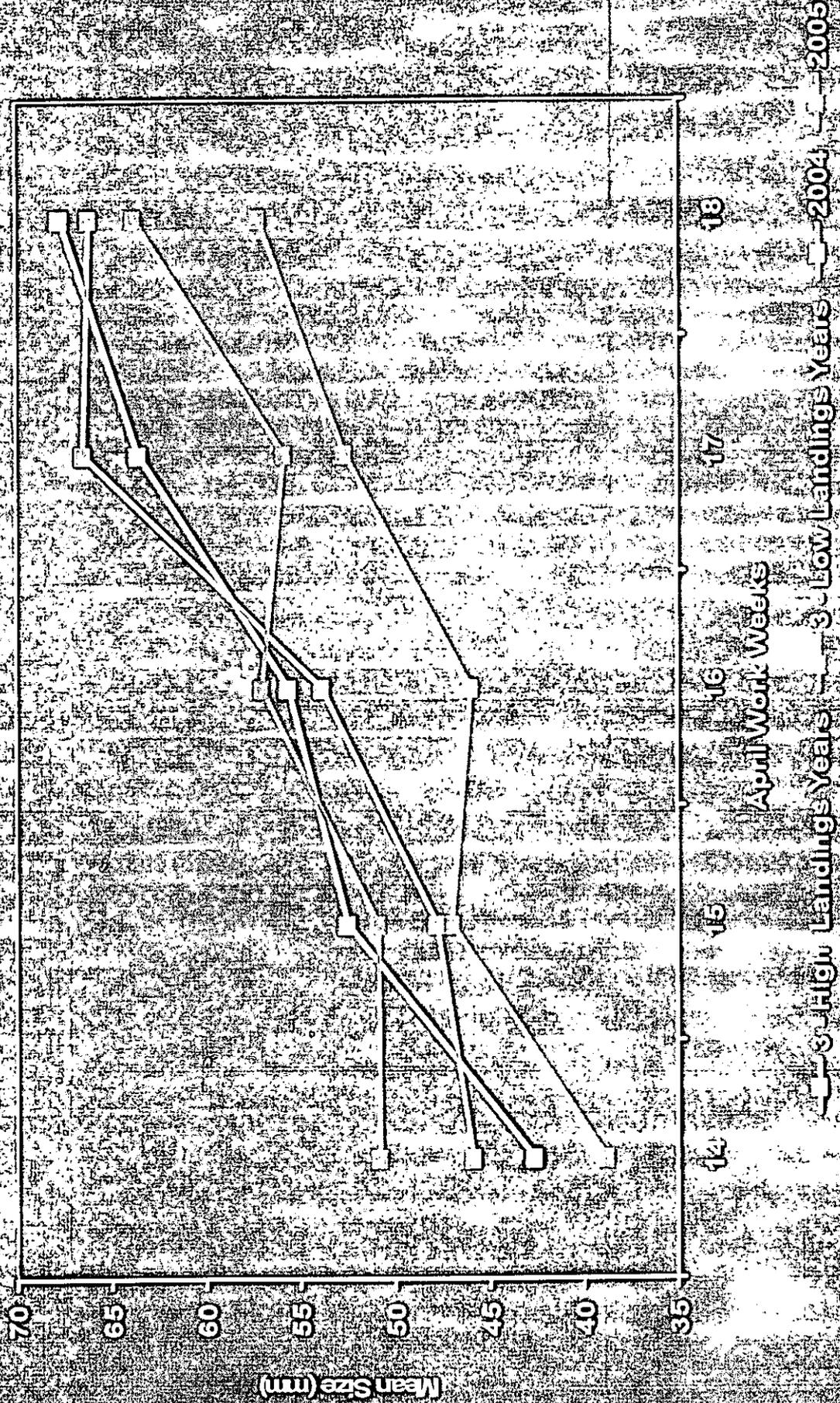
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Barataria Bay



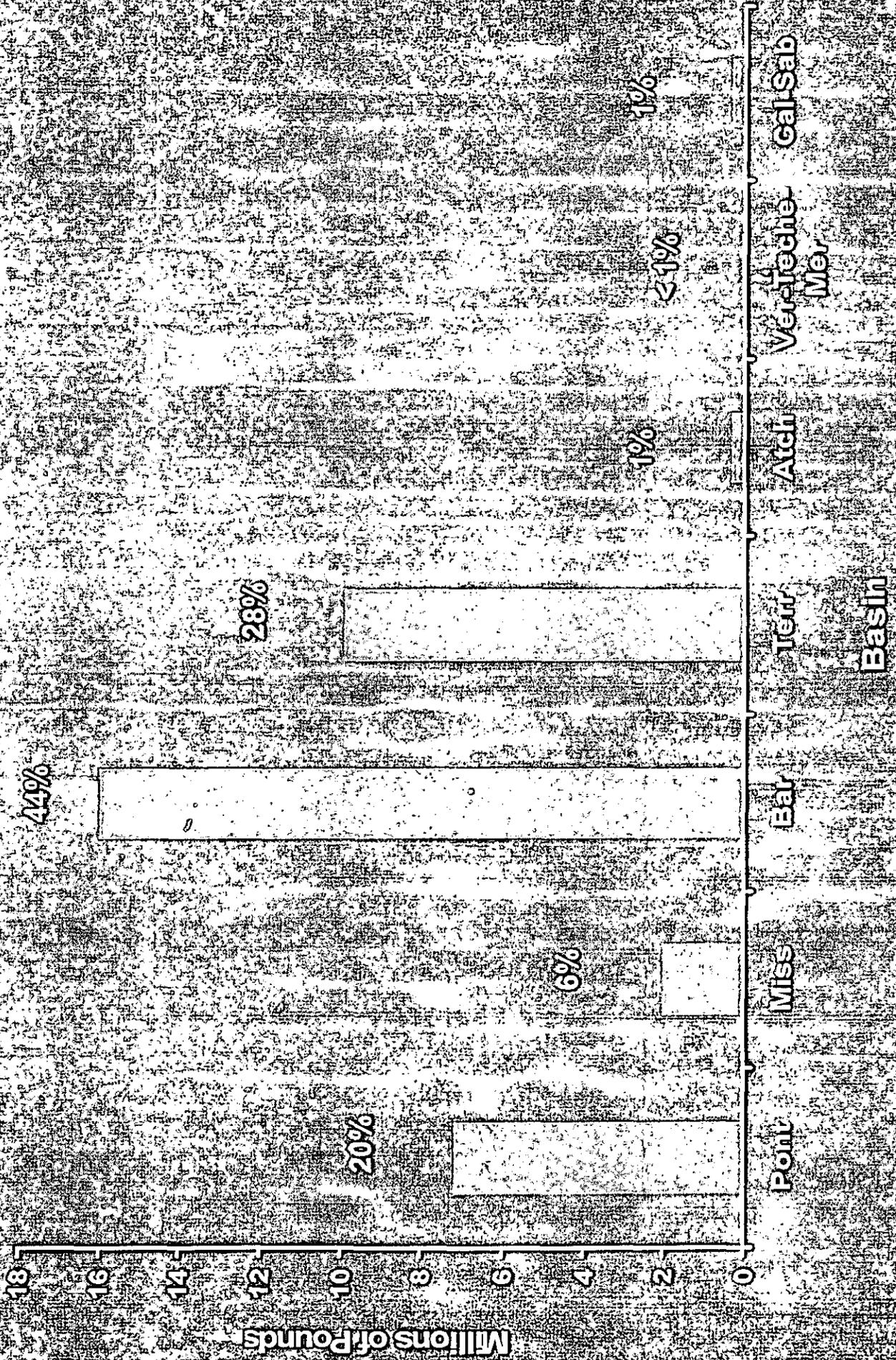
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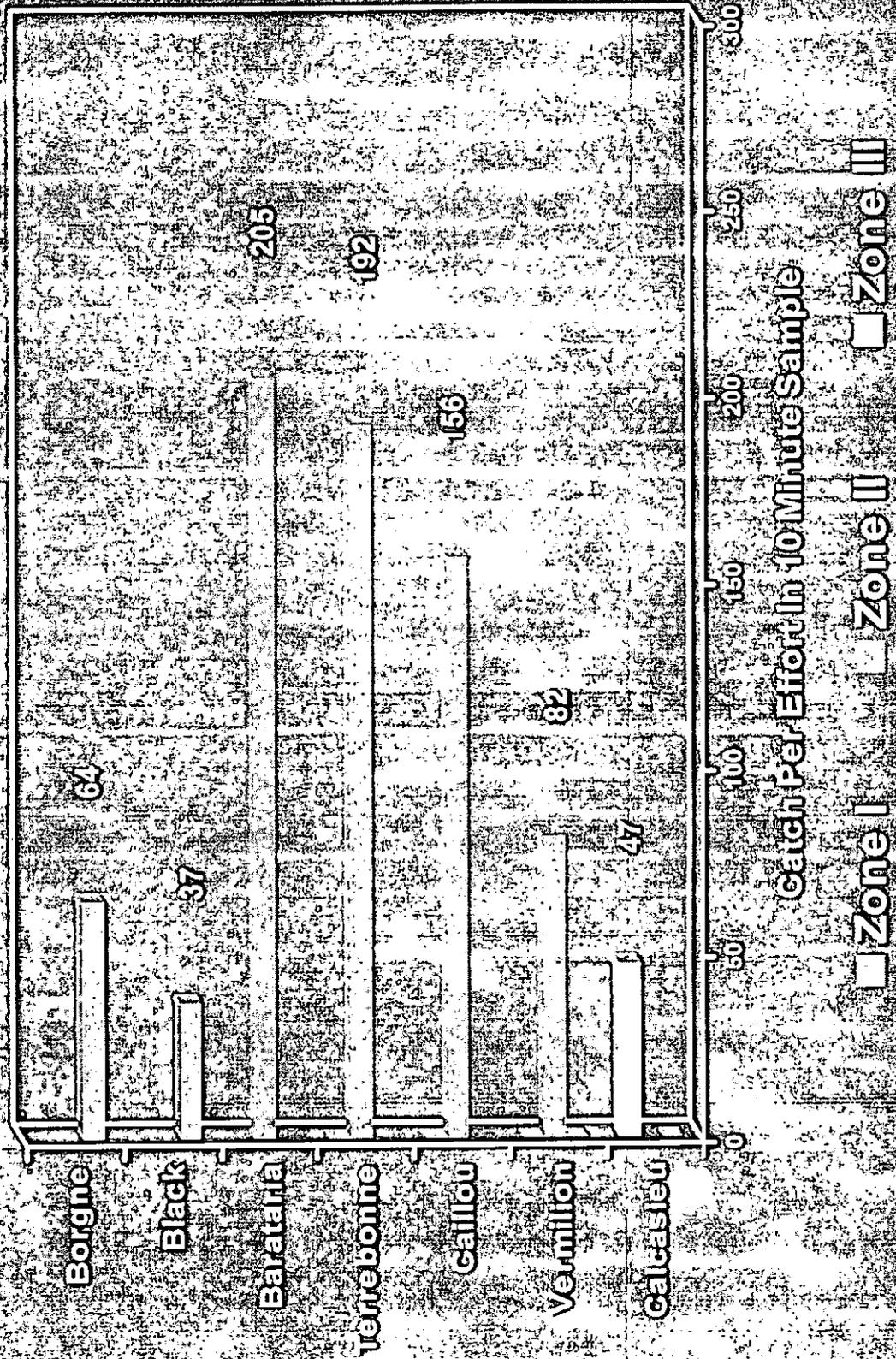
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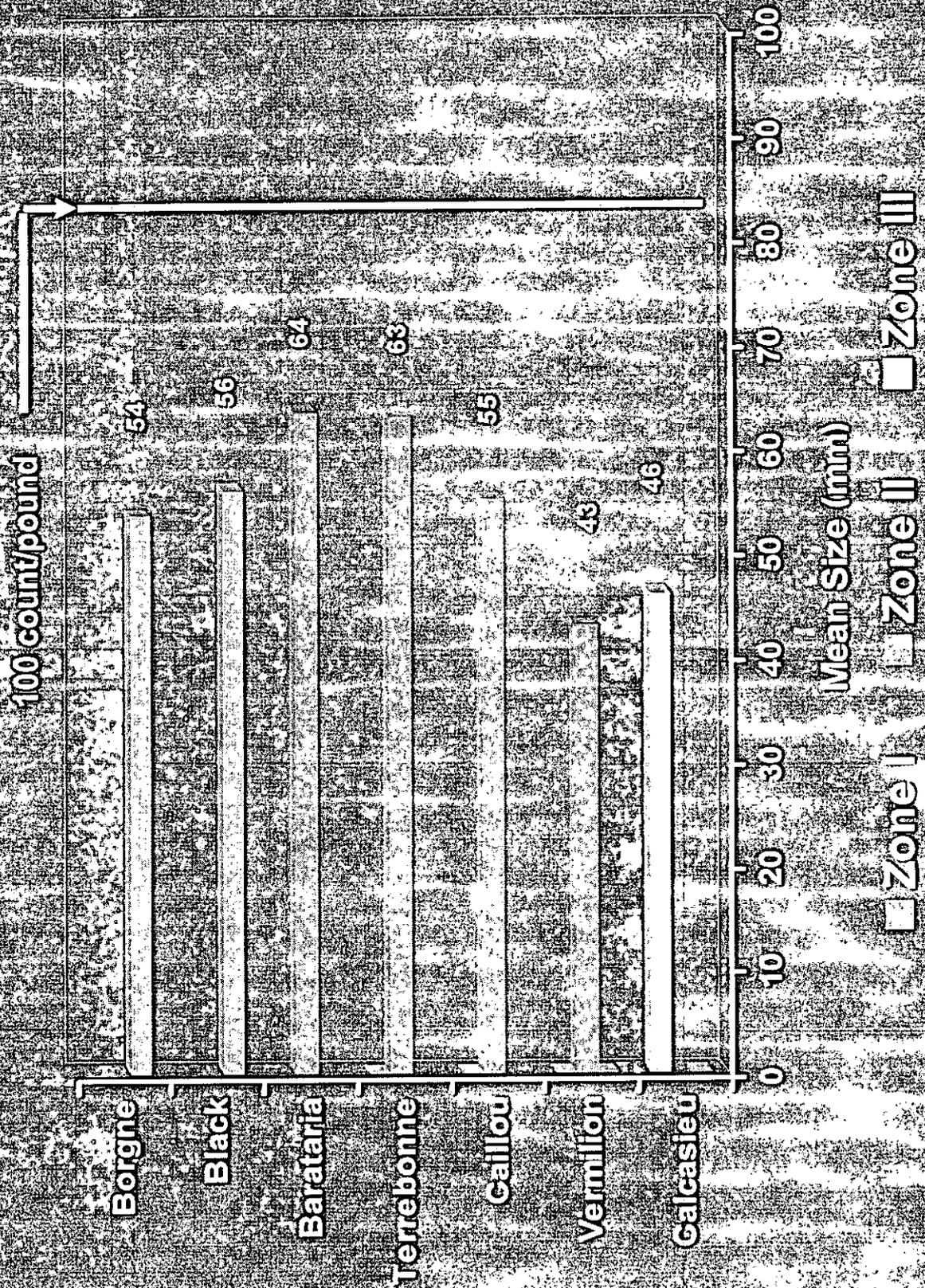
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Major Bay Systems

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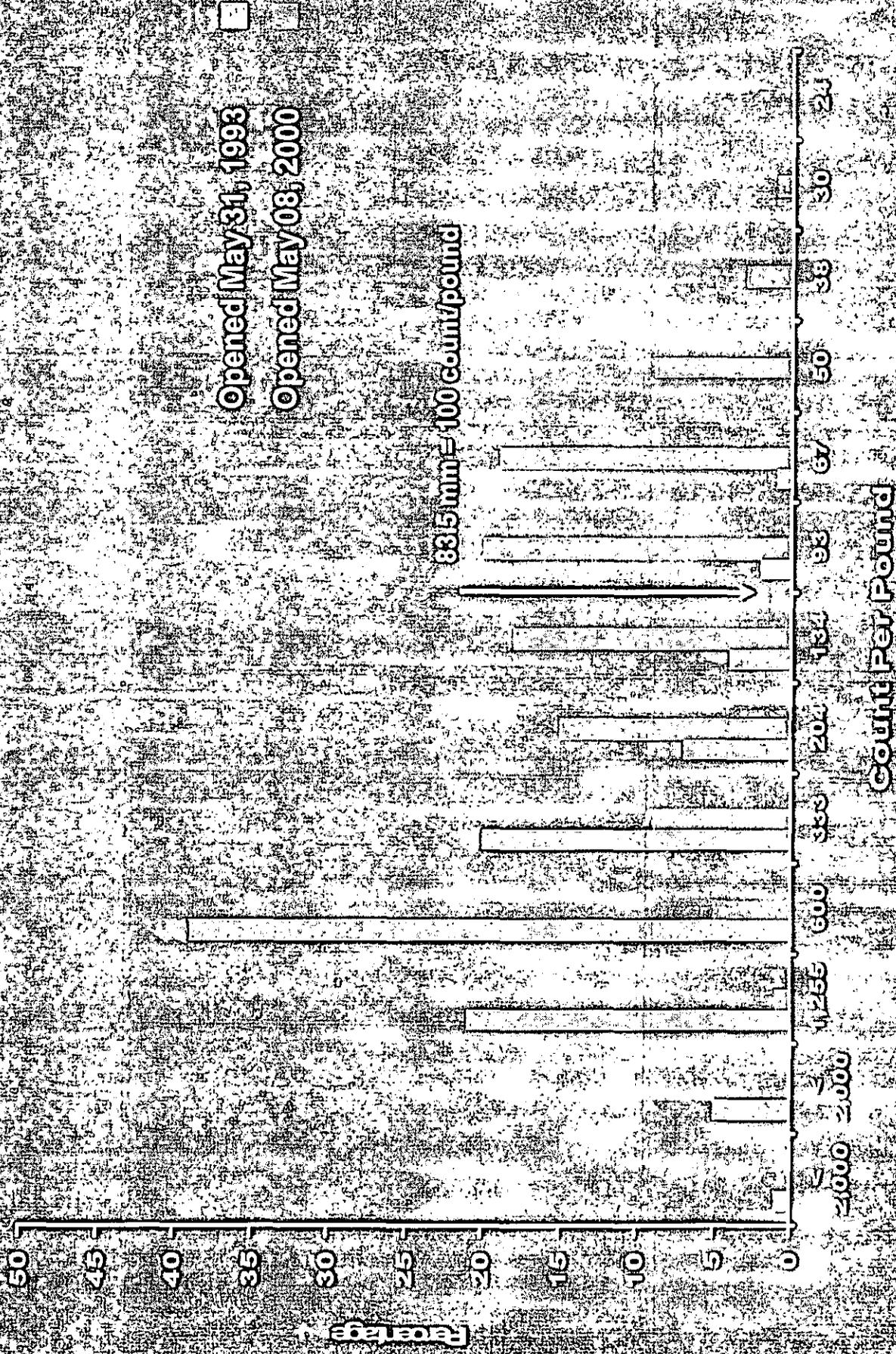
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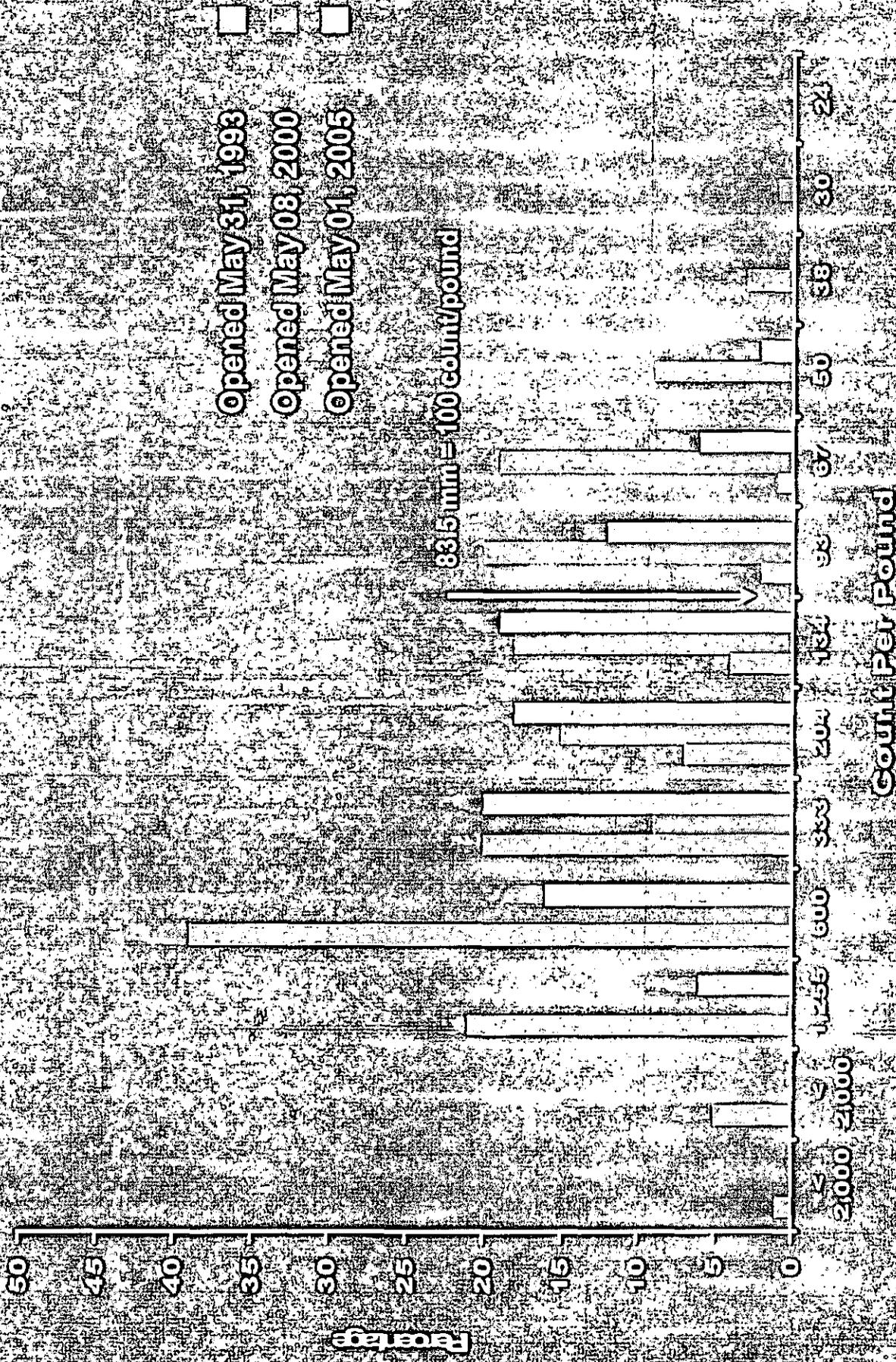
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LA R.S. 56:497

- Fix open seasons for all or part of state waters
- Except for the spring brown shrimp season from the eastern portion of South Pass of the Mississippi River to the western shore of Vermillion Bay and SW Pass at Marsh Island (Zone II) which shall be opened by the LWFC no later than the 3rd Monday in May after considering the LWFC's projection as to when 50% of the brown shrimp crop will be 100 ct/lb or greater
- Shall fix no less than 2 open seasons each year for inside waters based on biological and technical data which indicates marketable shrimp in sufficient quantities are available for harvest
- Right to set special shrimp seasons
- Authority to open or close outside waters by zone each year
- No open season shall begin on a Sunday
- Shall conduct a public hearing prior to determining whether or not to open or close a regular or special season and provide a minimum 3-day notice prior to the opening or closing
- LWFC through the Secretary shall close seasons based on biological and technical data
- May delegate authority to the Secretary the powers and duties provided by this section
- Adopt rules and regulations for the taking of live bait shrimp by qualified special bait dealer permittees during closed season between the spring and fall shrimp seasons

