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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Chairman Bill Busbice, Jr. presiding.

Billy Broussard
Lee Felterman
Henry Mouton
Wayne Sagrera
Jerry Stone

Assistant Secretary Phil Bowman was present until Secretary Dwight Landreneau returned.

Commissioner Terry Denmon was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Busbice called for a motion for approval of the **May 6, 2004 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Mouton and seconded by Commissioner Felterman. The motion passed with no opposition.

Under **Commission Special Announcements**, Commissioner Sagrera read into the record an e-mail sent by Commissioner Felterman to Commissioner Mouton on his ethics in voting for an alligator issue. He then felt Commissioner Felterman's vote was not determined by issues but by other people and politics.

Rule Ratification - Spotted Seatrout Regulations - Recreational Size and Bag Limit - Calcasieu Lake, Sabine Lake and Surrounding Area began with Commissioner Mouton asking Mrs. Karen Foote to present the item. Mrs. Foote reminded the Commission the Notice of Intent was amended at the March Meeting to restrict the take of spotted seatrout over 25 inches to two in that area. Since the March Meeting, there have been no additional public comments and the Oversight Committees did not choose to hear the rule. She then asked the Commission to ratify the proposed rule. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to ratify the rule and it was seconded by Commissioner Broussard. The motion passed with no opposition.

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

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.341. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25) (a) and 56:325.1(A) 2 and (B).

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§341. Spotted Seatrout Management Measures

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E. Recreational Regulations. Within those areas of the state, including coastal territorial waters, south of Interstate 10 from its junction at the Texas-Louisiana boundary eastward to its junction with Louisiana Highway 171, south to Highway 14, and then south to Holmwood, and then south on Highway 27 through Gibbstown south to Louisiana Highway 82 at Creole and south on Highway 82 to Oak Grove, and then due south to the western shore of the Mermentau River, following this shoreline south to the junction with the Gulf of Mexico, and then due south to the limit of the state territorial sea, of the daily take and possession limit of twenty-five fish currently set out at LSA R.S. 56:325.1A.(2)(b), no person shall possess, regardless of where taken, more than two (2) spotted seatrout exceeding twenty-five inches (25") total length. Those spotted seatrout exceeding twenty-five inches (25") in length shall be considered as part of the daily recreational bag limit and possession limit.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a); R.S. 56:306.5, R.S. 56:306.6, R.S. 56:325.3; R.S. 56:326.3; 56:325.1(A) 2 and (B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 18:199 (February 1992), amended LR 22:238 (March 1996), LR 24:360 (February 1998), LR 26:2333 (October 2000), LR 30: (June 2004).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Then Mrs. Karen Foote presented a **Declaration of Emergency - Rescind 5 Fish Limit for Spotted Seatrout**. The Declaration of Emergency in effect allowing 5 fish needed to be rescinded since the rule just passed only allows the take of 2 fish over 25 inches. She then asked the Commission to suspend the rules to add the item to the agenda. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to suspend the rules and add the item to the agenda. Commissioner Sagrera

seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. At this point, Mrs. Foote read the Declaration of Emergency. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to adopt the Declaration of Emergency as read and it was seconded by Commissioner Sagrera. The motion passed unanimously.

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

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Spotted Seatrout Recreational Regulations

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto, R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set size limits for saltwater finfish, and R.S. 56:325.1(A)2 and B; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adds the following Declaration of Emergency for the recreational harvest of spotted seatrout to be effective June 20, 2004:

A Final Rule modifying the spotted seatrout rule establishing a maximum number of fish that can be harvested recreationally greater than 25 inches to 2 for the Calcasieu Lake, Sabine Lake, and surrounding areas was ratified by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its June 8, 2004 meeting. The Declaration of Emergency regarding "Spotted Seatrout Regulations - Recreational Size and Bag Limit - Calcasieu Lake, Sabine Lake and Surrounding Areas" promulgated by this Commission April 1, 2004, shall be rescinded upon the publication of this Final Rule on June 20, 2004. All other applicable rules regarding the harvest of spotted seatrout, established by the Commission shall be in effect.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

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

Region I - Minden - 70 citations and 31 warnings.

Region II - Monroe - 102 citations and 14 warnings.

Region III - Alexandria - 183 citations and 15 warnings.

Region IV - Ferriday - 132 citations and 27 warnings.
Region V - Lake Charles - 123 citations and 8 warnings.
Region VI - Opelousas - 154 citations and 66 warnings.
Region VII - Baton Rouge - 237 citations and 5 warnings.
Region VIII - New Orleans - 128 citations and 10 warnings.
Region IX - Schriever - 268 citations and 37 warnings.
Oyster Strike Force - 29 citations and 2 warnings.
Seafood Investigation Unit - 45 citations.
SWEP - 23 citations.

Refuge Patrol - 29 citations, 15 warnings and 10 public assists.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of May was 1,392. Also 213 warning citations were issued and agents helped with 75 public assist cases.

The aviation report for May 2004 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 32.8 hours for enforcement and 12.4 hours for other divisions. No citations were issued.

Major LaCaze then noted the Annual Marengo Swamp Trail Ride was held on Boeuf WMA. There were about 4,290 ATV's with 5,550 people and injuries were two broken bones and one snake bite. Other News Releases for the Commissioners review included a man drowning a deer, interstate violations, selling gamefish and littering on a WMA. Commissioner Felterman asked if the 14,000 pounds of shrimp in Region IX was one case or multiple cases? Major LaCaze felt it was a combination of cases. Commissioner Felterman stated it was good work on the part of the agents. Chairman Busbice asked about the three cases of hunting and trapping on DMAP lands without a permit from owners or lessee. Major LaCaze stated this occurred during the hunting season and the agents were just able to locate the individuals and issue them their citations.

Public Comments - 2004-05 Hunting Seasons & General & WMA Hunting Rules & Regulations began with Mr. Jimmy Anthony stating there were no comments received during the month. He then noted there were four changes that needed to be considered that came from action taken at the May Meeting. The first change was the extension of the squirrel season to February 28. On the WMAs, those extra days would be still hunt only for squirrels instead of being a dog season. Mr. Anthony then asked that the squirrel dog season on

Bayou Pierre, Big Lake, Bodcau, Boeuf, Boise-Vernon, Buckhorn, Camp Beaugard, Dewey Wills, Fort Polk, Jackson-Bienville, Lake Ramsey, Little River, Loggy Bayou, Pearl River, Peason Ridge, Pomme de Terre, Russell Sage, Sabine, Sabine Island, Sandy Hollow, Sherburne, Tangipahoa School Board, Union and West Bay WMAs as well as other properties be allowed to be extended until February 28. The second change was moving a portion of Area 8 into Area 2 and this affected Beaugard Parish and there were no either-sex days for that area. Mr. Anthony asked that the either-sex days of October 30-31, November 6-7, November 13-14, November 20-28, December 4-5, December 25-26 and January 1-2 be adopted for Area 2 in Beaugard Parish. The third change was the Fish and Wildlife Service was requesting deer date changes on Lake Ophelia since Area 6 archery season was extended. The Service asked that their archery season be extended until February 15 and change their muzzleloader season from January 22-23 and make it December 11-12 (sic). The last change was for Jean Lafitte National Park and Preserve to have the following season dates: archery either-sex October 23-November 24 and December 4-5; archery, antlered only November 25-December 3, December 6-December 19, January 1-January 16; shotgun, either-sex November 23-24, December 4-5; shotgun, antlered only November 25-December 3, December 6-December 19, January 1-January 16; small game October 25-December 19, January 1-January 16; trapping November 22-March 31. Chairman Busbice asked if a motion was needed to accept the changes. Mr. Anthony answered yes, they needed to be included in the Notice of Intent for season dates. Commissioner Felterman made a motion to accept the changes. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and they passed with no opposition.

Commissioner Mouton then asked for a change from the Notice of Intent that read that hogs may not be taken with the aid of a dog. He asked that this change be removed and allow the use of dogs on WMAs to hunt hogs. Commissioner Mouton then made that into a motion. Commissioner Stone asked the Department to explain why the change was made. Mr. Anthony stated some hunters would go out during the squirrel season with the intent to hunt squirrels when actually they are running hog dogs. Since these dogs run the hogs all over the area, this activity impacts all users on the WMAs. Squirrel dogs do not impact an area since they only running short distances. The regulation was put in to control that activity and impact. Commissioner Stone stated he would not be in favor of Commissioner Mouton's motion. Commissioner Sagraera seconded the motion. Mr. Anthony reminded the Commission that particular regulation was in the permanent rule and could not be addressed. Mr. Don Puckett agreed with Mr. Anthony and stated the only items that could be considered were season dates. Commissioners Mouton and Sagraera withdrew their motion and second. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Puckett to explain the process the hunting regulations goes through. Mr. Puckett stated that the hunting season dates are not subject to Oversight, but the other "permanent rule" which covers regulations was subject to Oversight. Chairman Busbice

asked when was that letter sent to Oversight? Mr. Puckett stated it was sent in May. The Chairman then asked for public comments.

Mr. Brad Thibodaux commended the Commission on several changes implemented such as extending the bow season and changing the muzzleloader season for the Thanksgiving holidays. Also he noted the change to extend the squirrel season to February 28 and wanted to talk about rabbit hunting. Mr. Thibodaux commented that many hunters spend a tremendous amount of money feeding and training dogs and most clubs are deer clubs that only allows rabbit hunting after deer season closes. With the extension of deer season to February 15, this has cut the rabbit season by two weeks. He then asked the Commission to consider extending the rabbit season to March 15. In response to a comment that rabbits are pregnant at that time, Mr. Thibodaux stated that rabbits have litters 3 or 4 times a year. He believed that the season extension would not hurt the rabbit population but would add to the enjoyment of rabbit hunting.

Mr. Rene Thibodaux, Pointe Coupee Parish, stated his concern in Area 6 was with bowhunting season beginning on October 16 and squirrel season opening the first Saturday in October. This would mean there would be hunters in the woods two weeks before bow season began and Mr. Thibodaux felt it was a terrible idea. He asked the Commission to not take the early week with no one in the woods away from the bowhunters. He asked that the season be allowed to open on October 1 which would give them one day before other hunters were in the woods. Mr. Thibodaux then presented a petition with several hundred names on it asking for the same change. Chairman Busbice felt the overwhelming majority of bowhunters wanted the season changed in Area 6. Now he was hearing those hunters do not want a change. The Chairman acknowledged Mr. Thibodaux's work and knowledge and noted the change would be considered. Mr. Thibodaux stated he only knew of two bowhunters that were excited about hunting in February. He added that in January, hunters can't kill a buck with a rifle and wondered how they would kill one in February. Chairman Busbice stated, last year there was no change in the bow season and the Commission "caught a lot of flack". He offered to give Mr. Thibodaux names of people that have contacted the Commission so he could talk to them on the proposed change.

Representative Don Cazayoux, District 18, stated his appreciation for the change in the deer hunting dates for Thanksgiving week. He also asked the Commission, just as Mr. Thibodaux did, to look at the beginning of bowhunting season. The Representative felt the two weeks in February would not help the bowhunters much. He then asked the Commission to accommodate the bowhunters one week before squirrel season or even maybe an opening date of October 1.

Mr. Harry Evans, Moss Bluff, stated he hunts in that portion of Area 8 that could become Area 2. He heard about the proposed

change one week before the May meeting, but had a prior commitment and could not attend that meeting. Mr. Evans was told the Area 8 season dates would only have a calendar adjustment from last year's and felt a one week change was more than just a "calendar adjustment". During a meeting of the Southwest Louisiana Wildlife Association, Mr. Evans questioned a biologist on the reasons for the Area 8 move, by asking whether it was data or the rut justifying the move and the biologist said no, it was a personal thing. Mr. Evans then explained several conversations he had with hunters that wanted the move. The people Mr. Evans talked with were not aware the season dates were to be moved back a week and the petition they signed was done without knowing all of the information. Mr. Evans felt to have a fair and honest petition, everyone should be involved. He then asked the Commission to put aside the move for one year and let them do a survey next year. Also he noted there was no biological data to support the move. Chairman Busbice commented that they were presented with a number of signatures, the Department checked the information, and found the majority of the people wanted the change. He added that he understood Mr. Evans' dilemma. Mr. Evans stated the one week move was not the real reason for commenting, it was that he did not want his area moved since the rut would be ongoing. Chairman Busbice remarked that there are basically three ruts and the first was when most people liked to hunt. He acknowledged the rut was an argument, but added that the heat, mosquitoes and West Nile Virus were also discussed. Mr. Evans stated his club sees more deer in October and some in November. Chairman Busbice stated the decision was based on majority and understood the dilemma posed by Mr. Evans.

Commissioner Mouton asked what was the Department's objection to extending the rabbit season into March. Mr. Anthony stated this change could set a new precedent since most southeastern states' season does not go beyond February 28. Most hunters report seeing rabbits with well developed fetuses in late February. Mr. Anthony agreed that rabbits do breed all year long, but the majority start their breeding in late February. He felt there may be some ethics problems if hunters were allowed to take rabbits that late in the year. Mr. Anthony offered to look at the situation from a biological standpoint. He then noted almost all of the WMAs are open for rabbit hunting during the month of February since there are not the conflicts you may see in a hunting club. Commissioner Felterman asked if there was a possibility of shifting a season so the bowhunters could be in the woods before the squirrel season opened? Mr. Anthony stated the Department would probably receive a lot of negative comments if they postponed opening the squirrel season from the traditional first Saturday in October to accommodate the bowhunters. The Department went with the late archery season in Area 6 due to the late rutting. Mr. Anthony suggested going with a bucks only season the first two weeks and this would allow archery hunters time in the woods. Commissioner Felterman asked the Department to look at the chance of opening

bowhunting the week before squirrel season and share their thoughts prior to the next meeting. Mr. Phil Bowman felt it was time to take a different approach in setting the hunting seasons in Louisiana. He stated staff would begin the process of establishing seasons on a three year basis. The only way a season could be changed would be if there was a biological emergency. Mr. Bowman stated the three year process would allow hunters a better chance to plan their leisure time and would prevent a lot of confusion.

Mr. Brad Thibodaux stated Louisiana was already setting a precedent in allowing deer season to go to February 15, so it was moot to say it would be a precedent to allow rabbit season to go to March 15. He added that does are being killed while pregnant but noted that those rabbits that are alive could still have three or four litters a year.

Mr. Brian Bergeron, Pointe Coupee Parish, began thanking the Commission for listening to the complaints on opening bow season after squirrel season. He added that there was a lot of deer hunting pressure in Area 6 and the last two weeks of the season would not help them. Mr. Bergeron felt Commissioner Felterman's suggestion of a bucks only season would be a good suggestion. He asked for just one week prior to the squirrel season for the bowhunters.

Mr. Dave Moreland presented the next item, a **Notice of Intent - Amendment of DMAP Regulations and LADT Regulations**. Before proceeding with the proposal, he stated a rabbit study was done with LSU on parasites and reproduction. Three different sites were selected and a full year's data was available and a copy of that data would be provided to the Commission. He added that March was a prime month in which they collected a lot of pregnant rabbits. Then moving on to the Notice of Intent, Mr. Moreland stated the proposed action was being done to improve the effectiveness of the Deer Management Assistance Program (DAMP) and the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program (LADT). Both programs are deer management tools that assist landowners and clubs to achieve a desired harvest of antlerless deer. For this proposal to work, changes have to be made to both programs. The changes to the LADT program included: opening the program statewide with a minimum of 40 acres and cooperators would not have to keep physical data from harvested deer, but they would have to keep basic hunter kill information. These changes could increase enrollment in the state and could increase the contact with deer hunters and have education opportunities. The primary change for DMAP included making it mandatory for all clubs to collect physical data from harvested deer. It was expected some clubs would drop from the program but could continue harvesting antlerless deer by enrolling in the LADT program. The primary change to both programs was that antlerless deer harvested do not count toward the season limit for a hunter. This action was requested to achieve the desired harvest of

antlerless deer on enrolled lands. Mr. Moreland also noted these changes follow in the footsteps of Mississippi, South Carolina, Arkansas and Alabama which allows higher harvest of deer on lands enrolled in their programs. The limit of one buck and one antlerless deer per day would remain the same. He then emphasized that once all the antlerless deer have been taken, no more can be harvested even if there are either sex days available. Other DMAP changes included: dates for new applications, renewals and payment of fees. For LADT, a change suggested was on the requirement for posting lands. Chairman Busbice felt the changes were a step in the right direction for the State as far as deer management and the collection of data. He also felt the data collected would help establish the health of the deer herd. Hearing no further comments, Mr. Moreland read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Sagrera made a motion to adopt the Resolution as read. Commissioner Broussard 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
June 8, 2004

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, June 8, 2004.

WHEREAS, both the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) and the Louisiana Antlerless Deer Tag Program (LADT) of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have been popular and successful programs for landowners and hunting clubs around the state, and

WHEREAS, many clubs that become involved with DMAP are mainly interested in the ability they have to harvest does at any time and are not concerned with being involved with an intense deer management program, and

WHEREAS, many small clubs and landowners around the state would like to have the ability to harvest does at any time during the season, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that changes in the existing rules and regulations pertaining to these two deer management programs would provide more opportunity for smaller landowners and hunting clubs to become involved with

programs that would provide additional harvest opportunity, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Notice of Intent to amend the rules and regulations for both the Deer Management Assistance Program and the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 statement, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

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

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 regulations for participation in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) and Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program (LADT).

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§111. Rules and Regulations for Participation in the Deer Management Assistance Program

A. The following rules and regulations shall govern the Deer Management Assistance Program

1. Application Procedure

a. Application for enrollment of a new cooperator in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) must be submitted to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries annually by August 1. Application for the renewal enrollment of an active cooperator must

be submitted to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries annually by September 1.

b. Each application for a new cooperator must be accompanied by a legal description of lands to be enrolled and a map of the property. Renewal applications must be accompanied by a legal description and map only if the boundaries of the enrolled property have changed from records on file from the previous hunting season. This information will remain on file in the appropriate regional office. The applicant must have under lease or otherwise control a minimum of 500 acres of contiguous deer habitat of which up to 250 acres may be agricultural lands, provided the remainder is in forest and/or marsh. Private lands within Wildlife Management Area boundaries shall be enrolled in DMAP regardless of size.

c. Each cooperator will be assessed a \$25 enrollment fee and \$.05/acre for participation in the program. DMAP fees must be paid by invoice to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Fiscal Section prior to ~~October 1~~ September 15.

d. An agreement must be completed and signed by the official representative of the cooperator and submitted to the appropriate regional wildlife office for his approval. This agreement must be completed and signed annually.

e. Boundaries of lands enrolled in DMAP shall be clearly marked and posted with DMAP signs in compliance with R.S. 56:110 and the provisions of R. S. 56:110 are only applicable to property enrolled in DMAP. DMAP signs shall be removed if the land is no longer enrolled in DMAP. Rules and regulations for compliance with R. S. 56:110 are as follows:

i. The color of DMAP signs shall be orange. The words DMAP and Posted shall be printed on the sign in letters no less than 4" (four inches) in height. Signs may be constructed of any material and minimum size is 11 1/4" x 11 1/4".

ii. Signs will be placed at 1000 foot intervals around the entire boundary of the property and at every entry point onto the property.

f. By enrolling in the DMAP, cooperators agree to allow Department personnel access to their lands for management surveys, investigation of violations and other inspections deemed appropriate by the Department. The person listed on the DMAP application as the contact person will serve as the liaison between the DMAP Cooperator and the Department.

g. Each cooperator that enrolls in DMAP is strongly encouraged to provide keys or lock combinations annually to the Enforcement Division of the Department of Wildlife and

Fisheries for access to main entrances of the DMAP property. Provision of keys is voluntary; however, the cooperator's compliance will ensure that DMAP enrolled properties will be properly and regularly patrolled.

2. Tags

a. A fixed number of special tags will be provided by the Department to each cooperator in DMAP to affix to deer taken as authorized by the program. These tags shall be used only on DMAP lands for which the tags were issued.

b. All antlerless deer taken shall be tagged, including those taken during archery season, muzzleloader, and on either-sex days of gun season.

c. Each hunter must have a tag in his possession while hunting on DMAP land in order to harvest an antlerless deer. The tag shall be attached through the hock in such a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is transported. The DMAP tag will remain with the deer so long as the deer is kept in the camp or field, is in route to the domicile of its possessor, or until it has been stored at the domicile of its possessor, or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game. The DMAP number shall be recorded on the possession tag of the deer or any part of the animal when divided and properly tagged.

d. Antlerless deer harvest on property enrolled in DMAP does not count in the season bag limit for hunters.

e. All unused tags shall be returned by March 1 to the regional wildlife office which issued the tags.

3. Records

a. Cooperators are responsible for keeping accurate records on forms provided by the Department for all deer harvested on lands enrolled in the program. Mandatory information includes tag number, sex of deer, date of kill, and name of person taking the deer, hunting license number (transaction number, authorization number, lifetime number or date of birth for under 16 and over 59 years of age) and biological data (age, weight, antler measurements, lactation) as deemed essential by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Deer Section. Biological data collection must meet quality standards established by the Deer Section. Documentation of mandatory information harvested deer shall be kept daily by the Cooperator. Additional information may be requested depending on management goals of the cooperator.

b. Information on deer harvested shall be submitted by March 1 to the regional wildlife office handling the particular cooperator.

c. The Contact person shall provide this documentation of harvested deer to the Department upon request. Cooperators who do not have a field camp will be given 48 hours to provide this requested documentation.

B. Suspension and cancellation of DMAP Cooperators

1. Failure of the cooperator to follow these rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved. Failure to make a good faith attempt to follow harvest recommendations may also result in suspension and cancellation of the program.

a. Suspension of Cooperator from DMAP - Suspension of the Cooperator from DMAP, including forfeiture of unused tags, will occur immediately for any misuse of tags, failure to tag any antlerless deer, or failure to submit records to the Department for examination in a timely fashion. Suspension of the Cooperator, including forfeiture of unused tags, may also occur immediately if other DMAP rules or wildlife regulations are violated. Upon suspension of the Cooperator from DMAP, the Contact Person may request a Department of Wildlife and Fisheries hearing within 10 working days to appeal said suspension. Cooperation by the DMAP Cooperator with the investigation of the violation will be taken into account by the Department when considering cancellation of the program following a suspension for any of the above listed reasons. The Cooperator may be allowed to continue with the program on a probational status if, in the judgement of the Department, the facts relevant to a suspension do not warrant cancellation.

b. Cancellation of cooperator from DMAP - Cancellation of a cooperator from DMAP may occur following a guilty plea or conviction for a DMAP rule or regulation violation by any individual or member hunting on the land enrolled in DMAP. The Cooperator may not be allowed to participate in DMAP for one year following the cancellation for such guilty pleas or conviction. Upon cancellation of the Cooperator from DMAP, the Contact Person may request an administrative hearing within 10 working days to appeal said cancellation.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17:204 (February 1991), amended LR 25:1656 (September 1999), LR 26:2011 (September 2000), LR 30: .

§119. Rules and Regulations for Participation in the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program

A. The following rules and regulations shall govern the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag (LADT) Program:

1. Eligibility: The following landowners or lessees are eligible to participate in this program.

a. Licensed Deer Farmers authorized to hunt deer by Department of Agriculture and Forestry and Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF).

b. Landowners or lessees with less than 500 acres who have verified deer depredation problems and have met all of the requirements of LDWF as stated in the Nuisance Deer Management Program and who are dependent upon this commercial crop as a major source of income.

c. Landowners with ~~less than 500 acres and more than 40 acres~~ or more enrolled in the Louisiana Forest Stewardship Program and who have a written wildlife management plan on file with LDWF.

d. ~~Landowners or lessees with 40 or more contiguous acres of forested or marsh land. Small landowners in Iberville, Pointe Coupee and West Baton Rouge Parishes who do not qualify for the Deer Management Assistance Program but do have more than 20 acres but less than 500 acres of forested land may be allowed to participate in the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program provided that the land shall be posted with "Landowner Antlerless Deer Program" signs erected at the same intervals as specified in the Deer Management Assistance Program.~~

2. Application Procedure

a. Application for enrollment in the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program must be submitted to the Regional Office, Deer Program personnel, or Forest Stewardship Program personnel of LDWF prior to September 1. The application will become an official agreement between the applicant and LDWF.

b. Each applicant will be assessed a \$25 administrative processing fee which must be paid prior to October 1. Applicant must identify the enrolled property on a Louisiana road atlas that will be kept on file in the Region Office.

c. By enrollment in this program the applicant agrees to allow LDWF personnel access to their land for management surveys, investigations of violations and other inspections deemed appropriate by the Department.

d. Boundaries of lands enrolled in the LADT program shall be clearly marked and posted with LADT or DMAP signs. Signs will be placed at 1000 foot intervals around the entire boundary of the property and at every point onto the property. Signs shall be removed if the land is no longer enrolled in the program. The color of the LADT sign shall be white, with the words LADT and Posted printed on the sign in letters no less than four inches. The minimum sign size is 11 1/4" x 11 1/4".

3. Tags

a. A fixed number of Landowner Antlerless Deer Tags will be provided by the department to each applicant that must be attached to each antlerless deer harvested during the regular deer season. These tags can be used only on the land for which they were issued and must be attached to all antlerless deer killed during the entire deer season including special either-sex days. Tag allotment for each applicant will be determined by Deer Program personnel.

b. The total harvest of antlerless deer is restricted to that number of antlerless deer for which tags were issued. Once the number of antlerless deer for which tags were issued have been killed, all deer hunting will then be for bucks-only, even though there may be either-sex days later in the season for the Area at large. No additional tags will be issued to the applicant.

c. ~~In order to harvest an antlerless deer,~~ Each hunter must have the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag in his possession while hunting on the property for which the tag was issued and immediately upon kill of an antlerless deer, the hunter must tag the animal through the hock. The deer must be tagged before it is transported from the site of kill and the tag will remain with the deer while the hunter is in route to his domicile. The tag number will be recorded on the possession tag for the deer or any part(s) of the animal when divided and properly tagged among other individuals.

d. Antlerless deer harvested on property enrolled in LADT does not count in the season bag limit for hunters.

4. Records

a. Approved applicants will keep daily records for all deer harvested as required by LDWF personnel ~~the Deer Program personnel~~. This information along with any unused tags will be submitted to the Regional Office, the Deer Program, or Forest Stewardship Program personnel by March 1. Information will include: Date of kill; Name of hunter; Social Security number of hunter; Hunting license # of hunter, if applicable; ~~or date of birth of hunter, whichever applicable~~; Sex of animal; Landowner

Antlerless Tag Number. Additional biological information from harvested deer may be required of some applicants for management purposes.

b. Approved applicants will provide documentation of harvested deer during the season to Department personnel upon request. Applicants will be given 48 hours to provide this requested information.

5. Cancellation of Program

a. Failure of the approved applicant or other persons permitted to hunt on this property to follow these rules and regulations may result in cancellation of the program.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 26:2011 (September 2000), amended LR 27:1935 (November 2001), LR 30: .

Interested persons may submit written comments of the proposed rule to Dave Arnoldi, Assistant Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, September 2, 2004.

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

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

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Notice of Intent - Black Bass Harvest Regulations, Poverty Point Reservoir and Notice of Intent - Crappie Harvest Regulations, Poverty Point Reservoir began with Mr. Bennie Fontenot reminding the Commission this subject was touched on at the March Meeting. Since that time, several public meetings have been held and staff was recommending that Poverty Point be made a trophy bass lake and reduce the bag limit on crappie. He then asked Mr. Mike Wood to make a presentation. Mr. Wood stated Poverty Point is a 2700 acre lake enclosed in a State Park with access only through two points.

The lake was opened to fishing in 2003 with a five fish creel, 14-17 inch slot for bass. Reasons for this regulation were concern on overfishing a young population and giving fishermen the option of going with state regulations or having a trophy bass lake. The Department's efforts were initiated in 1997 and have continued with restocking Florida bass, bluegill, redear sunfish and crappie. Standardized sampling continues on the reservoir so staff can see what is happening with the fish. There was no need to stock shad in the lake in the beginning; and since it is a shad based forage, it should make for a super crappie lake. A slide showed a picture of one age group with very high numbers and these were the fish anglers were catching in large numbers. The anglers realized this was a special situation and they wanted to maintain the numbers of age 3 crappie weighing over a pound. A public hearing was held at the State Park and in Monroe to find out the anglers idea of what they wanted in managing the lake. Mr. Wood reported they wanted a reduced crappie creel, so he recommended a 25 fish creel with no size limit. Switching to bass, Mr. Wood noted the lake was loaded with bass and the lake has not been utilized to the point it could be as of yet. Looking at a chart, a lot of the fish are at or in the 14 to 17 inch slot. During the hearings, Mr. Wood found the public wanted to make Poverty Point a special lake. He had to make sure the public understood what would be involved in making the lake a trophy lake. A slot would only work if the anglers make it work, which means anglers must harvest fish under the slot. He then recommended a 15 to 19 inch slot limit and an eight fish creel with only one bass over 19 inches allowed. He again stated they would follow and evaluate both species.

Commissioner Stone asked why decrease the crappie creel limit if the anglers want to make Poverty Point a trophy bass lake? He felt the change would only increase competition on the food source. Mr. Wood agreed and explained that the crappie would stay in the open waters and the bass would tend to be around structured areas. Commissioner Stone noted big impoundments that have good crappie fishing do not produce the larger bass in any big numbers. He suggested reconsidering the recommendation. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Wood if they met with people on the lake? Mr. Wood answered yes, and the changes were from the public and how they wanted to preserve the fishery. Again Commissioner Stone stated, the changes would put more heat on the food source. Chairman Busbice asked if the crappie limit was 50 and the Department wanted to reduce it to 25? Mr. Wood stated that was correct. Mr. Fontenot advised the Commission the lake was not broken, it is a good fishing lake. He added that both groups came asking for the chance to see if the changes would work on the new lake and what data could be collected. Commissioner Stone asked Mr. Fontenot if he agreed that the change did not make sense. He suggested taking advantage of the crappie while they were hot and keep the pressure off the food source so the trophy bass could grow. Commissioner Felterman stated this was a Notice of Intent and there would be time for changes. Mr. Fontenot hoped a lot of comments would be received on

the proposals. Commissioner Stone felt this was being changed based on popularity rather than biology. Chairman Busbice agreed in making Poverty Point a trophy bass lake, but the way to get there was not fully understood. Mr. Fontenot felt this was a good chance for a study and added that there was a push statewide for crappie regulations. He then read the crappie and bass Notices of Intent. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to accept the Notices of Intent. Commissioner Felterman seconded the motion and it passed with opposition from Commissioner Stone.

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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to amend the following rule on black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Poverty Point Reservoir, located North of the town of Delhi in Richland Parish, Louisiana.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§149. Black Bass Regulations - Daily Take and Size Limits

A. - B. 3. * * *

4. Poverty Point Reservoir (Richland Parish)

a. Size limit: ~~14 inch - 17~~ 15 inch - 19 inch slot. A ~~14 - 17~~ 15 - 19 inch slot limit means that it is illegal to keep or possess a black bass whose maximum total length is between ~~14 inches and 17~~ 15 inches and 19 inches, both measured inclusive.

b. Daily Take: ~~5~~ 8 fish with only one fish over 19 inches per person.

i. On water possession - Same as daily limit per person take.

~~ii. Off water - Twice the daily take.~~

*Maximum total length - The distance in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the most posterior point of the depressed caudal fin as measured with the mouth closed on a flat surface.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:325(C), R.S. 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR:14:364 (June 1988), amended LR 17:278 (March 1991), repromulgated LR 17:488 (May 1991), amended LR 17:1122 (November 1991), LR 20:796 (July 1994), LR 23:1168 (September 1997), LR 24:505 (March 1998), LR 26:97 (January 2000), LR 28:104 (January 2002), LR 30: .

Interested persons may submit written comments of the proposed rule to Bennie Fontenot, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, August 5, 2004.

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

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

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to establish the following rule on Crappie (Pomoxis spp.) on Poverty Point Reservoir, located North of the town of Delhi in Richland Parish, Louisiana.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§197. Crappie Regulations - Daily Take

A. Poverty Point Reservoir (Richland Parish)

1. Daily limit: 25 fish per person

a. On water possession - Same as daily limit per person.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:325.1(c).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 30:

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Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Mr. Vince Guillory presented a **Report on 2004 Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program Results**. There were two closures in 2004 only in small areas to help minimize impact on the crab fishery and to facilitate success for the first year of the program. The winter closure occurred in upper Terrebonne Bay from February 28 - March 14. The spring closure was in western Vermilion Bay from May 14 - May 22. The winter closure centered around volunteers going into the bays looking for visible traps whereas the spring closure was dependent upon shrimpers who caught crab traps in their gear and returned them to the disposal sites on shore. The major emphasis for the entire program was publicity and public relations. A Planning Committee was formed to help with publicity and public relations. The first day of the winter clean-up, the Department sponsored a media day. There were five newspaper representatives

and all wrote articles on the event. A map of the winter closure was shown and Mr. Guillory noted it included 182,000 acres. There were two main volunteer days in which Department personnel provided instruction, maps and supplies. As the traps were brought in, they were counted. Mr. Guillory commented that the cooperation with the crab fishermen was outstanding. A total of 6,676 traps were removed within the two week period with Pointe-aux-Chenes Marina having the highest number of traps. There was a total of 1,133 volunteer hours from 215 boat workers on 90 boats and 30 land based volunteers. A total of \$12,280 was spent on the project and 33 different personnel participated. A question asked to Mr. Guillory was, were all of the traps removed? His answer was unfortunately they were not. Deep water traps were not removed as well as those farther away from the disposal sites. Areas closer to the disposal sites were much cleaner, commented Mr. Guillory. He then noted all user groups worked well together. From the number of traps collected during the winter closure and the level of volunteers indicated this type of clean-up could work in Louisiana.

Next, Mr. Guillory showed a map of the spring closure area in western Vermilion Bay. Department personnel were available at the four disposal sites the first two days to count the traps. Also, there was a barge at State Wildlife Refuge used to collect traps. Traps disposal for both closures was handled by a contractor. The total from the spring closure was 218 traps recovered of which shrimpers returned about 100 and Department personnel returned the remainder. Crab fishermen in the area also cooperated during the spring closure. Department personnel spent \$3,850 and 8 Marine personnel spent 250 hours working on the project. Mr. Guillory then talked about Alabama's deep water trap removal program noting 124 traps were picked up in 7 days in 2000, four traps were collected in 2003 and in 2004, the deep water program was discontinued. The spring closure was not as successful as the winter closure as far as numbers of traps collected and level of participation. One possible reason for the low numbers during the spring closure was the reluctance of shrimpers wanting to have crab traps on their boats for later disposal. Mr. Guillory then acknowledged some of the individuals, organizations, institutions and companies that helped with the program and made it a success.

Commissioner Stone suggested finding a way to correct the spring program by allowing the shrimpers some way to bring the traps in year round. He then asked if the areas would rotate next year. Mr. Guillory stated no final plans have been made for 2005, but felt staff would be ready to make a presentation to the Commission by August. On the spring closure, a notice was sent to every commercial shrimper in the Vermilion Bay area, so they all knew of the project. Commissioner Stone again felt there was a need to allow shrimpers the opportunity to keep crab traps on their vessels for a longer period of time. Mr. Guillory stated unserviceable traps can be returned to land under present regulations year round. Commissioner Felterman stated "unserviceable" was the key word. He

then asked if all of the visible traps in the Vermilion Bay area were picked up? Mr. Guillory stated yes, the majority were picked up. He added that the Enforcement Division personnel were also active in the project by patrolling the area before and during the closures. Chairman Busbice asked if a date when the water was at low tide could be picked. Mr. Guillory stated you could look at the predicted tides, but the weather on that date may change it. Commissioner Sagrera commented that if the Vermilion Bay closure was conducted during the winter time, there may have been more traps turned in since they were visible at low tide. Chairman Busbice expressed appreciation to Mr. Guillory for the update and noted it was a good start. Commissioner Stone asked how did Louisiana compare with other states on the total pick-up. Mr. Guillory stated there was only one clean up that exceeded Louisiana's and that was Texas in 2002 when they picked up 8,000 traps statewide.

Amendment of By-Laws began with Commissioner Mouton stating Senator Reggie Dupre was pushing legislation that would make the Commission hold election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman at their January Meeting instead of December. He then made a motion to amend the By-Laws to change the election of officers from December to January. Commissioner Felterman seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **October 2004 Meeting** on Thursday, October 7, 2004, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

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

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



Dwight Vandreneau
Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Tuesday June 8 2004

Chairman Bill Busbice Jr presiding

Billy Broussard
Lee Felterman
Henry Mouton
Wayne Sagrera
Jerry Stone

Assistant Secretary Phil Bowman was present until Secretary Dwight Landreneau returned

Commissioner Terry Denmon was absent from the meeting

Chairman Busbice called for a motion for approval of the **May 6 2004 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Mouton and seconded by Commissioner Felterman. The motion passed with no opposition.

Under **Commission Special Announcements**, Commissioner Sagrera read into the record an e-mail sent by Commissioner Felterman to Commissioner Mouton on his ethics in voting for an alligator issue. He then felt Commissioner Felterman's vote was not determined by issues but by other people and politics.

Rule Ratification - Spotted Seatrout Regulations Recreational Size and Bag Limit - Calcasieu Lake Sabine Lake and Surrounding Area began with Commissioner Mouton asking Mrs Karen Foote to present the item. Mrs Foote reminded the Commission the Notice of Intent was amended at the March Meeting to restrict the take of spotted seatrout over 25 inches to two in that area. Since the March Meeting there have been no additional public comments and the Oversight Committees did not choose to hear the rule. She then asked the Commission to ratify the proposed rule. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to ratify the rule and it was seconded by Commissioner Broussard. The motion passed with no opposition.

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

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.341. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:325.1(A) 2 and (B).

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§341. Spotted Seatrout Management Measures

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E. Recreational Regulations. Within those areas of the state, including coastal territorial waters, south of Interstate 10 from its junction at the Texas-Louisiana boundary eastward to its junction with Louisiana Highway 171, south to Highway 14, and then south to Holmwood, and then south on Highway 27 through Gibbstown south to Louisiana Highway 82 at Creole and south on Highway 82 to Oak Grove, and then due south to the western shore of the Mermentau River, following this shoreline south to the junction with the Gulf of Mexico, and then due south to the limit of the state territorial sea, of the daily take and possession limit of twenty-five fish currently set out at LSA R.S. 56:325.1A.(2)(b), no person shall possess, regardless of where taken, more than two (2) spotted seatrout exceeding twenty-five inches (25") total length. Those spotted seatrout exceeding twenty-five inches (25") in length shall be considered as part of the daily recreational bag limit and possession limit.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a); R.S. 56:306.5, R.S. 56:306.6, R.S. 56:325.3; R.S. 56:326.3; 56:325.1(A) 2 and (B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 18:199 (February 1992), amended LR 22:238 (March 1996), LR 24:360 (February 1998), LR 26:2333 (October 2000), LR 30: (June 2004).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Then Mrs. Karen Foote presented a **Declaration of Emergency - Rescind 5 Fish Limit for Spotted Seatrout**. The Declaration of Emergency in effect allowing 5 fish needed to be rescinded since the rule just passed only allows the take of 2 fish over 25 inches. She then asked the Commission to suspend the rules to add the item to the agenda. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to suspend the rules and add the item to the agenda. Commissioner Sagraera

seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. At this point, Mrs. Foote read the Declaration of Emergency. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to adopt the Declaration of Emergency as read and it was seconded by Commissioner Sagera. The motion passed unanimously.

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

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Spotted Seatrout Recreational Regulations

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto, R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set size limits for saltwater finfish, and R.S. 56:325.1(A)2 and B; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adds the following Declaration of Emergency for the recreational harvest of spotted seatrout to be effective June 20, 2004:

A Final Rule modifying the spotted seatrout rule establishing a maximum number of fish that can be harvested recreationally greater than 25 inches to 2 for the Calcasieu Lake, Sabine Lake, and surrounding areas was ratified by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its June 8, 2004 meeting. The Declaration of Emergency regarding "Spotted Seatrout Regulations - Recreational Size and Bag Limit - Calcasieu Lake, Sabine Lake and Surrounding Areas" promulgated by this Commission April 1, 2004, shall be rescinded upon the publication of this Final Rule on June 20, 2004. All other applicable rules regarding the harvest of spotted seatrout, established by the Commission shall be in effect.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

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

Region I - Minden - 70 citations and 31 warnings.

Region II - Monroe - 102 citations and 14 warnings.

Region III - Alexandria - 183 citations and 15 warnings.

Region IV - Ferriday - 132 citations and 27 warnings.

Region V - Lake Charles - 123 citations and 8 warnings.

Region VI - Opelousas - 154 citations and 66 warnings.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 237 citations and 5 warnings.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 128 citations and 10 warnings.

Region IX - Schriever - 268 citations and 37 warnings.

Oyster Strike Force - 29 citations and 2 warnings.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 45 citations.

SWEP - 23 citations.

Refuge Patrol - 29 citations, 15 warnings and 10 public assists.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of May was 1,392. Also 213 warning citations were issued and agents helped with 75 public assist cases.

The aviation report for May 2004 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 32.8 hours for enforcement and 12.4 hours for other divisions. No citations were issued.

Major LaCaze then noted the Annual Marengo Swamp Trail Ride was held on Boeuf WMA. There were about 4,290 ATV's with 5,550 people and injuries were two broken bones and one snake bite. Other News Releases for the Commissioners review included a man drowning a deer, interstate violations, selling gamefish and littering on a WMA. Commissioner Felterman asked if the 14,000 pounds of shrimp in Region IX was one case or multiple cases? Major LaCaze felt it was a combination of cases. Commissioner Felterman stated it was good work on the part of the agents. Chairman Busbice asked about the three cases of hunting and trapping on DMAP lands without a permit from owners or lessee. Major LaCaze stated this occurred during the hunting season and the agents were just able to locate the individuals and issue them their citations.

Public Comments - 2004-05 Hunting Seasons & General & WMA Hunting Rules & Regulations began with Mr. Jimmy Anthony stating there were no comments received during the month. He then noted there were four changes that needed to be considered that came from action taken at the May Meeting. The first change was the extension of the squirrel season to February 28. On the WMAs, those extra days would be still hunt only for squirrels instead of being a dog season. Mr. Anthony then asked that the squirrel dog season on

Bayou Macon, Big Lake, Bodcau, Boeuf, Boise-Vernon, Buckhorn, Camp Beauregard, Dewey Wills, Fort Polk, Jackson-Bienville, Lake Ramsey, Little River, Loggy Bayou, Pearl River, Peason Ridge, Pomme de Terre, Russell Sage, Sabine, Sabine Island, Sandy Hollow, Sherburne, Tangipahoa School Board, Union and West Bay WMAs as well as other properties be allowed to be extended until February 28. The second change was moving a portion of Area 8 into Area 2 and this affected Beauregard Parish and there were no either-sex days for that area. Mr. Anthony asked that the either-sex days of October 30-31, November 6-7, November 13-14, November 20-28, December 4-5, December 25-26 and January 1-2 be adopted for Area 2 in Beauregard Parish. The third change was the Fish and Wildlife Service was requesting deer date changes on Lake Ophelia since Area 6 archery season was extended. The Service asked that their archery season be extended until February 15 and change their muzzleloader season from January 22-23 and make it December 11-12 (sic). The last change was for Jean Lafitte National Park and Preserve to have the following season dates: archery either-sex October 23-November 24 and December 4-5; archery, antlered only November 25-December 3, December 6-December 19, January 1-January 16; shotgun, either-sex November 23-24, December 4-5; shotgun, antlered only November 25-December 3, December 6-December 19, January 1-January 16; small game October 25-December 19, January 1-January 16; trapping November 22-March 31. Chairman Busbice asked if a motion was needed to accept the changes. Mr. Anthony answered yes, they needed to be included in the Notice of Intent for season dates. Commissioner Felterman made a motion to accept the changes. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and they passed with no opposition.