LOUISIANA SHRIMP MANAGEMENT ZONES



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

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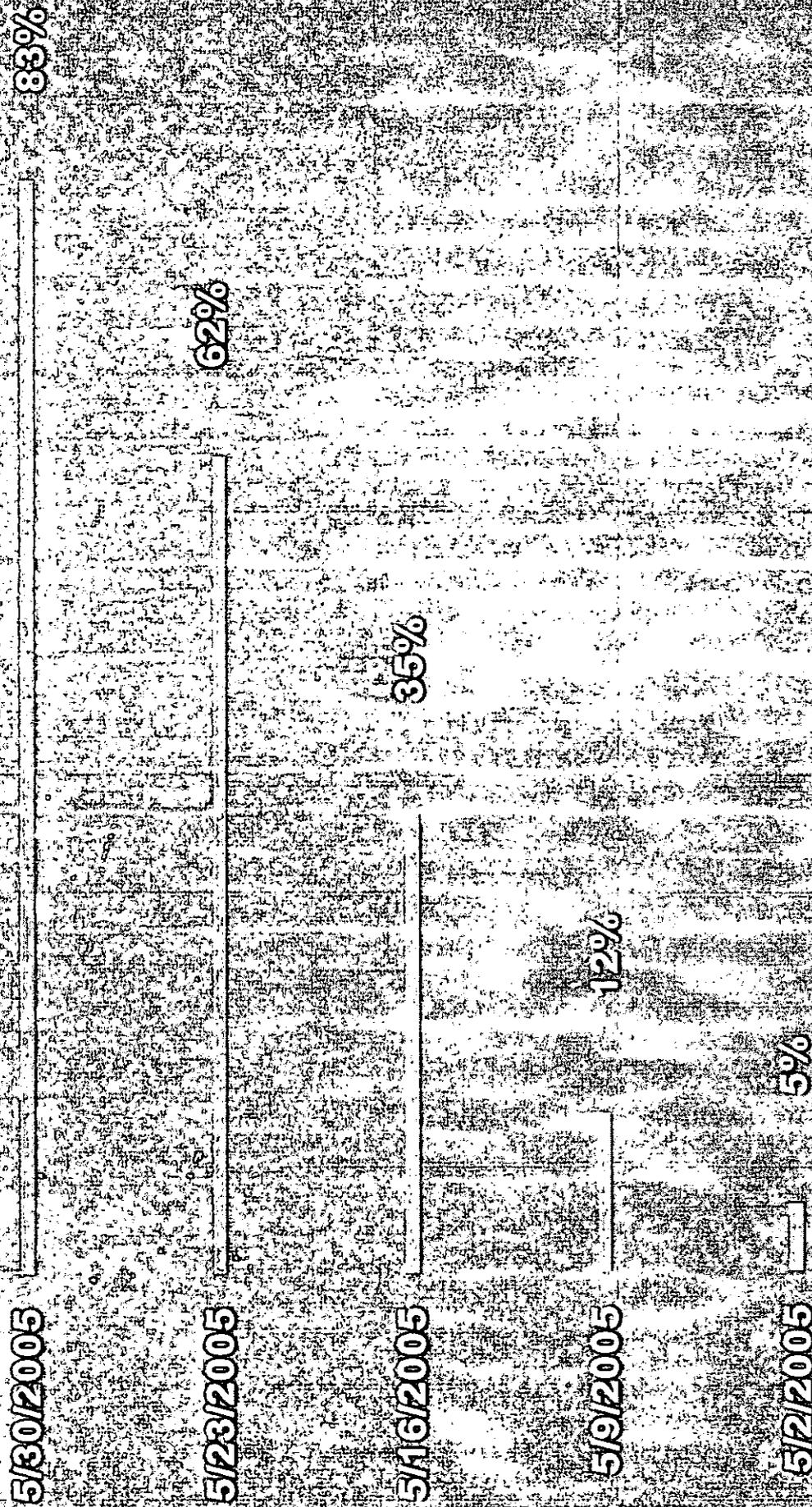
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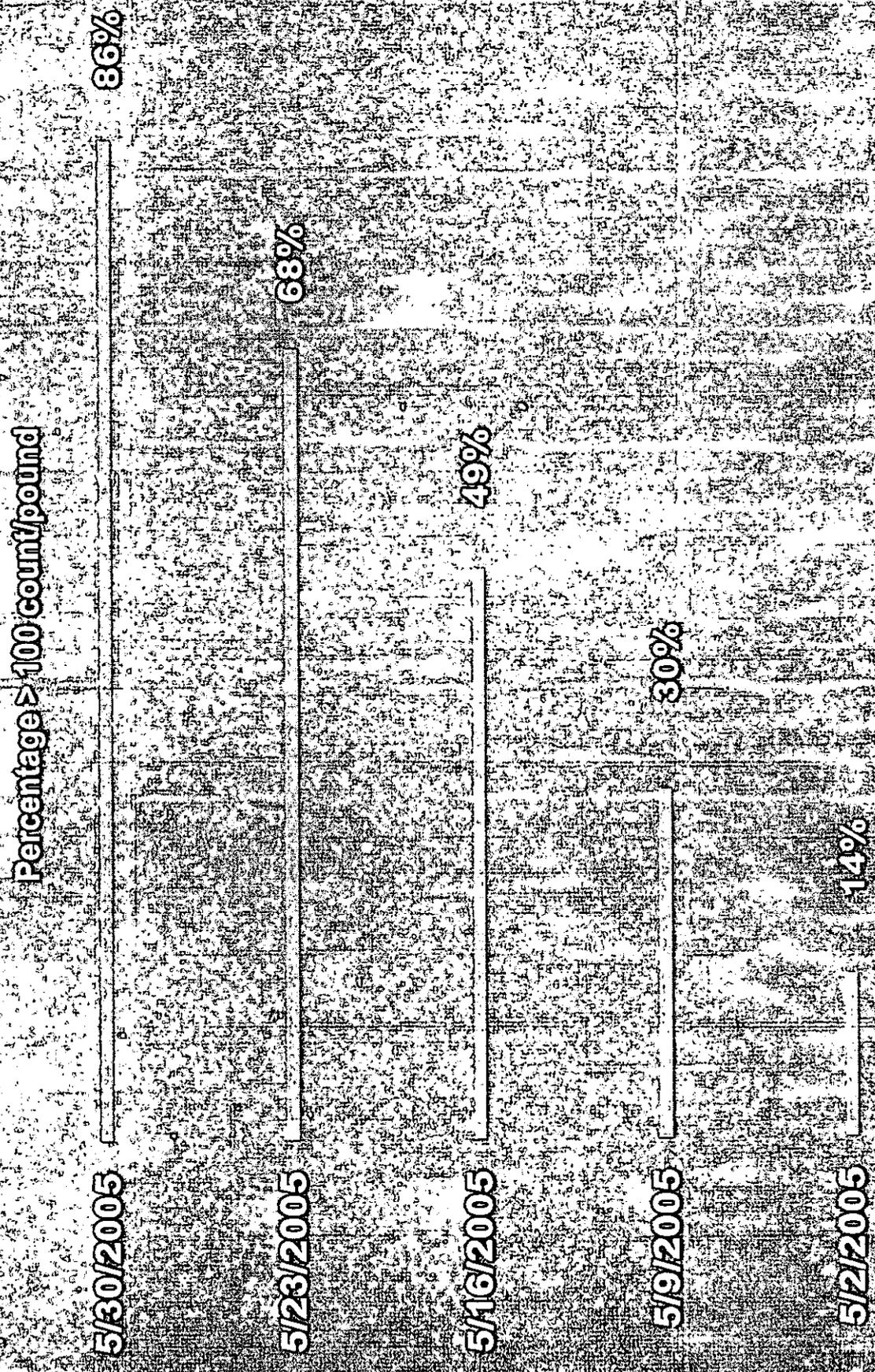
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SHRIMP MANAGEMENT ZONE I 2005 PROJECTIONS

Percentage > 100 count/pound



SHRIMP MANAGEMENT ZONE II 2005 PROJECTIONS



SHRIMP MANAGEMENT ZONE III 2005 PROJECTIONS

Percentage > 100 count/pound

6/6/2005

81%

5/30/2005

35%

5/23/2005

20%

5/16/2005

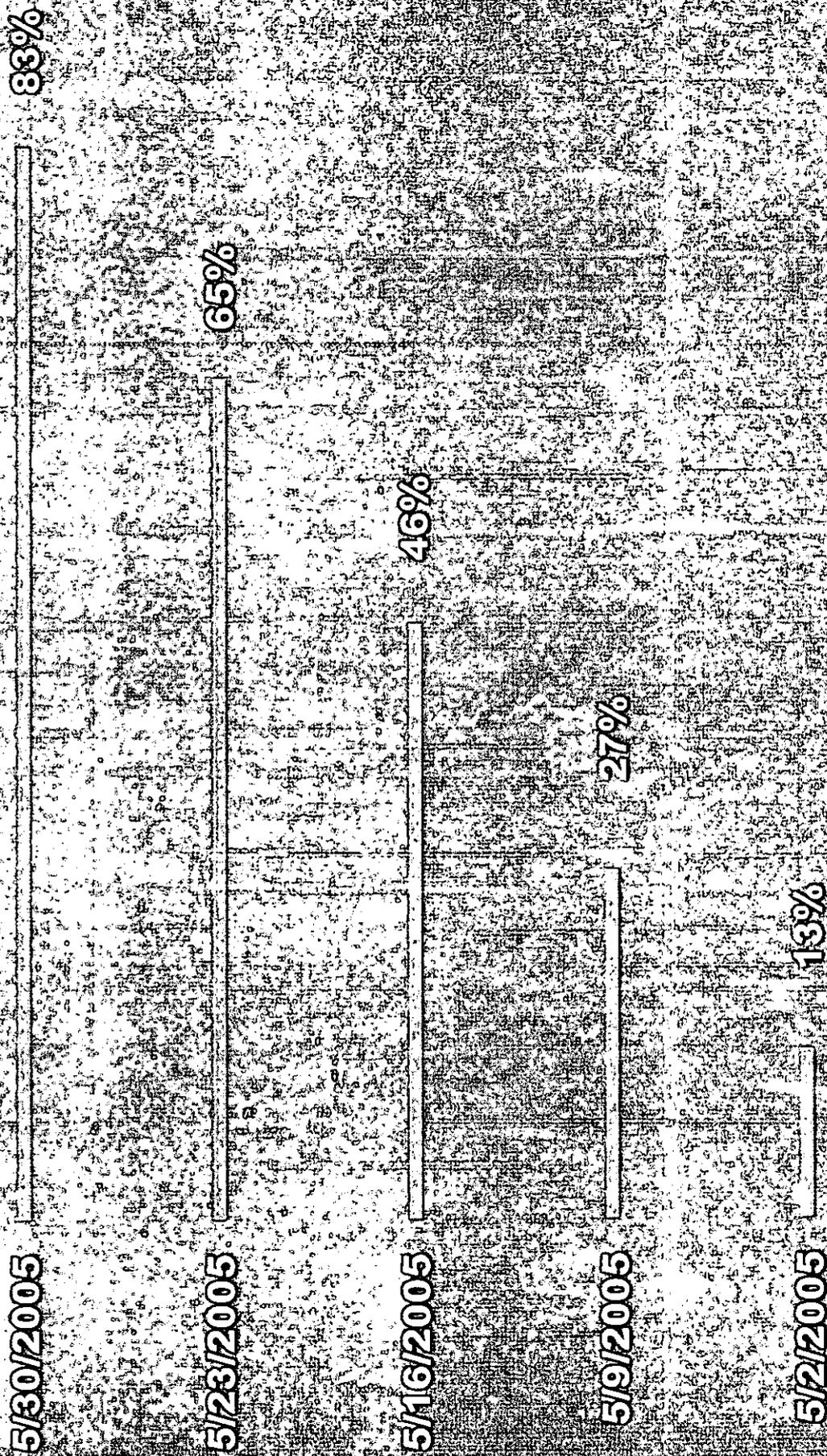
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5/9/2005

3%

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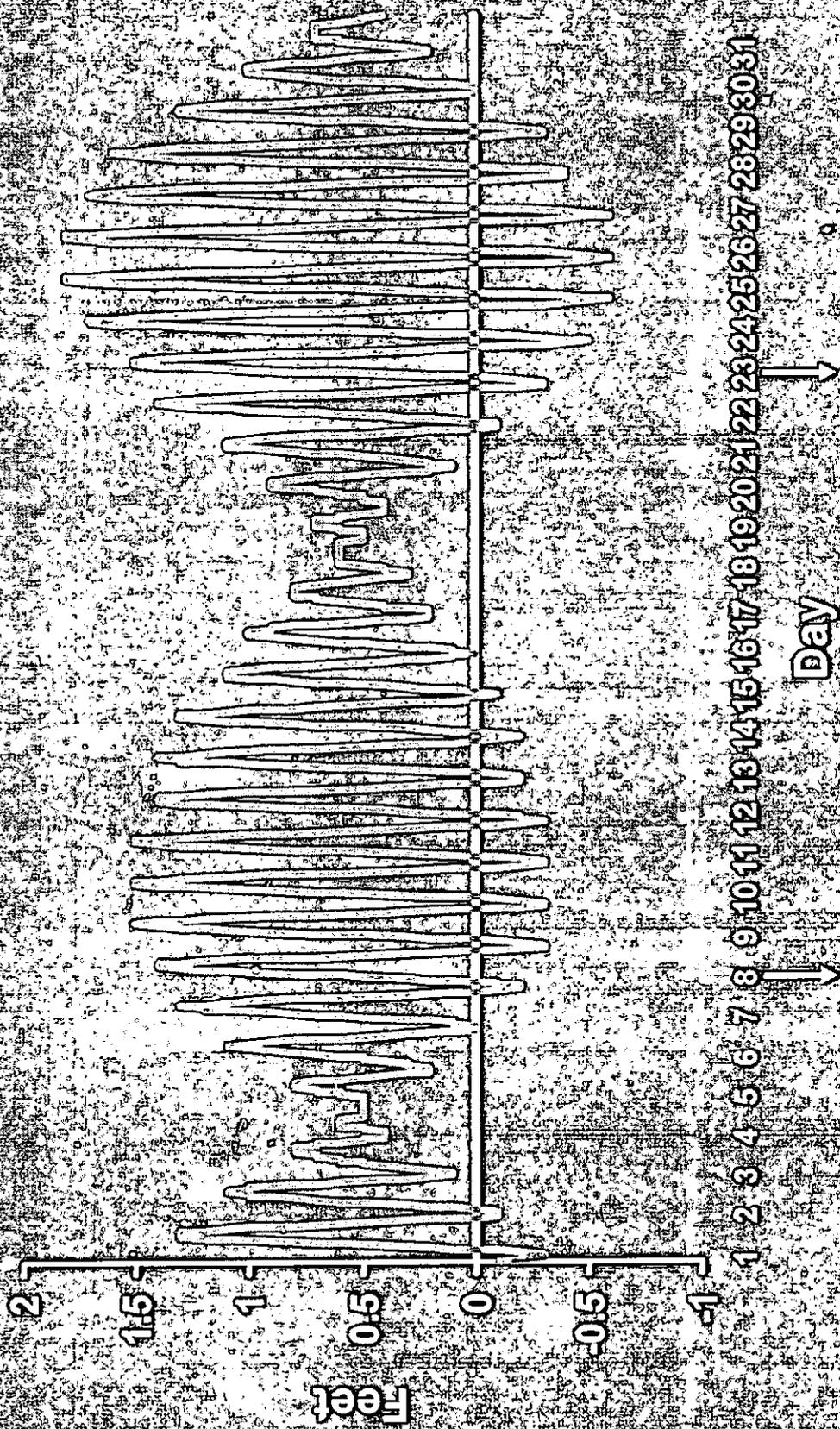
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Source: LDWF

PREDICTED MAY 2005 TIDAL RANGE

Barataria Pass, Louisiana



RESOLUTION

2005 Spring Shrimp Season Opening
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Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

May 5, 2005

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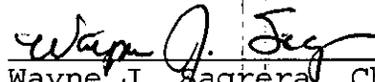
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Wayne J. Sagrera, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
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RESOLUTION

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Alligator Hide Tag Fee

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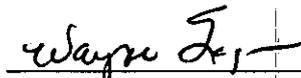
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Wayne Sagrera, Chairman
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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby advertise its intent to eliminate the suspension of \$1.00 of the \$4.00 alligator hide tag fee.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 7. Alligators

§701. Alligator Regulations

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby establish regulations governing the harvest of wild populations of alligators and alligator eggs, raising and propagation of farmed alligators, tanning of skins and regulations governing the selling of hides, alligator parts and farm raised alligators. The administrative responsibility for these alligator programs shall rest with the Department Secretary; the Assistant Secretary, Office of Wildlife; and the Fur and Refuge Division.

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ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

APRIL, 2005

REGION 1: MINDEN

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

TOTAL CASES	66
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
16	Boating Safety
31	Angling W/O Resident License
2	Angling W/O License – Non-Resident
3	Fishing W/O Resident Cane Pole License
1	Violate Recreational Gear License Requirements
1	Taking/Possession Over Limit Of Undersize Freshwater Game Fish (Black Bass)
1	Hunt Turkey W/O Resident Big Game License
1	Hunt Turkey Closed Area
4	Hunt Turkey Over Baited Area
1	Take Alligators W/O Resident License
1	Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season
2	Illegal Possession Of Alligators, Eggs, Or Their Skins
2	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 11

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
7	Boating Safety

1	Angling W/O Resident License
1	Fishing W/O Resident Cane Pole License
2	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
1 Remington 12 Ga. Shotgun, 1 Haydell Turkey Call, 1 Stevens Double Barrel 12 Ga. Shotgun, 2 Remington 870 Shotguns, 1 Hen Turkey Decoy, 1 Jake Turkey Decoy, 1 Primos Turkey Call, 1 Remington Model 700 25-06 Rifle W/Shepard Scope, 1 Rod And Reel (All Of These Being Held At Region Office); 17 Black Bass (Donated)	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
16	Boating
00	Commercial Fishing
00	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
00	Miscellaneous
38	Recreational Fishing
10	State Hunting/Trapping
11	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 1

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Public Assistance

REGION 2: MONROE

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

TOTAL CASES	89
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
18	Boating Safety
5	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
3	Take Commercial Fish W/O A License
3	Failure To Mark/Tag Nets
3	Take Commercial Fish W/O A Commercial Gear License
3	Use Illegal Mesh Net – Freshwater
8	Littering
3	Take Game Fish Illegally
3	Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia
2	Operate ATV On Public Road
23	Angle W/O A Resident License
2	Transport Seafood W/O Transport License – Resident
1	Angle W/O A Resident Pole License
2	Angle W/O A Non-Resident License
1	Discharge Firearm From Public Road
1	Hunt Turkeys Over Baited Area

1	Hunt MGB Over Baited Area
1	Take Alligators Closed Season
3	Not Abiding By Commission Rules And Regulations
2	Illegal Possession Of Alligators
1	Violate Lake D'Arbonne Yo-Yo Regulations

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 4

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Angle W/O A Resident License
1	Expired Boat Registration

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2 - Bags Of Marijuana, 1 - Partially Burned Marijuana Cigarette, 1 - Aluminum Boat, 7 - Garfish, 2 - White Perch, 200 Yards Of 2 Inch Gill Net, 1 - Light Bulb Used As Drug Paraphernalia, 1-Alligator (Released)

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
18	Boating
17	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
8	Littering
11	Miscellaneous

27	Recreational Fishing
8	State Hunting/Trapping
4	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 7

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
7	Public Assistance

REGION 3: ALEXANDRIA

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

TOTAL CASES	151
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
21	Boating
75	Angling W/O A License
13	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
2	Take Illegal Size Bass
1	Violate Recreational Gear License Requirement
1	Sell/Buy Fish W/O Retail Seafood License
2	Fail To Tag Meat
1	Take Over Limit Of Turkey
11	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations
3	Hunt On WMA W/O WMA Hunting Permit
2	Possession Of Illegally Taken Turkey
17	Littering
1	Misrepresentation During Issuance Of Misdemeanor
1	Violate ATV Trail Regulations

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 8

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations
5	Angling W/O A License
2	Boating

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
3 Turkeys And 2 Shotguns

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
21	Boating
1	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
17	Littering
2	Miscellaneous
91	Recreational Fishing
19	State Hunting/Trapping
8	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 8

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
8	Public Assistance

REGION 4: FERRIDAY

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

TOTAL CASES	59
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
17	Boating Safety Violations
20	Angling W/O A License
7	Fish W/O A Resident Pole License
1	Take Or Possess Game Fish Illegally
1	Take Undersize Catfish W/Wire Nets
1	Hunt Turkey W/O Resident Big Game License
1	Possession Of Live Non-Game Quadrupeds W/O Permit
1	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA
1	Violate All Terrain Vehicle Trail Regulations
8	Intentional Littering
1	Other Than Wildlife (Careless Operation Of A Vehicle)

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 6

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Boating Safety Violations
2	Angling W/O License
1	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 Otter; 10 Bream; 2 Perch; 6 Catfish; 27 Wire Nets

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:

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

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 18

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
18	Public Assistance

REGION 5: LAKE CHARLES

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

TOTAL CASES	103
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
56	Boating
21	Angling W/O A License
7	Angling W/O A Non. Res. License
2	Violate Recreational Gear Lic. Requirements
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Hntg. Turkey W/O Res. Big Game License
6	Frog Closed Season
1	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
1	Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana
4	Illegal Spotighting From Public Road
2	Gross Littering
1	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 47

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
6	Angling W/O A License
1	Not Boat Registration Certificate In Possession

1	Improperly Riding On Deck Or Gunwales
2	Failure To Display Valid Decal Certificate
1	Improper Boat Numbers
1	Improper Running lights
1	Improper Or No Sound Producing Device
9	Fail To Comply W/PFD Requirements
24	Improper Or No Fire Extinguisher
1	Fail To Comply W/Visual Distress Signal

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
7 Rods; 7 Reels; 3 Catfish RTW; 1 Black Bass RTW; 19 Frogs Donated; 11 Frogs RTW; 1 Frog Gig; 3-Q-Beams; Marijuana; 1-15 HP Mercury Motor; Assorted Litter	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
56	Boating
0	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
1	Miscellaneous

31	Recreational Fishing
11	State Hunting/Trapping
47	Written Warnings
1	WMA

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 3

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
3	Public Assistance

REGION 6: OPELOUSAS

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

TOTAL CASES	223
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
64	Boating
2	Frog Closed Season
3	Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road
4	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Take Over Limit Or Undersized Freshwater Game Fish
98	Angling W/O License
15	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
1	Violate Recreational Gear License Requirements
9	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
6	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
2	Simple Possession Of Marijuana
1	Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia
2	Misrepresentation During Issuance Of Misdemeanor
2	Resisting An Officer
1	Illegal Possession Of Stolen Things
2	Littering

3	Gross Littering
1	Criminal Mischief
3	Simple Littering
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
1	Flight From An Officer
1	Take/Possess Undersize Red Drum

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 75

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
30	Boating
23	Angling W/O License
10	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
9	Use WMA W/O License Or Stamp
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Hunt Turkey W/O Resident Big Game License
1	Hunt Turkey W/O Turkey Stamp

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2 Red Drum, 5 Black Bass, 60 Sac-A-Lait, 1 Hand Rolled Cigarette With Green Leafy Vegetable-Type Substance In It, 1 Small Plastic Bag With Green Leafy Vegetable-Type Substance In It, 1 Pack of J & B Cigarette Rolling Papers, 4 Rod And Reels, 1 Bill Of Sale, 1 Empty Budweiser Can, 2 Boxes of Checks, 1 Wedding Video, Photos, Hunting License, Divorce Attorney Receipt, IMBS Collection Notice, Phone Bill, Bank Notice, Financial Collection Notice, 40 Frogs, 3 Whole Cigarettes And 1 Partially Smoked Cigarette-Suspected Of Being Marijuana, 1 Tequila Bottle, 169 Blue Crabs, 16 Sack of Live Crawfish, Check In The Amount Of \$225.05

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
64	Boating
1	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
8	Littering
28	Miscellaneous
122	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
75	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 6

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
6	Public Assistance

REGION 7: BATON ROUGE

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

TOTAL CASES	171
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
77	Boating Safety (3 DWI's)
65	Angling Without Resident License
2	Angling Without Resident Saltwater License
2	Angling Without Non-Resident Basic License
1	Angling Without Non-resident Saltwater License
2	Fish Without Cane Pole License
1	No Recreational Gear License
1	Failure To Have Commercial License In Possession
1	Allow Another To Use Commercial License
2	Buy Or Sell Fish Without Wholesale Retail Dealers License
1	Fail To Tag Containerized Oysters
1	Violation Of Sanitation Code
1	Violate Interstate Commerce Regulations (Lacey Act)
2	Hunt Turkey Over Baited Area
3	Hunt Turkey Without Turkey License