Commissioner Mouton then asked for a change from the Notice of Intent that read that hogs may not be taken with the aid of a dog. He asked that this change be removed and allow the use of dogs on WMAs to hunt hogs. Commissioner Mouton then made that into a motion. Commissioner Stone asked the Department to explain why the change was made. Mr. Anthony stated some hunters would go out during the squirrel season with the intent to hunt squirrels when actually they are running hog dogs. Since these dogs run the hogs all over the area, this activity impacts all users on the WMAs. Squirrel dogs do not impact an area since they only running short distances. The regulation was put in to control that activity and impact. Commissioner Stone stated he would not be in favor of Commissioner Mouton's motion. Commissioner Sagraera seconded the motion. Mr. Anthony reminded the Commission that particular regulation was in the permanent rule and could not be addressed. Mr. Don Puckett agreed with Mr. Anthony and stated the only items that could be considered were season dates. Commissioners Mouton and Sagraera withdrew their motion and second. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Puckett to explain the process the hunting regulations goes through. Mr. Puckett stated that the hunting season dates are not subject to Oversight, but the other "permanent rule" which covers regulations was subject to Oversight. Chairman Busbice

asked when was that letter sent to Oversight? Mr. Puckett stated it was sent in May. The Chairman then asked for public comments.

Mr. Brad Thibodaux commended the Commission on several changes implemented such as extending the bow season and changing the muzzleloader season for the Thanksgiving holidays. Also he noted the change to extend the squirrel season to February 28 and wanted to talk about rabbit hunting. Mr. Thibodaux commented that many hunters spend a tremendous amount of money feeding and training dogs and most clubs are deer clubs that only allows rabbit hunting after deer season closes. With the extension of deer season to February 15, this has cut the rabbit season by two weeks. He then asked the Commission to consider extending the rabbit season to March 15. In response to a comment that rabbits are pregnant at that time, Mr. Thibodaux stated that rabbits have litters 3 or 4 times a year. He believed that the season extension would not hurt the rabbit population but would add to the enjoyment of rabbit hunting.

Mr. Rene Thibodaux, Pointe Coupee Parish, stated his concern in Area 6 was with bowhunting season beginning on October 16 and squirrel season opening the first Saturday in October. This would mean there would be hunters in the woods two weeks before bow season began and Mr. Thibodaux felt it was a terrible idea. He asked the Commission to not take the early week with no one in the woods away from the bowhunters. He asked that the season be allowed to open on October 1 which would give them one day before other hunters were in the woods. Mr. Thibodaux then presented a petition with several hundred names on it asking for the same change. Chairman Busbice felt the overwhelming majority of bowhunters wanted the season changed in Area 6. Now he was hearing those hunters do not want a change. The Chairman acknowledged Mr. Thibodaux's work and knowledge and noted the change would be considered. Mr. Thibodaux stated he only knew of two bowhunters that were excited about hunting in February. He added that in January, hunters can't kill a buck with a rifle and wondered how they would kill one in February. Chairman Busbice stated, last year there was no change in the bow season and the Commission "caught a lot of flack". He offered to give Mr. Thibodaux names of people that have contacted the Commission so he could talk to them on the proposed change.

Representative Don Cazayoux, District 18, stated his appreciation for the change in the deer hunting dates for Thanksgiving week. He also asked the Commission, just as Mr. Thibodaux did, to look at the beginning of bowhunting season. The Representative felt the two weeks in February would not help the bowhunters much. He then asked the Commission to accommodate the bowhunters one week before squirrel season or even maybe an opening date of October 1.

Mr. Harry Evans, Moss Bluff, stated he hunts in that portion of Area 8 that could become Area 2. He heard about the proposed

change one week before the May meeting, but had a prior commitment and could not attend that meeting. Mr. Evans was told the Area 8 season dates would only have a calendar adjustment from last year's and felt a one week change was more than just a "calendar adjustment". During a meeting of the Southwest Louisiana Wildlife Association, Mr. Evans questioned a biologist on the reasons for the Area 8 move, by asking whether it was data or the rut justifying the move and the biologist said no, it was a personal thing. Mr. Evans then explained several conversations he had with hunters that wanted the move. The people Mr. Evans talked with were not aware the season dates were to be moved back a week and the petition they signed was done without knowing all of the information. Mr. Evans felt to have a fair and honest petition, everyone should be involved. He then asked the Commission to put aside the move for one year and let them do a survey next year. Also he noted there was no biological data to support the move. Chairman Busbice commented that they were presented with a number of signatures, the Department checked the information, and found the majority of the people wanted the change. He added that he understood Mr. Evans' dilemma. Mr. Evans stated the one week move was not the real reason for commenting, it was that he did not want his area moved since the rut would be ongoing. Chairman Busbice remarked that there are basically three ruts and the first was when most people liked to hunt. He acknowledged the rut was an argument, but added that the heat, mosquitoes and West Nile Virus were also discussed. Mr. Evans stated his club sees more deer in October and some in November. Chairman Busbice stated the decision was based on majority and understood the dilemma posed by Mr. Evans.

Commissioner Mouton asked what was the Department's objection to extending the rabbit season into March. Mr. Anthony stated this change could set a new precedent since most southeastern states' season does not go beyond February 28. Most hunters report seeing rabbits with well developed fetuses in late February. Mr. Anthony agreed that rabbits do breed all year long, but the majority start their breeding in late February. He felt there may be some ethics problems if hunters were allowed to take rabbits that late in the year. Mr. Anthony offered to look at the situation from a biological standpoint. He then noted almost all of the WMAs are open for rabbit hunting during the month of February since there are not the conflicts you may see in a hunting club. Commissioner Felterman asked if there was a possibility of shifting a season so the bowhunters could be in the woods before the squirrel season opened? Mr. Anthony stated the Department would probably receive a lot of negative comments if they postponed opening the squirrel season from the traditional first Saturday in October to accommodate the bowhunters. The Department went with the late archery season in Area 6 due to the late rutting. Mr. Anthony suggested going with a bucks only season the first two weeks and this would allow archery hunters time in the woods. Commissioner Felterman asked the Department to look at the chance of opening

bowhunting the week before squirrel season and share their thoughts prior to the next meeting. Mr. Phil Bowman felt it was time to take a different approach in setting the hunting seasons in Louisiana. He stated staff would begin the process of establishing seasons on a three year basis. The only way a season could be changed would be if there was a biological emergency. Mr. Bowman stated the three year process would allow hunters a better chance to plan their leisure time and would prevent a lot of confusion.

Mr. Brad Thibodaux stated Louisiana was already setting a precedent in allowing deer season to go to February 15, so it was moot to say it would be a precedent to allow rabbit season to go to March 15. He added that does are being killed while pregnant but noted that those rabbits that are alive could still have three or four litters a year.

Mr. Brian Bergeron, Pointe Coupee Parish, began thanking the Commission for listening to the complaints on opening bow season after squirrel season. He added that there was a lot of deer hunting pressure in Area 6 and the last two weeks of the season would not help them. Mr. Bergeron felt Commissioner Felterman's suggestion of a bucks only season would be a good suggestion. He asked for just one week prior to the squirrel season for the bowhunters.

Mr. Dave Moreland presented the next item, a **Notice of Intent - Amendment of DMAP Regulations and LADT Regulations**. Before proceeding with the proposal, he stated a rabbit study was done with LSU on parasites and reproduction. Three different sites were selected and a full year's data was available and a copy of that data would be provided to the Commission. He added that March was a prime month in which they collected a lot of pregnant rabbits. Then moving on to the Notice of Intent, Mr. Moreland stated the proposed action was being done to improve the effectiveness of the Deer Management Assistance Program (DAMP) and the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program (LADT). Both programs are deer management tools that assist landowners and clubs to achieve a desired harvest of antlerless deer. For this proposal to work, changes have to be made to both programs. The changes to the LADT program included: opening the program statewide with a minimum of 40 acres and cooperators would not have to keep physical data from harvested deer, but they would have to keep basic hunter kill information. These changes could increase enrollment in the state and could increase the contact with deer hunters and have education opportunities. The primary change for DMAP included making it mandatory for all clubs to collect physical data from harvested deer. It was expected some clubs would drop from the program but could continue harvesting antlerless deer by enrolling in the LADT program. The primary change to both programs was that antlerless deer harvested do not count toward the season limit for a hunter. This action was requested to achieve the desired harvest of

antlerless deer on enrolled lands. Mr. Moreland also noted these changes follow in the footsteps of Mississippi, South Carolina, Arkansas and Alabama which allows higher harvest of deer on lands enrolled in their programs. The limit of one buck and one antlerless deer per day would remain the same. He then emphasized that once all the antlerless deer have been taken, no more can be harvested even if there are either sex days available. Other DMAP changes included: dates for new applications, renewals and payment of fees. For LADT, a change suggested was on the requirement for posting lands. Chairman Busbice felt the changes were a step in the right direction for the State as far as deer management and the collection of data. He also felt the data collected would help establish the health of the deer herd. Hearing no further comments, Mr. Moreland read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Sagrera made a motion to adopt the Resolution as read. Commissioner Broussard 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
June 8, 2004

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, June 8, 2004.

WHEREAS, both the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) and the Louisiana Antlerless Deer Tag Program (LADT) of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have been popular and successful programs for landowners and hunting clubs around the state, and

WHEREAS, many clubs that become involved with DMAP are mainly interested in the ability they have to harvest does at any time and are not concerned with being involved with an intense deer management program, and

WHEREAS, many small clubs and landowners around the state would like to have the ability to harvest does at any time during the season, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that changes in the existing rules and regulations pertaining to these two deer management programs would provide more opportunity for smaller landowners and hunting clubs to become involved with

programs that would provide additional harvest opportunity, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Notice of Intent to amend the rules and regulations for both the Deer Management Assistance Program and the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 statement, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

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

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 regulations for participation in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) and Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program (LADT).

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§111. Rules and Regulations for Participation in the Deer Management Assistance Program

A. The following rules and regulations shall govern the Deer Management Assistance Program

1. Application Procedure

a. Application for enrollment of a new cooperator in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) must be submitted to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries annually by August 1. Application for the renewal enrollment of an active cooperator must

be submitted to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries annually by September 1.

b. Each application for a new cooperator must be accompanied by a legal description of lands to be enrolled and a map of the property. Renewal applications must be accompanied by a legal description and map only if the boundaries of the enrolled property have changed from records on file from the previous hunting season. This information will remain on file in the appropriate regional office. The applicant must have under lease or otherwise control a minimum of 500 acres of contiguous deer habitat of which up to 250 acres may be agricultural lands, provided the remainder is in forest and/or marsh. Private lands within Wildlife Management Area boundaries shall be enrolled in DMAP regardless of size.

c. Each cooperator will be assessed a \$25 enrollment fee and \$.05/acre for participation in the program. DMAP fees must be paid by invoice to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Fiscal Section prior to October 1/September 15.

d. An agreement must be completed and signed by the official representative of the cooperator and submitted to the appropriate regional wildlife office for his approval. This agreement must be completed and signed annually.

e. Boundaries of lands enrolled in DMAP shall be clearly marked and posted with DMAP signs in compliance with R.S. 56:110 and the provisions of R. S. 56:110 are only applicable to property enrolled in DMAP. DMAP signs shall be removed if the land is no longer enrolled in DMAP. Rules and regulations for compliance with R. S. 56:110 are as follows:

i. The color of DMAP signs shall be orange. The words DMAP and Posted shall be printed on the sign in letters no less than 4" (four inches) in height. Signs may be constructed of any material and minimum size is 11 1/4" x 11 1/4".

ii. Signs will be placed at 1000 foot intervals around the entire boundary of the property and at every entry point onto the property.

f. By enrolling in the DMAP, cooperators agree to allow Department personnel access to their lands for management surveys, investigation of violations and other inspections deemed appropriate by the Department. The person listed on the DMAP application as the contact person will serve as the liaison between the DMAP Cooperator and the Department.

g. Each cooperator that enrolls in DMAP is strongly encouraged to provide keys or lock combinations annually to the Enforcement Division of the Department of Wildlife and

Fisheries for access to main entrances of the DMAP property. Provision of keys is voluntary; however, the cooperator's compliance will ensure that DMAP enrolled properties will be properly and regularly patrolled.

2. Tags

a. A fixed number of special tags will be provided by the Department to each cooperator in DMAP to affix to deer taken as authorized by the program. These tags shall be used only on DMAP lands for which the tags were issued.

b. All antlerless deer taken shall be tagged, including those taken during archery season, muzzleloader, and on either-sex days of gun season.

c. Each hunter must have a tag in his possession while hunting on DMAP land in order to harvest an antlerless deer. The tag shall be attached through the hock in such a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is transported. The DMAP tag will remain with the deer so long as the deer is kept in the camp or field, is in route to the domicile of its possessor, or until it has been stored at the domicile of its possessor, or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game. The DMAP number shall be recorded on the possession tag of the deer or any part of the animal when divided and properly tagged.

d. Antlerless deer harvest on property enrolled in DMAP does not count in the season bag limit for hunters.

e. All unused tags shall be returned by March 1 to the regional wildlife office which issued the tags.

3. Records

a. Cooperators are responsible for keeping accurate records on forms provided by the Department for all deer harvested on lands enrolled in the program. Mandatory information includes tag number, sex of deer, date of kill, and name of person taking the deer, hunting license number (transaction number, authorization number, lifetime number or date of birth for under 16 and over 59 years of age) and biological data (age, weight, antler measurements, lactation) as deemed essential by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Deer Section. Biological data collection must meet quality standards established by the Deer Section. Documentation of mandatory information harvested deer shall be kept daily by the Cooperator. Additional information may be requested depending on management goals of the cooperator.

b. Information on deer harvested shall be submitted by March 1 to the regional wildlife office handling the particular cooperator.

c. The Contact person shall provide this documentation of harvested deer to the Department upon request. Cooperators who do not have a field camp will be given 48 hours to provide this requested documentation.

B. Suspension and cancellation of DMAP Cooperators

1. Failure of the cooperator to follow these rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved. Failure to make a good faith attempt to follow harvest recommendations may also result in suspension and cancellation of the program.

a. Suspension of Cooperator from DMAP - Suspension of the Cooperator from DMAP, including forfeiture of unused tags, will occur immediately for any misuse of tags, failure to tag any antlerless deer, or failure to submit records to the Department for examination in a timely fashion. Suspension of the Cooperator, including forfeiture of unused tags, may also occur immediately if other DMAP rules or wildlife regulations are violated. Upon suspension of the Cooperator from DMAP, the Contact Person may request a Department of Wildlife and Fisheries hearing within 10 working days to appeal said suspension. Cooperation by the DMAP Cooperator with the investigation of the violation will be taken into account by the Department when considering cancellation of the program following a suspension for any of the above listed reasons. The Cooperator may be allowed to continue with the program on a probational status if, in the judgement of the Department, the facts relevant to a suspension do not warrant cancellation.

b. Cancellation of cooperator from DMAP - Cancellation of a cooperator from DMAP may occur following a guilty plea or conviction for a DMAP rule or regulation violation by any individual or member hunting on the land enrolled in DMAP. The Cooperator may not be allowed to participate in DMAP for one year following the cancellation for such guilty pleas or conviction. Upon cancellation of the Cooperator from DMAP, the Contact Person may request an administrative hearing within 10 working days to appeal said cancellation.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17:204 (February 1991), amended LR 25:1656 (September 1999), LR 26:2011 (September 2000), LR 30: .

§119. Rules and Regulations for Participation in the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program

A. The following rules and regulations shall govern the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag (LADT) Program:

1. Eligibility: The following landowners or lessees are eligible to participate in this program.

a. Licensed Deer Farmers authorized to hunt deer by Department of Agriculture and Forestry and Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF).

b. Landowners or lessees with less than 500 acres who have verified deer depredation problems and have met all of the requirements of LDWF as stated in the Nuisance Deer Management Program and who are dependent upon this commercial crop as a major source of income.

c. Landowners with ~~less than 500 acres and more than 40 acres~~ or more enrolled in the Louisiana Forest Stewardship Program and who have a written wildlife management plan on file with LDWF.

d. ~~Landowners or lessees with 40 or more contiguous acres of forested or marsh land. Small landowners in Iberville, Pointe Coupee and West Baton Rouge Parishes who do not qualify for the Deer Management Assistance Program but do have more than 20 acres but less than 500 acres of forested land may be allowed to participate in the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program provided that the land shall be posted with "Landowner Antlerless Deer Program" signs erected at the same intervals as specified in the Deer Management Assistance Program.~~

2. Application Procedure

a. Application for enrollment in the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program must be submitted to the Regional Office, Deer Program personnel, or Forest Stewardship Program personnel of LDWF prior to September 1. The application will become an official agreement between the applicant and LDWF.

b. Each applicant will be assessed a \$25 administrative processing fee which must be paid prior to October 1. Applicant must identify the enrolled property on a Louisiana road atlas that will be kept on file in the Region Office.

c. By enrollment in this program the applicant agrees to allow LDWF personnel access to their land for management surveys, investigations of violations and other inspections deemed appropriate by the Department.

d. Boundaries of lands enrolled in the LADT program shall be clearly marked and posted with LADT or DMAP signs. Signs will be placed at 1000 foot intervals around the entire boundary of the property and at every point onto the property. Signs shall be removed if the land is no longer enrolled in the program. The color of the LADT sign shall be white, with the words LADT and Posted printed on the sign in letters no less than four inches. The minimum sign size is 11 1/4" x 11 1/4".

3. Tags

a. A fixed number of Landowner Antlerless Deer Tags will be provided by the department to each applicant that must be attached to each antlerless deer harvested during the regular deer season. These tags can be used only on the land for which they were issued and must be attached to all antlerless deer killed during the entire deer season including special either-sex days. Tag allotment for each applicant will be determined by Deer Program personnel.

b. The total harvest of antlerless deer is restricted to that number of antlerless deer for which tags were issued. Once the number of antlerless deer for which tags were issued have been killed, all deer hunting will then be for bucks-only, even though there may be either-sex days later in the season for the Area at large. No additional tags will be issued to the applicant.

c. ~~In order to harvest an antlerless deer,~~ Each hunter must have the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag in his possession while hunting on the property for which the tag was issued and immediately upon kill of an antlerless deer, the hunter must tag the animal through the hock. The deer must be tagged before it is transported from the site of kill and the tag will remain with the deer while the hunter is in route to his domicile. The tag number will be recorded on the possession tag for the deer or any part(s) of the animal when divided and properly tagged among other individuals.

d. Antlerless deer harvested on property enrolled in LADT does not count in the season bag limit for hunters.

4. Records

a. Approved applicants will keep daily records for all deer harvested as required by LDWF personnel ~~the Deer Program personnel~~. This information along with any unused tags will be submitted to the Regional Office, the Deer Program, or Forest Stewardship Program personnel by March 1. Information will include: Date of kill; Name of hunter; Social Security number of hunter; Hunting license # of hunter, if applicable; ~~or date of birth of hunter, whichever applicable~~; Sex of animal; Landowner

Antlerless Tag Number. Additional biological information from harvested deer may be required of some applicants for management purposes.

b. Approved applicants will provide documentation of harvested deer during the season to Department personnel upon request. Applicants will be given 48 hours to provide this requested information.

5. Cancellation of Program

a. Failure of the approved applicant or other persons permitted to hunt on this property to follow these rules and regulations may result in cancellation of the program.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.
HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 26:2011 (September 2000), amended LR 27:1935 (November 2001), LR 30: .

Interested persons may submit written comments of the proposed rule to Dave Arnoldi, Assistant Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, September 2, 2004.

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

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

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Notice of Intent - Black Bass Harvest Regulations, Poverty Point Reservoir and Notice of Intent - Crappie Harvest Regulations, Poverty Point Reservoir began with Mr. Bennie Fontenot reminding the Commission this subject was touched on at the March Meeting. Since that time, several public meetings have been held and staff was recommending that Poverty Point be made a trophy bass lake and reduce the bag limit on crappie. He then asked Mr. Mike Wood to make a presentation. Mr. Wood stated Poverty Point is a 2700 acre lake enclosed in a State Park with access only through two points.

The lake was opened to fishing in 2003 with a five fish creel, 14-17 inch slot for bass. Reasons for this regulation were concern on overfishing a young population and giving fishermen the option of going with state regulations or having a trophy bass lake. The Department's efforts were initiated in 1997 and have continued with restocking Florida bass, bluegill, redear sunfish and crappie. Standardized sampling continues on the reservoir so staff can see what is happening with the fish. There was no need to stock shad in the lake in the beginning; and since it is a shad based forage, it should make for a super crappie lake. A slide showed a picture of one age group with very high numbers and these were the fish anglers were catching in large numbers. The anglers realized this was a special situation and they wanted to maintain the numbers of age 3 crappie weighing over a pound. A public hearing was held at the State Park and in Monroe to find out the anglers idea of what they wanted in managing the lake. Mr. Wood reported they wanted a reduced crappie creel, so he recommended a 25 fish creel with no size limit. Switching to bass, Mr. Wood noted the lake was loaded with bass and the lake has not been utilized to the point it could be as of yet. Looking at a chart, a lot of the fish are at or in the 14 to 17 inch slot. During the hearings, Mr. Wood found the public wanted to make Poverty Point a special lake. He had to make sure the public understood what would be involved in making the lake a trophy lake. A slot would only work if the anglers make it work, which means anglers must harvest fish under the slot. He then recommended a 15 to 19 inch slot limit and an eight fish creel with only one bass over 19 inches allowed. He again stated they would follow and evaluate both species.

Commissioner Stone asked why decrease the crappie creel limit if the anglers want to make Poverty Point a trophy bass lake? He felt the change would only increase competition on the food source. Mr. Wood agreed and explained that the crappie would stay in the open waters and the bass would tend to be around structured areas. Commissioner Stone noted big impoundments that have good crappie fishing do not produce the larger bass in any big numbers. He suggested reconsidering the recommendation. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Wood if they met with people on the lake? Mr. Wood answered yes, and the changes were from the public and how they wanted to preserve the fishery. Again Commissioner Stone stated, the changes would put more heat on the food source. Chairman Busbice asked if the crappie limit was 50 and the Department wanted to reduce it to 25? Mr. Wood stated that was correct. Mr. Fontenot advised the Commission the lake was not broken, it is a good fishing lake. He added that both groups came asking for the chance to see if the changes would work on the new lake and what data could be collected. Commissioner Stone asked Mr. Fontenot if he agreed that the change did not make sense. He suggested taking advantage of the crappie while they were hot and keep the pressure off the food source so the trophy bass could grow. Commissioner Felterman stated this was a Notice of Intent and there would be time for changes. Mr. Fontenot hoped a lot of comments would be received on

the proposals. Commissioner Stone felt this was being changed based on popularity rather than biology. Chairman Busbice agreed in making Poverty Point a trophy bass lake, but the way to get there was not fully understood. Mr. Fontenot felt this was a good chance for a study and added that there was a push statewide for crappie regulations. He then read the crappie and bass Notices of Intent. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to accept the Notices of Intent. Commissioner Felterman seconded the motion and it passed with opposition from Commissioner Stone.