1	Hunt Turkey Without Resident Big Game License
3	Littering
3	Violate Rules And Regulations On WMA
2	Scenic River Violation

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 14

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Boating
5	Angling Without License
2	Fish Without Cane Pole License
4	Violate Rules And Regulations WMA
1	Hunt Turkey Without License (Stamp)

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
60 Sacks Of Crawfish—Sold To Highest Bidder—Submitted Check To WLF (\$1,214.95)

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
77	Boating
5	Commercial Fishing

-0-	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
4	Miscellaneous
73	Recreational Fishing
9	State Hunting/Trapping
14	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE 14

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
	Public Assistance 9-Assist Motorists 4-Assist Boaters 1-Render First AID

REGION 8: NEW ORLEANS

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

TOTAL CASES	273
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
28	Boating
93	Angling W/O A License
19	Take or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout (Recreational)
3	Angling W/O Saltwater License
2	Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident
1	Take/Possess O/L Red Drum (On Water)
4	Possess O/L Of Red Drum In Excess of 27”(Recreational)
1	Take/Possess Red Drum In EEZ
1	Fail To Have Fish Intact(Saltwater)
1	Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum(Recreational)
18	Take or Possess Undersized Black Drum (Recreational)
1	Commission Rules And Regulations Tuna(Recreational)
1	Take Or Possess O/L Black Drum(Recreational)
2	Commission Rules And Regulations Amberjack
3	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Comm. License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License

2	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
26	Sell And/Or Buy Fish Without A Retail Seafood Dealers License
2	Use Saltwater Net Illegally(Gillnet)
1	Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs
2	Possess Over 20% Undersize Crabs
2	Use Skimmers In Closed Season
2	Failure To Have Written Permission
15	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
22	Take Oysters From Unapproved Area(Polluted)
5	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease
3	Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef
3	Take Oysters Closed Season
1	Failure To Display Proper Number On Vessel
2	Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
2	Violate Sanitation Code (Log Book)
1	Operate Without Wholesale/Retail License Reptiles And Amphibians
2	Criminal Trespass
1	Operating A Vessel While Intoxicated

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 22

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
19	Boating
1	Take Or Possess Undersize Red Drum(Recreational) 16"Minimum
1	Commission Rules And Regulations Red Snapper
1	Commission Rules And Regulations Snapper

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
Returned to Water...Oyster Sacks (942)... Crabs(7 boxes, 10)...Various Seafood (7 Lbs. , 5 Lbs.)... Blue Crabs(1 Crate)...Donated....Sac-A-Lait (32)...Bass(4)...Perch(16)...Red Drum (8)...Red Snapper(44)...Red Drum Filets(1 Bag)...Black Drum(12)...Hardware Confiscated....Outboard Motor(1)...Flatboat(1)...Vessel(1)...Rod And Reel(15)...Oyster Dredge(1)...Empty Jar Of Peanut Butter(1)...Drivers License(1)...Skimmer Nets(4)... Log Sheet(3)...Gillnet(1)

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
28	Boating
100	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
3	Miscellaneous
141	Recreational Fishing
1	State Hunting/Trapping
22	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 7

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
7	Public Assistance

REGION 9: SCHRIEVER

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

TOTAL CASES	218
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
75	Boating
56	Angling Without Basic Fishing License
8	Angling Without A Non-Resident License
2	Fish Without Resident Pole License
1	Violate Recreational Gear License Requirement
6	Angling Without Saltwater License
1	Angling Without Non-Resident Saltwater License
1	Take Undersize Bowfin (Choupique)
1	Take Over Limit Of Red Drum On Water
5	Take Illegal Size Black Drum
1	Take Undersized Red Drum Recreational
2	Take Undersized Spotted Sea Trout Recreational
2	Take Undersized Black Drum Recreational
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
2	Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial License
2	Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Crab Trap Gear License

1	Sell Fish Without Retail Seafood License
1	Transport Without Required Resident License
2	Use Crab Traps Without Required Markings
1	Take Oysters Without Oyster Harvester License (Captains Only)
3	Failure To Have Written Permission
5	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease
1	Violate Oyster Sanitation Code (Log Book)
1	Violate Oyster Sanitation Code (Refrigeration)
1	Hunting Without Resident License
3	Possession Of Live Alligators Without Permit
3	Possess Firearm While Frogging
8	Frog Closed Season
3	Littering
7	Possession Of Alcohol By Persons Under 21 Years Of Age
1	DWI By Boat
1	DWI By Vehicle
1	Obtain License By Fraud
1	Driving On Levee
1	Remove Contents Of Legal Crab Traps
2	Use Skimmers In Closed Season

1	Failure To Display Proper Number On Oyster Vessel
1	Possess Over 20 % Undersize Crabs
2	Possess Alligators Closed Season
1	Allow Another To Use Recreational License

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 93

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
43	Boating
26	Angling Without Basic Resident License
1	Fish Without Resident Pole License
1	Violate Recreational Gear License Requirement
21	Angling Without A Saltwater License
1	Commission Rules And Regulations Over Limit Red Snapper

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
20 Pounds Shrimp; 11 Black Bass; 3 Red Drum; 5 Speckled Trout; 425 Pounds Crabs; 26 Bull Frogs; 40 Sacks Oyster; 3 Alligators; 1 Choupique; 3 Rods And Reels; 2 Crab Traps; 4 Vessels On Paper Seizures; 2 Oyster Dredges; 2 Guns; 1 Recreational License; 32 Oyster Tags; 1 Oyster Log Sheet; 2 Skimmer Nets

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
75	Boating

25	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
11	Miscellaneous
87	Recreational Fishing
17	State Hunting/Trapping
93	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 8

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
8	Public Assistance

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE**COASTAL WATERS**

TOTAL CASES	47
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
19	Taking Oysters From An Unapproved Area
8	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
3	Take Oysters Closed Season
3	Lacy Act
3	Conspiracy
2	Unlawfully Take Oysters From Private Lease
2	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
2	Violate Sanitary Code (Log Book)
1	Violate Sanitary Code (Refrigeration)
1	Failure To Have Written Permission
3	Fail To Comply With PFD Requirements

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 4

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Fail To Display Proper Number On Vessel
1	No Fire Extinguisher
1	Angling Without A Basic License
1	Fail To Display Valid Certificate Decal

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
792 Sacks Of Oysters

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION OSF:

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

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 0

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	16
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Angling Without A License Non-Resident
1	Angling Without Saltwater License Non-Resident
1	Violation Of Sanitary Code (Repacking Oysters)
1	Fail To Tag Containerized Oysters
2	Buy/Sell Fish Without Retail Seafood Dealers License
2	Fail To Maintain Records
2	Transport without Required License
1	Intentional Littering
1	Theft By Fraud (Felony)
2	Theft By Fraud (Misdemeanor)
1	Gross Littering
1	Fail to Report Commercial Fisheries Data

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 2

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Commission Rules And Regulations(Over The Limit Red Snapper)
1	No Boat Registration In Possession

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
158 Pounds Of Head On Shrimp (Sold) 3- Whole White Trout (Donated) 4 Pints of Shucked Oysters (Destroyed)

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SIU:

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

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 0

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

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COASTAL WATERS

TOTAL CASES	32
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
5	Boating
1	Commission Rules & Regulations (Recreational – Tuna)
5	Angling W/O License
1	Take Or Possess O/L Of Red Drum (On Water)
2	Take Oysters Off A Private Lease
1	Failure To Have Written Permission
1	Violate Sanitation Code (Log Book)
1	Violate Sanitation Code (Refrigeration)
11	Taking Oysters From Unapproved Area (Polluted)
1	Take/Sell Comm. Fish W/O Comm. License
1	Take/Possess Comm. Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Take/Possess U/S Federally Controlled Fish
1	Commission Rules & Regulations (C/S Amberjack)

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 3

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	No Boat Registration In Possession
2	Fail To Comply W/Visual Distress Signal

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
Approx. 2,400 Ft. Gillnets (2); 268 Lbs. Of Lesser Amberjack Sold For \$454.00; 1 Greater Amberjack; 9 Red Drum; 246 Sacks Oysters; 4,691 Lbs. Shrimp Seized By U.S.C.G. On Joint Enforcement Action

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION SWEP:

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

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE 0

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

****Note******12 Hours Ran****214 Boats Checked**

REFUGE PATROL

**MARSH ISLAND, ROCKEFELLER,
STATE WILDLIFE**

TOTAL CASES	36
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
12	Angling Without A License
2	Angling Without A License Non-Resident
1	Set Crab Traps In Navigable Channels Or Entrance To Streams
5	Trawl State Waters Closed Season (Outside Waters)
4	Failure To Comply With PFD Requirements
8	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On Refuge
2	Illegal Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia
1	Operate A Vessel While Intoxicated
1	Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 5

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Expired Boat Registration Certificate
1	Failure To Comply With PFD Requirements
1	Improper Or No Fire Extinguisher

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2 Crab Traps; 1 One Day Non-Resident Fishing License; 1 Sigma Rod And Reel; 1 Zebco 33 Reel And Shakespeare Rod; 1 Homemade Crack Pipe; 2 Partially Smoked Marijuana Cigarettes; 4,450 Pounds Of Shrimp Sold For \$6,114.00; 4 Fifty Foot Trawls

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REFUGE PATROL:

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

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 1

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Public Assistance

TOTAL CASES: 1,484

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 294

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 73

ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT

APRIL 2005

**185 – Amph. – 61092
Hrs. - 0**

**185 – Amph. – 1322R
Hrs. - 47**

**210 – 9467Y
Hrs. - 9.2**

Enforcement Hours - 32.1

Wildlife Hours- 10.8

Marine Fish Hours- 6.3

Inland Fish Hours- 0

Fur & Refuge Hours- 7

Total Plane Use - 56.2

MONTHLY BOATING ACCIDENT REPORT

April 2005

Number of Boating Accidents Reported: 9
Number of Injuries: 8
Number of Fatalities: 1

4/1/05 – Concordia Parish

Operator fell overboard in Old River and died by drowning.

4/2/05 – Livingston Parish

Steering cable broke on boat causing operator to be ejected from boat and injured.

4/3/05 – Ascension Parish

Operator struck a pier on Diversion Canal, injuring a passenger. Blood alcohol test of operator is pending.

4/3/05 – St. Tammany Parish

Vessel ran aground in Bayou Bonfuca, causing one minor injury.

4/10/05 – Jefferson Parish

Vessel struck a pier in Waggaman Canal, injuring a passenger in the vessel.

4/10/05 – Bossier Parish

Vessel struck a dredge line in the Red River, causing property damage only.

4/16/05 – Sabine Parish

Passenger lost footing and fell off a pontoon boat in Toledo Bend. Boat's propeller struck him causing serious leg injuries.

4/17/05 – Jefferson Parish

Operator let go of tiller handle on motor while pulling a skier in Lake Pontchartrain. The boat turned hard to starboard and sank.

4/23/05 – Pointe Coupee Parish

Operator traveling at night struck a pier on False River. Operator and passenger were ejected from the vessel, which sank. Both occupants sustained minor injuries. Blood alcohol test of operator pending.

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

LaCaze, B "Keith"

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2005-108

SHRIMP PEDDLER WHEELED TO JAIL

Agents from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Enforcement Division Special Investigations Unit and Special Operations arrested a man in the Baton Rouge area for alleged felony theft by fraud, selling fish without a retail seafood license and failing to maintain records in East Baton Rouge Parish on Friday, April 15,

Agents apprehended Jarrid Scott Boudreaux, 23, of Rayne, after receiving numerous complaints of him selling shrimp in the Baton Rouge area without proper licenses and cheating customers by giving them about half the shrimp they paid for. Agents encountered Boudreaux making a sale for 310 pounds of shrimp, which ended up only weighing 158 pounds.

Agents also cited Boudreaux with two other misdemeanor theft charges from previous shrimp sales transactions.

The maximum penalty for theft by fraud in excess of \$500 is imprisonment with or without hard labor for ten years or a fine of \$3,000 or both. Failure to maintain records and buying or selling fish without a retail license each carry a fine up to \$500 or jail time up to 90 days or both plus court costs per count cited.

According to Law Enforcement Division Administrator, Colonel Winton Vidrine, the LDWF Enforcement Division will continue to actively investigate complaints of fraudulent seafood sales committed against the public. "But people should use caution when purchasing shrimp from door to door vendors," he said.

Boudreaux was booked into East Baton Rouge Parish Prison where his bond was set at \$6000.

Agents participating in the case were Lt. Jay Diez and Senior Agent Joel Crompt.

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

HIGHWAY TURKEY HUNTERS CAUGHT

Two men were arrested for allegedly killing a wild turkey from a moving vehicle and public road, and for possession of an illegally taken turkey on Louisiana Highway 10 on March 31.

West Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office and St. Francisville Police Department dispatchers reported a cell phone call about two men in a white Ford truck shooting a wild turkey from the window of a vehicle along Louisiana Highway 10 on their way to St. Francisville.

Sheriff's dispatchers notified Senior Agent Paul Stuckey of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division, who immediately responded to the call. Mark G. Delaune 31, of Baton Rouge and Lynn J. Landry, 30, of Denham Springs were apprehended along Louisiana Highway 61 in St. Francisville.

Based on eyewitness testimony and voluntary statements from Delaune and Landry, Agent Stuckey booked both subjects into the West Feliciana Parish jail.

The penalty for hunting from a moving vehicle is court costs plus a fine of \$250 to \$500 or jail time up to 90 days or both. Hunting from a public road is punishable by court costs and a fine of \$100 to \$350 or up to 60 days of jail or both. Possession of an illegally taken turkey carries a fine of \$400 to \$750 or jail time up to 120 days or both, plus court costs and forfeiture of anything seized in connection with the investigation.

In addition, Landry was cited for hunting without a basic resident hunting license, hunting without a resident big game license and hunting turkey without a turkey stamp. Each license violation is punishable by a \$50 fine.

Landry and Delaune are scheduled for arraignment on June 16 before the Twentieth Judicial District Court in St. Francisville.

Deputy Lynn Bonaventure and Officers Scott Ford and Marty Freeman assisted with the case.

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2005-106

NIGHT HUNTER SENTENCED IN RED RIVER PARISH

A man illegally hunting deer in Red River Parish in December plead guilty to all charges on March 13.

Daryl Reed Bass, 39 of Coushatta, was found night hunting on La. Highway 783 on Dec. 8, 2004 by Enforcement Division agents for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF).

Judge Lewis Sams of the 39th Judicial District sentenced Bass for the following crimes:

(1) for hunting or taking deer during illegal hours or with an artificial light Bass received 120 days in the parish jail and a fine of \$950.

(2) for hunting from a moving vehicle Bass got 90 days in the parish jail and a fine of \$500 plus \$126 court costs.

(3) for hunting or taking deer from a public road Bass got 60 days in the parish jail and a fine of \$350 plus \$126 plus court costs.

(4) for discharging a firearm from a public road Bass got 30 days in the parish jail and a fine of \$50.

Judge Sams suspended all jail sentences and Bass was placed on court supervision for a period of one year. Bass is forbidden from hunting for two years, must perform five days community service work and he must pay \$200 toward repair of deer decoys used by enforcement agents in the apprehension of illegal night hunters.

Assistant District Attorney Julie Jones prosecuted the case for the state. Agents involved in the case were Sgt. Chuck Dison, Sgt. Michael Kelley and Senior Agents Jared McIver and Jason Clinton.

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2005-107

L.D.W.F AGENTS NAB GAME FISH POACHERS

Enforcement agents from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries observed illegal fishing activity on Old River north of Lake Providence that led to the arrest of five subjects on April 2.

Agents observed Clinton Crenshaw, 22, of Epps, Steven Miles, 40, of Lake Providence, and Richard Capo, 37, of Silsbee, Texas fishing with a net with an illegal mesh size. They charged the men with illegally taking game fish, using an illegal mesh net, taking commercial fish without a commercial license, having no commercial gear license and failing to mark or tag the nets.

Crenshaw, Correan Crenshaw, 20, of Pioneer, and Jerry Wayne Atkinson, 37, of Silsbee, Texas, were witnessed participating in alleged drug use during the agents' observation of illegal fishing activity, and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Clinton Crenshaw and Atkinson were also booked for littering violations. Miles was also cited for failing to comply with personal flotation device requirements and having no light on a non-powered watercraft. One additional subject, Charles Ray Conner, Jr., 30, was cited and released for one count of littering.

If convicted the following penalties may be imposed on each crime: the taking of game fish illegally carries fines of \$400 to \$750 and jail time up to 120 days, the use of illegal mesh nets has fines of \$400 to \$450 and jail time up to 120 days, the failure to tag nets carries fines of \$250 to \$500 and up to 90 days in jail, the taking of commercial fish without licenses has fines of \$250 to \$500 and up to 90 days in jail.

For littering violators the fine may range from \$250 to \$1250 and sentenced to serve eight hours of community service in a litter abatement program as approved by the court. The maximum penalty for possession of drug paraphernalia is \$500 and six months in jail. Court costs will also be added to any punishment above. The failure to comply with PFD requirements and no light on a non-powered watercraft is punishable by a \$50 fine and 15 days in jail with no court costs on the first offense.

Agents issued 23 citations in this case and seized a 14-foot aluminum boat, 200 yards of two-inch gill net, drug paraphernalia and 31 miscellaneous fish.

Agents participating in the case were Sgt. Jamey Hagan, Sgt. Darren Bruce, and Senior Agent Wayne Parker. East Carroll Parish Deputies Robert Hall and Mike Outzs also provided assistance for the agents.

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LDWF ENFORCEMENT AGENTS JOIN IN FARM SAFETY DAY FOR FIFTH-GRADERS

Agents with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Enforcement Division teamed up with other agencies and sponsors for two separate Progressive Farmer Safety Day Camps for children on April 8 in Caldwell Parish and April 22 in Franklin Parish.

The safety days featured safety stations that included boat and water, seatbelt, ATV, firearms, electrical, bicycle and farm equipment safety. Fire and 911 simulators were also available.

In addition to LDWF, the Franklin and Caldwell Sheriff's Offices, Louisiana State Police, Winnsboro Fire Department, Northeast Louisiana Ambulance, Northeast Louisiana Power, 4-H Club Extension Office and Winnsboro Equipment were also on hand for the safety days.

The camps were hosted on school days for fifth-graders and corresponding teachers in each parish. The two days gave 450 children the opportunity to be educated on the importance of wearing Personal Flotation Devices along with other safety topics.

Once at the camp, the children were split into groups of 20 and directed to safety stations for instruction and demonstration. The groups spent 20 minutes at each station and rotated until they finished.

The sponsoring organizations provided goodie bags for all of the participants. Lunch and refreshments were served to all of those in attendance.

Agents participating in the Progressive Farmer Safety Day Camps were Sgt. Russ Kiser and Senior Agent Scott Watson.

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

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

May 5, 2005

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WHEREAS, evidence from other states strongly suggests that chronic wasting disease has spread from captive deer and elk herds to free ranging deer, and

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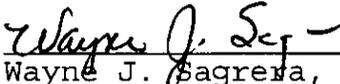
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in order to protect Louisiana's wild deer resources, the attached Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent prohibiting importation of deer and elk are adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.



Wayne J. Sagre, Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
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CWD is related to other transmissible spongiform encephalopathies such as Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (Mad Cow Disease) of cattle, Creutzfeld-Jakob Disease of humans, and scrapie of sheep. Mutant proteins, called prions, are believed to be the infectious agent responsible for CWD. Current information suggests that the disease is limited to deer and elk, and is not naturally transmitted to livestock or humans. The means by which CWD is transmitted is not known, but it is probably transmitted from animal to animal. Maternal transmission from infected does to fawns is also thought to occur. There is no cure or treatment for CWD, and it is always fatal.

CWD is a particularly difficult disease to detect and control. The incubation period (time from which the animal is infected until it exhibits symptoms) is at least 18 months and may be as long as 3-5 years. Until symptoms appear, infected animals appear normal.

Symptoms of CWD include weight loss, excessive salivation, depression, dehydration, general weakness, and behavioral changes. There is no practical live animal test for CWD. Examination of brain tissue from dead animals is the primary means of positive diagnosis. The agent that causes CWD is extremely resistant to traditional disinfection techniques. It is not known how long the infectious agent can persist in the soil or other media, but some evidence indicates that the infectious agent can persist for an extended period of time.

Interstate and intrastate movement of infected captive deer and elk can quickly spread CWD beyond those areas where it already occurs. Strong circumstantial evidence suggests that CWD outbreaks in free ranging deer in Colorado, Nebraska, and South Dakota are related to captive elk enclosures.

Trade in captive deer and elk lend itself to the spread of CWD. Deer and elk are frequently transferred from one owner to another. These movements are often from state to state. For example, at least 109 elk movements which occurred during 1982-97, were indirectly or directly traced back to a single CWD positive captive elk herd in Montana. Elk from this herd were sent to at least 12 states and 2 Canadian provinces. Elk from a CWD infected Colorado herd were sent to 19 states and introduced into 45 herds. A CWD outbreak in Saskatchewan, Canada that affected 39 elk herds was traced back to a single elk from South Dakota. Exotic animal auctions are another source of concern. At these auctions, a large

number of animals come into contact with each other and then are dispersed across the United States. Accurate and verifiable records of where animals have been, and what animals they have been in contact with, are seldom available. In some states, including Louisiana, captive deer and elk may be introduced into large enclosures containing wild deer. Once introduced into large, often heavily vegetated enclosures, the animals usually cannot be monitored or re-captured. Enclosures are not escape-proof and escapes or fence to fence contact with free ranging wild deer can be expected.

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry has licensed approximately 187 alternative livestock farms. In addition, 31 supplemented hunting preserves that average 690 acres each are licensed by LDAF. These supplemented hunting preserve enclosures may contain both released deer and native wild deer. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries licenses about 40 non-commercial game breeders that possess deer. The deer and elk farming industry in Louisiana is relatively small, and as a whole, not highly dependent on imported deer. In 2000, the LDAF issued only 10 importation permits involving 57 deer.

In contrast, recreation associated with wild deer and wild deer hunting has significant economic impact in Louisiana. In 2003, there were approximately 169,000 licensed deer hunters in Louisiana. There were also an undetermined number that were not required to have a license (under age 16 or over age 60). The 2001

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The cost of a CWD outbreak in Louisiana could be substantial. State government could incur considerable costs in order to effectively contain and monitor a CWD outbreak. By way of example, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources spent approximately \$11,500,000 for monitoring and containment during the first year of the outbreak in that state.

In addition to the cost to government, the private sector would be affected by a CWD outbreak in Louisiana. Interest in deer hunting would likely decline if significantly lower deer populations result. Additionally, hunter concerns regarding contact with, or consumption of, infected animals could also reduce deer hunting activity. Lower hunting lease values and fewer hunting related retail purchases would therefore be likely. A significant reduction in deer hunting activity could also have deleterious effects on agriculture, horticulture, and forestry

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Title 76

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A. Definitions

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C. No person shall receive or possess deer or elk imported or transported in violation of this rule. Any person accepting delivery or taking possession of deer or elk from another person has a duty to review and maintain bills of sale, bills of lading, invoices, and all other documents which indicate the source of the deer or elk.

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Wayne J. Sagrera

Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend the rules governing white-tailed deer importation.

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: David Moreland, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, July 7, 2005.

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

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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Wayne J. Sagrera

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Needs Summary for Deer Importation DE and NOI

In 2002, the LWFC adopted a rule prohibiting the importation of deer and elk into Louisiana. This action was in response to the growing threat of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and concerns about its introduction into Louisiana's wild deer herd. The 2002 rule contained a sunset provision that invalidated the rule on May 30th, 2005. The sunset provision was included because USDA rules governing interstate transport of cervids (deer) were expected and the CWD situation was changing frequently. However, USDA did not adopt rules regulating interstate transport of cervids as expected. Since 2002, CWD has continued to spread in both captive and wild deer populations across the U.S. and Canada. CWD is not known to occur in Louisiana and it is the opinion of the LDWF staff that the ban on deer importation should be re-promulgated to continue to protect Louisiana's wild deer from CWD. The attached Declaration of Emergency will continue the current ban on importation until the final rule can be adopted. The introduction to the Declaration of Emergency provides an overview of the biology and history of CWD.

Falcon, Susan

From: Kimmel, Fred
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2005 9:08 AM
To: Falcon, Susan
Subject: Attachment for Deer Importation DE and NOI

The attached paragraph should be included in the commissioner's packets. Parke has reviewed and approved this.

Thanks.



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RESOLUTION
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May 5, 2005

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May 11, 2005

Honorable Ernest Wooton
State Representative
8018 Highway 23, Suite 214
Belle Chasse, LA 70037

RE: Comments at March 2005 LDWF Public Hearings Specific to Hunting Deer with Dogs

Dear Representative Wooton:

It was a pleasure to have met and spoken to you at Thursday's Commission Meeting. At your request, I have attached summary comments of all 10 of our public hearings this year.

Mr. Jimmy Anthony, Program Manager, Wildlife Division, assembled the summaries. Pertinent subject matter has been highlighted in yellow.

Please call me or Jimmy should you have any needs or questions.

Sincerely,

W. Parke Moore, III
Assistant Secretary

Attachments

Public Meetings 2005

<u>Date</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
March 11	Lake Charles	LSU Agriculture Center	6:00 pm
March 14	Ruston	Ruston Civic Center	6:00 pm
March 14	Houma	Houma Municipal Auditorium	7:00 pm
March 15	Lafayette	National Wetlands Research Center	6:00 pm
March 15	Bossier City	Bossier Civic Center	7:00 pm
March 16	Hammond	SLU University Center	7:00 pm
March 17	Baton Rouge	LDWF HQ, La. Room	7:00 pm
March 22	Opelousas	Yambilee Center	7:00 pm
March 23	Alexandria	Alexandria Convention Hall	6:30 pm
March 24	Winnsboro	Council on Aging Bld.	7:00 pm

The Public Meeting for comments on the proposed hunting regulations for the 2005-2008 seasons for resident small game and deer held in 10 cities across the state: Bossier City, Ruston, Winnsboro, Alexandria, Lake Charles, Opelousas, Lafayette, Houma, Hammond and Baton Rouge from March 11 through March 24, 2005.

100 persons attended Bossier City
35 persons attended Ruston
40 persons attended Winnsboro
98 persons attended Alexandria
48 persons attended Lake Charles
58 persons attended Opelousas
37 persons attended Lafayette
43 persons attended Houma
18 persons attended Hammond
58 persons attended Baton Rouge
535 persons total attended

Most common comments received:

1. Too many either-sex days allowed. (10)
2. Opposed to hunting deer with dogs. (8)
3. Other comments related to the NOI were either local in nature and/or not very numerous (less than 5 per issue)

Other comments were related to other Department issues such as enforcement of laws, fishing, trapping, waterfowl, turkey and others that are not related to the NOI. Most persons were in attendance to receive information or comment on the Departments proposed deer and turkey tagging regulations to be presented next year.

The Department recommends no changes to the NOI based on public comment received thus far.

LDWF Public Hearing Lake Charles, LA. LSU AG. Center 3/11/2005

48 People attended

9 Persons Spoke

Keith Joubert Move that portion of Allen Parish, which was placed in Area 2 deer hunting season in 2004, back into Area 8 deer hunting season. Wanted to know how the proposed tagging system would affect DMAP program.

Dwayne Dalton Would like Area 3 archery seasons date be move back one to two weeks later in Sept. and wants a deer tagging system be put into place.

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Keith Bell Move that portion of Allen Parish, which was placed in Area 2 deer hunting season in 2004, back into Area 8 deer hunting season.

Edward Arnold Wanted information on the Tri-Parish 6 points buck restriction area.

Wade Crochet Concerns over why LDWF wanting a tagging system on deer and how it would affect the DMAP program.

Creed Owens Could the deer tagging system allow antlerless deer be taken using a buck tag.

Randy Farr Supported tagging system, but would like to have 4 points on one side of buck rather than 6 point or better system, would like to use buck tags on antlerless deer and consider a buck as a buck regardless of age, antlered or antlerless.

That portion of Allen, Beauregard an Vernon Parish which was moved into Area 2 deer hunting season in 2004, twenty-five (25) people were for moving the season back to Area 8 and no one at the meeting voice their opinion or requested that the area remain in Area 2.

Thirty (30) Deer/Turkey Tagging Survey Forms were completed.

Question #1	Tagging system-	29 yes	1 no	
Question #2	Three buck limit-	21 yes	9 no	
Question #2a	Limit the number of bucks -	<u>2 bucks</u>	8	<u>6 bucks</u> 1
Question #3	Validation program-	26 yes	3 no	
Question #3a	Validation preferred -	24 hrs. 3	72 hrs. 3	<u>End of Season</u> 19 <u>None</u> 5
Question #4	Best way to Pay-	<u>LDWF pay</u> 9	<u>All hunters pay</u> 11	<u>Bonus Tags pay</u> 10

The Public Meeting for comments on the proposed hunting regulations for the 2005-2008 seasons for resident small game and deer held in Ruston on March 14, 2005.

35 persons attended

Comments:

1. Opposes deer hunting with dogs
2. Opposes deer hunting with dogs
3. Opposes deer hunting with dogs and length of still season too short
4. Opposes deer hunting with dogs
5. Requests high water closure mark to be set for Mississippi River lands
6. Too many either-sex days

The Public Meeting for comments on the proposed hunting regulations for the 2005-2008 seasons for resident small game and deer held in Houma on March 14, 2005.

43 persons attended

Comments:

1. Prefers earlier season that Area 7 offers over Area 6.
2. Against the increased limits for either-sex deer on DMAP lands.

The Public Meeting for comments on the proposed hunting regulations for the 2005-2008 seasons for resident small game and deer held in Lafayette on March 15, 2005.

43 persons attended

Comments:

1. Requests Muzzleloader season on Jackson Bienville WMA
2. Against antler restriction on Thistlethwaite WMA
3. Wants to legalize crossbows for all hunters
4. Against dog hunting in Basin
5. Against dog hunting in Basin
6. Against dog hunting in Basin

The Public Meeting for comments on the proposed hunting regulations for the 2005-2008 seasons for resident small game and deer held in Bossier City on March 15, 2005.

100 persons attended

Comments:

1. Requests that hunting with dogs be ended in La.
2. Requests that duck hunting and deer hunting on Loggy Bayou not overlap
3. Says that deer season is too long but would like to increase the season limit for deer
4. Wants more youth hunts on WMAs
5. Too many either-sex days
6. Too many either-sex days
7. Too many either-sex days
8. Requests more raccoon hunting on WMAs
9. Requests muzzleloader season on Jackson Bienville and states that deer seasons opens too early in Area 2
10. Against be allowed to leave deer stands on WMAs
11. Requests that a special dog hunting only season be established
12. Wants to eliminate dog hunting for deer

The Public Hearing for comments on the proposed hunting regulations for the 2005-06 season was held in Hammond on March 16, 2005.

18 citizens attended the meeting.

Survey Results-14 responses

- 1) Do you support deer and turkey tagging? Yes 9 No 5
- 2) Do you support a three buck limit? Yes 10 No 4
- 2a) If not, what do you think the buck limit should be? 3 or less- 4, 4- 2, 2- 2
- 3) Do you support validation and reporting of harvested deer and turkeys? Yes 13 No 1
- 3a) Which of the following validation and reporting programs would you prefer? Harvest validation and reporting immediately after kill: Within 24 hours 6 Within 72 hours 5? Harvest validation and reporting at end of season? 2 No harvest validation or reporting, let LDWF survey hunters after the deer season? 1
- 4) What is the best way to pay for tagging? Let LDWF pay all costs 3 Charge all hunters a fee 6 Develop a bonus tag program to pay for tagging costs 6

Comments:

- 1)The buck limit should be 2 bucks of choice and a 3rd buck 8 points or better, charge a fee and develop a bonus tag system
- 2)Reduce the number of either sex days in Area 1, Eleven doe days are too many, Since the doe days have started in our area, there has been a big reduction of deer in this area to a point where there are only a few deer in the area being buck deer.
- 3)Been hunting deer in LA since 1975. I find the limit was always to liberal to me there is no reason to have 7 deer limit on WMA or other public land. Limit on WMA or other public land. Support bonus tags if we go to tags so landowners and lease holders can maintain their herds.

3 individuals made public comment:

- One wanted the "refuges" to provide more rabbit dog hunting opportunities. He suggested the Dept. consider opening another dog segment in October.
- One liked the additional squirrel dog days proposed on WMAs. He was not in favor of the tagging system, but likes the 6 deer limit with 3 bucks idea. He would like to see this implemented this year. He would like us to suggest to the Corp. of Engineers they prohibit hog baiting in the Bonnet Carrie area which prevents duck hunting.
- One questions if the cost of the proposed tagging system is worth the information gathered. He would rather spend this money on other management. He questioned why the 62,000 acre Maurepas Swamp WMA had a much more limited either-sex season than the Joyce WMA. Dave Moreland explained, access to Joyce is horrible, cannot really get at it to hunt it very hard. Access to Maurepas Swamp is much better. Generally, our WMAs get much higher use on the few either-sex days provided than hunting clubs, therefore do not need as many either-sex days. Lastly, it was pointed out Maurepas Swamp is a relatively new area, the Dept. is still learning about how hard the public can hunt the area. Modifications will be made in the future as deemed necessary. The individual indicated he observed less deer the past few seasons (in Region 1) and wondered if we had set too many either-sex days. He thought the proposed 3 buck limit was plenty.

**Public Hearing on Proposed Hunting Season Regulations
Baton Rouge – 17 March 2005**

The Public Hearing for comments on the proposed hunting regulations for the 2005-06 season was held in Baton Rouge on March 17, 2005.

31 citizens attended the meeting.

Survey Results-19 responses

Parish that you do most of your hunting in? Ascension 2, East Feliciana 1, Iberville 4, Pointe Coupee 5, West Baton Rouge 2, West Feliciana 5, Winn 2,

- 1) Do you support deer and turkey tagging? Yes 17 No 2
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Comments:

- 1) Dept. should use tagging program not only for enforcement purposes, but to also acquire data from various regions. If a tagging system cannot be implemented for 2005-06 season, 6 pt. Rule should remain in effect for Tri-Parish Area. That's what a vast majority of hunters want.
- 2) Lifetime license, I have paid.
- 3) Please, no increase in fees. LA legislature should allocate more of tax money received from gas tax that all outdoorsman and women spend during their trip hunting, fishing, camping etc.
- 4) 3 bucks, 1 doe
- 5) I think 3 doe tags per license is entirely too much. 3 Bucks and 1 doe should be enough for any hunter.

Public Comments:

1. Larry Robicheaux Hunts Area 6
Likes 3 year season proposal
Likes tagging
Likes 3 buck/3 doe
Strongly supports the additional bonus tags
2. Dwayne Coulia -Hunts Area 6, WBR
Likes tagging
Concern: Last year the Dept said 2 buck would improve buck quality, but 3 would not. Now we propose 3 buck .
What about Lifetime License holders? Make it easy on them.

Feels if everyone has doe tags, will overkill some areas.

3. Gerald Boudreaux -West Feliciana
Likes tagging proposal
Thinks the restricted buck should be 8 pt. Or better.
Concerned 3 doe tags will overkill some areas.
Favors the 24 hr. Call-in validation option.
Funding – Do what it takes.
4. Howard Bertholet -Area 6, Iberville
Strongly approves of tagging, but thinks it is too liberal.
Limit to 2 doe tags
Limit to 1 buck of choice, then 1 buck 6 pt. Or better
Funding – pay what is necessary
Disagreed with the timing of the Youth Muzzleloader hunt last year, but was pleased it was fixed this year.
- 5 Roland Dugas -Area 6/BR
Asked what the average buck kill across the State was?
D. Moreland, “50% kill nothing, 25% kill 1”
Likes tagging proposal
Limit to 2 bucks
Would like the Area 6 archery to extend to Feb. 15. Said buck did not go into rut until late January, early February.
6. Kelly Thibodeaux -West Feliciana
Felt Area 1 archery season opens too soon. Late rut, concerned with orphaned fawns.
Would like the archery season to extend into February.
7. Mike Derion -Pt. Coupee, but hunts in Winn Parish
Likes tagging system
Limit to 2 buck and 2 doe
8. Chris Bagh -Iberville/St. John
Would like archery to run through Feb. 15

(Joe Macalusa noted that all ATV manufacturers recommend only 1 person per ATV. He wonders if the Dept. is creating a liability problem if it permits a 59+ or Handicap to carry a helper to retrieve a downed deer.)

The Public Meeting for comments on the proposed hunting regulations for the 2005-2008 seasons for resident small game and deer held in Opelousas on March 22, 2005.

58 persons attended

Comments:

1. Requests muzzleloader season on Jackson Bienville
2. Requests more youth hunts and handicapped hunts
3. Requests that stands be allowed to be carried onto WMA the day before season opens
4. Requests more youth hunts

The Public Meeting for comments on the proposed hunting regulations for the 2005-2008 seasons for resident small game and deer held in Alexandria on March 23, 2005.

58 persons attended

Comments:

1. Favors 3 year seasons
2. Requests more raccoon hunting opportunities on WMAs
3. Against 2 deer limit on WMAs, favors more youth hunting opportunities
4. Requests reduces bag limit on quail and requests that still hunting and dog hunting opportunities be equal on private and public lands.
5. Requests that Kisatchie seasons be the same as private lands
6. Requests more either-sex days on Kisatchie, but less on WMAs
7. Requests that all WMAs open earlier
8. Opposes Dec. either-sex days due to low deer numbers
9. Wants more either-sex days on Kistachie for dog hunters
10. Too many either-sex days on WMAs
11. Not enough either-sex days
12. Requests that all deer Areas have uniform opening Statewide

**LA. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Wildlife Division—Region IV
Public Hearing on Proposed Hunting Seasons & New Regulations**

**Council on Aging Building; Winnsboro, LA.
6:30 P.M., March 24, 2005**

Approx. 40 people in attendance

I. Introduction of LDWF Personnel

- 5 Region IV Wildlife Division Personnel
- 2 Region IV Enforcement Division Personnel
- 2 Baton Rouge Wildlife Division Personnel
- 1 Baton Rouge Enforcement Division Personnel

II. Audio-Visual Presentation of Proposed Hunting Season Dates, Bag Limits, and New WMA Regulations

III. Presentation of Tagging System Specifics

IV. Question and Comment Period from Audience Members

1. **Lelon Kenney, Columbia, LA.-** In favor of 3 buck limit, but giving everyone 3 doe tags would eliminate the deer herd. He was also wanted to make certain that WLF was not going to allow horses and mules in the woods at will with the proposed extra coon hunting. He also needed clarification that deer tags would free to under-age hunters, lifetime license holders, and seniors. Mr. Kenney also discussed enforcement commissions being restored to Wildlife Division personnel.
2. **Dennis Valentine, Winnsboro, LA.-** In favor of a tagging system allowing 3 bucks and 3 Does with validation like HIP Certification. He would also like to see an antler restriction of 3 points on 1 side.
3. **Tonya Smith, Columbia, LA.-** Clarified whether or not it was legal to crawfish in borrow ditches outside the waterfowl refuge boundary on Boeuf WMA.
4. **Carmon Butts, Jonesville, LA.-** Wanted clarification that children under 16 would get free tags. He also questioned methods of validation for the tagging system.
5. **Terry Johnson, Gilbert, LA.-** Against 3 Buck, 3 Doe limit because most clubs will not allow a person to kill 3 does. He was also against the area 1 and 2 boundary change due to losing dog hunting days on the front of the season.
6. **Terry Wiggins, Winnsboro, LA.-** Believes hunter numbers will decline even more if a tagging system is imposed. He is in favor of an antler restriction statewide. Mr. Wiggins hunts in Jackson Parish.
7. **Billy Floyd, Harrisonburg, LA. -** Believes too many does are being killed and too many tags are being issued and the state's deer herd is being depleted. He is in favor of a 1 doe limit and an antler restriction statewide.
8. **Pam Ruddell, Columbia, LA.-** In favor of a tagging system to limit taking of does, and as an enforcement tool. She believes better enforcement is needed and that Wildlife Division personnel need to have enforcement commissions restored.
9. **Robert Joe Clark, St. Joseph, LA.-** Believes that does must be taken for a deer herd to be it's best. He is in favor of a 2-buck limit with mandatory validation.
10. **Louis May, Columbia, LA.-** Concerned over the lack of parking at ATV trailheads since it will be no longer legal to ride on the roads to the trail. He also would like to see more handicapped trails overall, and he believes people should shoot a particular type of doe (maiden or fallow) instead of just harvesting does at will.

11. **Roger Osborn, Sr., St. Joseph, LA.-** Not in favor of having to tag deer on site, but believes tags must be validated. Recalled previous problems he has had with lack of enforcement and poaching on his land in Tensas Parish. Asked to talk with Enforcement Division after the hearing was over.
12. **Carl Nugent, Columbia, LA.-** In favor of tagging system with validation and believes we should eliminate doe days completely. He would like to be able to use a blood dog for deer on the WMA's and would like year round ATV access to all lakes on the southern end of Boeuf WMA.
13. **Lanny Dark, Columbia, LA.-** Against having to haul ATV's to trailheads. He would like to have year round access to all lakes on the south end of Bouef WMA and to be able to crawfish inside the waterfowl refuge.
14. **Henry Beckley, Jr., Columbia, LA.-** In favor of more Spring and Summer fishing access on Boeuf WMA.
15. **Danny Nugent, Columbia, LA.-** Decided not to speak.
16. **Troy Hendry, Winnsboro, LA.-** Would like more coon hunting opportunity on all state WMA's, possibly from the end of turkey season to October 1.
17. **James Ruddell, Columbia, LA.-** Believes the Boeuf WMA deer herd is being hurt when either sex hunting is allowed during times of high water.
18. **Jerry Price, Monroe, LA.-** Against area 1 & 2 boundary change due. Prefers to hunt during cool weather. He is in favor of a 2 buck 3 doe limit with tagging system.
19. **Mike Giska, Wisner, LA.-** Received clarification that hunters over 60 would not pay for tags and that regs pertaining to deer transport would remain the same. He is against tagging system and does not believe in killing does.
20. **Lloyd Posey, Winnsboro, LA.-** Thanked the dept. for proposed WMA regs on leaving stands in the woods and retrieving deer with ATV's. He would like to see more dove fields on state WMA's and believes we should triple the amount of alligator tags that we issue to hunters. He favors the tagging system with validation and believes that we should have a buck limit instead of an antler restriction.
21. **Jimmy Hendrix, no address given-** Against Area 1 & 2 line change and wanted information on how it could be changed.



State of Louisiana

KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO
GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

DWIGHT LANDRENEAU
SECRETARY

April 27, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jimmy Anthony, WMA Program Manager

FROM: David Moreland, Administrator, Wildlife Division *DMoreland*

SUBJECT: 2005/06 Hunting Season Comments

I have received the following comments concerning the 2005/06 deer season:

- A) Still hunting and hunting deer with dogs - Comments received from hunters in Area 2 (4 support dogs and 8 support still hunt only); Area 6 - we received 12 comments at the Commission Meeting supporting still hunting. I have received 3 comments from clubs/landowners supporting hunting deer with dogs.
- B) More archery hunting at Atchafalaya Delta - 1 comment
- C) Against bucks-only archery season on LONWR - 2 comments *Lake Ophelia*
- D) Six point experiment program - One public meeting with group desiring experiment continue. I have received 1 comment for and 1 against.
- E) Three requests for more small game hunting activities.
- F) Support to change Area 1 in LaSalle and Catahoula Parishes to Area 2 - 1 comment supporting this.
- G) Change Area 2 in Allen/Beauford Parish to Area 8 - 25 signatures at Lake Charles meeting supporting this; ~~no~~ comments received opposing this. This action was taken by the Commission at the April meeting.
- H) Either-sex hunting from Oct. 1-15 in Area 6, Plaquemines Parish rather than bucks only - one comment supporting this.

The Deer Tagging issue has received overall support. There are differences of opinion regarding funding a tagging program.

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Erwinville Meeting - 36/48 - 75% favor tags
Region 6 Meeting in Houma, Lafayette, Opelousas -161/178 - 90% favor tags
BSBA Meeting in Alexandria - 32/36 - 89% favor tags
Lake Charles Meeting - 29/30 - 97% favor tags
Hammond Meeting - 9/14 - 64% FAVOR TAGS
Baton Rouge Meeting - 17/19 - 90% favor tags
Bossier City Meeting - 39/44 - 89% favor tags
Winnsboro Meeting - 26/32 - 81% favor tags
Letters and emails to D. Moreland - 79/93 - 85% favor tags
Department web site - 848/932 - 90% support tags

State of Louisiana



Dwight Landreneau
Secretary

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Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

April 14, 2005

Dear Commissioner

Enclosed you will find the Department's recommendations for changes to the NOIs for both the permanent and temporary rules governing hunting seasons and rules and regulations for resident game species, deer and WMAs for 2005-2008. All of these with the exception of #12 were presented at the April meeting. As requested each of these changes are explained in detail. If you would like further clarification please feel free to contact Dave Moreland or myself in the Baton Rouge office.

Sincerely,



Jimmy Anthony
Program Manager, LDWF

Department Recommended Changes to the 2005-2008 NOI for Resident Game and Deer

- 1. Add Youth Lottery Deer Hunt to Sherburne WMA.** The 3rd Wed. of Dec and the following Fri. and Mon. Also the 4th Wed. of Dec. and the following Fri. Except no hunt will be offered on Christmas Day. The dates are Dec. 21, 23, 26, 28 and 30 for 2005; Dec. 20, 22, 27, and 29 for 2006; and Dec. 19, 21, 24, 26, and 28 for 2007. These hunts will be in areas that are now closed for deer hunting on Sherburne; the South Farm which is currently open only to the Waterfowl Lottery hunts on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays during this time frame and the restricted area around the Sherburne HQ. We will place and/or build permanent stands for the youths and their adult chaperone to hunt. They will be placed strategically in these areas to assure a quality hunt. Community support for this idea has been very strong. The South Louisiana Chapter of the Quality Deer Management Association made a donation to the Dept. at last month's Commission meeting to aid in securing stands. Valero Refinery in Krotz Springs previously made a similar donation and the Central Chapter of the La. QDM has indicated their willingness to do likewise. We will hunt 6 stands per day for the 14 days meaning 84 total youths will be involved over the next 3 years. We expect this hunt to become extremely popular.
- 2. Add Youth Lottery Waterfowl Hunt on the North Farm of Sherburne WMA.** The Dept. will chose 3 or 4 days during the Christmas Holidays when youths are out of school during the last split of the waterfowl season to conduct these hunts. The Dept will provide permanent blinds and decoys and will be fully guided by Dept. personnel with two youth allowed in each blind and each youth to be assisted by an adult chaperone. The North Farm will provide the site; an area that has not had any hunting or public access allowed previously. This area is exclusively managed for waterfowl and during the last of Dec. traditionally holds high concentrations of waterfowl. Quality of the hunt should be excellent and demand for this hunt will be tremendous. May become our most sought after lottery in years to come.
- 3. Set Archery Season to close in Area 6 as Feb. 15 each year rather than the 2nd Sunday of Feb.** This will give archery hunters the traditional "set closure" that they are familiar with and would rather have. It will also provide more days of hunting in all years. With the current closure, the last day would "float" from Feb. 8 to Feb. 14 during any calendar year. Ranging from 1-7 more days with an average of 4 extra days in a calendar cycle. This alternative closure was discussed at the public meetings in Lafayette and Baton Rouge.
- 4. Change Late Muzzleloader Season in Area 4.** Current season is 3 days longer (10) than any other Area (7) in the State. Recommend cutting off 2 days with closure to correspond to a Monday Holiday (Martin Luther King Birthday). This will still leave this Area with the longest of any Area with 8 days on the last segment. Current Season is Jan. 9-18, 2005; Jan. 8-17, 2006 and Jan. 7-16, 2007. Recommend Jan. 9-16, 2005; Jan. 8-15, 2006 and Jan. 7-14, 2007. This season will correspond with the other muzzleloader seasons in the State and incorporate a Holiday for an additional day.
- 5. Change Late Muzzleloader Season in Area 6.** Recommend cutting one day off the current late season to match the Area 1 season structure. These two Areas have identical season structures EXCEPT for this extra day and EXCEPT Area 6 has more with or without dog days. This will maintain the present State muzzleloader season for all areas, one week prior and one week after the gun season.
- 6. Change Muzzleloader and Still Hunting Seasons in Areas 3, 7 and 8.** Changes in the 2006 and 2007 seasons only, no changes for 2005. Calendar adjustments were not made for 2006 and 2007 to reflect starting muzzleloader season starting the 2nd Saturday of Oct. Only a one day calendar adjustment was made when a 7 day adjustment should have been made. The 2005 squirrel season starts on the first Sat. of Oct., which is Oct. 1 for 2005. The muzzleloader season appropriately starts the 2nd Sat. of Oct., which is Oct. 8, 2005. The 2006 squirrel season starts the first Sat. of Oct., which is Oct. 7, 2006. The muzzleloader season was incorrectly adjusted to open Oct. 7 also when it should have been the recommendation of the Dept. to open this season on Oct. 14, the 2nd Saturday of Oct. This has happened before and the public in these Areas have voiced their displeasure of having to decide whether to go hunting for the opening of squirrel season or the opening of muzzleloader season. In addition, many squirrel hunters tell us that they would feel safer if muzzleloader season opening was not concurrent with squirrel season. Therefore, the

Dept recommends starting the muzzleloader season in Areas 3, 7 and 8 on the 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2006 and 2007; similar to the 2005 season.