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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to amend the following rule on black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Poverty Point Reservoir, located North of the town of Delhi in Richland Parish, Louisiana.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§149. Black Bass Regulations - Daily Take and Size Limits

A. - B. 3. * * *

4. Poverty Point Reservoir (Richland Parish)

a. Size limit: ~~14 inch - 17~~ 15 inch - 19 inch slot. A ~~14 - 17~~ 15-19 inch slot limit means that it is illegal to keep or possess a black bass whose maximum total length is between ~~14 inches and 17~~ 15 inches and 19 inches, both measured inclusive.

b. Daily Take: ~~5~~ 8 fish with only one fish over 19 inches per person.

i. On water possession - Same as daily limit per person take.

~~ii. Off water - Twice the daily take.~~

*Maximum total length - The distance in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the most posterior point of the depressed caudal fin as measured with the mouth closed on a flat surface.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:325(C), R.S. 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR:14:364 (June 1988), amended LR 17:278 (March 1991), repromulgated LR 17:488 (May 1991), amended LR 17:1122 (November 1991), LR 20:796 (July 1994), LR 23:1168 (September 1997), LR 24:505 (March 1998), LR 26:97 (January 2000), LR 28:104 (January 2002), LR 30: .

Interested persons may submit written comments of the proposed rule to Bennie Fontenot, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, August 5, 2004.

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

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

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to establish the following rule on Crappie (Pomoxis spp.) on Poverty Point Reservoir, located North of the town of Delhi in Richland Parish, Louisiana.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§197. Crappie Regulations - Daily Take

A. Poverty Point Reservoir (Richland Parish)

1. Daily limit: 25 fish per person

a. On water possession - Same as daily limit per person.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:325.1(c).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 30:

Interested persons may submit written comments of the proposed rule to Bennie Fontenot, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, August 5, 2004.

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Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Mr. Vince Guillory presented a **Report on 2004 Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program Results.** There were two closures in 2004 only in small areas to help minimize impact on the crab fishery and to facilitate success for the first year of the program. The winter closure occurred in upper Terrebonne Bay from February 28 - March 14. The spring closure was in western Vermilion Bay from May 14 - May 22. The winter closure centered around volunteers going into the bays looking for visible traps whereas the spring closure was dependent upon shrimpers who caught crab traps in their gear and returned them to the disposal sites on shore. The major emphasis for the entire program was publicity and public relations. A Planning Committee was formed to help with publicity and public relations. The first day of the winter clean-up, the Department sponsored a media day. There were five newspaper representatives

and all wrote articles on the event. A map of the winter closure was shown and Mr. Guillory noted it included 182,000 acres. There were two main volunteer days in which Department personnel provided instruction, maps and supplies. As the traps were brought in, they were counted. Mr. Guillory commented that the cooperation with the crab fishermen was outstanding. A total of 6,676 traps were removed within the two week period with Pointe-aux-Chenes Marina having the highest number of traps. There was a total of 1,133 volunteer hours from 215 boat workers on 90 boats and 30 land based volunteers. A total of \$12,280 was spent on the project and 33 different personnel participated. A question asked to Mr. Guillory was, were all of the traps removed? His answer was unfortunately they were not. Deep water traps were not removed as well as those farther away from the disposal sites. Areas closer to the disposal sites were much cleaner, commented Mr. Guillory. He then noted all user groups worked well together. From the number of traps collected during the winter closure and the level of volunteers indicated this type of clean-up could work in Louisiana.

Next, Mr. Guillory showed a map of the spring closure area in western Vermilion Bay. Department personnel were available at the four disposal sites the first two days to count the traps. Also, there was a barge at State Wildlife Refuge used to collect traps. Traps disposal for both closures was handled by a contractor. The total from the spring closure was 218 traps recovered of which shrimpers returned about 100 and Department personnel returned the remainder. Crab fishermen in the area also cooperated during the spring closure. Department personnel spent \$3,850 and 8 Marine personnel spent 250 hours working on the project. Mr. Guillory then talked about Alabama's deep water trap removal program noting 124 traps were picked up in 7 days in 2000, four traps were collected in 2003 and in 2004, the deep water program was discontinued. The spring closure was not as successful as the winter closure as far as numbers of traps collected and level of participation. One possible reason for the low numbers during the spring closure was the reluctance of shrimpers wanting to have crab traps on their boats for later disposal. Mr. Guillory then acknowledged some of the individuals, organizations, institutions and companies that helped with the program and made it a success.

Commissioner Stone suggested finding a way to correct the spring program by allowing the shrimpers some way to bring the traps in year round. He then asked if the areas would rotate next year. Mr. Guillory stated no final plans have been made for 2005, but felt staff would be ready to make a presentation to the Commission by August. On the spring closure, a notice was sent to every commercial shrimper in the Vermilion Bay area, so they all knew of the project. Commissioner Stone again felt there was a need to allow shrimpers the opportunity to keep crab traps on their vessels for a longer period of time. Mr. Guillory stated unserviceable traps can be returned to land under present regulations year round. Commissioner Felterman stated "unserviceable" was the key word. He

then asked if all of the visible traps in the Vermilion Bay area were picked up? Mr. Guillory stated yes, the majority were picked up. He added that the Enforcement Division personnel were also active in the project by patrolling the area before and during the closures. Chairman Busbice asked if a date when the water was at low tide could be picked. Mr. Guillory stated you could look at the predicted tides, but the weather on that date may change it. Commissioner Sagrera commented that if the Vermilion Bay closure was conducted during the winter time, there may have been more traps turned in since they were visible at low tide. Chairman Busbice expressed appreciation to Mr. Guillory for the update and noted it was a good start. Commissioner Stone asked how did Louisiana compare with other states on the total pick-up. Mr. Guillory stated there was only one clean up that exceeded Louisiana's and that was Texas in 2002 when they picked up 8,000 traps statewide.

Amendment of By-Laws began with Commissioner Mouton stating Senator Reggie Dupre was pushing legislation that would make the Commission hold election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman at their January Meeting instead of December. He then made a motion to amend the By-Laws to change the election of officers from December to January. Commissioner Felterman seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

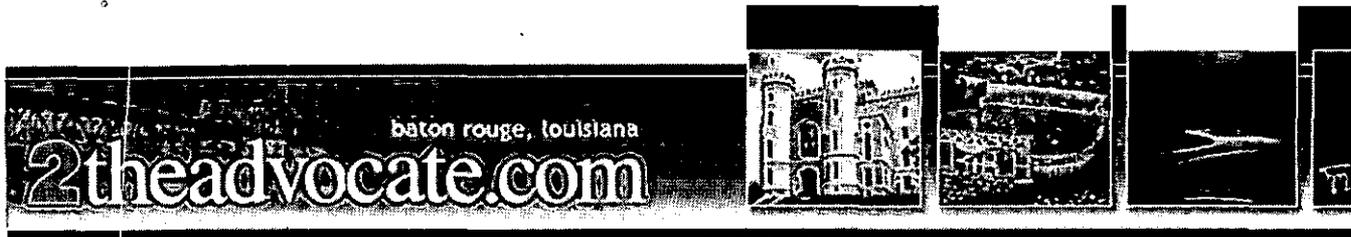
The Commissioners agreed to hold the **October 2004 Meeting** on Thursday, October 7, 2004, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

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

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

Dwight Landreneau
Secretary

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Macaluso: DMAP notice favors the rich

By JOE MACALUSO
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Some time before the members of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission gather for their July 1 meeting, something must be said about a decision they reached Tuesday.

Hidden deep in a unanimous seven-man approval of a Notice of Intent, and even deeper in a Department of Wildlife and Fisheries release was this announcement: "The notice also stipulates that the antlerless deer taken on DMAP lands would not count against the season bag limits, though the daily limits would still apply."

DMAP is the Deer Management Assistance Program, a Wildlife and Fisheries' plan that helps landowners and hunting clubs who control 500 or more acres. Cost is a \$25 application fee plus five cents an acre. Biologists survey that land, determine how many deer are on the land, and how many deer the land's vegetation can sustain. The difference between those figures generally leads to the landowner or hunting club receiving a number of DMAP doe (antlerless deer) tags.

Well, there are times when the commission takes steps that make it look like just another one of Louisiana's Good Ol' Boys Club, and times when its moves tell the state's sportsmen that most of the seven men are concerned for fauna and flora -- and outdoorsmen -- that make our state a treasure.

This issue is more of the former than the latter. Make no mistake, this proposal is for the wealthy, the folks who can afford more land than they can hunt. It's a proposal that clearly outlines to all Louisiana hunters that you can take more than the season limit of six deer if you have land and the money to support that land.

Last week's column touched on this topic, and it sure looks like none of the commission members had any objection. The 7-0 vote indicates their lack of objection to this issue.

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Don't mistake my objection to mean I'm against wealthy landowners.

What's staring us square in the face here is the same issue as the blocked-off canals in the coastal area and coastal landowners insistence that they own the water and can lease water to take the animals living in that water.

Fact is, most of us believe in our system that the land and water animals belong to the state and the people in the state and not to a landowner.

What's presented to us here is that a small number among the near 1,400 DMAP enrollees are having trouble taking the does the biological survey indicates they should take.

And the issue here is that privilege doesn't mean you can make rules expanding your ability beyond regulations that bind other citizens. I'm not foolish: I know we live in Louisiana, and know there are times, far too many times, when our state enacts regulations that helps the far too few folks with far too much money. This shouldn't be one of those times.

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LWFC makes changes

Trout, squirrel rules among ones altered

By JOE MACALUSO
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A handful of important changes and notices to change hunting and fishing regulations came from Tuesday's Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting.

Of the most immediate concern is speckled trout fishermen have another limit to heed in the Calcasieu and Sabine lakes area.

Tuesday, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission ratified a rule that limits possession of speckled trout longer than 25 inches to two per day among the daily creel limit of 25 specks measuring 12 or more inches long.

The rule takes effect June 20.

Moves to limit take of the big trout in these two lakes began in December. In January, the commission limited the take to five of the larger trout, but changed that to two 25-plus-inches specks at its February meeting.

The rule contains a detailed outline of the area affected by the new regulation. It's roughly the area from Interstate-10 at the Louisiana-Texas line east to La. 171, then south on 171 to La. 14, then to La. 27 and to La. 82, at Oak Grove, then south to the west shoreline of the Mermentau River and three miles out -- in state waters -- into the Gulf of Mexico.

DMAP CHANGE: The public will have 120 days to comment on proposed major changes to the Deer Management Assistance and Louisiana Antlerless Deer Tag programs.

If passed at the commission's October meeting, the DMAP rule would allow limitless taking of antlerless deer -- mostly does -- on DMAP lands. The wording of the Notice of Intent is that taking antlerless deer "would not count

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against the season bag limits," which is six deer, but that hunters on DMAP lands would have to abide by daily limits.

Other sections of the DMAP proposal would require enrollees to "maintain biological data on all deer taken on (DMAP) lands," would require prospective enrollees to submit applications by Aug. 1 annually and renewal enrollees to have annual applications into the state's Wildlife Division by Sept. 1.

Changes in the LADT will open the program to landowners with a minimum of 40 acres, would not require enrollees to keep a log of antlerless deer taken, but would require landowners to post the LADT land. Another change would allow current DMAP enrollees to change over to the LADT program.

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' Deer Study leader David Moreland is handling the public comment. He can be reached at (225) 765-2344. His e-mail address is moreland_dw@wlf.state.la.us.

HUNTING SEASONS: Calling them "housekeeping items," the LWFC voted to include provisions that will allow squirrel hunting with dogs on 24 of the state's wildlife management areas through Feb. 28 annually.

In May, the commission extended the squirrel seasons through Feb. 28 statewide. It's the latest date for squirrel hunters since the state began managing hunting seasons some 70 years ago.

Other changes included adding trapping dates and deer and small-game hunting seasons for the Jean Lafitte National Park, which had been left out of the original postings for the state hunting seasons.

Also deer-hunting dates for the Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge were altered. Archery hunting dates were changed to Nov. 13-Jan. 2 and Jan. 17-Feb. 15, and the muzzleloader season was moved to Dec. 11-12, Jan. 8-9 and Jan. 15-16.

The 2004-05 resident-game hunting seasons will be ratified at the commission's July 1 meeting.

POVERTY POINT: The LWFC accepted the posting of Notices of Intent to change creel and slot limits on bass and sac-a-lait at Poverty Point Reservoir, the new and relatively small impoundment in Richland Parish.

One notice will place a 15-19 inches slot limit on bass, with a daily creel limit of eight bass and a mandate that only one bass measuring longer than 19 inches can be included in the daily limit.

The second notice would limit daily and possession limits of sac-a-lait to 25, the lowest limit on this species in the state.

Public comment on the changes will be accepted until Aug. 5. Comments can be made by writing: Bennie Fontenot, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898.

The Information and Education Section of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries contributed to this report.

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COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Tuesday, June 8, 2004
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife and Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Bill Busbice (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Lee Felterman	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Terry Denmon	<u>—</u>	<u>✓</u>
Billy Broussard	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Wayne Sagrera	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Jerry Stone	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Henry Mouton	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>

Mr. Chairman:

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

AGENDA
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LA
June 8, 2004
10:00 AM

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of May 6, 2004
3. Commission Special Announcements
4. Rule Ratification - Spotted Seatrout Regulations -
Recreational Size and Bag Limit - Calcasieu Lake, Sabine Lake and
Surrounding Area - Commissioner Henry Mouton
5. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/May - Keith LaCaze
6. Public Comments - 2004-05 Hunting Seasons & General & WMA
Hunting Rules & Regulations
7. Notice of Intent - Amendment of DMAP Regulations and LADT
Regulations - Dave Moreland
8. Notice of Intent - Black Bass Harvest Regulations,
Poverty Point Reservoir - Bennie Fontenot
9. Notice of Intent - Crappie Harvest Regulations, Poverty
Point Reservoir - Bennie Fontenot
10. Report on 2004 Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program
Results - Vince Guillory
11. Amendment of By-Laws - Commissioner Henry Mouton
12. Set October 2004 Meeting Date
13. Public Comments
14. Adjournment



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May 21, 2004

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife & Fisheries Commission
P. O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

Dear Mr. Busbice:

Your letter to Governor Kathleen Blanco regarding Senate Bill 559 has been forwarded to me for a response.

In that the issues you have raised concern legislation, I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to Rochelle Michaud Dugas, Director of Legislative Affairs. Your comments will be taken under advisement.

Thank you for your interest and if this office can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Shuffield".

Cheryl Shuffield, Director
Constituent Services

cc: Legislative Affairs

Hawkins-Falcon, Susan

From: Secretary, LGCHS [lgchs@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 06, 2004 7:15 PM
To: denmon_TD@wlf.state.la.us
Cc: Thomas Eimermacher; Mike Beebe; Fred Mattingly; Bill Watts; T Magers
Subject: Commission Meeting

Dear Mr. Denman;

Today was my first LWLF Commission meeting. The Louisiana Gulf Coast Herpetological Society has asked me to attend these meetings as chairman of their legislative committee. I must say that I was impressed with the tenor of the Commissioners, especially during your presentation of SR49 from Senator Barham concerning the alligator snapping turtle's moratorium. The LGCHS represents the herpetoculture (hobbyists) interests of reptile owners of the gulf south. We were concerned that *macroclmys temminckii* would no longer be able to be kept as pets and subjects of study by any of our members. I could sense that you felt the same way about private ownership of these unique reptiles. The decision to halt the commercial harvest of alligator snappers in the wild is probably long overdue and I commend your courage to act. We have been very active with the Louisiana Reptile and Amphibian Task Force and the DWF to help formulate regulations for reptiles in this state. If we can help you or any of the other Commissioners, please ask. Again, thank you for your interest and time.

~Bill Watts~
Secretary, LGCHS
504-710-8456

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.341. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:325.1(A) 2 and (B).

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§341. Spotted Seatrout Management Measures

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E. Recreational Regulations. Within those areas of the state, including coastal territorial waters, south of Interstate 10 from its junction at the Texas-Louisiana boundary eastward to its junction with Louisiana Highway 171, south to Highway 14, and then south to Holmwood, and then south on Highway 27 through Gibbstown south to Louisiana Highway 82 at Creole and south on Highway 82 to Oak Grove, and then due south to the western shore of the Mermentau River, following this shoreline south to the junction with the Gulf of Mexico, and then due south to the limit of the state territorial sea, of the daily take and possession limit of twenty-five fish currently set out at LSA R.S. 56:325.1A.(2)(b), no person shall possess, regardless of where taken, more than two (2) spotted seatrout exceeding twenty-five inches (25") total length. Those

spotted seatrout exceeding twenty-five inches (25") in length shall be considered as part of the daily recreational bag limit and possession limit.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a); R.S. 56:306.5, R.S. 56:306.6, R.S. 56:325.3; R.S. 56:326.3; 56:325.1(A) 2 and (B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 18:199 (February 1992), amended LR 22:238 (March 1996), LR 24:360 (February 1998), LR 26:2333 (October 2000), LR 30: (June 2004).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

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Spotted Seatrout Recreational Regulations

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ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

MAY, 2004

REGION 1: MINDEN

**PARISHES: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER,
CADDO, CLAIBORNE,
WEBSTER, RED RIVER,
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TOTAL CASES	70
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
30	Boating Safety
22	Angling W/O Resident License
3	Angling W/O Resident Cane Pole License
1	Fail To Maintain Records
2	Hunt Or Take Deer Closed Season
3	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
2	Operate Vessel While Intoxicated
4	Littering
1	(State Lacy) Violate Interstate Commerce Regulations
1	Violation Of Probation Or License Revocation
1	Obtain License By Fraud

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	31	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
12		Boating Safety
1		Angling W/O Resident License
3		Angling W/O License – Non-Resident

1	Violate Recreational Gear License Requirements
14	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
1 Doe Deer (Destroyed, Unfit For Consumption); Deer Parts (1 Shoulder, 2 Backstraps, 2 Pieces Of Hindquarter) – (Donated)	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
30	Boating
1	Commercial Fishing
00	Federal Migratory
4	Littering
8	Miscellaneous
25	Recreational Fishing
2	State Hunting/Trapping
31	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Public Assistance

REGION 2: MONROE

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

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
102	
45	Boating
26	Angle Without A Resident License
1	Operate ATV On Public Road
5	Angle Without A Non-resident License
6	Fish Without A Resident Pole License
1	Littering
4	DWI (Boat)
1	DWI (Vehicle)
3	Frogging Closed Season
1	Engage In Activity During Revocation
1	Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Gear License
1	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
1	Illegal Possession Of Stolen Items
4	Possession Of Alcohol By Person Under 21 Years Of Age
1	Careless Operation Of A Motor Vehicle
1	Public Intimidation

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 14

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Expired Boat Registration Certificate
1	Improper Boat Numbers
1	Improper Running Lights
1	No Boat Registration Certificate In Possession
4	Angle Without A Resident License
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Violate Lake D'Arbonne Trotline Regulations
1	Failure To Comply With PFD Regulations
2	Overloading Of A Motorboat
1	Fail To Comply With Boating Safety Education Regulations

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1- Bag Of Marijuana And 1-Bag Of Green Vegetable Matter; 1-Kawasaki Jet Ski; 1- Can Of Miller Lite Beer; 1-Rod And Reel; 1-Blue Catfish.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
49	Boating
2	Commercial Fishing

-0-	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
10	Miscellaneous
40	Recreational Fishing
-0-	State Hunting/Trapping
14	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
11	Public Assistance (Assisting Stranded Motorists and Boaters.)

REGION 3: ALEXANDRIA

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

TOTAL CASES	183
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
40	Fail To Comply W/PFD Regulation
4	Operate Unregistered Motorboat
3	Improperly Riding On Deck Or Gunwales
5	No Observer In Watercraft While Skiing
8	Expired Boat Registration Certificate
1	No Sound-Producing-Device
2	Careless Operation
4	Failure To Have PFD On Person Under 13 While Underway
2	Improper Running Lights
58	Angling W/O A License
11	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
2	Violation of License Revocation
8	Fishing W/O Resident Pole License
2	Failure To Tag Nets
2	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Sell Fish Caught Recreationally

1	Negligent Injury
14	Littering
1	Operate ATV On Public Road
1	Resisting An Officer
1	Disturbing The Peace
2	Violate Recreational Gear License Regulation
1	R/R Possession Of Firearm On WMA C/S
1	R/R Rutting Up Road
2	R/R ATV On WMA During ATV Closure
1	Flight From An Officer
1	Possession Of A Spoonbill Catfish
2	R/R ATV In Closed Area
2	Damage To Property

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	Angling W/O A License
1	Possession Undersize Freshwater Game Fish
1	Expired Boat Registration Certificate
9	Failure To Check In/Out

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 Rod and Reel; 2 Black Bass

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:

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

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 4: FERRIDAY

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

TOTAL CASES	132
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
55	Boating Safety Violations
19	Angling W/O License
10	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
24	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
1	Violate Recreation Gear License Requirement
1	Take Or Possess Game Fish Illegally (Hoop Nets)
1	Take/Possess Spoonbill Catfish
1	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Hoop Net)
1	Use Lead Nets In Other Than Overflow Regions
1	Failure To Mark /Tag Nets
3	Hunt/Trap On DMAP Lands W/O Permit From Owner/Lessee
1	Take Non-Game Quadrupeds Closed Season
7	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
1	Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated
1	Operate A Vessel While Intoxicated

3	Littering
1	Flight From An Officer

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
27	
2	Angling W/O Resident License
19	Boating Safety Violations
6	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1-Hoop-Net-W/Leads; 1-Rod And Reel

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
55	Boating
6	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
3	Miscellaneous
54	Recreational Fishing

11	State Hunting/Trapping
27	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
7	Public Assistance

REGION 5: LAKE CHARLES

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

TOTAL CASES	123
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
68	Boating
24	Angling W/O A License
15	Littering
1	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Take Or Possession Of Non Game Birds
1	Illegal Possession of Marijuana
1	Possession Of Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds W/O Permit
1	Hunt, Stand, Loiter From Public Road
2	Illegal Spotighting From Public Road
1	Misrepresentation During Issuance Of Misdemeanor
1	Use of Wire Net Illegal Area – Recreational
1	Violate Commission Regulation For Commercial Fish
2	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish
1	Violate Crab Trap Escape Ring Regulations
1	Use Of Crab Traps W/O Required Markings

2	Destroy Legal Crab Traps Or Remove Contents
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WRITTEN WARNINGS: 8

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Angling W/O A License
1	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
2	Failure To Display Valid Certificate Decal
1	Improper Or No Fire Extinguisher
1	Possession Of Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds W/O Permit

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2 Rods; 2 Reels; 6 Crab Traps; 1 Box of Crabs, RTW; 1 Shotgun; 1 Half Empty Beer Can; 22 Franklin Gulls

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
68	Boating
8	Commercial Fishing
1	Federal Migratory
15	Littering
2	Miscellaneous

26	Recreational Fishing
3	State Hunting/Trapping
8	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Public Assistance

REGION 6: OPELOUSAS

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

TOTAL CASES	154
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
38	Boating
87	Angling W/O License
2	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
11	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
2	Littering
1	Sell, Barter, Or Exchange Freshwater Mussel Meats
1	Sell And/Or Buy W/O Wholesale Retail Dealer's License
6	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
1	Angling W/O Non-Resident Saltwater License
1	Obtain License By Fraud
1	Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated
1	Not Abiding By Commission Rules

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
25	Boating
24	Angling W/O License
1	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
11	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
4	Use WMA W/O License Or Stamp
1	Angling W/O Non-Resident License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2 Black Bass, 2 Bags Of Mussels, 6 Rod And Reels, 1 Boone's Farm Bottle, 1 Fishing License, 10 Lbs. Shrimp

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:

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

108	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
66	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

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	237
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
147	Boating (5-DWI)
50	Angling Without Resident License
2	Angling Without Saltwater License
15	Angling Without Basic Non-Resident License
2	Angling Without Saltwater Non-Resident License
1	Allow Another To Use Recreational Fishing License
4	Littering
1	Violate Parish No Wake Zone
6	Possession of Undersize Black Drum
1	Buy Fish Without Wholesale/Retail Dealers License
4	Failure To Maintain Records
1	Transport Without Required Licenses
1	Sell/Buy Fish Without Retail Seafood License
1	Grocer Buying Fish From Other Than Wholesale/Retail Dealer
1	Failure To Report Commercial Fishery Data

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
5	
4	Boating
1	Angling Without Resident License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
18—Black Drum (Returned To Water) 1—Hamper Of Crabs (Returned To Water) 1—Resident Basic Fishing License 2—Rods And Reels

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
242	
147	Boating
9	Commercial Fishing
-0-	Federal Migratory
4	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
76	Recreational Fishing
-0-	State Hunting/Trapping
5	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL 21	DESCRIPTION
	Public Assistance 8-Assist Boater 13-Assist Motorists

REGION 8: NEW ORLEANS

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

TOTAL CASES	128
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
34	Boating
42	Angling W/O A Basic License
6	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License
1	Take/Poss. O/L Red Drum (On Water)
2	Take Or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout
1	Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum
2	Commission Rules And Regulations (Misc.) Snapper
4	Commission Rules And Regulations - Shark
1	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Comm. License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License
1	Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Sell And/Or Buy Fish Without A Retail Seafood Dealer's License
14	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Transport W/O Required License
1	Allow Unlicensed fisherman use CML Vessel License

1	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman Use CML Gear License
1	Take/Possess Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
1	Trawling in Closed Season
3	Use Skimmers in Closed Season
1	Use Oversize Skimmers
1	Violate Sanitation Code(No Refrigeration)
2	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
4	Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries
1	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 10	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
5	Boating
2	Angling W/O A Basic License
1	Take Or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout(Recreational)
1	Commission Rules And Regulations (Misc.) Snapper
1	Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
Sold @ Bid 87 Lbs. Of Shrimp For \$67.25, 244 Lbs. Brown Shrimp For \$146.40; Donated....Shark(4)....Red Drum(2)....Shrimp (3 Lbs.); Returned To Water....Oyster Sacks (4 ½); Hardware Confiscated....Rod And Reels (3).... Trawl (1)

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:

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

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Public Assistance

REGION 9: SCHRIEVER

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

TOTAL CASES	268
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
94	Boating
8	Angling Without A Non-Resident License
8	Angling Without Saltwater License
1	Angling Without Non-Resident Saltwater License
48	Angling Without A License
3	Take Over Limit Of Red Drum On Water
2	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Take Undersized Recreational Red Drum
2	Take Undersized Recreational Black Drum
2	Commission Rules And Regulations (Possess Shark In Closed Season- Recreational)
1	Engage In Recreational Fishing Activity During License Revocation
11	Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial License
2	Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Gear License (Crab Traps)
2	Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Gear License (Skimmer Nets)
2	Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Gear License (Butterfly Nets)

1	Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Gear License (Beam Trawl)
2	Take Commercial Fish Without Vessel License
2	Blocking Passage Of Fish
1	Use Crab Traps Without Required Markings
2	Remove Contents From Legal Crab Traps
4	Allow Another To Use Commercial License
3	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Vessel License
2	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Commercial Gear License
1	Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel
1	Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear
5	Trawling In Inside Waters In Closed Season
4	Use Trawl Exceeding Size Requirements In Offshore LA Waters
3	Butterflying In Closed Season
7	Use Skimmers In Closed Season
2	Take Shrimp With Illegal Gear
3	Trawl State Waters In Closed Season (Outside Waters)
2	Use Four Trawls In Two -Trawl Area
8	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
4	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease

2	Violate Vessel Regulation Sanitary Code
1	Possessing Alligators Closed Season
2	Collect Reptile Without Recreational Basic Fishing License
2	Frog Closed Season
1	Flight From An Officer
3	Boat DWI
1	Arrest On Bench Warrant
2	Littering
1	Resist Officer
3	Not Abiding By WMA Rules And Regulations By Commercial Fishing
3	Not Abiding By WMA Rules And Regulations By Taking Over Limit Crabs
1	Not Abiding By WMA Rules And Regulations By Illegal Hours
1	Not Abiding By WMA Rules And Regulations By Taking Shrimp Illegal Method
1	Not Abiding By WMA Rules And Regulations By Using Metal Crab Traps

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 37	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
30	Boating
1	Violate Recreational Gear License Requirement
5	Fish Without Resident Pole License
1	Angling Without A License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
585 Lbs. Crabs; 1,026 Lbs. Crabs Sold \$410.40; 32 Lbs. Shrimp; 14,099 Lbs. Shrimp Sold \$15,049.50; 20 Sacks Oysters; 2 White Perch; 1 Black Bass; 3 Red Drum; 1 Shark; 5 Frogs; 6 Black Drum; 1 Alligator; 13 Trawl Nets; 7 Skimmer Nets; 1 Dip Net; 1 Butterfly Net; 1 Crab Trap; 8 Rods And Reels; 11 Boats And Motors (Paper Seizures); 9 Commercial Licenses; 4 Oyster Dredges; 2 Beer Cans

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
94	Boating
85	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
6	Miscellaneous
76	Recreational Fishing
5	State Hunting/Trapping
37	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
10	Public Assistance

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE**COASTAL WATERS**

TOTAL CASES	29
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
2	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Commercial Gear License
1	Allow Another To Use Commercial License
1	Allow Unlicensed Fishermen To Use Commercial Vessel License
1	Allow Unlicensed Fishermen To Use Commercial Gear License
2	Take Or Possess Oysters Without An Oyster Harvester License
1	Failure To Have Written Permission
11	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
6	Unlawfully Take Oysters From Private Lease
2	Violate Sanitary Code (Tarp)
1	Angling Without A Basic License

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Use Gear Without A Recreational Gear License
1	Fail To Display Valid Certificate Decal

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
107 Sacks Of Oysters

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OSF:

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

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	45
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
29	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Buy/Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail License
1	Fail To Report Commercial Fishery Data
3	Federal Lacey Act
1	Angling W/O A License
1	Angling W/O A Saltwater License
2	Buy Commercial Fish From Unlicensed Fisherman
3	Buy/Sell Fish W/O Retail Seafood License
2	Transport W/O Required License
1	Take Or Sell Comm. Fish W/O Comm. License
1	Violation Of Sanitary Code (Oysters)

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
12 Lbs. Of Squid(Destroyed-Unfit For Human Consumption); 12 Lbs. Of Channel Mullet (Destroyed-Unfit For Human Consumption); 10 Lbs. Of Shrimp(Destroyed-Unfit For Human Consumption); 1 Crate Of Crabs (Destroyed-Dead-Unfit For Human Consumption); 4 Half Sacks Of Oysters (Returned to Water).

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SIU:

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

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

S.W.E.P.**COASTAL WATERS**

TOTAL CASES	23
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
8	Boating
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Fish License
1	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Vessel License
1	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Commercial Gear
2	Skimming Closed Season
3	Trawling Closed Season
4	Unlawful Take Oysters Off State Water Bottom
2	Commission Rules And Regulations (Shark-Closed Season)
1	Angling W/O Basic License

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2,800 Lbs. Of Fish Sold For \$4,971.50; 910 Lbs. Of Shrimp Sold For \$450.00; 2 Sharks; 15 Sacks Of Oysters-Returned To Water; 1 Skimmer Net

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SWEP:

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

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

****Note: 77 Hours Run****205 Boats Checked**

REFUGE PATROL

**MARSH ISLAND, ROCKEFELLER,
STATE WILDLIFE**

TOTAL CASES	29
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	Angle Without A Basic Fishing License.
1	Take Or Possess Over Limit of Red Drum.(Excess of 27")
1	Take Or Possess Over Limit of Red Drum.
2	Take Or Possess Undersize Black Drum.
4	Fail To Comply With P.F.D. Requirements.
2	Expired Boat Registration Certificate.
1	Personal Watercraft Cutoff Lanyard Not Attached
2	Fail To Have P.F.D. On Person Under 13 While Underway.
2	Violate Commission Rules And Regulations (Shark Closed season)
2	Violate Commission Regulations For Commercial Fish: (Fish Crab Traps During Derelict Closure Season)
6	Not Abide By Rules And Regulations On W.M.A.
2	Frog Closed Season.

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
10	Not Abide By Rules And Regulations On W.M.A.
2	Take Or Possess Undersize Black Drum.
3	Improper Or No Fire Extinguisher.

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2-Sharks, 10-Black Drum, 20-Lbs. Shrimp, 6-Red Drum, 19-Blue Crabs, 1-Shrimp Trawl, 3-Crab Traps, 1-Spotlight

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REFUGE PATROL:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
9	Boating
2	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
8	Miscellaneous
10	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
15	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
10	Public Assistance 4-Motorist(Stalled Vehicle, Flat Tire, Dead Battery) 6- Stranded Vessels(Towed To Safe Harbor)

TOTAL CASES: 1,392

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 213

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 75

ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT
MAY 2004

185 - Amph. - 61092
Hrs. - 36.9

185 - Amph. - 1322R
Hrs. - 4.5

210 - 9467Y
Hrs. - 3.8

Enforcement Hours - 32.8

Other Division - 12.4

Total Plane Use - 45.2

LaCaze, B "Keith"

From: DeGraff, Jeffrey
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2004-158

AGENTS CITE MAN FOR LITTERING ON WMA

On May 23, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries agents cited Paul Gregory Sanford, 49, of Bossier City, for an alleged littering violation.

Agents were patrolling on Loggy Bayou Wildlife Management Area when they found Sanford and two juveniles fishing from the bank of a bayou. A partially submerged boat was nearby in the bayou. After a brief investigation, it was concluded that Sanford had tried to sink the boat in the bayou in an attempt to get rid of it because, as he stated, "it was old."

Littering violation penalties include fines of up to \$500 and 4 hours of community service cleaning up litter.

Agents involved in the case were Agent Toby Meyers and Lt. Richie McCarthy.

EDITORS: For more information, contact Maj. Keith LaCaze at 225/765-2469 (lacaze_bk@wlf.state.la.us).

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LaCaze, B "Keith"

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2004-159

HARVEY MAN CITED FOR SELLING GAME FISH

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division agents cited Van Kien Lu, 44, of Harvey, on May 20 for allegedly selling game fish illegally.

Agents responded to a complaint that black bass were being sold in Lu's grocery store in Jefferson Parish. They found several black bass on display for sale, and a total of 360 pounds of the popular freshwater game fish on the premises. Black bass are game fish under Louisiana law and their sale is prohibited. The bass were seized and donated to charity.

The penalty for selling game fish is a fine of up to \$500, jail for up to 30 days, license revocation, and forfeiture of anything seized in connection with the violation.

Agents participating in the investigation were Sergeant Jimmy Gregoire and Senior Agents Rachel Zechenelly and Jason Russo.

EDITORS: For more information, contact Major Keith LaCaze at 225/765-2469
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2004-151

AGENTS CITE NON-RESIDENT FOR INTERSTATE COMMERCE VIOLATION

On May 7, enforcement agents from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries cited John F. Pearce, 56, of Idaho Falls, Iowa for alleged violation of the Louisiana interstate commerce rules, involving the illegal harvesting of an elk while hunting in Iowa and transporting it to a residence in Desoto Parish.

Agents received information from Iowa Wildlife Officer Lew Huddleston concerning the fact that Pearce had not fulfilled the necessary residency requirements in Iowa and had purchased a resident hunting license by fraud for the 2003-2004 hunting season. According to Officer Huddleston, Pearce allegedly then took an elk and transported it to Louisiana.

After obtaining a search warrant for the Desoto Parish residence, investigating agents contacted Pearce and searched the residence. A bull elk mount was discovered and seized and Pearce was cited for the state interstate commerce violation.

State interstate commerce violation penalties include a fine of up to \$950, 120 days in jail, or both, plus court costs. In addition, Pearce faces charges in Iowa, as well as possible federal charges of violation of the Federal Lacey Act.

Officers participating in the case were Senior Agents Troy Parker, Roy Schufft, and Wesley Walker of LDWF, Senior Wildlife Officer Lew Huddleston of the Iowa Department of Fish and Game, and Special Agent Kash Schriefer of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

EDITORS: For more information, contact Maj. Keith LaCaze at 225/765-2469 (lacaze_bk@wlf.state.la.us).

2004-152

MAN DROWNS DEER IN TWELVE-MILE BAYOU

James C. Meadows Jr., 26, of Oil City has been cited by enforcement agents from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for allegedly taking a deer in closed season on Twelve Mile Bayou in Caddo Parish.

An anonymous call on May 14 to the LDWF toll free 24-hour hotline reported the illegal taking of a deer from a boat on Twelve Mile Bayou near La. Hwy. 169, and Soda Lake WMA. Meadows was apprehended after he loaded his boat at the Hwy. 169 bridge. He was found in possession of deer meat in an ice chest.

Meadows admitted to killing the deer by holding its head under the surface of the water, causing it to drown. Agents cited Meadows, seized the meat and placed the boat under a seizure order, pending disposition of the case.

Taking deer in closed season is punishable by a fine of up to \$950, jail for not more than 120 days, or both, plus court costs and forfeiture of anything seized. In addition, Meadows was also cited for the civil restitution value of \$524 for the deer.

Agents participating in the case were Senior Agent Frank Reger and Lt. R. K. Barnes, Jr.

EDITORS: For more information, contact Maj. Keith LaCaze at 225/765-2469 (lacaze_bk@wlf.state.la.us).

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Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
P.O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898

Keith Bell
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LeBlanc, LA 70651

Re: Area 8
Dear Commission

I have heard all the excuses about changing Area Eight back to Area Two and they are all based on personal opinion not fact. The fact is that the state of Louisiana has hired competent Biologists to do studies. Years upon years of studies. From these studies, facts are compiled and a plan of action is formed. Recommendations are made based upon these facts to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and season dates, bag limits, ect. are set. I am upset to learn that after forming Area Eight according to facts provided by Department Biologists, public opinion and a parish Tax Assessor are going to take precedence. I am a property owner in Area Eight, my family and I hunt and recreate in Area Eight. We enjoy hunting the early rut which you are about to take away. Solid departmental biological data shows we were missing the early rut when we were hunting under Area Two season dates. The people wanting to change Area Eight back to Area Two have all types of bogus excuses. The truth is they cannot control their own clubs. There is no communicating. The good clubs have to suffer for their lack of comrodery and good fellowship. I have spoken to many hunters who do not want Area Eight changed back to Area Two, in fact, no one on our club wants to change; we're happy. If one person wants to squirrel hunt while another wants to muzzleload hunt and another wants to bowhunt, we just do it. Communication is the key. In short, let your biologists do their jobs; listen to their recommendations. If you're not going to follow their recommendations, recommendations made from solid facts, why even have biologists? Why put money out for services that are going to be ignored? Services that are based upon facts.

Lt. Quinton K. Bell
Retired

June 1, 2004

Dear Committee Members

Here is a petition to give you an idea as to what the people in Area 6 would really like to see. Most people are not opposed to moving the hunting seasons back, if you move all of them back. You have plans to move all deer seasons back, and a proposal to extend squirrel season through the end of February, which is fine. However, please open bow season before you let the squirrel hunters into the woods; as this format has been around for many years.

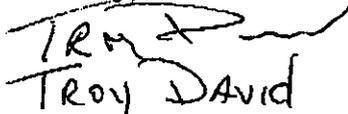
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Since you have the power and are considering making many changes, consider this change as well. Please open bow season on one Saturday and the squirrel season the following Saturday. This would give the bow hunters one week of hunting before the squirrel hunters and guns, and 4-wheelers hit the woods.

This would be better than the revolving October 1st date, which could give us no days or just a couple of days before the squirrel hunters. You have fixed the problem with the Thanksgiving holiday, so please fix this problem.

Again, I thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Troy David
Louisiana Area 6 Hunters

Thursday, June 03, 2004

Dear Commission Members:

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed changes for the upcoming 2004 deer hunting season. I would like to indicate that I am opposed to any changes that are proposed as to date.

The six point or better rule should be scrapped now for a few reasons. This rule doesn't allow the hunters that are in the woods far longer than the biologist, to see the deer that needs culled and can not because of this rule. Also it isn't friendly to the young and elderly hunters. The state should focus its resources from mandating change with new laws to educating the public with better deer habitat and ways to tell the difference between mature deer and young deer. Landowners, clubs and the ethical hunters have been successful in managing the deer herds in the past and would like the ability to continue to do so with the previous comments.

The proposed bow season isn't bettering it, but hurting it. Also the bow hunters have the problem with more people in the woods with dogs (rabbit & squirrel) and the deer are still jumpy from gun season. Please don't change the format that we have enjoyed for the past 27 years.

Take in consideration when changing the laws, to think about the youngest to the eldest of hunters and how would this change affect everyone, not just some.

My dad is elderly and can't get good bucks to come in to shoot any more because of the changes that occur in later years of life. If you can think of it this way, ONCE A MAN AND TWICE A CHILD. This 6pt rule has discouraged him enough to not hunt this year and what we know is that when the elderly stops being active they go down quick. So this year all of the kids payed his way in the hunting club to keep him going hunting and to keep him active. I hope you will consider scrapping this 6pt rule and even though the 3yrs isn't up you can do so if all of you want to.

Thank You,

Frank Jarreau

3235 Oakland Road

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Hunter Ed, Bow Ed & Muzzleloader Instructor for 20yrs.as a volunteer with WLF

F_JARREAU@MSN.COM

June 1, 2004

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Louisiana Area 6 Hunters

Falcon, Susan

From: Tommy Miller [millerhayfarms@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2004 10:11 PM
To: Falcon, Susan
Subject: Re: Commissioners

Susan,

Thank you for your prompt reply and for the information on the commissioners. My comment to them all is as follows:

Gentlemen,

It has just recently come to my attention that part of Area 8 is to be placed into Area 2. As president of my family hunting club covering some 3000+ acres of our own land plus many more leased acres in what is now Area 8, I am concerned about the change to Area 2 this year. Most of our members have set their vacations for this fall and cannot change them. If the change is made we will have folks sitting home twiddling their thumbs when they had planned to be hunting. This does not sit well with any of us.

I was, also, informed that the folks pushing the change have said they have contacted all the affected parties. This is simply NOT TRUE. None of my family has been contacted about any of this, nor has anyone with which I have spoken.

We are totally against making this move for this year, but not against the move for the proper reasons (wildlife management, not politics). If the move needs to be made on wildlife management grounds then, by all means, make the move, but not this year. Why not propose, discuss, and decide this year for implementation in 2005. This would give those who must set their vacations before the first of the year the leeway to set them properly for the next year. This is too late in the year to be changing the seasons. What of those folks that come from other parts of the country to hunt in our area? Perhaps they cannot change their time off, just as some of us cannot.

If hunting clubs do not wish to hunt as early as the season permits, they have the right not to start hunting until whenever it is they wish to start. We do this on our hunting club, as we try to manage to do the best for the wildlife (not just the deer).

Thank you for your attention and your efforts on behalf of the wildlife of our state.

Tom Miller
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Other brief thoughts:

Tagging system - A must. Any and/or all deer may be taken at any time. Two bucks/Three does with an additional buck tag purchased separately, if wanted.

Season dates - Start the season on x date and end on y date. The weapon is of the hunters choosing.

6/8/2004

Forget this Archery, Muzzleloder, and Rifle nonsense.

Antler restrictions - Ludicrous. Anyone who knows anything about deer knows age is the factor to judge by and make management decisions.

Areas - Should be no more than four, less would be even better. Everyone knows the only reason for so many areas is politics (squeaky wheels really do get the grease). Why don't we put the actual management of the wildlife in the professionals' hands and get with our neighboring states for input into that with which they have had success.

Dog hunting for deer - I guess it has its' place in certain areas, just not anywhere around us. Deer management cannot take place when dog hunters are disturbing the deer and shooting anything that pokes its' head out in the open.

Thanks for your time.

"Falcon, Susan" <sfalcon@wlf.state.la.us> wrote:

Mr. Miller, this is in reference to your request for e-mail addresses for the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Members. Not all of the members have e-mail addresses, but they all have fax machines. (For Mr. Broussard, if you fax to him, you will need to call first since his phone line is also his fax line.) Listed below is the information I have for each member. Just to let you know, tomorrow will be the Commission's monthly meeting. If you like, you can e-mail me your public comment and I can provide a copy to each member.