This being done, the Still Hunt will also have to be moved back one week on the calendar for 2006 and 2007 also or the muzzleloader and still season will start the same day. The still season should open on the 3rd Sat. of Oct. There will be a loss of 7 days to the still hunt season because of this, but it is unavoidable. This floating opening will range from opening on the 15th to the 21st on any given year, with additional days being added each year until reaching the 15th again. These "lost" days will actually be picked up by the Archery hunters each year.

7. **Add Muzzleloader Season to Bodcau WMA.** The Dept. would like to add this season due to public comment in the northwestern part of the State. It has been requested for a muzzleloader season be added to either Bodcau and/or Jackson Bienville. We feel that Jackson Bienville would not be suited for a muzzleloader season because it is managed primarily for small game opportunity and has a extremely liberal season already in place for all firearms and hunters can use their muzzleloader at that time. Recommend the dates to be the Monday after Thanksgiving for 7 days. Nov. 28-Dec. 4, 2005; Nov. 27- Dec. 3, 2006 and Nov. 26- Dec. 2, 2007. These days will replace modern gun days already in place and will keep the area with the same number of days for deer hunting as in the past.
8. **Add 5 days to Nighttime Raccoon Hunting Season on Sabine Island, West Bay and Boise Vernon WMAs.** There is break of 5 days (Jan. 2-7,2005) that beagle and squirrel dogs are allowed on these areas but not raccoon dogs. Statewide we try to open all of our WMAs to squirrel dogs, beagles and raccoon dogs on the same day (the day the firearms season for deer ends). This was an oversight on our part and we would like to correct it now.
9. **Pointe-aux-Chenes.** Strike the following language concerning vessels and vehicles; All boats powered by ~~internal combustion~~ engines having horsepower ratings above 25 Hp are not allowed in the Grand Bayou. Montegut, and Pointe-aux-Chenes water management units. ~~Mudboats and boats powered by inboard engines, inboard/outboard engines, or air cooled engines, larger than 25 Hp, are allowed ONLY in oil company access canals, Cutoff Little Bayou Blue, Sulfur Mine, Bayou Bouillon, Wonder Lake, St. Louis Canal, Bayou Salle, and Bayou Pointe aux Chenes.~~ The Dept. feels like this will be more precise language and be more understandable while at the same time provide more access to and around Pointe-aux-Chenes.
10. **Exempt Thistlethwaite WMA from the rule allowing certain person the right to retrieve deer using ATVs off of ATV trails.** The landowners (theThistlethwaite heirs) are opposed to having anyone drive an ATV off trail, citing a need to protect their land. Possible repercussions could be the closure of all trails to ATV traffic and possible loss of Thistlethwaite from our WMA program. We ask the Commission to accept their wishes.
11. **Add Youth Deer Hunt Weekend for Lake Boeuf WMA.** Current Season calls for one weekend, the next to last Saturday of Oct. for 2 days, Oct. 22-23, 2005; Oct. 21-22, 2006 and Oct. 20-21, 2007. An additional weekend was supposed to be in our original proposal but was inadvertently left out. We are asking for an additional weekend, the last Saturday of Oct. for 2 days; Oct. 29-30, 2005, Oct. 28-29, 2006 and Oct. 27-28, 2007.
12. **Include those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded on the north and east by La. 359, on the west by La. 10 and on the south by La. 103 to the antler restrictions proposed for Thistlethwaite WMA.** We are currently seeking acceptance for this expansion of the antler restriction from all affected private landowners.
13. **Barataria Preserve, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park Hunting Seasons for 2005-2006.** Received these proposed dates too late to include in original NOI.

(Proposed Dates)

Hunt permits issued: Saturday September 17th to Friday October 21st.

**Deer - Archery Antlered: Saturday October 22nd to Sunday December 18th.
Saturday January 14th, 2006 to Sunday January 29th 2006**

**Deer – Archery Antlerless: Saturday October 22nd to Sunday November 20th.
Saturday December, 3rd to Sunday December 4th.**

**Deer – Shotgun Antlered: Saturday November 19th to Sunday December 18th.
Saturday January 14th, 2006 to Sunday January 29th 2006**

**Deer – Shotgun Antlerless: Saturday November 19th, to Sunday November 20th.
Saturday December 3rd, to Sunday December 4th.**

**Small game (squirrel, nutria and rabbit) Monday October 24th to Sunday December 18th.
Saturday January 14th, 2006 to Sunday January 29th 2006.**

All stands must be removed by 5:00p.m. Sunday February 12th, 2006.



April 21, 2005

Rudy Sparks
Williams, Inc.
PO Box 460
Patterson, Louisiana 70392

Re: Hunting with Dogs in the Atchafalaya Basin

Dear Rudy:

Thank you for your phone call today telling me of the initiative to stop the hunting of deer with the use of dogs in the Atchafalaya Basin. St. Martin Land Company has long included a ban on the use of dogs in our hunting leases. Both St. Martin Land Company and our hunting club lessees are strongly in favor of a ban imposed through regulation or legislation.

Please feel free to use both my name and the name of St. Martin Land Company as supporting the ban. Please keep me informed of your progress and let me know when direct contact with the Secretary, the Commissioners or legislators from me will be helpful.

Very truly yours,

ST. MARTIN LAND COMPANY

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April 25, 2005

Mr. Wayne Sagrera, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
P. O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA. 70898-9000

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Goodrich family owns interest in some 6,000 acres in the lower Atchafalaya Basin in Iberia and St. Martin Parishes. We support the proposed regulation change to prohibit hunting deer with dogs in the lower Atchafalaya Basin. We urge the Commission to act favorably to prohibit such hunting practice.

Sincerely,

Goodrich Land & Energy, L.L.C.
HGFLT, L.L.C.



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April 22, 2005

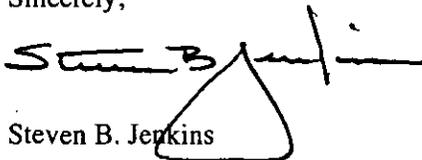
Mr. Wayne Sagrera
Chairman Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission
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Dear Mr. Sagrera,

It is my understanding that deer hunting with dogs is currently allowed in the Atchafalaya Basin. As an owner of an interest in approximately 6,000 acres in the lower Atchafalaya Basin, we respectfully request that the commission change the current regulation that allows the practice of hunting deer with dogs.

There are numerous reasons why we support a change in the regulations, the most obvious is the fact that these are private lands and this practice is in essence trespassing. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven B. Jenkins". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "S" and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Steven B. Jenkins

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April 5, 2005

Mr. Wayne Sagrera, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
P. O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

Dear Chairman Sagrera:

Jeanerette Lumber and Shingle Co., L.L.C. owns thousands of acres in Iberia, Iberville and St. Martin Parishes lying between the East and West Guide Levees of the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway, south of Interstate 10 and north of Highway 90.

In recent years, we have received numerous complaints from our hunting lessees of individuals trespassing on our property via dogs for the purpose of hunting white-tailed deer. In addition, because the property lies within a floodway, where water levels can fluctuate as much as five feet during the hunting season. During the extreme high water periods these deer are trapped on small areas of high ground. Unfortunately, some "hunters" take advantage of these situations, releasing dogs on or near our property thereby chasing these deer out into deep water areas where they are shot.

For the reasons set out herein, Jeanerette Lumber and Shingle Co., L.L.C. supports this effort to change hunting regulations to prohibit the hunting of deer with dogs inside the lower Atchafalaya Basin.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this proposal and should you have any questions, please call me at 504-568-1922.

Sincerely,

JEANERETTE LUMBER & SHINGLE CO., L.L.C.



Robert J. Kinler

RJK/mmk

cc: Secretary Dwight Landreneau

Still Hunting Only- Area 6

Atchafalaya Basin- Portions of Iberville, Upper and Lower St. Martin, Iberia, and St. Mary parishes, south of Interstate 10, west of the East Guide Levee, east of the West Guide Levee, and north of US Highway 90 will be **still hunting only, EXCEPT**, clubs/landowners with 2000 acres of contiguous land may obtain a permit from LDWF to hunt deer with dogs, and **EXCEPT** hunters may hunt deer with dogs on state lands owned by the State Land Office in that portion of Iberia Parish west of East Grand Lake and east of the West Guide Levee. Deer hunting in the above described area of Iberville, Upper and Lower St. Martin, Iberia, and St. Mary parishes will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River is 18' at Butte La Rose.

**2005-2008 SEASON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
HUNTING SCHEDULES**

1. ACADIANA CONSERVATION

CORRIDOR (Department Owned - 2,285 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Self-Clearing Permit required for all activities.

Deer:

Archery only: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

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

2. ALEXANDER STATE FOREST (Owner -

Office of Forestry-LDAF - 7,875 Acres, Pineville Office):

From December through February all hunters must check daily with the Office of Forestry for scheduled burning activity. No hunting or other activity will be permitted in burn units the day of the burning. Call 318-487-5172 or 318-487-5058 for information on burning schedules.

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Firearms: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: 3rd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days; first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days. All deer must be brought to weigh station, either-sex.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during muzzleloader season.

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

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

3. ATCHAFALAYA DELTA (Owner - State of

Louisiana - 137,695 Acres, New Iberia Office):

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

Big Island: CLOSED to all activities during the month of October, **EXCEPT** Youth Lottery Deer Hunts.

Deer:

Experimental Youth Lottery Deer Hunt: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days and last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days on Big Island only, either-sex, daily youth permit required. Call New Iberia office, Fur and Refuge Division (337) 373-0032 for details.

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31 on Main Delta only (Big Island CLOSED during October); no deer hunting on Wax Lake Delta. All harvested deer must be checked

in at Atchafalaya Delta Headquarters.

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

Small Game Hunting for Rabbit Only: Wax Lake Delta: Oct. 1-31 and Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb. with or without beagles. Nov. 1-Jan. 31 without beagles only. Main Delta: Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb. with or without beagles. CLOSED October through January.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to the last day of Feb.

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

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

4. ATTAKAPAS (Owner - State of Louisiana - 25,730 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Area CLOSED to all hunters **EXCEPT** Youth Hunters when the Youth deer season is open.

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either sex.

Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days; Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec. for 3 days.

Firearms Bucks Only: 3rd Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.

Muzzleloader: Mon. after next to last Sun. of Jan. for 7 days, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during firearms either-sex and youth deer season. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after muzzleloader season ends to the last day of Feb.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and the day after muzzleloader season ends to the last day of Feb.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to the last day of Feb.

5. BAYOU MACON (Department Owned - 6,919 Acres, Monroe Office):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

Firearms Lottery Hunt: 3rd Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex, hunt restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Hunters must check in at Hwy. 2 to have permit validated.

Muzzleloader: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during firearms lottery season. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **1st Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 1st Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.

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

6. BAYOU PIERRE (Department Owned - 2,212 Acres, Minden Office):

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

Deer:

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

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

Waterfowl: Lottery Hunt Only (Portion west of Bayou Pierre) - First two weekends of the last split of the West Zone season.

Other Small Game: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **1st Mon. of Jan. to last day of Feb.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): 1st Mon. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

7. BENS CREEK (Owner - Weyerhaeuser Co., Inc. - 13,044 Acres, Baton Rouge Office):

Area Closed: To all hunters EXCEPT Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunters during Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunt.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters: 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Mandatory deer check; 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days and 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 28 days.

Muzzleloader: Day after firearms bucks only season ends for 12 days, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms season for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **the day after muzzleloader season ends to the last day of Feb.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): the day after muzzleloader season ends to the last day of Feb.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1 to the last day of Feb.**

8. BIG COLEWA BAYOU (Department Owned - 899 Acres, Monroe Office):

Self-Clearing Permit not required.

Deer:

Archery only: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting **1st Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.** All nighttime activities prohibited.

9. BIG LAKE (Department Owned - 19,231 Acres, Ferriday Office):

Area Closed: To all hunters EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters when the Youth deer season is open.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, mandatory deer check.

Firearms Bucks Only: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day and Sat. closest to Jan. 1 for 9 days.

Muzzleloader: Day after firearms bucks only season closes for 7 days, either-sex.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms seasons. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **the day after muzzleloader season ends to the last day of Feb.**

Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms seasons.

Raccoon (Nighttime): the day after muzzleloader season ends to the last day of Feb.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1 to the last day of Feb.**

10. BILOXI (Owner - Biloxi Marsh Land Corporation - 42,787 Acres, New Iberia Office):

Self-Clearing Permits not required.

Deer:

Archery only: October through January. First 15 days are bucks only.

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

season is closed.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October through February.**

11. BODCAU (Owner - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - 34,355 Acres, Minden Office):

Area Closed (portion): on designated portion. Closed to all hunters **EXCEPT** Youth deer hunters during the Youth Deer Hunt.

Youth Squirrel Hunt: Last Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth: Sat. after 2nd Fri. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Muzzleloader: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days, either-sex.

Modern Firearms: Sat. after 4th Fri. of Oct. to the Sun. after Thanksgiving Day.

Firearms Either-sex: Sat. after the 4th Fri. of Oct. for 9 days, the following Sat. and Sun., and the following Sat. for 9 days.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during the youth deer hunt on designated portion. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Jan. 1 to the last day of Feb.**

Waterfowl: Same as outside.

Raccoon: (Nighttime) **Jan. 1 to the last day of Feb.**

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1 to the last day of Feb.**

12. BOEUF -(Department Owned - 50,967 Acres, Ferriday Office):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check.

Firearms Bucks Only: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day, and 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

Muzzleloader: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 7 days, either-sex.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Fri. and Sat. after Thanksgiving Day. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **1st Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.**

No internal combustion engines and craft allowed in Green Tree Reservoir.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 1st Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1 to the last day of Feb.**

13. BOISE-VERNON (Owner - Boise-Cascade Company - 55,672 Acres, Lake Charles Office):

Area Closed: To all hunters **EXCEPT** Youth Deer

Hunters when the Youth Deer Season is open.

Deer:

Archery: 3rd Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15.

Youth Deer Hunt: Next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check.

Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after the last Sat. of Oct. to Thanksgiving Day, and 3rd Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days.

Muzzleloader: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex gun hunts. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Jan. 2 to the last day of Feb.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 2 to the last day of Feb.

14. BUCKHORN (Department Owned - 11,262 Acres, Ferriday Office):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Mandatory Deer Check.

Firearms Bucks Only: Sat. after Christmas Day **EXCEPT** when Christmas Day falls on a Sat. or Sun. then the Mon. after Christmas Day to the 2nd Sun. of Jan.

Muzzleloader: Mon. after 2nd Sun. of Jan. for 7 days, either-sex.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex gun hunts. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after muzzleloader season ends to the last day of Feb.

Raccoon (Nighttime): day after muzzleloader season ends to the last day of Feb.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1 to the last day of Feb.**

15. CAMP BEAUREGARD (Louisiana National Guard - 12,500 Acres, Pineville Office):

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

Area Closed: To all users **EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters** when youth deer season is open.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth Deer Hunt: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex. All deer harvested must be brought to Rifle Range Road Weigh Station.

Firearms Bucks Only: Dec. 26-Jan. 1.

Muzzleloader: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, and 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, either-sex. All deer harvested must be brought to Rifle Range Road Weigh Station.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside, **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex gun hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Sat. after Jan. 1 to the last day of Feb.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to the last day of Feb.

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

16. DEWEY W. WILLS (Department Owned - 61,871 Acres, Pineville Office):

Area Closed: to all **EXCEPT Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunters** during the Handicapped and Youth Deer Hunt only on that portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Special Handicapped and Youth Deer Season: Last Sat. of Oct. either-sex. Only that portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal shall be open only to handicapped and youth deer hunters. The remainder of the area is open to other hunters.

Special Youth Lottery: 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, 1st Sat. of Jan. for 2 days, the 2nd Sat. of Jan. for 2 days, and 3rd Sat. of Jan. for 2 days, either-sex. Contact Region 3 Office (318-487-5885) for details and applications.

Firearms Either-sex: 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, Daily Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: Sat. after Christmas Day **EXCEPT** when Christmas Day falls on a Sat. or Sun. then the Mon. after Christmas Day to the 2nd Sun. of Jan.

Muzzleloader: Sat. after 2nd Sun. of Jan. for 4 days, either-sex.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during Handicapped and Youth Deer Season north of the Diversion Canal and the entire area during the either-sex firearm hunt. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after muzzleloader season ends to the

last day of Feb.

Raccoon (Nighttime): day after muzzleloader season ends to the last day of Feb.

Nighttime Chase only: May 1-Sept. 25, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs on designated trails during take season only.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to the last day of Feb.

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

17. ELBOW SLOUGH (Department Owned - 160 acres, Pineville Office):

Mourning Dove: Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays only during Sept. and Oct. of the outside season.

Rabbit: Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb. Beagles allowed.

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

18. ELM HALL (Department Owned - 2,839 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Self-clearing permits required for hunters only.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15, either sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days.

Firearms Bucks Only: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day and Sat. after Christmas Day **EXCEPT** when Christmas Day falls on a Sat. or Sun., then the Mon. after Christmas Day to the 2nd Sun. of Jan.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearm seasons for deer.

No ATVs allowed.

19. FLOY WARD McELROY (Department Owned - 681 acres, Monroe Office):

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

Deer:

Youth Lottery Hunt: Next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, and 2nd Sat. of Nov. for 2 days. Restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.

Youth Mourning Dove Hunt: Second weekend of the Mourning Dove Season (Saturday and Sunday

only).

20. FORT POLK (Owner - U.S. Army and U.S. Forest Service - 105,545 Acres, Lake Charles Office):

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

Deer:

Archery: 3rd Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex. Special Archery regulations for Cantonment Area, check locally at Building #7654, either-sex deer legal the entire season. Remainder of WMA restricted to bucks only when bucks only gun season is in progress.
Muzzleloader: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 7 days, and 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required, Special Permit, Building #7654. A selected portion of the area to be open.

Firearms Either-sex: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, and Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Mandatory Deer Check. 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days and 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after last Sat. of Oct. to Thanksgiving Day, the Mon. after 1st Sat. of Dec. for 5 days, the Mon. after the 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 5 days, and Mon. after 3rd Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer. Hunter Orange must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 2 to the last day of Feb.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from beginning of Archery Season to Jan. 1.

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

21. GRASSY LAKE (Department Owned - 12,983 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Area Closed: To all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters during Youth Deer Hunt.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either sex.

Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, Daily permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: Sun. after Thanksgiving

Day, and Sat. after Christmas Day EXCEPT when Christmas Day falls on a Sat. or Sun., then the Mon. after Christmas Day to 2nd Sun. of Jan.

Muzzleloader: Mon. after 2nd Sun. of Jan. for 7 days, either-sex.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

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

Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor Spring Bayou Headquarters or Opelousas Region Office.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

Crawfishing: April 1-July 31. Recreational only. 100 lbs per boat or group daily.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.

22. JACKSON-BIENVILLE (Owner - Weyerhaeuser, et. al. - 32,185 Acres, Minden Office):

Area Closed (portion): Closed to all hunters EXCEPT youth and handicapped deer hunters during the Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunt.

Youth Squirrel Hunt: Last Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.
Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either sex.

Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters: Sat. after 2nd Fri. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, for handicapped and youth hunters only on a portion of Jackson-Bienville WMA. Contact Minden Region Office for Handicapped Permits and specific map. Handicapped Permit must be obtained in advance from any Region Office. Self-Clearing permits are also required.

Note: Daily Permits will be available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the day before the season at the Field Office Daily Permit Check Station on North Road. Daily Permit Check Stations will be open at 4:30 a.m. for the 1st two days.

Firearms Either-sex: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day to the Sun. after Thanksgiving Day, the 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, the Sat. closest to

Christmas Day for 2 days, and the Sat. closest to New Year's Day for 2 days, daily permit required for the 1st two days.

Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 12 days, the Mon. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 12 days, and Mon. after Sat. closest to Christmas Day for 5 days.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunt (a portion only) and whole area during the 1st two days of firearms either-sex season and **EXCEPT** waterfowl may only be hunted on Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting after firearms deer season ends to the last day of Feb.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after firearms deer season ends to last day of Feb.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to the last day of Feb. All hogs must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station or Daily Permit Station.

23. JOYCE (Department Owned - 15,059 Acres, Joyce Heirs - 851 Acres, Tangipahoa Parish School Board - 484 Acres, Baton Rouge Office):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

Firearms: Same as outside, still hunt only.

All Other Game: Same as outside, still hunt only.

Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

24. LAKE BOEUF (Department Owned - 802 Acres, New Iberia Office):

Self-Clearing Permit required for deer and hog hunting only. Self-Clearing Permit available at Theriot Canal boat landing off LA Hwy. 308.

Hunting until 12:00 noon for all game **EXCEPT** during Youth Lottery Hunt. All nighttime activities prohibited.

AREA CLOSED: All of October, **EXCEPT** for Youth Lottery Deer Hunters and use of waterways for access purposes only.

Deer:

Experimental Youth Lottery Hunt: Next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, and last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, (afternoons only), either-sex. Daily youth hunt permit required. To apply or for more information, contact New Iberia Office, Fur and Refuge Division, 337-373-0032.

Archery: Nov. 1-Jan. 31.

Waterfowl: Same as outside.

Small Game: Nov. 1 to last day of Feb. Beagles prohibited November and December.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Nov. 1 to the last day of Feb.

25. LAKE RAMSEY (Department Owned - 796 Acres, Baton Rouge Office):

Deer:

Archery only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Sat. after Jan. 1 to last day of Feb.

Foot traffic only - All vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

26. LITTLE RIVER (Department Owned - 4,727 Acres, Pineville Office):

Youth Squirrel Hunt: Last Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Firearms Bucks Only: Last Sat. of Oct. for 16 days.

Muzzleloader: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, and 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, either-sex.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Mon. after 2nd Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

Nighttime Chase Only: May 1-Sept. 25, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs on designated trails during take seasons only.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Mon. after 2nd Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.

27. LOGGY BAYOU (Department Owned - 4,084, State land Office-159, U. S. Army Corp of Engineers-2,138 Acres, Minden Office):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, mandatory deer check.

Muzzleloader: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days, either-sex.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms seasons for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Mon. closest to Jan. 1 to the last day of Feb.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Mon. closest to Jan. 1 to the last day of Feb.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed

hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.

28. MANCHAC (Department Owned - 8,328 Acres, Baton Rouge Office):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only; Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT steel shot required for rails, snipe and gallinules.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.

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

29. MAUREPAS SWAMP (Department Owned - 61,950 acres, Baton Rouge Office):

Area Closed: To all hunters EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Season.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only; Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either sex.

Youth: 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days.

Firearms Bucks Only: 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

Muzzleloader: Day after firearms bucks only season ends for 7 days, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts.

Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting last Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

No loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of Nature Trail.