Susan Falcon

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Wildlife Management Areas to extend squirrel season with or without dogs to Feb. 28

<u>WMA</u>	<u>Begins</u>
1. Bayou Pierre	Jan. 3
2. Big Lake	Jan. 17
3. Bodcau	Jan. 3
4. Boeuf	Jan. 8
5. Boise-Vernon	Jan. 3
6. Buckhorn	Jan. 17
7. Camp Beauregard	Jan. 8
8. Dewey Wills	Jan. 17
9. Fort Polk	Jan. 3
10. Jackson Bienville	Jan. 3
11. Lake Ramsay	Jan. 8
12. Little River	Jan. 8
13. Loggy Bayou	Jan. 3
14. Pearl River	Jan. 10
15. Peason Ridge	Jan. 3
16. Pomme de Terre	Jan. 17
17. Russell Sage	Jan. 8
18. Sabine	Jan. 8
19. Sabine Island	Jan. 1
20. Sandy Hollow	Jan. 8
21. Sherburne	Jan. 17
22. Tangipahoa S. B.	Jan. 24
23. Union	Jan. 8
24. West Bay	Jan. 8

smaller tracts - FHA -

Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge

Proposed Hunt Seasons for 2004/2005

Small Game (Squirrel & Rabbit)

Acres Open: 12,255 acres (10/4 to 11/30) and 10,390 acres (12/1 to end of state gun season)

Dates/Days Open: State season; closed during refuge youth and muzzleloader deer hunts; dogs allowed after close of State deer gun season until end of state seasons.

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: none

Deer-Archery

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

Dates/Days Open: ~~Nov. 1, 2004 through Jan. 31, 2005~~, except closed during refuge youth and muzzleloader deer hunts.

Bag Limit: State Limit, either sex.

Significant Changes: none

*Nov. 13 - Jan. 2
Jan. 17 - Feb. 15*

Youth Shotgun/Muzzleloader Deer Hunt

Acres Open: 12,255 acres

Dates/Days Open: Nov. 6-7, 2004

Bag Limit: One deer either sex with shotguns slugs or muzzleloader only

Significant Changes: none

Deer-Muzzleloader-Lottery Hunts (900 total permits issued)

Acres Open: 10,390 acres

Dates/Days Open: Dec. 11-12, 2004, Jan. 8-9, 2005, and Jan. ~~22-23~~, 2005

Bag Limit: One deer either sex per hunt

Significant Changes: none

15-16

Waterfowl

Acres Open: 10,390 acres

Dates/Days Open: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during State waterfowl season; closed during refuge youth, gun and muzzleloader deer hunts

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: none

Youth Waterfowl Hunt

Acres Open: 10,390 acres

Dates/Dates Open: State Season

Significant Changes: none

National Park + Preserve

JEAN LAFITTE STATE ~~PARK~~ HUNTING SEASONS

2004-05

- Archery, either sex: October 23 to November 24
 December 4-5
- Archery, antlered only: November 25 to December 3
 December 6 to December 19
 January 1 to January 16
- Shotgun, either sex: November 23-24
 December 4-5
- Shotgun, antlered only: November 25-December 3
 December 6 to December 19
 January 1 to January 16
- Small game: October 25 to December 19
 January 1 to January 16
- Trapping: November 22 to March 31, 2005

Stands removed by 5:00 pm, January 30, 2005

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
June 8, 2004

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, June 8, 2004.

WHEREAS, both the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) and the Louisiana Antlerless Deer Tag Program (LADT) of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have been popular and successful programs for landowners and hunting clubs around the state, and

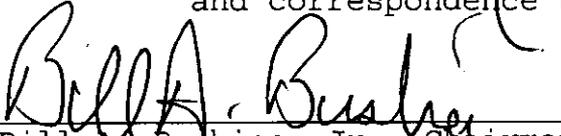
WHEREAS, many clubs that become involved with DMAP are mainly interested in the ability they have to harvest does at any time and are not concerned with being involved with an intense deer management program, and

WHEREAS, many small clubs and landowners around the state would like to have the ability to harvest does at any time during the season, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that changes in the existing rules and regulations pertaining to these two deer management programs would provide more opportunity for smaller landowners and hunting clubs to become involved with programs that would provide additional harvest opportunity, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Notice of Intent to amend the rules and regulations for both the Deer Management Assistance Program and the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 statement, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.



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

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 regulations for participation in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) and Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program (LADT).

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§111. Rules and Regulations for Participation in the Deer Management Assistance Program

A. The following rules and regulations shall govern the Deer Management Assistance Program

1. Application Procedure

a. Application for enrollment of a new cooperator in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) must be submitted to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries ~~annually~~ by August 1. Application for the renewal enrollment of an active cooperator must be submitted to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries annually by September 1.

b. Each application for a new cooperator must be accompanied by a legal description of lands to be enrolled and a map of the property. Renewal applications must be accompanied by

a legal description and map only if the boundaries of the enrolled property have changed from records on file from the previous hunting season. This information will remain on file in the appropriate regional office. The applicant must have under lease or otherwise control a minimum of 500 acres of contiguous deer habitat of which up to 250 acres may be agricultural lands, provided the remainder is in forest and/or marsh. Private lands within Wildlife Management Area boundaries shall be enrolled in DMAP regardless of size.

c. Each cooperator will be assessed a \$25 enrollment fee and \$.05/acre for participation in the program. DMAP fees must be paid by invoice to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Fiscal Section prior to ~~October 1~~ September 15.

d. An agreement must be completed and signed by the official representative of the cooperator and submitted to the appropriate regional wildlife office for his approval. This agreement must be completed and signed annually.

e. Boundaries of lands enrolled in DMAP shall be clearly marked and posted with DMAP signs in compliance with R.S. 56:110 and the provisions of R. S. 56:110 are only applicable to property enrolled in DMAP. DMAP signs shall be removed if the land is no longer enrolled in DMAP. Rules and regulations for compliance with R. S. 56:110 are as follows:

i. The color of DMAP signs shall be orange. The words DMAP and Posted shall be printed on the sign in letters

no less than 4" (four inches) in height. Signs may be constructed of any material and minimum size is 11 1/4" x 11 1/4".

ii. Signs will be placed at 1000 foot intervals around the entire boundary of the property and at every entry point onto the property.

f. By enrolling in the DMAP, cooperators agree to allow Department personnel access to their lands for management surveys, investigation of violations and other inspections deemed appropriate by the Department. The person listed on the DMAP application as the contact person will serve as the liaison between the DMAP Cooperator and the Department.

g. Each cooperator that enrolls in DMAP is strongly encouraged to provide keys or lock combinations annually to the Enforcement Division of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for access to main entrances of the DMAP property. Provision of keys is voluntary; however, the cooperator's compliance will ensure that DMAP enrolled properties will be properly and regularly patrolled.

2. Tags

a. A fixed number of special tags will be provided by the Department to each cooperator in DMAP to affix to deer taken as authorized by the program. These tags shall be used only on DMAP lands for which the tags were issued.

b. All antlerless deer taken shall be tagged, including those taken during archery season, muzzleloader, and on

either-sex days of gun season.

c. Each hunter must have a tag in his possession while hunting on DMAP land in order to harvest an antlerless deer. The tag shall be attached through the hock in such a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is transported. The DMAP tag will remain with the deer so long as the deer is kept in the camp or field, is in route to the domicile of its possessor, or until it has been stored at the domicile of its possessor, or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game. The DMAP number shall be recorded on the possession tag of the deer or any part of the animal when divided and properly tagged.

d. Antlerless deer harvest on property enrolled in DMAP does not count in the season bag limit for hunters.

e. All unused tags shall be returned by March 1 to the regional wildlife office which issued the tags.

3. Records

a. Cooperators are responsible for keeping accurate records on forms provided by the Department for all deer harvested on lands enrolled in the program. Mandatory information includes tag number, sex of deer, date of kill, ~~and~~ name of person taking the deer, hunting license number (transaction number, authorization number, lifetime number or date of birth for under 16 and over 59 years of age) and biological data (age, weight, antler measurements, lactation) as deemed essential by the Department of

Wildlife and Fisheries Deer Section. Biological data collection must meet quality standards established by the Deer Section. Documentation of mandatory information ~~harvested deer~~ shall be kept daily by the Cooperator. Additional information may be requested depending on management goals of the cooperator.

b. Information on deer harvested shall be submitted by March 1 to the regional wildlife office handling the particular cooperator.

c. The Contact person shall provide this documentation of harvested deer to the Department upon request. Cooperators who do not have a field camp will be given 48 hours to provide this requested documentation.

B. Suspension and cancellation of DMAP Cooperators

1. Failure of the cooperator to follow these rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved. Failure to make a good faith attempt to follow harvest recommendations may also result in suspension and cancellation of the program.

a. Suspension of Cooperator from DMAP - Suspension of the Cooperator from DMAP, including forfeiture of unused tags, will occur immediately for any misuse of tags, failure to tag any antlerless deer, or failure to submit records to the Department for examination in a timely fashion. Suspension of the Cooperator, including forfeiture of unused tags, may also occur immediately if other DMAP rules or wildlife regulations are violated. Upon

suspension of the Cooperator from DMAP, the Contact Person may request a Department of Wildlife and Fisheries hearing within 10 working days to appeal said suspension. Cooperation by the DMAP Cooperator with the investigation of the violation will be taken into account by the Department when considering cancellation of the program following a suspension for any of the above listed reasons. The Cooperator may be allowed to continue with the program on a probational status if, in the judgement of the Department, the facts relevant to a suspension do not warrant cancellation.

b. Cancellation of cooperator from DMAP - Cancellation of a cooperator from DMAP may occur following a guilty plea or conviction for a DMAP rule or regulation violation by any individual or member hunting on the land enrolled in DMAP. The Cooperator may not be allowed to participate in DMAP for one year following the cancellation for such guilty pleas or conviction. Upon cancellation of the Cooperator from DMAP, the Contact Person may request an administrative hearing within 10 working days to appeal said cancellation.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17:204 (February 1991), amended LR 25:1656 (September 1999), LR 26:2011 (September 2000), LR 30: .

§119. Rules and Regulations for Participation in the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program

A. The following rules and regulations shall govern the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program:

1. Eligibility: The following landowners or lessees are eligible to participate in this program.

a. Licensed Deer Farmers authorized to hunt deer by Department of Agriculture and Forestry and Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF).

b. Landowners or lessees with less than 500 acres who have verified deer depredation problems and have met all of the requirements of LDWF as stated in the Nuisance Deer Management Program and who are dependent upon this commercial crop as a major source of income.

c. Landowners with ~~less than 500 acres and more than 40 acres~~ or more enrolled in the Louisiana Forest Stewardship Program and who have a written wildlife management plan on file with LDWF.

d. Landowners or lessees with 40 or more contiguous acres of forested or marsh land. ~~Small landowners in Iberville, Pointe Coupee and West Baton Rouge Parishes who do not qualify for the Deer Management Assistance Program but do have more than 20 acres but less than 500 acres of forested land may be allowed to participate in the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program provided that the land shall be posted with "Landowner Antlerless Deer Program" signs erected at the same intervals as specified in the Deer Management Assistance Program.~~

2. Application Procedure

a. Application for enrollment in the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program must be submitted to the Regional Office, Deer Program personnel, or Forest Stewardship Program personnel of LDWF prior to September 1. The application will become an official agreement between the applicant and LDWF.

b. Each applicant will be assessed a \$25 administrative processing fee which must be paid prior to October 1. Applicant must identify the enrolled property on a Louisiana road atlas that will be kept on file in the Region Office.

c. By enrollment in this program the applicant agrees to allow LDWF personnel access to their land for management surveys, investigations of violations and other inspections deemed appropriate by the Department.

d. Boundaries of lands enrolled in LADT shall be clearly marked and posted with LADT or DMAP signs. Signs will be placed at 1000 foot intervals around the entire boundary of the property and at every point onto the property. Signs shall be removed if the land is no longer enrolled in the program. The color of the LADT sign shall be white, with the words LADT and Posted printed on the sign in letters no less than four inches. The minimum sign size is 11 1/4" x 11 1/4".

3. Tags

a. A fixed number of Landowner Antlerless Deer Tags will be provided by the department to each applicant that must

be attached to each antlerless deer harvested during the regular deer season. These tags can be used only on the land for which they were issued and must be attached to all antlerless deer killed during the entire deer season including special either-sex days. Tag allotment for each applicant will be determined by Deer Program personnel.

b. The total harvest of antlerless deer is restricted to that number of antlerless deer for which tags were issued. Once the number of antlerless deer for which tags were issued have been killed, all deer hunting will then be for bucks-only, even though there may be either-sex days later in the season for the Area at large. No additional tags will be issued to the applicant.

c. ~~In order to harvest an antlerless deer,~~ Each hunter must have the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag in his possession while hunting on the property for which the tag was issued and immediately upon kill of an antlerless deer, the hunter must tag the animal through the hock. The deer must be tagged before it is transported from the site of kill and the tag will remain with the deer while the hunter is in route to his domicile. The tag number will be recorded on the possession tag for the deer or any part(s) of the animal when divided and properly tagged among other individuals.

d. Antlerless deer harvested on property enrolled in LADT does not count in the season bag limit for hunters.

4. Records

a. Approved applicants will keep daily records for all deer harvested as required by LDWF personnel ~~the Deer Program personnel~~. This information along with any unused tags will be submitted to the Regional Office, the Deer Program, or Forest Stewardship Program personnel by March 1. Information will include: Date of kill; Name of hunter; Social Security number of hunter; Hunting license # of hunter, if applicable; ~~or date of birth of hunter, whichever applicable~~; Sex of animal; Landowner Antlerless Tag Number. Additional biological information from harvested deer may be required of some applicants for management purposes.

b. Approved applicants will provide documentation of harvested deer during the season to Department personnel upon request. Applicants will be given 48 hours to provide this requested information.

5. Cancellation of Program

a. Failure of the approved applicant or other persons permitted to hunt on this property to follow these rules and regulations may result in cancellation of the program.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 26:2011 (September 2000), amended LR 27:1935 (November 2001), LR 30: .

Interested persons may submit written comments of the proposed

rule to Dave Arnoldi, Assistant Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, September 2, 2004.

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

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

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to amend the following rule on black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Poverty Point Reservoir, located North of the town of Delhi in Richland Parish, Louisiana.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§149. Black Bass Regulations - Daily Take and Size Limits

A. - B. 3. * * *

4. Poverty Point Reservoir (Richland Parish)

a. Size limit: ~~14 inch - 17~~ 15 inch-19 inch slot. A ~~14 - 17~~ 15-19 inch slot limit means that it is illegal to keep or possess a black bass whose maximum total length is between ~~14 inches and 17~~ 15 inches and 19 inches, both measured inclusive.

b. Daily Take: ~~5~~ 8 fish with only one fish over 19 inches per person.

i. On water possession - Same as daily limit per person take.

~~ii. Off water - Twice the daily take.~~

*Maximum total length - The distance in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the most posterior point of the depressed

caudal fin as measured with the mouth closed on a flat surface.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:325(C), R.S. 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR:14:364 (June 1988), amended LR 17:278 (March 1991), repromulgated LR 17:488 (May 1991), amended LR 17:1122 (November 1991), LR 20:796 (July 1994), LR 23:1168 (September 1997), LR 24:505 (March 1998), LR 26:97 (January 2000), LR 28:104 (January 2002), LR 30: .

Interested persons may submit written comments of the proposed rule to Bennie Fontenot, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, August 5, 2004.

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

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Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to establish the following rule on Crappie (Pomoxis spp.) on Poverty Point Reservoir, located North of the town of Delhi in Richland Parish, Louisiana.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§197. Crappie Regulations - Daily Take

A. Poverty Point Reservoir (Richland Parish)

1. Daily limit: 25 fish per person

a. On water possession - Same as daily limit per person.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:325.1(c).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 30:

Interested persons may submit written comments of the proposed rule to Bennie Fontenot, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, August 5, 2004.

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

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

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

DERELICT CRAB TRAP PROGRAM 2004 SUMMARY

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

A brief summary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) 2004 derelict crab trap removal program is provided in this report. Information on regulations, publicity and public relations, results of trap closures, acknowledgements, and conclusions are included.

Regulations

The winter crab trap took place over a 16-day period from 6:00 a.m. February 28 through 6:00 a.m. March 14, 2004 in a portion of upper Terrebonne Bay in Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes (See Appendix). The spring closure took place from 6:00 a.m. Friday, May 14 through 6:00 a.m. Saturday, May 22 in a portion of western Vermilion Bay in Vermilion and Iberia Parishes (see Appendix).

Other stipulations included: traps could be picked up by anyone, traps had to be brought to designated disposal sites, traps could not be taken outside of the closure area, and traps could be removed only during daylight hours during the winter closure. Designated disposal sites for each trap closure: Cozy Campers on Robinson Canal, Seabreeze Marina on Bayou Terrebonne, Pointe aux Chenes Marina, and Josh's Marina at Catfish Lake for the winter closure; and, barge at State Wildlife Refuge (on the western shore of Vermilion Bay near Redfish Point) and Intracoastal City public boat launch for the spring closures.

For the Vermilion Bay spring closure only, unserviceable crab traps caught by shrimp fishermen could be possessed outside of the closure area when in compliance with R.S. 56:332. These unserviceable traps caught by shrimp fishermen in or out of the crab trap closure area could be deposited at the designated disposal sites within the closure area or at Quintana Canal public boat launch and Delcambre public boat launch.

Publicity / Public Relations

Major emphasis was placed on publicity and volunteer recruitment. This effort greatly contributed to the success of the program. A steering committee was formed to plan and coordinate public relations and volunteer participation. The steering committee was comprised of representatives from the LDWF, Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program (BTNEP), Coastal Conservation Association (CCA), Crab Task Force, Louisiana Wildlife Federation (LWF), Louisiana State University Sea Grant and Cooperative Extension Service.

The LDWF's involvement with publicity was broad based and intensive:

- Presentations were made to various organizations and groups.
- Several LDWF news releases were distributed for both trap closures.

- An information sheet was mailed to all crab trap license holders in the Terrebonne Bay project area and to all crab trap license holders and commercial shrimp fishermen in the Vermilion Bay project area; over three thousand information sheets were mailed.
- Brochures for each closure were prepared and distributed at local commercial seafood dealers, marinas, and other sites.
- A derelict crab trap web site (www.blue-crab.net/derlelict.html) was prepared.
- A media day was held at the Pointe aux Chenes marina on February 28, the first volunteer day.

All participants were involved in various other public relations activities, including:

- Appearances on several radio stations (KTIB in Thibodaux, KLRZ in Larose, WWL in New Orleans, etc.).
- Providing material for newspaper articles in the Houma Courier, Daily Comet, Lafourche Gazette, Morning Advocate, Times Picayune, Tri-Parish News, Daily Iberian and for magazine articles (Louisiana Sportsman Magazine and Saltwater Sportsman)
- Generating inhouse publications or mailouts (BTNEP, CCA, LSU Sea Grant, and LWF).
- A pre-trap sweep media event.

Winter Closure

Collection of traps during the winter closure was by volunteers specifically searching for visible derelict crab traps in shallow water. The primary "volunteer" days were held on the first two Saturdays of the closure (February 28 and March 6), although crab traps were retrieved at other times. LDWF personnel were present at each disposal site on each "volunteer" day beginning at 7:00 a.m. to provide instructions, maps, and supplies (tarps, grappling hooks, garbage bags, and gloves) to the volunteers. LDWF personnel and land-based volunteers unloaded, counted, smashed, and placed the traps in dumpsters. LDWF personnel obtained information (hours worked and expenses) and distributed incentives (tee shirts or caps, and BTNEP promotional materials) to volunteers after they completed their work. LDWF personnel also monitored derelict crab traps that were collected during the closure period outside of the two volunteer days.

The total number of retrieved traps was 6,676 and the overall number of volunteer hours was 1,311. There were 215 volunteers of which 30 were land based and 90 boats. Overall participation was good, although it was not distributed equally across the closure area. For instance, there were relatively few volunteers in the eastern portion of the closure area, or east of Bayou Pointe aux Chenes. Approximately 60% of traps were collected at the Pointe aux Chenes disposal site but only 10% at the Josh's Marina disposal site.

	BOATS	VOLUNTEERS (boats)	TRAPS
First Volunteer Day (Feb 28)			
Pointe aux Chenes	22	47	2195
Cozy Campers	14	35	665
Seabreeze	9	25	478
Josh's	8	16	155
First Day Total	53	123	3493
Second Volunteer Day (Mar 6)			
Pointe aux Chenes	13	27	741
Cozy Campers	7	23	215
Seabreeze	7	17	557
Josh's	5	8	200
Second Day Total	32	75	1713
Overall (Feb 28-Mar 14)			
Pointe aux Chenes	38	84	3977
Cozy Campers	21	58	971
Seabreeze	16	42	1054
Josh's	15	31	674
Overall Total	90	215	6676

Total expenditures not including salaries were \$12,280. From January 1 through the completion of the trap cleanup, 30 Marine Fisheries employees expended approximately 760 hours towards all aspects of the program, including public relations and publicity, map and sign preparation, preparation of volunteer supplies and information packets, assistance throughout the closure period, and post-closure cleanups.

The numbers of visible derelict crab traps near the disposal sites were significantly reduced; however, there are substantial numbers of derelict crab traps remaining in the closure area. First, deep water traps in bayous and lakes were not collected because they were not visible from the surface. Second, many shallow water traps were not retrieved because there were insufficient volunteers to cover the entire closure area.

Spring Closure

Collection of derelict crab traps during the spring closure was by shrimp fishermen returning crab traps that were caught in their gear. In contrast to the winter closure, there were no designated volunteer days.

LDWF personnel were present at each disposal site on the first two days of the closure to assist shrimp fishermen returning derelict crab traps and to provide instructions and supplies (tarps, grappling hooks, garbage bags, and gloves) to any individuals wishing to volunteer to pick up traps that were visible from the surface. LDWF personnel also monitored and counted the number of derelict crab traps that were collected throughout the closure period.

A total of 218 traps were collected during the spring closure; of these, 118 traps were retrieved by LDWF personnel and 100 traps were retrieved by shrimp fishermen. Only 19 traps were brought to the barge at State Wildlife Refuge at the southern portion of the closure area. The total number of shrimp boats that participated in the cleanup is not known because LDWF personnel were not present at disposal sites during the entire closure. No general volunteers were observed.

Total expenditures not including salaries were \$3,850. From January 1 through the completion of the trap cleanup, eight Marine Fisheries employees expended approximately 250 hours directed towards all aspects of the program.

Acknowledgements

The LDWF was the lead agency for the derelict crab trap program, but the cleanups would not have been successful without the assistance and cooperation of many individuals, institutions, organizations, and private companies.

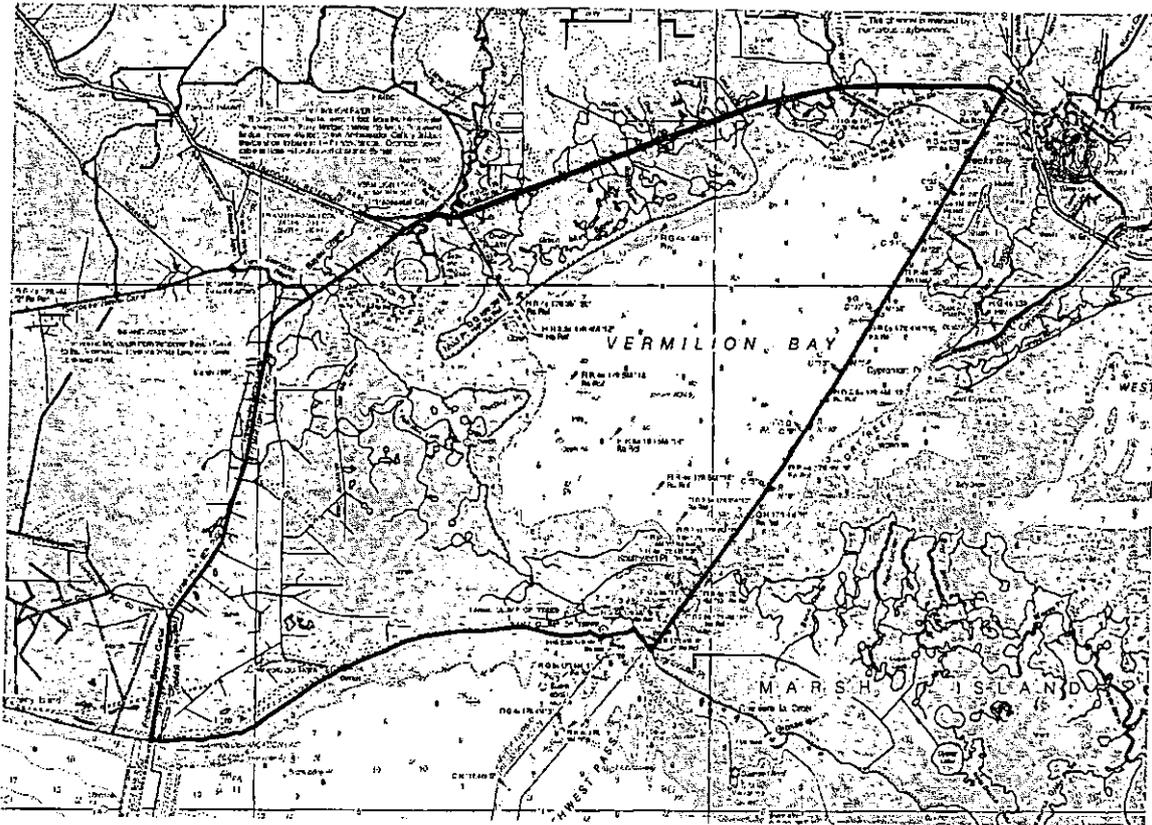
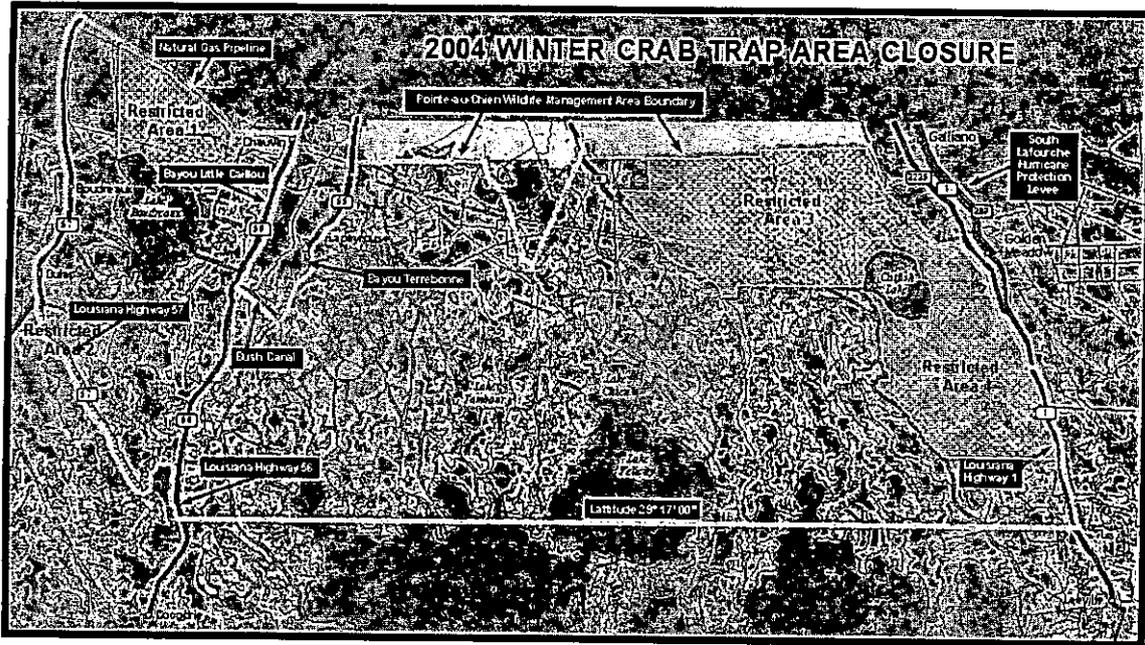
The project was funded as a part of a gulf-wide initiative by the NOAA Habitat Restoration Center; the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission coordinated the gulfwide federal project. In addition, state funds were available from leftover monies from a Section 201 crab meat imports appeal that was dedicated to derelict trap removal by the Crab Task Force.

The planning or steering committee (BTNEP, CCA, Crab Task Force, LWF, and LSU Sea Grant and Cooperative Extension Service) assisted with planning, publicity, and volunteer recruitment. Two landowners, Louisiana Land and Exploration Co. and Apache Minerals Inc., graciously agreed to allow volunteers on most of their property. Marina operators at Cozy Campers Campground, Seabreeze Marina, Pointe aux Chenes, and Josh's Marina and governmental entities in Iberia and Vermilion Parishes allowed their sites to be used as disposal sites. Finally, the cleanups would not have been possible without the many individual volunteers.

Conclusions

No significant problems were evident with regard to impact on the blue crab fishery. In general, actively fished traps were picked up by crab fishermen prior to the closure period. The number of derelict crab traps collected and level of participation provided the basis to evaluate the success of both trap closures. The Terrebonne Bay shallow water winter closure, which was dependent upon a broad-based group of volunteers, was very successful. However, the western Vermilion Bay deep water spring closure, which was dependent upon the cooperation of shrimp fishermen returning derelict crab traps caught in their gear, was less successful. Reduced fishing effort levels as well as the possible reluctance of shrimp fishermen to dispose of traps at shore disposal sites may have been contributing factors.

APPENDIX: TRAP CLOSURE MAPS



ARTICLE III

QUORUM - MINUTES

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

ARTICLE IV

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENTS

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

ARTICLE V

DUTIES OF THE CHAIRMAN

The powers and duties of the chairman shall be:

1. To preside as chairman at all meetings of the Commission, with the right to vote on all questions.
2. To see that the laws of the State, pertaining to the purpose and functions of the Commission, the Ordinances of the

AGENDA
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LA
June 8, 2004
10:00 AM

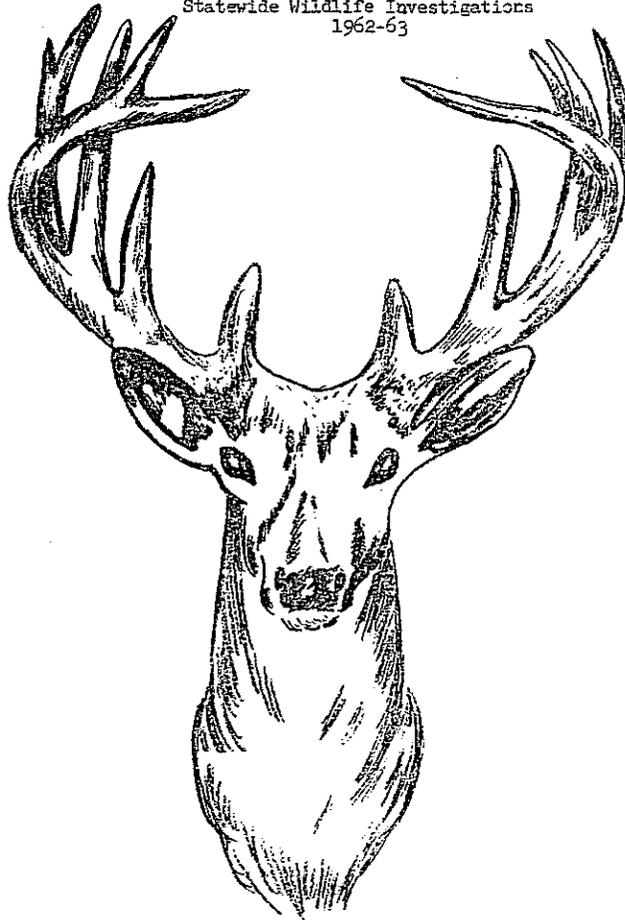
1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of May 6, 2004
3. Commission Special Announcements
4. Rule Ratification - Spotted Seatrout Regulations - Recreational Size and Bag Limit - Calcasieu Lake, Sabine Lake and Surrounding Area - Commissioner Henry Mouton
5. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/May - Keith LaCaze
6. Public Comments - 2004-05 Hunting Seasons & General & WMA Hunting Rules & Regulations
7. Notice of Intent - Amendment of DMAP Regulations and LADT Regulations - Dave Moreland
8. Notice of Intent - Black Bass Harvest Regulations, Poverty Point Reservoir - Bennie Fontenot
9. Notice of Intent - Crappie Harvest Regulations, Poverty Point Reservoir - Bennie Fontenot
10. Report on 2004 Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program Results - Vince Guillory
11. Amendment of By-Laws - Commissioner Henry Mouton
12. Set October 2004 Meeting Date
13. Public Comments
14. Adjournment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>October 2004</h1>					1	2
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2003 Managed Either-Sex Deer Hunts

<u>AREA</u>		<u>HUNTER EFFORT</u>	<u>DEER KILL</u>
Alexander State Forest	muzzleloader	na	36
Attakapas		na	24
Bayou Macon	lottery hunt	406	87
Bens Creek		679	27
Big Lake		1010	205
Bodcau	refer to "other hunts" for season totals		na
Boeuf		2032	308
Boise-Vernon	two hunts	2164	175
Buckhorn		765	128
Camp Beauregard	two muzzleloader hunts	526	58
Dewey Wills		982	149
Fort Polk	two hunts	2751	249
Grassy Lake		498	103
Jackson-Bienville	daily permit hunt only	968	81
Loggy Bayou		505	101
Maurepas Swamp		491	48
Ouachita		234	66
Pearl River		502	17
Peason Ridge		na	na
Pomme De Terre		261	63
Red River/Three Rivers		3444	458
Russell Sage		665	83
Sabine		na	26
Sandy Hollow		222	9
Sherburne	two hunts	4195	346
Sicily Island Hills		305	59
Spring Bayou		262	49
Thistlethwaite		1476	58
Tunica Hills	muzzleloader season	803	68
Union	all hunts	2113	168
West Bay	two hunts	2363	91
		TOTALS	30,622
			3,340

Hunter Success= one deer per 9.2 Hunter Efforts

2003-2004 Coastal WMA's Deer Harvest Data

Atachafalaya Delta WMA

- For the 2003-2004 archery season, 539 reported hunter efforts resulted in the harvest of 46 deer (31 bucks, 15 does). This is an average of 1 deer for every 12 hunter efforts.
- Thirty youth hunters participated in the lottery deer hunts that took place on December 6/7 and 13/14 at Big Island. A total of 10 deer (eight does and two bucks) were harvested over the four days of hunting. This equates to an average of 1 deer for every 6 hunter efforts.

Lake Boeuf WMA

- For the 2003-2004 archery season, 37 reported hunter efforts resulted in zero deer harvested.
- Twelve youth hunters participated in the lottery deer hunts that took place on November 22/23 and December 3/4. Unfortunately, no deer were harvested.

Pass-a-Loutre WMA

- For the 2003-2004 archery season, 209 reported hunter efforts resulted in the harvest of eight deer (4 bucks). This is an average of 1 deer for every 26 hunter efforts.

Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA

- For the 2003-2004 archery season, 69 reported hunter efforts resulted in the harvest of one buck.
- Nine youth hunter participated in the lottery deer hunts that took place on November 22/23 at Point Farm. One four-point buck and one spike were harvested. This equates to an average of 1 deer for every 9 hunter efforts.

Salvador/Timken WMA

- For the 2003-2004 deer season (archery and two days of muzzleloader hunting), 394 reported hunter efforts resulted in the harvest of 25 deer (19 bucks, 6 does). This is an average of 1 deer for every 16 hunter efforts.

2003 Managed Deer Hunts- Wildlife Management Areas

Summary of Hunts- The total hunter effort for the various either-sex hunts was down from the 2002 season. However, the deer harvest increased from the 2002 season. Weather during the traditional Thanksgiving hunts was excellent, unlike conditions during the earlier hunts. Some of the other hunts on the various wmas met with good success during the latter part of the season.

Examination of rumens from deer on Fort Polk, Union, Jackson-Bienville, and Sherburne wmas closely matched the findings of the statewide annual mast survey. Red oak mast was the predominant acorn found in the stomachs (mainly water oak mast). Occurrence of white oak mast was low, just like the survey. There was the occasional deer that did know where a white oak or cow oak tree was that had produced acorns. Field surveys on PRWMA indicated a good crop of cow oak acorns in some localized areas. One new plant not found listed as a browse plant was *Monotropa uniflora*, Indian Pipes. This plant was found in rumens of several deer on Fort Polk. Bullets, fired rounds, were also found in the stomachs of three deer on this area.

A good effort was made to collect brain stems from harvested deer for the statewide CWD testing and surveillance project. The following is a breakdown of the various managed hunts held during the season.

Oct. 25-26

<u>Area</u>	<u>Total Hunter Effort</u>	<u>Total Deer Kill</u>
Boise-Vernon	1120	124
Sabine	na	26
West Bay	1634	70
Fort Polk	1352	124

Lottery Hunts

<u>Area</u>	<u># Hunters, 1st Day</u>	<u>Total Hunter Effort</u>	<u>Total Deer Kill</u>
Bayou Macon	232 / 300 *	406	87
Union	212 / 500 *	351	21

* [# hunters 1st day/ total available slots]

Muzzleloader Hunts

<u>Area</u>	<u>Date</u>		<u>Total Hunter Effort</u>	<u>Total Deer Kill</u>
Alexander State Forest	Oct. 25-26, Nov. 8-9		NA	36
Camp Beauregard	Jan. 3-4		315	46
Tunica Hills	Nov. 25- Dec. 7		803	68
Fort Polk	Oct. 4-10		886	72
Region 4 wmas	Dec. 6-7	checked	1295	78
		estimate	1620	98

Other Hunts

Maurepas Swamp WMA (gun season)-1120 hunter efforts, 63 deer killed
 Sherburne WMA- Dec 6-7, either-sex- 1334 hunter efforts, 104 deer killed
 Bodcau WMA- Entire self-clearing season- 2,645 hunter efforts, 117 deer killed
 Jackson-Bienville WMA- Season Totals- 3,506 hunter efforts, 198 deer
 Region 4 WMAs buck-only hunts estimates- 7,880 hunter efforts, 284 bucks

Either-Sex, Thanksgiving Hunts, Nov. 28-30

<u>Area</u>	<u>#Hunters, 1st Day</u>	<u>Total Hunter Effort</u>	<u>Total Deer Kill</u>
Attakapas	self-clearing	na	36
Bens Creek	315	679	27
Big Lake	548	1010	205
Bodcau	self-clearing	na	na
Boeuf	1066	2032	308
Buckhorn	313	765	128
Dewey Wills	self-clearing	982	149
Fort Polk	self-clearing	1395	125
Grassy Lake	316	498	103
Jackson-Bienville	self-clearing	na	na
Loggy Bayou	239	505	101
Maurepas Swamp	self-clearing	491	48
Ouachita	self-clearing	234	66
Pearl River	self-clearing	502	17
Pomme de Terre	153	261	63
Red River/ Three Rivers	1983	3444	458
Russell Sage	258	665	83
Sandy Hollow	89	222	9
Sherburne	1129	2861	242
Sicily Island Hills	165	305	59
Spring Bayou	156	262	49
Thistlethwaite	550	1476	58
Union	115	343	42
West Bay	self-clearing	729	21
Totals	7,395 Hunters	19,661 Hunter Efforts	2,397 Deer
	Estimate	9,830 Hunters	one deer per 8 hunter efforts

2003/2004 Deer Hunting Season Report

Hunter success in Louisiana is dependent upon the weather. In general, when the temperature is warm (above 60 degrees) deer movement is poor. A review of the weather conditions across the state this past season is presented below:

Week	Average State Temperature	Remarks
Sept. 29-Oct. 5	60-70 degrees	Oct. 3 rd , low 40
Oct. 6-12	70 degrees	wet week
Oct. 13-19	60-70-80 degrees	dry and pleasant week
Oct. 27-Nov. 2	65 degrees	warmer than normal
Nov. 3-9	67 degrees, 80 on some days	unusually warm
Nov. 10-16	64 degrees, low 30 on 14 th , but 80 degrees high on some days	heavy rain at end of week
Nov. 17-23	64 degrees	6 degrees above normal
Nov. 24-30	50 degrees	1 st fall freeze
Dec. 1-7	51 degrees	very cold on 5 th & 6 th
Dec. 8-14	48 degrees	very cold on 11 th & 12 th
Dec. 15-22	47 degrees	two cold fronts
Dec. 22-28	52 degrees	70 degree temp. on some days
Dec. 29- Jan. 4	58 degrees	10 degrees above normal
Jan. 5-11	44 degrees	coldest weather to date
Jan. 12-18	55 degrees	8 degrees above normal, this is normally the coldest week of the year
Jan. 19-25	47 degrees	last week of gun hunting
Jan. 26-Feb. 1	46 degrees	last week of bow hunting

Other factors influencing hunter success and overall deer sightings include habitat changes on a tract of land, mast abundance (which impacts deer utilization at food plots and feeders), annual changes in deer populations due to reproductive success (or lack of success), and hunter disturbance during the season.

Mast production across the state this past fall was mainly limited to the Red Oak Group (water, willow, cherrybark, southern red, nuttall). Acorn production from the White Oak Group (white oak, cow oak, overcup oak, post oak) was low, although some white oak mast was available in a few localized areas around the state. Examination of deer stomachs revealed high utilization of red oak acorns around the state. No doubt hunters who concentrated their efforts primarily on food plots and feeders probably did not experience high success, especially when the acorns were falling. The mild October and November weather also kept the native plant forage green and available for food.

November is the important month for hunters in Areas 2, 3, 7, and 8. The mild weather during the peak of the rut no doubt had an impact on deer sightings and hunter

success. The cold weather that came in December and January came too late. By late December, bucks are losing their antlers in these areas of the state. The cold weather in December and January should have helped the Area 1, 4, 5, and 6 hunters. These cold fronts that came in December and early January would however, only last a day or two, and this made it difficult to pattern deer. The last two weeks of January provided hunters with the most consistent cold weather and should have benefited the Area 6 hunters.

Some hunters have reported seeing fewer fawns. There should have been a good fawning season across the state because habitat conditions were favorable for the does. In 2001 there was a notable decline in the lactation rates of adult does on both the wmas and DMAP lands. This would mean a reduction in fawn production for 2001. These deer would now be in the 2 ½ year age class and this could have reduced the sightings of adult does and young adult bucks. The loss of 2 ½ year old does would also mean fewer adult does to produce fawns, if the doe population was being harvested at a high rate around the state. Data indicates a decline and leveling off of the doe harvest in LA. This could be related to the aging of our hunter population and the aging of clubs across the state. Keeping the doe harvest at a high level involves a lot of effort and work on the part of clubs and hunters and it appears the desire to do this is waning.

Based upon the initial reports from hunters and clubs the statewide deer harvest will be down from 2002. I expect the estimated harvest to be around 215,000 deer. Documentation of the quality or trophy deer harvest for this past season has begun and it appears to be good. A potential new state typical record buck was harvested in East Carroll Parish. Several large non-typical bucks were also harvested. It appears that the number of recognition deer from this past season will be high. The annual harvest survey will be mailed out at the end of this month. Clubs and landowners will also begin submitting harvest records to the various regions.

Harvest Summary Remarks

Table I- The table does not reflect the total season harvest for most of the wmas since harvest data is not always collected during other hunts. Regions 5, 6, and 7 generally collect some data from the other deer hunts. Physical data is also collected from all gun hunts on Union WMA and Bayou Macon WMA. The total hunter effort was again down, but the overall harvest was good.

Table II- The buck harvest consisted of 77% males that were 1 ½ years or younger and 23% adult males. This remains consistent with past years. The female harvest consisted of 47% females that were 1 ½ years or younger and 53% adults. The either-sex seasons are not having an impact on the herds and either-sex opportunity could be increased on many areas. The high harvest of young males keeps the adult harvest lower than that of DMAP clubs where quality deer management is often practiced.

Table III- Physical data for males remained stable. There was an apparent decline in antler quality as indicated by the number of bucks producing an antler rating of 200 or better. The Best Buck Section contains this information. The average inside spread of 3 ½ year old bucks is 13", similar to DMAP.

Table IV- Statistics for yearling bucks is similar to 2002.

Table V- Physical data for females is also similar to 2002 except for a slight decline in lactation rates. There was, however, an increase in body weights in some of the older age classes. When stress is removed, such as that of nursing fawns, body weights of does harvested during the season generally show improvement and will exhibit higher levels of body fat.