30. OUACHITA (Department Owned - 9,641 Acres, Monroe Office):

Area Closed: To all hunters EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Season.

Waterfowl Refuge: North of LA Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing, trapping and ATV use during duck season including early teal season.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth Deer Hunt: 3rd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Mandatory Deer Check.

Firearms Bucks Only: 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

Waterfowl: South of LA Hwy. 15, same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer, EXCEPT for the Pintail Alley area.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel

hunting 1st Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck season.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 1st Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

Crawfish: April 1-May 31, 100 pounds per person per day limit. No traps or nets left overnight.

Commercial Fishing: CLOSED.

All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

31. PASS-A-LOUTRE (Department Owned - 115,596 Acres, New Iberia Office):

Self-Clearing Permit required for deer, unmarked hunting and camping only. Permits available at Pass-a-Loutre Headquarters and all designated camping areas.

Deer: Archery only, Oct. 1-15, bucks only. Oct. 16-Feb. 15, either-sex. All deer and hogs must be checked in at Pass-a-Loutre Headquarters.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside. Beagles prohibited October through December.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from October through March. Hunters may harvest hogs during March only by using shotguns with shot no larger than BB lead or F shot steel, or no larger than 22 caliber rimfire firearms.

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

Oyster harvesting is prohibited.

Camping and houseboat mooring allowed ONLY in designated areas. See Self-Clearing Permit Stations at headquarters for designated camping areas.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

32. PEARL RIVER (Department Owned - 35,031 Acres, Baton Rouge Office):

Area Closed: To all hunters EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Season.

Youth Squirrel Hunt: Last Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth Deer Hunt: 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving

Day for 2 days Mandatory Deer Check. Sun. after Thanksgiving Day and 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 14 days and Mon. after 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

Muzzleloader: 2nd Sat. of Nov. for 9 days and day after firearms bucks only season closes for 19 days, either-sex.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT** no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge Area and **EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer north of U.S. Hwy. 90.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.** Hogs may be taken with dogs **2nd Sat. of Feb. to last day of Feb.** only by permit available from Baton Rouge Office.

All roads closed 8 p.m. - 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet **EXCEPT** waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90. No hunting in the vicinity of the Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a \$6.00 fee. For more information call 985-643-3938 or email www.honeyisland.org.

33. PEASON RIDGE (Owner - U.S. Army - 33,010 Acres, Lake Charles Office):

Daily military clearance is required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7654, North Fort Polk, telephone no. 1-888-718-3029 or (337) 531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-Sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. Trappers must also register at Building #7654 and use Self-Clearing system. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued. (http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/fpk_hunt/).

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Muzzleloader: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 7 days, and 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, either-sex. Special Permits available at Building #7654. A selected portion of the area to be open.

Firearms Bucks Only: Last Sat. of Oct. to

Thanksgiving Day, Mon. after 1st Sat. of Dec. for 5 days, Mon. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 5 days, and Mon. after 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, and 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer.** Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed day after firearms bucks only season ends to last day of Feb.

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

34. POINTE-AUX-CHENES (Department Owned - 35,267 Acres, New Iberia Office):

All nighttime activities prohibited.

Self-Clearing Permit required for deer hunting only. Self-Clearing permits available from headquarters on LA Hwy. 665 at Point Farm gate behind Montegut Middle School and at Bason's Boat Landing in Cutoff.

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

Hunting until 12 noon on all game **EXCEPT** for mourning dove and youth lottery deer hunts.

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

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

Firearms Bucks Only : Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days and 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 7 days.

Small Game: Same as outside, **EXCEPT CLOSED during bucks only firearms seasons.** Beagles prohibited **October through December.**

Waterfowl: Same as outside. Experimental Lottery Handicapped Waterfowl Hunt. Contact New Iberia office, Fur and Refuge Division for details (337)-373-0032.

POINT FARM UNIT: Point Farm Unit is an approximately 1,000 acre area inside the Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA which is generally bounded on the west by the double gates behind the Montegut Middle School and the WMA boundary, and on the north by the WMA boundary and Point Farm ridge levee, and is bounded on the east and south by the Point Farm ridge levee. The boundary of Point Farm is more accurately marked with signs. Point Farm gate will be open all weekends during the month of February. Parking in designated areas required for mourning dove hunting. No motorized vessels allowed in the

drainage ditches. **EXCEPT** for mourning dove hunting (provided for below) all other hunting activities closed until after the last day of Youth Deer Hunts.

Deer:

Experimental Lottery Youth Deer Hunt: 1ST Sat. of Oct. for 2 days and 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days (afternoons only), either-sex. Daily Youth Hunt Permit required. To apply or for more information call the New Iberia Office, Fur & Refuge Division, 337-373-0032.

Archery: Day after last Youth Lottery Deer Hunt to Oct. 15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Dec. 31, either-sex.

Mourning Dove: Hunting will be permitted each day during the September split and each day of the second and third splits (**AFTER** the last youth deer hunt day). Opening weekend hours will be from 12:00 noon until official sunset. Other weekend and all weekday hours will be from ½ hour before sunrise until noon. Gates will be opened on Saturdays only. Parking will be allowed in designated areas only.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** until day after last Youth Deer Hunt Day. Beagles prohibited **October and November.**

Waterfowl: CLOSED.

Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the Wildlife Management Area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish is for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited.

Vessels/Vehicle: All boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 h.p. are not allowed in the Grand Bayou, Montegut, and Pointe-aux-Chenes water management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue unless authorized by the Department. All other motorized vehicles, horses and mules are prohibited unless authorized by the Department.

35. POMME DE TERRE (Department Owned - 6,434 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Area Closed: To all hunters EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Hunt.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either sex.

Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day, Sat. after Christmas Day EXCEPT when Christmas Day falls on a Sat. or Sun. then the Mon. after Christmas Day to 2nd Sun. of Jan.

Muzzleloader: Day after firearms bucks only season ends for 7 days, either-sex.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms hunt for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday **EXCEPT** closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing Permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Region Office or Spring Bayou Headquarters.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside **EXCEPT** allowed only after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October through February.**

Crawfish: April 1-July 31. Recreational only. 100 lbs. per boat or group daily.

36. RED RIVER (Department Owned - 29,964 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers - 11,717 Acres, Ferriday Office):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, Daily Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day and the Sat. after Christmas Day for 9 days.

Muzzleloader: Day after firearms bucks only season ends for 7 days, either-sex.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during the either-sex firearms season, and **EXCEPT** no hunting in unharvested agricultural fields. Hunting restricted on Yakey Wetland Development Area to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays during

waterfowl season. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.** Hogs may be taken with dogs **2nd Sat. of Feb. to last day of Feb.** only by permit available from Baton Rouge Office.

Recreational crawfishing allowed on Yakey Farms wetland restoration projects **Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb,** 100 lbs., per person per day, maximum of 5 wire traps per person. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed.

37. RUSSELL SAGE (Department Owned - 16,835 Acres, Monroe Office):

AREA CLOSED: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days south of I-20 only to all **EXCEPT Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunters.** North of I-20 open to all other allowable activities.

Youth Squirrel Hunt: Last Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth and Handicapped: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, south of I-20 only.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Mandatory Deer Check.

Firearms Bucks Only: 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

Muzzleloader: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, either-sex.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms deer seasons.**

Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **1st Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.** Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck season.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 1st Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit.

Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited **EXCEPT** as otherwise provided.

Note: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (US 165 North) same as outside, **EXCEPT** still hunt only and **EXCEPT** deer hunting restricted to archery only. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

38. SABINE (Owner - International Paper Company, Boise-Cascade Co., Et Al - 13,706 Acres, Pineville Office):

Area Closed: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all but **Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters.** Physically Challenged Deer Hunt limited to those chosen by lottery. Contact Pineville Office at 318-

487-5885 for more details. Application deadline is September 7 of each year.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunt: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: 3rd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check, Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Self-clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: Last Sat. of Oct. to day before Thanksgiving Day.

Muzzleloader: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 9 days, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **1st Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): 1st Sat. of Jan to last day of Feb.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.**

39. SABINE ISLAND (Owner - State of Louisiana and Calcasieu Parish School Board - 8,695 Acres, Lake Charles Office):

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

Area Closed: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days to all **EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters.**

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.** Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **day after Area 8 deer season ends to last day of Feb.**

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

Archery: Sept. 17-Jan. 15, either-sex.

Youth Deer Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days, either-sex.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after Area 8 deer season ends to last day of Feb.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **3rd Sat. of Sept. to last day of Feb.**

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

40. SALVADOR/TIMKEN (Department Owned - 32,617 Acres, New Iberia Office):

Self-Clearing Permit required for deer and unmarked hog hunting only. Permits available at Pier 90, Bayou Gauche and Bayou Segnette landings and at Flemming Canal Store in Lafitte. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited.

Area Closed: During the month of October to all activities EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters and Youth Waterfowl Hunters, if the later is provided for.

Deer:

Archery: Nov. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth Deer Hunt: Last 4 Sats. of Oct. for 2 days each EXCEPT when the last Sat. is the 31st in which case the season will be the 1st four Sat. of Oct. for 2 days each, either sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days.

Muzzleloader: Mon. after 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 7 days, either-sex.

Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 21 days.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED October through December. Hunting with or without beagles January and February. Steel shot required for gallinules.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 12 noon prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.

Recreational Fishing:

Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the Wildlife Management Area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 h.p. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes "Baie Des Chactas" and "Baie Du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Use of mudboats powered by internal combustion engines with four cylinders or less is permitted in interior ditches from 1st Sat. in Sept. to Jan. 31 and may be further permitted for the regulated harvest of furbearers. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water

control structures is prohibited.
ATVs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

41. SANDY HOLLOW (Department Owned - 3,515 Acres, Baton Rouge Office):

No hunting with any firearm south of Jackson Road, except school board tract, on days of scheduled field trials. Dates of field trials are listed on the check stations or can be obtained from the Region 7 office (225-765-2360).

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, and 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 5 days.

Muzzleloader: Sat. after Christmas Day EXCEPT when Christmas Day falls on a Sat. or Sun., then the Mon. after Christmas Day for 14 days with a Sat. opening or 12 days with a Mon. opening, either-sex.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms seasons. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb. EXCEPT quail closes Jan. 31.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

Mourning Dove: 1st day and 2nd Sat. only of first split. Closed remainder of 1st split. Second and third splits are same as outside EXCEPT Youth Hunt on Northern tract during the opening day of the first segment Hunt restricted to youths younger than 16 years of age and supervising adult who must be 18 years of age or older. The supervising adult must maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

Bird Dog Training: Mon. after opening day of Mourning Dove Season to the Sun. before opening of Quail Season and Feb. 1 to last day of Feb., EXCEPT restricted to that portion south of LA Hwy. 10 only and EXCEPT blank pistols only. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited).

Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge Region 7 Office.

Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited. Riding allowed only on designated roads and trails. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer

EXCEPT as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas.

42. SHERBURNE (Department Owned - 11,780 Acres; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - 15,220 Acres; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - 14,000 Acres, Opelousas Office):

The area known as the South Farm is located on the East Side of Sherburne WMA. No hunting will be allowed **EXCEPT** waterfowl hunting within the levee system of the farm from the day after the Youth Deer Hunt until the day after the last waterfowl hunt on the South Farm. Waterfowl hunting will be allowed by lottery only. Hunting will be allowed in the wooded portions east of the waterfowl impoundments. Consult the WMA maps for exact locations.

Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days EXCEPT to Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunters.

Youth Squirrel Hunt: Last Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either sex.

Youth and Handicapped: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED. Self-Clearing Permit, Mandatory Deer Check.

Youth Lottery: 3rd Wed. of Dec. and following Fri. and Mon., and 4th Wed. and following Fri., either-sex. Contact Opelousas Office 337-948-0255 for details and applications.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, and Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 3 days, Mandatory Deer Check.

Firearms Bucks Only: Sat. after Christmas Day EXCEPT when Christmas Day falls on a Sat. or Sun., then the Mon. after Christmas Day to 2nd Sun. of Jan.

Muzzleloader: Mon. after 2nd Sun. of Jan. for 7 days, either-sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms seasons for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail, & Gallinules: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms seasons for deer (excluding the South Farm Complex) and **EXCEPT** hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and **EXCEPT** no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge and **EXCEPT** steel shot only on waterfowl impoundments. That portion of Sherburne WMA known as the South Farm restricted to Lottery hunts only. South Farm waterfowl hunting limited to one hunt per calendar week per person. All other hunting closed on South

Farm complex from the day after Youth Deer Hunt until the day after the last waterfowl hunt on the South Farm. Contact the Region Office for details and description of "South Farm."

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

Quail: CLOSED

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

Crawfishing: April 1-July 31, Recreational crawfishing only on the South Farm Complexes. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per vehicle or boat per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized water craft allowed on farm complex. Commercial crawfishing allowed on the remainder of the area. Permit is required.

Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details. Vehicular traffic prohibited on East Atchafalaya River levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries.

Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office, telephone 225-765-2931. No trespassing in restricted areas behind ranges.

Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

43. SICILY ISLAND HILLS (Department Owned - 7,504 Acres, Ferriday Office):

Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check.

Firearms Bucks Only: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day and 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

Muzzleloader: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 7 days, either-sex.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Mon. closest to Jan. 15 to last day of Feb.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): Mon. closest to Jan. 15 to last day of Feb.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed

hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.

44. SODA LAKE (Caddo Levee District - 1,300 Acres, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers-1,200 Acres, Minden Office):

Note: Due to the addition of new acreage the management plan for Soda Lake WMA is being developed. Contact the Minden Region I Office 318-371-3050 for possible changes in the regulations and maps.

No motorized vehicles allowed. Bicycles allowed. Vehicle parking allowed only in designated parking area on La. Hwy. 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou and La. Hwy. 169 adjacent to levee. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer.

Deer:

Archery Only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Small Game: Same as outside, falconry only.

45. SPRING BAYOU (Department Owned - 12,506 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either sex.

Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day and Sat. after Christmas Day EXCEPT when Christmas Day falls on a Sat. or Sun. then the Mon. after Christmas Day to 2nd Sun. of Jan.

Muzzleloader: Mon. after 2nd Sun. of Jan. for 7 days, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Region Office. CLOSED until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Crawfish: April 1-July 31. Recreational only, 100 lbs. per person or group daily.

No hunting allowed in Headquarters area.

Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy

Bayou Camping area. Rules and Regulations posted at campsite. A fee is assessed for use of this campsite. Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

46. TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD (Owner - Tangipahoa Parish School Board-1,643 Acres, Baton Rouge Office)

Self-Clearing Permits required for all activities.

South Tangipahoa Tract adjacent to Joyce WMA will have the same seasons and regulations as the Joyce WMA.

The remaining tracts will have the following seasons and regulations:

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

All Other Game: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrels day after muzzleloader season ends to the last day of Feb.

No horseback riding during gun season for deer or turkey. ATVs are not allowed.

47. THISTLETHWAITE (Owner - Thistlethwaite Heirs -11,100 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, EXCEPT to Youth Deer Hunters.

Deer: Mandatory Deer Check for all deer seasons EXCEPT archery. A legal buck shall be defined as deer with at least 4 points on one side or a deer with unbranched antlers commonly referred to as spikes (no minimum length). To be counted as a point, a projection must be at least one inch long and its length must exceed the length of its base. The beam tip is counted as a point but not measured as a point.

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

Youth Deer Hunt: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, no antler restrictions.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days and 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

Firearms Bucks Only: Sat. after Christmas Day EXCEPT when Christmas Day falls on a Sat. or Sun. then Mon. after Christmas Day to 2nd Sun. of Jan.

Muzzleloader: Mon. after 2nd Sun. of Jan. for 7 days, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.

No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA map). All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through Main Gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

48. THREE RIVERS (Department Owned - 28,124 Acres; Office of State Lands-835 Acres, U.S. Corps of Engineers - 1,085 Acres, Ferriday Office):

Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all hunters EXCEPT Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunters.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth and Handicapped: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, Daily Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day and Sat. after Christmas Day for 9 days.

Muzzleloader: Day after firearms bucks only season ends for 7 days, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms seasons. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.

49. TUNICA HILLS (Department Owned - 5,783 Acres, Baton Rouge Office):

Area Closed: 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days to all Hunters EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth Lottery: 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.

Muzzleloader: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 10 days, either-sex.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during Youth Lottery Deer Hunt and Muzzleloader Deer Hunt. All handguns and .22 caliber rifles prohibited north of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract). Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Feb. 1 to last day of Feb. on South Tract only.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Feb. 1 to last day of Feb. on South Tract only.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.

All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map. Camping prohibited on area.

North of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract) CLOSED to the general

public March 1-September 30 EXCEPT spring turkey hunting access allowed for those individuals drawn for special lottery hunt.

50. UNION (Owner - Plum Creek Timber Co. - 11,391 Acres, Monroe Office):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Last Sat. of Oct. for 9 days and the following 2 Sats. and Suns., Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, and 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, Daily Permit.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms seasons for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 1st Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 1st Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.

All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

51. WEST BAY (Owners - Boise Paper, Roy O. Martin, Weyerhaeuser and Forest Investment - 60,000 Acres, Lake Charles Office):

Area Closed: Next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all EXCEPT Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunters.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Special Youth & Handicapped: Next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, for handicapped and youth hunters only.

Firearms Either-sex: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check. Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Self-Clearing.

Firearms Bucks Only: Day after firearms either-sex season in Oct. to Thanksgiving Day, and 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

Muzzleloader: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after firearms bucks only season closes to last day of Feb.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after firearms bucks only season closes to last day of Feb.

52. WISNER (Owner - Edward Wisner Donation Advisory Committee - 16,837 Acres, New Iberia Office):

Self-Clearing Permit not required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT** rabbit season closed during open waterfowl season. Beagles allowed during closed waterfowl season.

Deer: No deer hunting allowed.

ALL SEASONS FOR KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST AND U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEER PROPERTIES ARE FOR 2005-06 ONLY.

KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

Catahoula and Winn Ranger Districts.

Deer:

- Oct. 22-23**, either-sex, muzzleloader.
- Oct. 29-30**, either-sex, still hunt only.
- Oct. 31-Nov. 6**, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Nov. 19-24**, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Nov. 25**, either-sex, still hunt only.
- Nov. 26-27**, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Dec. 10**, either-sex, with or without dogs.
- Dec. 11**, bucks only, with or without dogs.
- Dec. 17-19**, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Dec. 26-Jan. 3**, bucks only, with or without dogs.
- Jan. 7-8**, bucks only, with or without dogs.
- Jan. 14-15**, bucks only, with or without dogs.

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

Deer:

- Oct. 22-23**, either-sex, muzzleloader.
- Oct. 29-30**, either-sex, still hunt only.
- Oct. 31-Nov. 5, 12-13, 19-24**, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Nov. 25**, either-sex, still hunt only.
- Nov. 26-27**, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Dec. 10-11**, bucks only, with or without dogs.
- Dec. 17-18**, bucks only, with or without dogs.
- Dec. 26-Jan. 2**, bucks only, with or without dogs.
- Jan. 14-15**, bucks only, with or without dogs.

Deer hunting with dogs on the Evangeline Unit shall occur only in the portion of the Unit located south of State Highway 121 from near McNutt southwesterly to Spring Creek, east of Spring Creek southeasterly to U.S. Highway 165, **EXCEPT** dogs may be used in Palustris Experimental Forest.

National Forest lands within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District, described in still hunt only area shall be still hunt only.

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

Deer:

- Oct. 22-23**, either-sex, muzzleloader.
- Oct. 29-30**, either-sex, still hunt only.
- Oct. 31-Nov. 5, 12-13, 19-24**, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Nov. 25**, either-sex, still hunt only.
- Nov. 26-27**, either-sex, still hunt only.

Dec. 3-4, bucks only, still hunt only.
Dec. 26-30, bucks only, still hunt only.

Caney Ranger District, Webster and Claiborne Parishes.

Deer: Same as outside (Area 2) EXCEPT still hunt only.
***See Area 2 for either-sex dates in Webster and Claiborne Parishes.**

OTHER SEASONS ON KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

Archery: Same dates as shown for statewide archery deer hunting schedule.

All Other Small Game: Same as outside.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters while hunting and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress.

The placing of seed, corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement for any species including hogs is prohibited on National Forest Lands. Hunting over such feed is prohibited on all National Forest lands.

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

Raccoons and opossums may be taken during daylight or nighttime from **Oct. 1-Feb. 28 only**. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, EXCEPT during the trapping season when there shall be no limit.

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

One antlered or one antlerless (when legal) deer per day. Season limit is six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

NATIONAL CATAHOULA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE

(Owner - U.S. Forest Service - 36,000 Acres in Grant and Winn Parishes):

Season Permit required from Forest Supervisors Office in addition to Daily Permits for deer hunting:

Deer:

Oct. 8-9, either-sex, special youth hunt, Daily Permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically challenged hunters with a LDWF Physically Challenged Hunt Permit, Daily Permit. Youths between the ages of 8-15 inclusive only. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt.

Oct. 22-23, either-sex, muzzleloader, daily permit.

Oct. 29-30, either-sex, still hunt only, daily permit.

Nov. 25, either-sex, still hunt only, daily permit.

Nov. 26-27, bucks only, still hunt only, daily permit.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbit **Jan. 7-Feb. 28 only**. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Wildlife Management Preserve.

Squirrel: Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 7-Feb. 28**. Hunting parties may not include more than one dog.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Dogs allowed **Jan. 7-Feb. 28**.

All Other Game: Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

NATIONAL RED DIRT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE

(Owner - U.S. Forest Service - 38,000 Acres in Natchitoches Parish):

Season Permit required from Forest Supervisors Office in addition to Daily Permits required for deer hunting.

Deer:

Oct. 8-9, either-sex, special youth hunt, daily permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically challenged hunters with a LDWF Physically Challenged Hunt Permit, daily permit. Youths between the ages of 8-15 inclusive only. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter

safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt.

Oct. 22-23, either-sex, muzzleloader, daily permit.

Oct. 29-30, either-sex, still hunt only, daily permit.

Nov. 25, either-sex, still hunt only, daily permit.

Nov. 26-27, bucks only, still hunt only, daily permit.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbit **Jan. 7-Feb. 28**, only. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Wildlife Management Preserve.

Squirrel: Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 7-Feb. 28**. Hunting parties may not include more than one dog.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Dogs allowed **Jan. 7-Feb. 28**.

All Other Game: Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

To obtain permits and information contact: Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360, telephone (318) 473-7160. Office hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS INDIAN BAYOU AREA

(28,480 Acres within St. Landry and St. Martin Parishes):

Annual Permits required. For more information, please contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System Project Office, 112 Speck Lane, Port Barre, LA 70577 at (337) 585-0853.

All hunting shall be still hunting only, EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

Deer:

Daily Limit - 1 Deer; Yearly limit - 4 deer (2 does, 2 bucks, 6 points or better) EXCEPT spikes less than 3 inches are legal on either-sex days ONLY.

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, **Oct. 16-Feb. 12** either-sex.

Either-sex Gun Hunt: Nov. 25-27, Mandatory Deer Check.

Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunt: Dec. 3-4, either-sex, no antler restrictions, Mandatory Deer Check.

Either-sex Muzzleloader Hunt: Dec. 10-16.

Either-sex Gun Hunt: Dec. 17-18, Mandatory Deer Check.

Bucks Only Gun Hunt: Dec. 26-Jan. 8, Mandatory Deer Check.

Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunt: Jan. 14-15, either-sex, no antler restrictions, Mandatory Deer Check.

Bucks Only Muzzleloader Hunt: Jan. 23-30.

Small Game, Migratory Game Birds & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED **Nov. 25-27, Dec. 3-4, Dec. 17-18 and Jan. 14-15**. Hunting waterfowl after 2:00 p.m. prohibited. Squirrel and rabbit hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 16-22 and Jan. 31-Feb. 28**.

Quail: CLOSED.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Sept. 10-25, Jan. 31-Feb. 28.

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

CORPS OF ENGINEERS OLD RIVER CONTROL & LOCK AREA

(2,699 Acres within Pointe Coupee, West Feliciana and Concordia Parishes):

Additional permit not required; however, posted restrictions apply. For more information, see bulletin boards on-site, visit the project website at www.mvn.usace.army.mil/recreation/ (then click on Old River Control), or contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Old River Control Natural Resources Specialist at 225-492-2690 for more information.

All hunting shall be still hunting only, EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

Deer: Archery, Muzzleloader and Shotgun only.

Archery: Oct. 1-15, bucks only, **Oct. 16-Jan. 31**, either-sex.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 9-15, either-sex.

Shotgun: Nov. 25-26, either-sex, **Nov. 27, Dec. 31-Jan. 8**, bucks only.

Small Game, Migratory Game Birds and Waterfowl: Same as outside, EXCEPT hunting waterfowl after 2:00 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon, Squirrel and Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 16-Feb. 28**.

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

No firearms allowed larger than .22 caliber rimfire.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS BONNET CARRE SPILLWAY

(7,623 Acres within St. Charles Parish):

Additional permit not required; however, posted restrictions apply. For more information, see bulletin boards on-site, visit the project website at www.mvn.usace.army.mil/recreation/ (then click on Bonnet Carre Spillway), or contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bonnet Carre Spillway Project Office at 985-764-0126 for more information.

All hunting shall be still hunting only **EXCEPT** as otherwise specified.

Deer: Archery and Shotgun (buckshot) only.

Archery: Oct. 16-Feb. 12.

Shotgun: Nov. 19-27, either-sex, Dec. 26-Jan. 8, bucks only.

Small Game, Migratory Game Birds and Waterfowl:

Same as outside. Shotgun only. Hunting waterfowl after 2:00 p.m. prohibited. During shotgun deer season, use of dogs allowed for waterfowl hunting only.

Squirrel and Rabbit: Same as outside, EXCEPT hunting with dogs not allowed during shotgun season for deer Nov. 19-27 and Dec. 26-Jan. 8.

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

C. 2005-2008 Deer Hunting Schedule

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	<p><u>OPENS:</u> 1st day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of Jan.</p>	<p><u>OPENS:</u> 2nd Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. after 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p><u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last Sun. of Jan.</p>	<p><u>OPENS:</u> Sat. before Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p><u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan. <u>CLOSES:</u> next to last Sun. of Jan.</p>	<p><u>OPENS:</u> 2nd Sat. of Dec. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan.</p>
2	<p><u>OPENS:</u> 1st day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of Jan.</p>	<p><u>OPENS:</u> Next to last Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before last Sat. of Oct.</p> <p><u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after 2nd Sat. of Jan. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Jan.</p>	<p><u>OPENS:</u> Last Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p>	<p><u>OPENS:</u> 2nd Sat. of Dec. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Jan.</p>
3	<p><u>OPENS:</u> 3rd Sat. of Sept. <u>CLOSES:</u> Jan. 15</p>	<p><u>OPENS:</u> 2nd Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p><u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.</p>	<p><u>OPENS:</u> 3rd Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p><u>OPENS:</u> 1st Sat. of Dec. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan.</p>	

4	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 st day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 st Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 2 nd Sat. of Nov. <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after 1 st Sat. of Jan. <u>CLOSES:</u> Mon. after 2 nd Sat. of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 nd Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 1 st Sat. of Jan.	
5	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 st day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 nd Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 3 rd Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY) <u>OPENS:</u> Day after Christmas Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Jan. 1 st (BUCKS ONLY)	<u>OPENS:</u> Day after Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 2 nd Sat. of Dec.	
6	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 st day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Feb. 15 (1 st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 nd Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 3 rd Sat. of Nov. <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last Sun. of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> Sat. before Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 2 nd Sat. of Dec.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 nd Sat. of Dec. <u>CLOSES:</u> Next to last Sun. of Jan.

7	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 st day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 nd Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 3 rd Sat. of Oct. <u>OPENS:</u> 1 st Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 2 nd Sat. of Nov.	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 rd Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 1 st Sat. of Nov. <u>OPENS:</u> 2 nd Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after Thanksgiving Day	<u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> 1 st Sun. after Christmas Day
8	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 rd Sat. of Sept. <u>CLOSES:</u> Jan. 15	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 nd Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 3 rd Sat. of Oct. <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 1 st Sat. of Dec.	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 rd Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after Thanksgiving Day	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 st Sat. of Dec. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 1 st Sat. of Jan.

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader: (All Either-sex except as noted)	Still Hunt: (No Dogs Allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 st day of October <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of January	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 nd Saturday of November <u>CLOSES:</u> Friday after 2 nd Saturday of November	<u>OPENS:</u> Saturday before Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Friday before 2 nd Saturday of December	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 nd Saturday of December <u>CLOSES:</u> Sunday after the 1 st Saturday of January
		<u>OPENS:</u> Monday after the next to last Sunday of January <u>CLOSES:</u> last Sunday of January	<u>OPENS:</u> Monday after 1 st Saturday of January <u>CLOSES:</u> next to last Sunday of January	
2	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 st day of October <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of January	<u>OPENS:</u> Next to last Saturday of October <u>CLOSES:</u> Friday before last Saturday of October	<u>OPENS:</u> Last Saturday of October <u>CLOSES:</u> Friday before 2 nd Saturday of December	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 nd Saturday of December <u>CLOSES:</u> Sunday after the 2 nd Saturday of January
		<u>OPENS:</u> Monday after 2 nd Saturday of January <u>CLOSES:</u> Sunday after 3 rd Saturday of January		
3	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 rd Saturday of September <u>CLOSES:</u> Jan. 15	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 nd Saturday of October <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri day before 3 rd Saturday of October	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 rd Saturday of October <u>CLOSES:</u> Sunday after Thanksgiving Day	
		<u>OPENS:</u> Monday after Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Friday before 1 st Saturday of December	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 st Saturday of December <u>CLOSES:</u> Sunday after the 1 st Saturday of January	
4	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 st day of October <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of January	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 st Saturday of November <u>CLOSES:</u> Friday before 2 nd Saturday of November	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 nd Saturday of November <u>CLOSES:</u> Sunday after the 1 st Saturday of January	
		<u>OPENS:</u> Monday after 1 st Saturday of January <u>CLOSES:</u> Monday after 2 nd Saturday of January		

5	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 st day of October <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of January	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 nd Saturday of November <u>CLOSES:</u> Friday before 3 rd Saturday of November	<u>OPENS:</u> Day after Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Sunday after the 2 nd Saturday of December	
		<u>OPENS:</u> Day after Christmas Day <u>CLOSES:</u> 1st Day of January		
6	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 st day of October <u>CLOSES:</u> 2 nd Sunday of February (1 st 15 days are bucks only)	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 nd Saturday of November <u>CLOSES:</u> Friday before 3 rd Saturday of November	<u>OPENS:</u> Saturday before Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Friday before 2 nd Saturday of December	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 nd Saturday of December <u>CLOSES:</u> next to last Sunday of January
		<u>OPENS:</u> Monday after the next to last Sunday of January <u>CLOSES:</u> last Sunday of January		
7	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 st day of October <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of January	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 nd Saturday of October <u>CLOSES:</u> Friday before 3 rd Saturday of October	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 rd Saturday of October <u>CLOSES:</u> Friday before 1 st Saturday of November	<u>OPENS:</u> Monday after Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> 1 st Sunday after Christmas Day
		<u>OPENS:</u> 1 st Saturday of November <u>CLOSES:</u> Friday before 2 nd Saturday of November	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 nd Saturday of November <u>CLOSES:</u> Sunday after Thanks giving Day	
8	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 rd Saturday of September <u>CLOSES:</u> Jan. 15	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 nd Saturday of October <u>CLOSES:</u> Friday before 3 rd Saturday of October	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 rd Saturday of October <u>CLOSES:</u> Sunday after Thanksgiving Day	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 st Saturday of December <u>CLOSES:</u> Sunday after the 1 st Saturday in January
		<u>OPENS:</u> Monday after Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Friday before 1 st Saturday of December		

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RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

May 5, 2005

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife Fisheries Commission is charged with fostering and protecting the natural resources of our state and providing the maximum hunting and fishing opportunities which are sustainable by those resources; AND

WHEREAS, waterfowl hunting, especially duck hunting, has been a way of life and culture among many of it's residents and visiting non-residents, to the extent that Louisiana has been long noted as the leading duck hunting state in the nation; AND

WHEREAS, the duck season has been rated poor and disappointing in Louisiana and the Lower Mississippi Flyway by hunters for the past four years; AND

WHEREAS, there has been much discussion as to the causes and potential solutions to the problems of poor duck hunting; AND

WHEREAS, there has been some discussion directed toward banning certain equipment, especially spinning wing and other motion decoys and certain shallow water mud boats, as possible solutions; AND

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes that the problem is related to lack of production, migration patterns, hunting pressure and other factors; but that lack of available resource to harvest, not over harvest, is a long term detriment to the sport; AND

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes that all current legal equipment and methods actually foster additional hunting opportunities and the elimination of such would be counter productive to the sport, NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in Regular Session on this 5th day of May, 2005, do hereby officially go on record that it does not support the banning of any current legal equipment and methods, especially spinning wing decoys and shallow water mud boats; as this does not address the problem and only eliminates hunting opportunities; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the position of the Commission is that all efforts and resources should be directed toward efforts to increase production of ducks; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is hereby authorized and directed to send copies of this RESOLUTION to all members and participants of the Mississippi Flyway Council.

Wayne J. Segrera, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2005</h1>						
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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	(\$8,877.00)	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		38	\$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		

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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	\$718.75		
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	\$6,923.81		
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	8	\$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	\$5,039.48	(\$293.60)	20	\$7,082.23	\$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	4	\$1,677.36		20	\$3,700.77	\$313.58		
June 2001	3	\$932.20		31	\$8,433.81	\$346.90		
Total FY 2001	203	\$257,864.31	\$0.00	294	\$91,549.74	\$8,222.62	39%	145%

FISCAL YEAR 2001-02

July, 2001	4	\$4,290.29		25	\$6,328.36	\$293.54		
Aug., 2001	6	\$9,452.89		18	\$2,984.52			
Sept., 2001	0	\$175.00		25	\$4,157.32	\$66.29		
Oct., 2001	15	\$6,439.08		18	\$3,174.66	\$67.32		
Nov., 2001	15	\$5,913.63		24	\$3,932.41	\$194.66		
Dec., 2001	36	\$21,868.88		20	\$5,384.19	\$502.17		
Jan., 2002	56	\$27,650.44		38	\$11,100.99	\$1,008.09		
Feb., 2002	27	\$14,211.31	(\$620.55)	37	\$20,017.87	\$861.63		
Mar., 2002	8	\$6,765.68		36	\$10,061.89	\$419.16		
Apr., 2002	20	\$11,296.19		19	\$2,196.02	\$49.33		
May, 2002	3	\$30,852.57	(\$11,887.80)	27	\$8,265.67	\$538.72		
June, 2002	3	\$8,636.08		23	\$3,418.15	\$87.91		
Total FY 2002	193	\$147,551.82	(\$12,508.35)	310	\$81,022.05	\$4,088.82	58%	161%

MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2002-03

July, 2002	8	\$6,915.26		20	\$3,308.14	\$111.90
Aug., 2002	12	\$11,943.66		24	\$4,010.98	\$47.33
Sept., 2002	6	\$1,944.83		19	\$4,624.36	\$85.25
Oct., 2002	24	\$12,167.99		25	\$7,131.20	\$442.95
Nov., 2002	21	\$11,013.41		27	\$8,688.51	\$624.99
Dec., 2002	32	\$15,763.99		23	\$7,660.18	\$689.95
Jan., 2003	58	\$32,391.55		22	\$7,149.09	\$562.34
Feb., 2003	33	\$18,426.48		40	\$13,988.00	\$1,122.57
Mar., 2003	13	\$3,668.17		28	\$9,342.76	\$643.57
Apr., 2003	16	\$5,661.77		23	\$3,004.29	\$289.02
May, 2003	11	\$5,801.24		20	\$5,252.90	\$293.69
June, 2003	11	\$6,700.71		24	\$8,907.49	\$224.85

Total FY 2003 245 \$132,399.06 \$0.00 295 \$81,067.90 \$5,118.41 65% 120%

FISCAL YEAR 2003-04

July, 2003	7	\$1,742.90		17	\$3,502.99	\$30.27
Aug., 2003	13	\$5,254.98		16	\$3,131.76	\$126.78
Sept., 2003	13	\$15,161.55		17	\$3,797.61	\$285.74
Oct., 2003	14	\$14,153.21		24	\$6,084.13	\$188.45
Nov., 2003	17	\$7,594.12		18	\$4,500.13	\$245.00
Dec., 2003	45	\$22,244.61		23	\$8,965.74	\$702.59
Jan., 2004	32	\$17,609.03		22	\$7,016.24	\$685.11
Feb., 2004	19	\$10,856.76		38	\$14,262.81	\$1,133.21
Mar., 2004	17	\$14,927.35		32	\$11,840.30	\$647.13
Apr., 2004	15	\$7,481.48		19	\$4,666.57	\$284.61
May, 2004	13	\$4,300.96		19	\$3,608.61	\$228.47
June, 2004	4	\$31,164.87		24	\$6,629.45	\$249.47

Total FY 2004 209 \$152,491.82 \$0.00 269 \$78,006.34 \$4,806.83 54% 129%

FISCAL YEAR 2004-05

July, 2004	3	\$29,750.20		13	\$1,343.60	\$62.86
Aug., 2004	8	\$3,706.10		18	\$2,880.20	
Sept., 2004	11	\$3,623.86		24	\$4,407.31	\$201.50
Oct., 2004	13	\$3,560.84		31	\$9,987.75	\$300.45
Nov., 2004	12	\$4,627.15	(\$1,801.90)	26	\$5,997.38	\$179.42
Dec., 2004	62	\$35,332.31		29	\$7,712.43	\$608.33
Jan., 2005	45	\$26,627.20		45	\$13,547.56	\$1,187.89
Feb., 2005	42	\$20,619.21		44	\$15,119.91	\$1,153.91
Mar., 2005	9	\$4,464.72		45	\$13,969.33	\$1,213.93
Apr., 2005	4	\$1,551.31		18	\$2,563.30	\$104.90
May, 2005						
June, 2005						

Total FY 2005 209 \$133,862.90 (\$1,801.90) 293 \$77,528.77 \$5,013.19 62% 140%

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
 CURRENT MONTH
 04/01/2005 TO 04/30/2005

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	4	\$1,126.31
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	17	\$425.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	4	\$1,551.31
PAYMENTS	10	\$1,785.43-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	1	\$29.94-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	7	\$672.93-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	0	\$0.00
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	3	\$75.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	2	\$104.90-
OVERPAYMENTS	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	0	\$0.00
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	1	\$524.54-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	3	\$1,573.62-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	1	\$524.54-

FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	1	\$279.00
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
 07/01/2004 TO 04/30/2005

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	209	\$132,437.90
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	57	\$1,400.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	209	\$133,837.90
PAYMENTS	161	\$66,598.04-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	10	\$2,554.10-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	30	\$5,353.78-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	6	\$2,122.85-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	37	\$900.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	109	\$5,013.19-
OVERPAYMENTS	6	\$1.65
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	1	\$52.45
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	1	\$1,801.90-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	1	\$510.70
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	2	\$1,962.91-
WRITE-OFFS	2	\$0.70-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	4	\$870.18-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	4	\$2,098.16-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	1	\$0.00
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	2	\$3,416.76-

FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	2	\$2,139.00
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
 INCEPTION TO DATE
 04/30/2005

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	5,053	\$3,516,167.32
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	527	\$13,700.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	331	\$269,865.45-
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	138	\$58,209.82
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	5,053	\$3,318,211.69
PAYMENTS	3,465	\$828,544.01-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	45	\$11,407.40-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	114	\$40,186.95-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	44	\$29,434.02-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	274	\$7,050.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	2,415	\$271,221.67-
OVERPAYMENTS	150	\$361.09
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	75	\$12,940.46
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	18	\$46,057.55-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	6	\$7,291.24
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	8	\$45,896.70
RETURNED CHECKS	1	\$61.75
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	3	\$55.00
CREDITS	13	\$10.22-
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	21	\$6,881.15
CREDITS	69	\$41,108.64-
WRITE-OFFS	1,059	\$1,478,957.19-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	9	\$4,717.56-
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	44	\$21,952.37-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	99	\$201,851.52-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	1	\$2,134.47-
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	3	\$559.32-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	1	\$524.54-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	3	\$11,573.34-
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** TOTAL OUTSTANDING	330	\$394,408.31

FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	41	\$110,147.20 *
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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	1	\$103.00
61 - 90 DAYS	7	\$4,452.98
91 - 120 DAYS	0	\$0.00
121 - 150 DAYS	2	\$9,765.90
151 - 180 DAYS	4	\$3,577.30
181 - 365 DAYS	79	\$51,728.88
OVER ONE YEAR	80	\$56,104.69
OVER TWO YEARS	59	\$71,095.94
OVER THREE YEARS	1,092	\$779,474.45

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** TOTAL AGING 1,324 \$976,303.14

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:

CAN NOT BE INVOICED	0	\$0.00
CURRENT	4	\$1,126.31
1 - 30 DAYS	7	\$3,971.87
31 - 90 DAYS	40	\$23,422.22
91 - 180 DAYS	26	\$13,542.09
181 - 365 DAYS	13	\$32,894.64
OVER ONE YEAR	152	\$148,962.03

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	83	\$81,979.05

AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:

1 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	5	\$88,510.10

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** TOTAL AGING 330 \$394,408.31

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
 CURRENT MONTH
 04/01/2005-04/30/2005

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	9	\$450.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	553	\$13,825.00
CREDITS	1	\$75.00-
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	822	\$6,978.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
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TOTAL DUE		\$21,178.00

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PAID IN FULL	106	\$8,899.50-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	4	\$200.00-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	0	\$0.00
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	0	\$0.00
DEPT OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS	107	\$6,001.50-
DEPT OF REVENUE FEES	96	\$392.00-
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00
OVERPAYMENTS	2	\$220.50
REFUNDS	12	\$423.00
RETURNED CHECKS	1	\$75.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	1	\$20.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
VOIDS	0	\$0.00
NOT GUILTY	21	\$1,050.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	11	\$600.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	2	\$100.00-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
 07/01/2004-04/30/2005

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	39	\$2,400.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	1,850	\$49,815.00
CREDITS	13	\$775.00-
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	1,446	\$12,412.00
CREDITS	1	\$7.50-
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TOTAL DUE		\$63,844.50

PAID IN FULL	1,581	\$108,261.52-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	42	\$2,387.50-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	0	\$0.00
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	0	\$0.00
DEPT OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS	277	\$16,156.57-
DEPT OF REVENUE FEES	246	\$1,004.00-
WRITE-OFFS	1	\$0.50-
OVERPAYMENTS	7	\$250.02
REFUNDS	44	\$1,261.00
RETURNED CHECKS	2	\$157.50
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	2	\$40.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	3	\$150.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
VOIDS	13	\$650.00-
NOT GUILTY	42	\$2,150.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	36	\$1,950.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	2	\$100.00-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
 INCEPTION TO DATE
 04/30/2005

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	115,447	\$5,963,482.07
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	35,374	\$899,336.30
CREDITS	14	\$12,391.00-
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	3,338	\$27,669.75
CREDITS	1	\$7.50-
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TOTAL DUE		\$6,878,089.62

PAID IN FULL	71,948	\$3,901,594.34-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	1,833	\$87,381.25-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	14	\$690.00-
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	33	\$345.00-
DEPT OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS	641	\$38,418.10-
DEPT OF REVENUE FEES	570	\$2,336.00-
WRITE-OFFS	11,978	\$696,471.50-
OVERPAYMENTS	203	\$4,538.88
REFUNDS	464	\$19,670.81
RETURNED CHECKS	80	\$4,282.50
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	77	\$1,255.00
CREDITS	170	\$141.88-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	259	\$15,200.00
CREDITS	46	\$2,600.00-
VOIDS	5,787	\$291,700.00-
NOT GUILTY	1,348	\$68,600.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	306	\$16,150.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	13	\$650.00-
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	161	\$8,100.00-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00
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TOTAL OUTSTANDING		\$1,807,858.74

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE

COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:

CURRENT	0	\$0.00
1 - 30 DAYS	0	\$0.00
31 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	742	\$68,016.00
OVER ONE YEAR	15,235	\$1,138,701.84

COLLECTIONS WITH DEPT OF REVENUE:

1 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	7,661	\$600,915.90

AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:

1 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	3	\$225.00

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** TOTAL AGING	23,641	\$1,807,858.74
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AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM HEARING DATE

PREHEARING	0	\$0.00
0 - 90 DAYS	24	\$1,200.00
91 - 180 DAYS	63	\$5,305.00
181 - 270 DAYS	325	\$28,421.00
271 - 365 DAYS	829	\$80,128.00
OVER ONE YEAR	22,400	\$1,692,804.74

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** TOTAL AGING	23,641	\$1,807,858.74
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<u>HB 831</u>	<u>Morrish</u>	Provides with respect to the suspension of the sales tax exemption for the harvesting of crawfish.
<u>HCR 18</u>	<u>Faucheux</u>	Requests the office of state parks in coordination with the Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to study the suitability of establishing a state park in the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area.
<u>HCR 51</u>	<u>Damico</u>	Requests the Department of Environmental Quality to develop a Louisiana mercury action plan.
<u>SB 280</u>	<u>Gautreaux, N.</u>	Provides certain oil and natural gas royalty relief incentives.

Ducks Motion -

- ~~Request~~ ~~staff~~ ~~to undertake to prepare a~~
proposal for conduct of a study to investigate
the suggestions made to augment duck populations
in the State, including cost of study and
sources of funding.

Dates →

- Zone 1 - May ^{30?} 25 - 50% 7100 ct
- Zone 2 - May 16 - 50% 7100 ct
- Zone 3 - June 2 - 50% 7100 ct

Francis Thompson →

Pilot Program - Raise + Release Ducks -



State of Louisiana

KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO
GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

DWIGHT LANDRENEAU
SECRETARY

April 26, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Members

FROM: Susan Falcon *Susan Falcon*

SUBJECT: Pre-Commission Meeting

A meeting prior to the regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 5 to discuss proposed legislation that could affect this Department. The meeting will be held in the Fourth Floor Conference Room beginning at 9 AM. Attached you will find information for this meeting.

Please let me know if you will be unable to attend.

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cc: Dwight Landreneau
Jeff Mayne

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
2005 Regular Legislative Session
Tracked Legislative Instruments as of April 25, 2005

This compilation of legislation instruments represents bills being tracked by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries as of the opening of the 2005 Regular Legislative Session. The Department has three legislative bills which were filed on its' and the administrations behalf:

HB 238 - Lifetime License Endowment Fund – will allow the department to utilize a larger percentage of lifetime license revenue from licenses purchased each fiscal year, while maintaining positive growth of the fund and protecting federal revenue license generating criteria.

HB 475 - Amends the inside/outside shrimp line in the Breton and Chandeleur Sound. The amended line will more accurately reflect the actual points of land and markers describing the line defining what is actually the inside vs. outside waters of the sound. The line adjustment will increase the area of fishing allowed and regulated in the sound.

HB 494 - Makes technical amendments to the geographical line of demarcation where recreational hoop nets and wire nets are permitted to be used. The current language in the statutes containing geographical points, which are not reflected in the actual line.

HB 515 - Increases fees collected from mineral lessees and deposited into the Conservation fund from \$10 to \$15 per acre.

<u>HB 1</u>	<u>Alario</u>	Provides for the ordinary operating expenses of state government.
<u>HB 16</u>	<u>Farrar</u>	Deletes requirement of fleeing the scene of an accident as an element of the crime of vehicular homicide.
<u>HB 30</u>	<u>Smith, Jack D.</u>	Provides with respect to financial security for survivors of law enforcement officers and firemen.
<u>HB 53</u>	<u>LaFleur</u>	Amends penalty provisions for third and subsequent convictions of driving while intoxicated.
<u>HB 88</u>	<u>Smith, Jane H.</u>	Requires persons who commit violent crimes against a peace officer to register with law enforcement and assesses fees for registration.
<u>HB 98</u>	<u>Walker</u>	Provides with respect to refusal to submit to DWI tests.
<u>HB 119</u>	<u>Romero, Errol</u>	Provides with respect to the duration of recreational fishing licenses.
<u>HB 123</u>	<u>Downs</u>	Creates the Lincoln Parish Reservoir Authority.
<u>HB 124</u>	<u>Wooton</u>	Provides relative to fees for shrimp gear licenses.
<u>HB 127</u>	<u>Frith</u>	Enacts the crime of theft of crawfish.
<u>HB 154</u>	<u>Pitre</u>	Prohibits certain municipalities from enacting ordinances forbidding fishermen or their employees from selling or peddling

<u>HB 175</u>	<u>White</u>	fish in public places in the municipality. Creates an exception to public records provisions for the personnel records of law enforcement personnel.
<u>HB 179</u>	<u>Frith</u>	Authorizes mechanical oyster dredging in Calcasieu Lake.
<u>HB 194</u>	<u>Faucheux</u>	Authorizes sheriff to retain attorney for tax and fee collection with taxing bodies paying attorney fees and expenses on pro rata basis.
<u>HB 200</u>	<u>Smith, Jack D.</u>	Prohibits hunting on private property without authorization of the property owner.
<u>HB 204</u>	<u>Cazayoux</u>	Exempts from royalty payments the dredging of False River to remove sediment or to enhance recreation and navigation.
<u>HB 238</u>	<u>St. Germain</u>	Provides relative to the Lifetime License Endowment Fund.
<u>HB 245</u>	<u>Powell, Tank</u>	Increases crab gear license fees and dedicate the increase to certain existing programs for the enhancement of the crab industry.
<u>HB 283</u>	<u>Kenney</u>	Requires the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to allow limited hunting in wildlife refuges.
<u>HB 286</u>	<u>McDonald</u>	Provides relative to access to certain lakes.
<u>HB 313</u>	<u>Hammett</u>	Creates the Lake St. John Recreation and Water Conservation District.
<u>HB 331</u>	<u>Hill</u>	Provides relative to membership of the Louisiana Fur and Alligator Advisory Council.
<u>HB 339</u>	<u>Pitre</u>	Authorizes the Grand Isle Port Commission to use certain state water bottom, water column, and water surface for research purposes.
<u>HB 357</u>	<u>Montgomery</u>	Creates the Lake Bistineau Conservation District.
<u>HB 385</u>	<u>Wooton</u>	Relative to licensing oyster vessels owned and operated by people who are not Louisiana residents.
<u>HB 386</u>	<u>Smiley</u>	Abolishes certain boards, commissions, authorities, districts, and like entities.
<u>HB 387</u>	<u>Salter</u>	Authorizes the Sabine River Authority to create and maintain a law enforcement division.
<u>HB 390</u>	<u>Strain</u>	Exempts produce and other commodities from the local assessment or forced contribution of levee and drainage districts.
<u>HB 397</u>	<u>Baldone</u>	Removes certain restrictions on unattended nets.
<u>HB 416</u>	<u>St. Germain</u>	Relative to penalties and license restrictions for shrimping violations.
<u>HB 428</u>	<u>Pierre</u>	Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to lease state lands for the development or production of wind energy.
<u>HB 439</u>	<u>Thompson</u>	Provides for a statewide interoperable communications system.
<u>HB 475</u>	<u>St. Germain</u>	Provides relative to new coordinates for the shrimp trawling line in Breton and Chandeleur Sounds.
<u>HB 477</u>	<u>Dove</u>	Provides relative to the authority of game and fish commissions to regulate vessels.
<u>HB 484</u>	<u>Dartez</u>	Provides relative to fees for shrimp gear licenses.
<u>HB 494</u>	<u>St. Germain</u>	Makes technical correction to description of the line demarcating areas where recreational wire and hoop nets may be used.
<u>HB 515</u>	<u>Pierre</u>	Increases the fee collected on state mineral leases for deposit into the Conservation Fund.
<u>HB 518</u>	<u>Ritchie</u>	Provides relative to the Washington Parish Reservoir District.
<u>HB 535</u>	<u>Triche</u>	Relative to qualification for commercial crab gear licenses in 2005.

<u>HB 560</u>	<u>Alario</u>	Provides relative to the contents of the executive budget.
<u>HB 587</u>	<u>Odinot</u>	Authorizes the use of fish excluder devices around oyster leases.
<u>HB 596</u>	<u>Fannin</u>	Creates the Jackson Parish Dugdemona Watershed Authority.
<u>HB 617</u>	<u>Kennard</u>	Prohibits certain nets in Poverty Point Reservoir.
<u>HB 630</u>	<u>Hebert</u>	Authorizes sale of state land in Iberia Parish.
<u>HB 701</u>	<u>Baudoin</u>	Prohibits permanent hunting stands or blinds on state lands.
<u>HB 711</u>	<u>Morrell</u>	Provides relative to information retained in the personnel files of police officers.
<u>HB 717</u>	<u>McDonald</u>	Creates the Bayou Desiard Lake Restoration Commission.
<u>HB 726</u>	<u>Marchand</u>	Levies a sales and use tax on certain ammunition and dedicates the use of the avails of such tax to programs for prevention of juvenile violent crime.
<u>HB 752</u>	<u>Dartez</u>	Relative to penalties and license restrictions for shrimping violations.
<u>HB 756</u>	<u>Daniel</u>	Amends the crime of aggravated flight from an officer.
<u>SB 10</u>	<u>Ullo</u>	Authorizes Jefferson Parish governing authority to regulate operation of air boats.
<u>SB 20</u>	<u>Michot</u>	Revises provisions for distribution of reports to the legislature and adds compliance with distribution procedures as an element for audit by the legislative auditor.
<u>SB 21</u>	<u>Gautreaux, N.</u>	Adds a member to the White Lake Advisory Board, being a resident of Ward 8 of Vermillion Parish, appointed by the governor.
<u>SB 35</u>	<u>Barham</u>	Permits the retention of post-certified qualifications for five years after end of peace officer service.
<u>SB 51</u>	<u>Cheek</u>	Provides with respect to financial security for surviving spouses or parents of firemen and law enforcement officers.
<u>SB 76</u>	<u>Adley</u>	Creates the Lake Bistineau Watershed District.
<u>SB 150</u>	<u>Nevers</u>	Conforms statutes with the constitutional provisions regarding the Agricultural and Seafood Products Support Fund.
<u>SB 157</u>	<u>Chaisson</u>	Provides with respect to criminal penalties for third, fourth, and subsequent DWI offenses.
<u>SB 174</u>	<u>Nevers</u>	Provides for the authority, composition, duties, functions, powers, and responsibilities of the Washington Parish Reservoir District.
<u>SB 187</u>	<u>Dupre</u>	Constitutional amendment to provide that certain federal revenues received by the state generated from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas activity shall be credited to the Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Fund and used only for certain purposes
<u>SB 195</u>	<u>Dupre</u>	Provides for deposit into Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Fund and uses of certain federal revenues generated from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas activity.
<u>SB 224</u>	<u>Hollis</u>	Authorizes a system of special certificate agents to collect motorboat or sailboat registration certificate fees and issue registration certificates and decals, and to collect commercial fisherman's license fees and issue commercial fisherman's licenses.
<u>SB 235</u>	<u>Ullo</u>	Authorizes Jefferson Parish governing authority to regulate operation of air boats.
<u>SB 278</u>	<u>Nevers</u>	Provides for the authority, composition, duties, functions, powers, and responsibilities of the Washington Parish Reservoir District.

Falcon, Susan

From: Landreneau, Dwight
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2005 11:21 AM
To: Falcon, Susan
Cc: Greeson, Cathy

I just spoke to Wayne and we agreed to conduct a pre commission meeting at 9:00 am in the 4th floor meeting room to discuss legislation that could effect the Department.

Please prepare a public notice announcement for this meeting and post it in the appropriate locations. I will ask Jeff to prepare a list of legislation and other information that should be included in their package of information that you mail prior to the commission meeting.

Dwight Landreneau
Secretary
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

*Changes made during
Staff Meeting
5/2/2005*

AGENDA
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LA
May 5, 2005
9:30 AM

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NEWS RELEASE

2005-114

04/26/2005

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04/26/2005

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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

DWIGHT LANDRENEAU
SECRETARY

April 26, 2005

MEMORANDUM

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

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OFFICE OF FISHERIES

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WINTON VIDRINE

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OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

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Parke Moore
John Roussel
Brandt Savoie
Bo Boehringer
Don Puckett
Dennis Kropog
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NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED: 

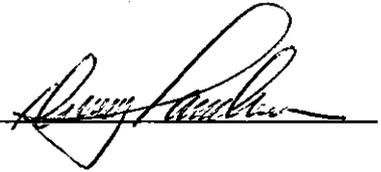
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Approved by
Mr Sagrera
4/26/2005

C O V E R



FAX

S H E E T

To: Wayne Sagrera
Fax #: 337-893-7703
Subject: Agenda
Date: April 22, 2005
Pages: 3, including this cover sheet.

Move Item #13
to #4

COMMENTS:

Please call me after you review the attached agenda. We need to discuss the order, it has been requested by Commissioner Samanie to move the shrimp item up front. I believe this may be a LONG meeting. Thanks.

From the desk of...

Susan Falcon

La. Dept. Of Wildlife & Fisheries
P. O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

225-765-2806
Fax: 225-765-0948

, 2005

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Falcon, Susan

From: Terry Denmon [tdd@denmon.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2005 10:35 AM
To: sfalcon@wlf.louisiana.gov
Cc: Wayne Sagrera (E-mail)
Subject: May Agenda

Susan:

Please place Phil Robertson on the May Agenda to give a short presentation on duck hunting.

I have cleared this with Chairman Sagrera.

If you have any questions, please call.

Thanks.

Terry Denmon



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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

DWIGHT LANDRENEAU
SECRETARY

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*NOI - Deer & Elk Impartation - Fred Kimmel
Scott Durham*

*NOI - 05/06 Hunting R&R - D. Moreland
J. Anthony*

NOI - Bird Dog Training Area - F. Kimmel

Dave Moreland

4/19/05

Resolution - Free Fishing Days

Falcon, Susan

From: Henry Mouton [henrymouton@star-service.com]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2005 2:51 PM
To: Susan Falcom
Cc: Don Puckett; Dwight Landreneaux; Park Moore III; Wayne Sagera; Wayne Sagera
Subject: May Agenda Item



Resolution WLF
2005.doc

Susan,

Attached is a Draft of a Resolution for an Agenda Item for the May meeting. I want an item put on the Agenda about Spinning Wing Decoys. This Resolution would be in Favor of keeping Spinning Wing Decoys. Other states have banned their use and I think the Commission needs to vote to decide whether we support or oppose the use of these SWD's in La.

thanks,

Henry

Alligator Tag
Free - Comm
Menton - per
W. Sagrenais.
4/18/2005



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*Susan:
Leland Fishery Division
has no items for the May
agenda. + handle*

*Beanne Foster
Admin, Leland Fishery Div*

C. John Koenig



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*(Signature) Susan FYI: Col. Vidrine
OR Brian Spillman (Enforcement)
may have a proclamation on
Safe Boating week (May 22-27)
to read at this meeting*

*- Bo
4/11/05*



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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5/5/05 Agenda Item Number: 15 11

Topic: tags / NO DOGS Area 6

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): NO DOGS
AREA 6

Name: Clint Bickham
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: Plantation wildlife management

Address: 58265 DESOBRY ST
PLAQUEMINE, LA 70764

Telephone: 225-776-0930

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

11

Meeting Date: 5 / 5 / 05 Agenda Item Number: 18

Topic: Tags - NO Dogs Area 6

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): NO Dogs in Area 6

Name: DALE PATRICK
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: PLANTATION WILD LIFE

Address: 58921 OBIER ST
PLAQUEMINE LA 70764

Telephone: 225-687-4251
225-776-7744

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5/5/05 Agenda Item Number: 11

Topic: Still Hunting Proposal

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): _____

Name: Rudy Sparks
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: L.L.A.

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 05/05/05 Agenda Item Number: 11

Topic: Dog hunting (Atchafalaya Basin)

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal. *to ban dog hunting*

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): _____

Name: Vic Blanchard
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: Landowner

Address: P.O. Box 694

Plaquemine, LA 70765

Telephone: 225-687-3591

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5/5/05 Agenda Item Number: 11

Topic: Dog Hunting Deer

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): I am not in favor of using dogs

Name: DALE LAGRONE
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: Whiskey Bay Island

Address: 4971 Mesher Rd
LIVONIA La 70255

Telephone: 225 939 9270

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
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Topic: TAGS - NO DOGS AREA 6

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

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I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): NO DOGS IN
AREA 6

Name: RICKY PATRICK
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: PLANTATION WILD LIFE

Address: _____

Telephone: 225-687-9572

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

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Topic: Dog Hunting

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

- NO Dogs

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): _____

Name: Brandon Stockstill
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: Land owners

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
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I would like to speak.

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Other (Explain): _____

Name: Daniel Edgar
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: Bucks Kin H.C.

Address: Wayne I would like
to speak last

Telephone: Daniel Edgar

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
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I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): _____

Name: STANLEY LEELE
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5/5/05 Agenda Item Number: 27

Topic: Dog Hunting

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): _____

Name: Kurt Boudreaux
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: _____

Address: 115 south PAT street
Scott La. 70583

Telephone: 2372258

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5/05/05 Agenda Item Number: _____

Topic: Dog Hunters

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): _____

Name: Billy East
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: _____

Address: 1731 Logman Rd #20
Lafayette La 70506

Telephone: 989-2642-

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5/5/05 Agenda Item Number: 11

Topic: Dogs Hunting

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): Dog Hunting is a
Tradition & Do not wish to Erase

Name: Pat Glynn
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: SUGAR HOUSE HUNTING CLUB

Address: P.O. Box 1150

Telephone: 337-585-6595

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5/5/05 Agenda Item Number: 11

Topic: Dogs

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): _____

Name: Kenneth Taylor
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: Sugarhouse Hunting Club

Address: P.O. Box 74
Lawte 11, LA. 70550

Telephone: 337-945-7474

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

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Topic: Dog Hunting

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): I AM in FAVOR
of leaving it the way it
is now.

Name: DANNY WILLIAMS
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: Sq Dog Hunters

Address: Clator, LA

Telephone: 225-683-4598

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

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Topic: Dog' Hunting

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): _____

Name: CAROL J. BAYARD
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: _____

Address: PO Box 425
Lydia, LA

Telephone: 337 365-4706

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5/5/05 Agenda Item Number: 11

Topic: Deer Dogs

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): _____

Name: Mike Prevost
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: Whisky Bay Island LLC.

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5/5/05 Agenda Item Number: 11

Topic: AREA 6 Hunting
Season

- I would like to speak.
- I do not wish to speak.
- I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.
- I am AGAINST the proposal.
- Other (Explain): _____

Name: RANDY SEIBERT
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 05/05/05 Agenda Item Number: 11

Topic: Hunt with Dogs

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): FAVOR use
OF Dogs

Name: RAY BOUDREAUX
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: Lucky Buck Inc.

Address: 8504 Welks Island Rd
New Iberia, LA 70560

Telephone: 337-369-6863

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5 15 05 Agenda Item Number: 11

Topic: Running Dog Hunting in the Basin



I would like to speak.



I do not wish to speak.



I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.



I am AGAINST the proposal.



Other (Explain): _____

Name: Beth Hodgson
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: Louisiana Hunting Dog Assoc.

Address: 41450 W. Pontier Rd.
Ponchartraine, LA 70154

Telephone: 985-386-8396

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5/5/05 Agenda Item Number: 11

Topic: Dog RUNNING AREA 6

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): _____

Name: DAVID MESSINA
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: _____

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PLAQUEMINE LA 70764

Telephone: 225-776-6607

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: ___ / ___ / ___ Agenda Item Number: 11

Topic: Deer

- I would like to speak.
- I do not wish to speak.

- I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.
- I am AGAINST the proposal.
- Other (Explain): _____

Name: Joseph Kent
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: 225-637-4671

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5/5/05 Agenda Item Number: 11

Topic: Deer hunting with dogs

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): _____

Name: TROY Landry

(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5/5/05 Agenda Item Number: 6

Topic: Shrimp Season

- I would like to speak.
- I do not wish to speak.
- I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.
- I am AGAINST the proposal.
- Other (Explain): _____

Name: Michael Compton
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: _____

Address: 3221 Maureen LN
MERMAUX, LA 70075

Telephone: 279 8130

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5/5/05 Agenda Item Number: 6

Topic: Sheep

- I would like to speak.
- I do not wish to speak.
- I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.
- I am AGAINST the proposal.
- Other (Explain): _____

Name: PETE BERICA
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: KPFA

Address: Rt 6 Box 281-K
NOLA

Telephone: 504 254-0618

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5/5/05 Agenda Item Number: 6

Topic: _____

- I would like to speak.
- I do not wish to speak.

- I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.
- I am AGAINST the proposal.
- Other (Explain): _____

Name: DANIEL J. BABIN
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: GULFFISH, Inc

Address: 5885 Hwy 311
Houma, LA 70360

Telephone: 985 868-8878

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5/3/05 Agenda Item Number: 6

Topic: shrimp

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): _____

Name: John W. Brown

(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (504) 689-7982

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: ___/___/___ Agenda Item Number: _____

Topic: _____

Shrimp

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): _____

Name: _____

BILL DeKamel

(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: _____

EAST BANK COMMUNITY

Address: _____

RSS ASSN.

Shidell LA

Telephone: _____

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5/5/05 Agenda Item Number: 7

Topic: _____

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): _____

Name: Phil Robertson
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: Duck Hunters of U.S.

Address: 538 Mouth of Cypress Rd.
West Monroe, LA 71292

Telephone: 318-325-1189

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5 / 5 / 05 Agenda Item Number: 8

Topic: TAG Fee

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): _____

Name: Y GERALD Domingue
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: Rogawitz Taney

Address: 105 Dorset
Lafayette La 70501

Telephone: 337-237-2895

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5/5/05 Agenda Item Number: 12

Topic: NOTICE OF INTENT - DEER & ELK information

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): I RAISE
WHITATAID DEER

Name: JOEY RHODES
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: SELF - PEN RAISED WHITETAILED

Address: _____

Telephone: 9504 912 2669

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5.15.05 Agenda Item Number: 9

Topic: Spinning Wing Decoys

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): _____

Name: Terry Melancon
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: LA Wildlife Federation

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Item withdrawn by Comm Mouton

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5/5/09 Agenda Item Number: 15

Topic: DISABLED ASSISTED SHOOTING
DEVICES



I would like to speak.



I do not wish to speak.



I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.



I am AGAINST the proposal.



Other (Explain): _____

Name: DAVE TOWNSEND

(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: M-1 SELF

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5.15.05 Agenda Item Number: 11

Topic: 6 POINT RULE CONTINUATION

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): _____

Name: ROBERT DUGAS
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: _____

Address: 1524 KNOWWOOD
BATON ROUGE 70808

Telephone: 225-201-0847

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 05/05/05 Agenda Item Number: 11

Topic: 6-pt. program continuance

- I would like to speak.
- I do not wish to speak.
- I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.
- I am AGAINST the proposal.
- Other (Explain): _____

Name: Vic Blanchard
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: Landowner

Address: P.O. Box 694
Plaquemine, LA 70765

Telephone: 225-687-3591

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5/5/05 Agenda Item Number: 11

Topic: 6 Point Rule (Continue Program)

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): _____

Name: Kim D'Albor
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: _____

Address: 62915 Belleview Drive
Plaquemine, LA. 70764

Telephone: (225) 776-2839

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5/5/05 Agenda Item Number: 11

Topic: 6 Pt Rule

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): _____

Name: Marty Malley
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: Please keep rule in place

Address: until other management
initiatives can be implemented.

Telephone: _____

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5/5/05 Agenda Item Number: 11

Topic: Co Point Rule

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): _____

Name: Mary C. "Chip" Vashon
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: Myself

Address: 123 Fuzzy Rd. Coushatta

I am in favor of continuing the rule until
the system is in place
Telephone: 337-962-8448

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5/16/05 Agenda Item Number: 11

Topic: Tri-Parish 6 Pl. Rule

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): _____

Name: Chad Dauthier
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: Hunters

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Tarrew, LA 70749

Telephone: 225-627-6557

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 5/5/05 Agenda Item Number: 11

Topic: AREA 6 HUNTING SPACES

I would like to speak.

I do not wish to speak.

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

I am AGAINST the proposal.

Other (Explain): _____

Name: JOEY RHODES
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: AREA 6

Address: _____

Telephone: 504 682 7851

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date 5 / 5 / 05 Agenda Item Number 11

Topic Dog Hunting

I would like to speak

I do not wish to speak

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal

I am AGAINST the proposal

Other (Explain) _____

Name John Blanchard
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing _____

Address _____

Telephone 749-8328

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date 5/5/05 Agenda Item Number 11

Topic Dog Hunting Deer

I would like to speak

I do not wish to speak

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal

I am AGAINST the proposal

Other (Explain) _____

Name Charles R. Thomas
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing Friends Farm + Hardware

& Country Feed, LLC
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Walker, LA 70785

Telephone 225/664-7761

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date 5/5/05 Agenda Item Number 11

Topic Dog Hunting with Dods

I would like to speak

I do not wish to speak

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal

I am AGAINST the proposal

Other (Explain) _____

Name RICHARD GORDON
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing Loteauville Hunting

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Telephone 337-229-6126

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

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Topic KEEP DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS

I would like to speak

I do not wish to speak

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal

I am AGAINST the proposal

Other (Explain) _____

Name ~~K. GILBERT~~ KENNY GILBERT
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing GRAND LAKE HUNTING CLUB

Address _____

Telephone _____

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

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Topic Dog Hunting

I would like to speak

I do not wish to speak

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal

I am AGAINST the proposal

Other (Explain) _____

Name Eric Alleman
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Representing Dog Hunters

Address 1212 Hwy 70
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Telephone 985-252-4175

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

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Topic DOG HUNTING DEER

I would like to speak

I do not wish to speak

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal

I am AGAINST the proposal

Other (Explain) _____

Name DAVID BLANK
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing _____

Address 18155 HARRELLS FERRY
BATON ROUGE, LA

Telephone 753-2531 70816

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

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Topic Dog Hunting in Atch

I would like to speak

I do not wish to speak

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal

I am AGAINST the proposal

Other (Explain) _____

Name Nolan ALleman
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing Hog Island NC

Address 39513

Telephone 225-622-3252

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date 5/5/05 Agenda Item Number 11

Topic Pog Ban

I would like to speak

I do not wish to speak

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal

I am AGAINST the proposal

Other (Explain) _____

Name Randy Miquis
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing Self

Address 3318 Cedarwood Dr
New Iberia LA 70560

Telephone 337 365-7048

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

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Topic Dog hunting

I would like to speak

I do not wish to speak

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal

I am AGAINST the proposal

Other (Explain) FOR dog hunting

Name Rene' Burdelon
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing Lucky Buck H C

Address 144 Doyne
LAF LA

Telephone 337-988 3892

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

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Topic Dogs

I would like to speak

I do not wish to speak

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal

I am AGAINST the proposal

Other (Explain) _____

Name Roy Savoy
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Topic Deer Dogs

I would like to speak

I do not wish to speak

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal

I am AGAINST the proposal

Other (Explain) Keeping Dogs

Name Troy Gahn
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing ~~301 Jerami~~

Address 301 Jerami

Telephone 985-519-0593

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
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Topic Yes Dog hunting

I would like to speak

I do not wish to speak

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal

I am AGAINST the proposal

Other (Explain) _____

Name L J Leader
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing _____

Address 23736 Leader Rd.
White Hall LA

Telephone 695 3324

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COMMENT CARD

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Topic Dog Hunting

I would like to speak

I do not wish to speak

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal

I am AGAINST the proposal

Other (Explain) _____

Name MIKE BIENVENU
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Representing Louisiana Crawfish

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1021 WICKHAM RD
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Telephone 394-5680

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

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Topic DEER & DOG

I would like to speak

I do not wish to speak

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal

I am AGAINST the proposal

Other (Explain) _____

Name ERNEST D WOODFORD/STATE
(PLEASE PRINT) REP.

Representing ME

Address BELLE CITASSE, LA

Telephone 504-394-3055

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date 5/5/08 Agenda Item Number 11

Topic Dog Hunting

I would like to speak

I do not wish to speak

I am IN FAVOR of the proposal

I am AGAINST the proposal

Other (Explain) _____

Name Mark Maguire
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Representing Dog Hunting

Address PO Box 361 LYDIA LA
70569

Telephone 337-369-7127