Harvest Summary

District Summary = District 8

2003-04 Season

Acres=726763
% Data Collected=81

Table 1. Harvest Summary

	Number Harvested	Acres/ Deer Harvested
Bucks	2067	352
Does	2015	361
Totals	4082	178

Table 2. Age Distribution

Age	Bucks		Does	
	Num	%	Num	%
0.5	365	23	381	23
1.5	869	54	396	24
2.5	234	14	330	20
3.5	110	7	263	16
4.5	31	2	142	8
5.5	8	0	68	4
6.5	1	0	48	3
7.5	1	0	24	1
8.5+	0	0	19	1
Totals	1619		1671	

Table 3. Statistics for Buck Harvest

Age	Live Weight		Points		Base		Length		Spread	
	Num	Avg	Num	Avg	Num	Avg	Num	Avg	Num	Avg
0.5	362	60	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
1.5	861	120	860	3.1	773	2.3	818	6.7	755	5.7
2.5	233	154	234	6.3	227	3.3	229	13.7	225	11.0
3.5	109	168	110	7.2	108	3.8	108	16.3	103	13.1
4.5	31	187	31	8.4	31	4.0	31	19.2	31	14.3
5.5	8	186	8	8.1	8	4.2	8	19.1	8	14.9
6.5	1	170	1	9.0	1	4.8	1	21.8	1	13.0
7.5	1	170	1	8.0	1	4.0	1	17.2	1	19.5
8.5+	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

Harvest Summary

Date 05/10/2004

*** District Summary - District 8 ***

Table 4. Statistics for 1.5 year old bucks

	Number	Avg. Live Percent	Average Weight	Points	
Spikes	502	58	115	2.0	*
Forked	367	42	124	4.6	
Totals	869		119	3.1	

* 9 antlerless 1.5 year old bucks were included in spike category.

Table 5. Statistics for Doe Harvest

Age	Number Harvested	Average Live Weight	Percent Lactating
0.5	381	55	0
1.5	396	96	7
2.5	330	110	55
3.5	263	116	74
4.5	142	117	78
5.5	68	121	67
6.5	48	114	71
7.5	24	117	67
8.5+	19	122	58
Totals	1671	96	

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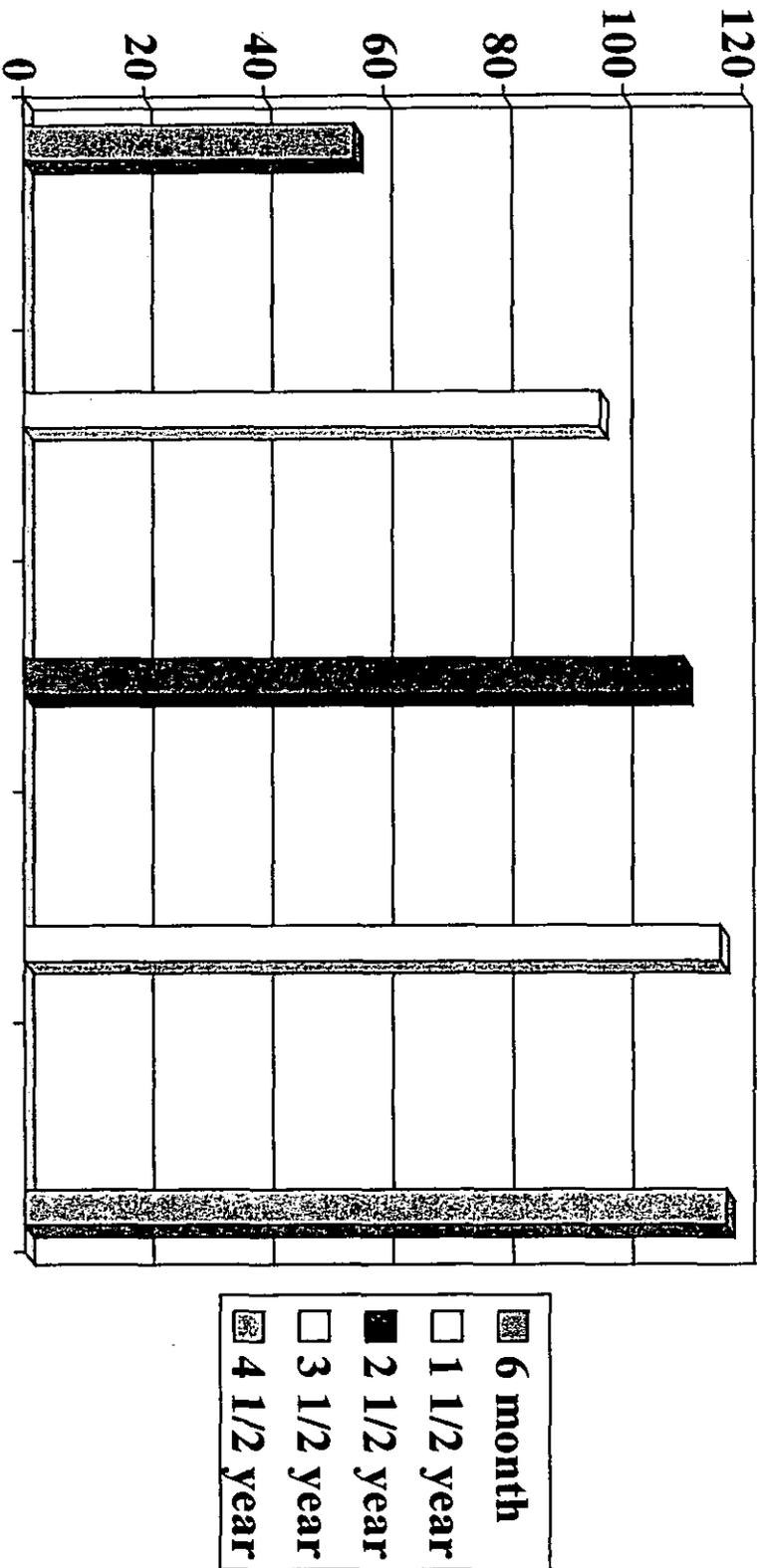
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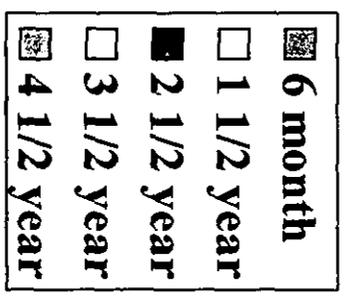
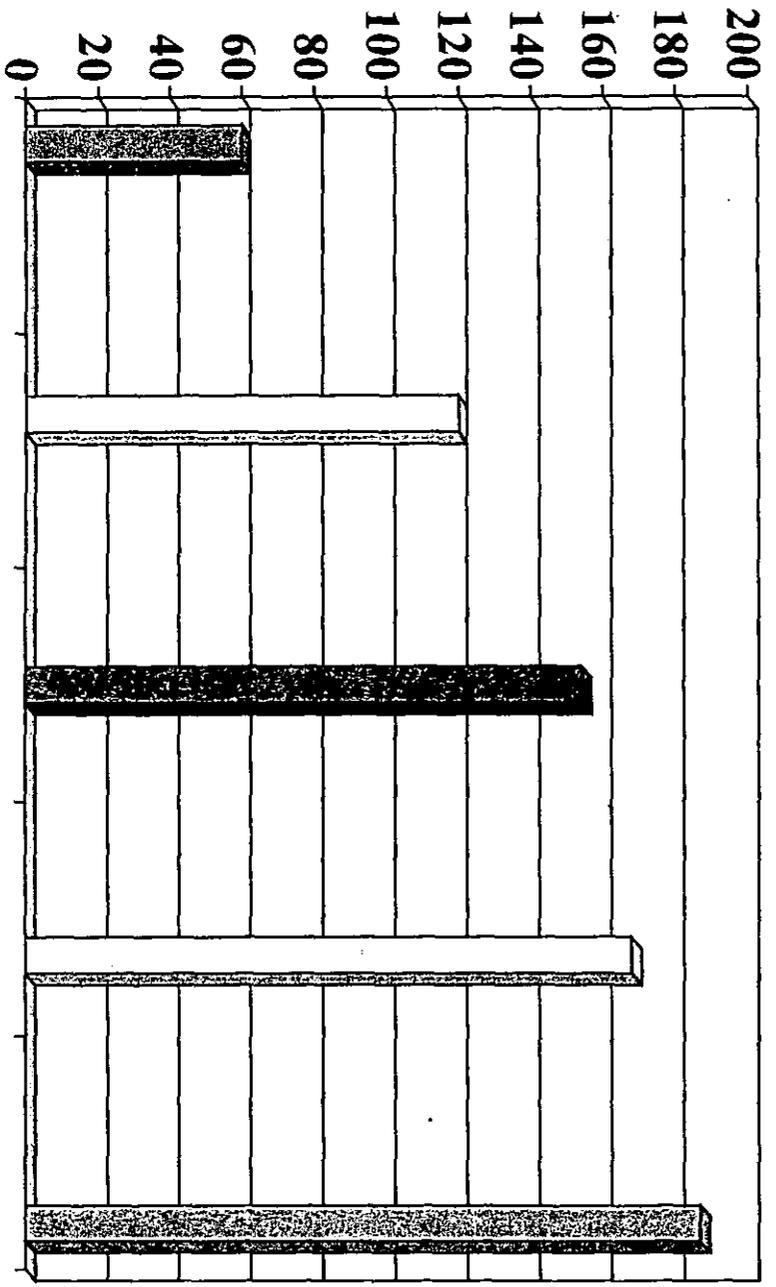
Table 6. Harvest History, (Weights are Live)

	03-04	02-03	01-02	00-01	99-00	98-99	97-98	96-97	95-96	94-95
Bucks	2067	1704	1958	1900	2391	2098	1892	1323	1762	1533
Does	2015	1716	1767	1734	2505	1873	2095	1254	1984	1447
Acres/Deer	178	219	198	192	142	176	175	271	186	234
% .5 Bucks	23	31	20	28	27	21	28	27	28	25
% 1.5 Bucks	54	40	50	48	49	52	48	48	47	51
% Spikes	58	55	74	50	54	54	60	58	61	62
Avg Weight	120	122	110	121	120	121	120	119	116	119
Avg Points	3.1	3.1	2.7	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0
Avg Base	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3
Avg Length	6.7	6.5	5.4	7.3	6.9	7.0	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
Avg Spread	5.7	5.6	5.1	6.0	5.8	6.0	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.8
%2.5 Bucks	14	17	17	14	14	16	17	18	18	18
Avg Weight	154	152	144	150	154	154	162	153	150	153
Avg Points	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.8	6.5	6.5	6.8
Avg Base	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.3
Avg Length	13.7	13.9	13.4	14.3	14.5	14.0	14.6	14.0	14.2	14.6
Avg Spread	11.0	11.1	10.6	11.3	11.4	11.2	11.8	11.4	11.2	11.7
%3.5 Bucks	7	8	10	8	9	8	6	6	5	5
Avg Weight	168	173	161	175	177	175	184	177	175	173
Avg Points	7.2	7.4	7.3	7.4	8.0	7.8	7.8	7.7	8.2	8.0
Avg Base	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.0
Avg Length	16.3	16.7	16.2	17.0	17.5	17.3	17.6	17.7	17.9	17.5
Avg Spread	13.1	13.2	12.8	13.4	13.9	13.7	14.0	13.9	14.2	14.4
%4.5+ Bucks	3	4	3	3	2	3	1	1	2	1
Avg Weight	186	182	187	195	180	181	190	184	183	201
Avg Points	8.4	8.3	8.8	7.9	8.4	8.2	8.3	7.9	8.0	8.3
Avg Base	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.8
Avg Length	19.2	18.5	18.8	18.7	19.1	19.7	19.0	18.2	19.5	19.8
Avg Spread	14.5	14.8	15.0	14.5	14.9	15.8	15.5	15.3	14.8	15.7
% Lactation										
1.5	7	7	4	9	7	9	12	8	11	7
2.5	55	63	47	62	64	64	70	62	69	65
2.5+	66	71	59	71	70	70	72	69	73	67
3.5+	73	76	68	77	75	77	74	78	77	72
Doe Age-Wgt										
% 0.5	23	25	18	26	22	22	23	26	24	25
% 1.5	24	15	22	20	21	21	22	23	21	21
% 2.5	20	26	26	21	25	32	29	30	31	33
% 3.5+	34	34	33	32	32	25	25	22	24	22
Wght 0.5	55	54	52	52	53	55	54	53	52	54
Wght 1.5	96	97	90	96	96	95	98	98	93	94
Wght 2.5	110	109	105	109	109	112	114	108	108	110
Wght 3.5+	117	114	110	113	116	116	115	114	112	114

WMA Age & Growth Female Deer- 2003/04



WMA Age & Growth Male Deer- 2003/04



Deer Harvest Comparison

Sub Name	Acres	Harvest	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Bucks		
						Harvested 1.5 Bucks	Harvested 2.5 Bucks	Harvested 3.5+ Bucks
adiana Conservation Corridor	2285	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
lexander State Forest	5500	36	17	19	2	7	6	2
itakapas Wma	26300	207	119	88	4	5	1	3
ayou Macon Wma	6900	87	41	46	6	22	12	1
ens Creek Wma	13856	91	48	43	4	7	0	1
ig Lake Wma	19000	205	96	109	17	60	10	9
oeuf Wma	36000	308	162	146	35	100	20	7
oise-Vernon Wma	54269	118	62	56	16	37	2	7
uckhorn Wma	8955	128	61	67	15	33	9	4
amp Beauregard Wma	12500	64	27	37	9	13	3	2
ewey Wills Wma	55000	149	78	71	24	40	10	4
lm Hall	2839	10	3	7	0	0	0	0
ort Polk Wma	99999	330	198	132	29	60	15	14
trassy Lake Wma	13297	163	84	79	11	26	5	3
ackson-Bienville	32000	70	34	36	15	17	1	1
oyce WMA	15059	13	12	1	0	0	0	0



Deer Harvest Comparison

Club Name	Acres	Harvest	Bucks	Does	Fawns	B u c k s		
						Harvested 1.5 Bucks	Harvested 2.5 Bucks	Harvested 3.5+ Bucks
Loggy Bayou Wma	4300	101	57	44	12	27	12	6
Maurepas Swamp WMA	23973	101	62	39	2	1	4	2
Ouachita Wma	8500	66	36	30	6	18	10	2
Pearl River Wma	34896	17	11	6	2	6	1	2
Peason Ridge	33010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pomme De Terre Wma	7064	98	45	53	10	25	1	1
Red River/3 Rivers Wma	60350	455	200	255	39	100	47	14
Russell Sage Wma	16000	83	54	29	8	37	8	1
Sabine WMA	13706	26	15	11	2	11	2	0
Sandy Hollow Wma	3397	18	3	15	0	0	0	0
Sherburne Wma	42690	496	172	324	44	70	19	32
Sicily Island Hills Wma	6569	55	23	32	5	15	1	2
Spring Bayou Wma	12078	70	38	32	10	13	2	1
Thistlethwaite Wma	11000	121	73	48	15	34	6	10
Tunica Hills Wma	3366	69	31	38	3	7	4	1
Union Wma	13000	168	104	64	19	61	13	11



Deer Harvest Comparison

Sub Name	Acres	Harvest	Bucks	Does	Fawns	Bucks		
						Harvested 1.5 Bucks	Harvested 2.5 Bucks	Harvested 3.5+ Bucks
West Bay Wma	62115	157	100	57	7	17	10	8
Totals	759773	4082	2067	2015	371	869	234	151



Best Bucks

In 2002 Thistlethwaite WMA was the number one area in the state. This year Loggy Bayou dominated this category with four bucks in the top ten. Thistlethwaite did not make the top ten list. Region 4, Ferriday District, had four deer in the top ten list. Both Loggy Bayou and the Region 4 WMAs are bottomland hardwood habitat areas. The northwest pine habitat was represented by Union WMA which had the number three deer. Union also led the way in the northeast region of the state (Region 2), having three of the top five deer for this region of LA. Loggy Bayou was the best area in northwest LA (Region 1). Dewey Wills was the best area in Central LA (Region 3). In Region 4 (MS Delta), the honors were equally distributed among Red River, Three Rivers, Big Lake, Buckhorn, and Boeuf. In southwest La (Region 5) Fort Polk had three of the top five deer, but the number one deer came from West Bay. Sherburne WMA had the top buck for Region 6 (Lower MS and Atchafalaya Basin), but Thistlethwaite did produce three of the top five deer for this region of LA. Region 7 (Se LA) honors went to Pearl River and Maurepas Swamp. Bens Creek accounted for a couple of nice deer but no statistics were taken from these bucks.

Best bucks are derived from a rating formula that utilizes information such as beam length, inside spread, basal circumference, and number of points. It is not based upon any of the record book scoring systems. In 2002 the highest buck was given a rating of 283. The highest rated buck for this year was one from Loggy Bayou (247). In 2002 nine of the top ten bucks rated at 220 or better. This year only three of the top ten bucks rated at 220 or better.

Best Bucks

May 10, 2004

Rank	Hunting Club	Deer #	Rating	Age	Comments
1	Loggy Bayou Wma	53	247.86	3	
2	Loggy Bayou Wma	17	238.69	3	
3	Union Wma	127	228.40	5	
4	Red River/3 Rivers Wma	150	215.43	3	
5	Boeuf Wma	36	212.50	4	
6	Big Lake Wma	181	207.21	4	
7	Loggy Bayou Wma	57	206.05	4	
8	Sherburne Wma	379	204.56	5	
9	Red River/3 Rivers Wma	191	198.63	3	
10	Loggy Bayou Wma	9	197.49	3	

Data for Top Bucks:

Rank	Weight Live	Weight Dressed	Points	Base Left	Base Right	Length Left	Length Right	Spread
1	202	158	8	5.25	5.50	23.25	23.00	21.50
2	190	148	8	5.25	5.25	24.88	23.50	19.75
3	210	164	9	4.75	4.88	24.63	25.50	20.50
4	230	179	10	5.25	5.25	22.13	22.13	17.00
5	218	170	9	4.50	4.75	25.25	25.25	18.75
6	290	226	11	5.25	5.50	21.00	20.75	15.63
7	202	158	8	4.75	5.00	24.00	23.75	16.75
8	175	137	8	6.00	4.50	20.00	20.88	17.00
9	205	160	9	4.75	4.50	23.00	24.00	17.50
10	195	152	9	4.88	4.88	20.25	21.50	17.75

This report data is for the 0 hunting season.
Results were calculated for district : District 8.
Index rating formula : ((length + spread) * base) + points

Best Bucks

May 10, 2004

Rank	Hunting Club	Deer #	Rating	Age	Comments
1	Loggy Bayou Wma	53	247.86	3	
2	Loggy Bayou Wma	17	238.69	3	
3	Loggy Bayou Wma	57	206.05	4	
4	Loggy Bayou Wma	9	197.49	3	
5	Loggy Bayou Wma	63	181.68	4	

Data for Top Bucks:

Rank	Weight Live	Weight Dressed	Points	Base Left	Base Right	Length Left	Length Right	Spread
1	202	158	8	5.25	5.50	23.25	23.00	21.50
2	190	148	8	5.25	5.25	24.88	23.50	19.75
3	202	158	8	4.75	5.00	24.00	23.75	16.75
4	195	152	9	4.88	4.88	20.25	21.50	17.75
5	220	172	8	4.38	4.25	23.00	22.50	17.50

This report data is for the 0 hunting season.
Results were calculated for group : District 1 WMA.
Index rating formula : ((length + spread) * base) + points

Best Bucks

May 10, 2004

Rank	Hunting Club	Deer #	Rating	Age	Comments
1	Union Wma	127	228.40	5	
2	Union Wma	98	179.88	4	
3	Union Wma	130	174.06	6	
4	Bayou Macon Wma	60	172.09	2	
5	Ouachita Wma	28	167.98	4	

Data for Top Bucks:

Rank	Weight Live	Weight Dressed	Points	Base Left	Base Right	Length Left	Length Right	Spread
1	210	164	9	4.75	4.88	24.63	25.50	20.50
2	193	151	10	4.75	4.25	22.75	23.75	14.50
3	170	133	9	4.75	4.75	21.50	22.00	13.00
4	218	170	10	4.75	4.75	19.75	17.50	15.50
5	260	203	9	4.50	4.75	20.75	20.00	14.00

This report data is for the 0 hunting season.
Results were calculated for group : District 2 WMA.
Index rating formula : ((length + spread) * base) + points

Best Bucks

May 10, 2004

Rank	Hunting Club	Deer #	Rating	Age	Comments
1	Dewey Wills Wma	69	195.10	4	
2	Dewey Wills Wma	62	163.86	3	
3	Alexander State Forest	29	155.16	3	
4	Camp Beauregard Wma	22	149.09	3	
5	Dewey Wills Wma	137	116.75	3	

Data for Top Bucks:

Rank	Weight Live	Weight Dressed	Points	Base Left	Base Right	Length Left	Length Right	Spread
1	210	164	8	5.13	4.75	21.50	20.75	16.75
2	205	160	8	4.75	4.25	16.88	20.13	16.13
3	155	121	8	4.00	4.50	19.25	20.00	15.00
4	150	117	8	4.25	4.50	17.25	18.25	14.50
5	220	172	8	3.50	3.75	18.00	17.00	12.50

This report data is for the 0 hunting season.
Results were calculated for group : District 3 WMA.
Index rating formula : ((length + spread) * base) + points

Best Bucks

May 10, 2004

Rank	Hunting Club	Deer #	Rating	Age	Comments
1	Red River/3 Rivers Wma	150	215.43	3	
2	Boeuf Wma	36	212.50	4	
3	Big Lake Wma	181	207.21	4	
4	Red River/3 Rivers Wma	191	198.63	3	
5	Buckhorn Wma	40	196.71	2	

Data for Top Bucks:

Rank	Weight Live	Weight Dressed	Points	Base Left	Base Right	Length Left	Length Right	Spread
1	230	179	10	5.25	5.25	22.13	22.13	17.00
2	218	170	9	4.50	4.75	25.25	25.25	18.75
3	290	226	11	5.25	5.50	21.00	20.75	15.63
4	205	160	9	4.75	4.50	23.00	24.00	17.50
5	185	144	8	5.38	5.25	20.13	19.88	15.50

This report data is for the 0 hunting season.
Results were calculated for group : District 4 WMA.
Index rating formula : ((length + spread) * base) + points

Best Bucks

May 10, 2004

Rank	Hunting Club	Deer #	Rating	Age	Comments
1	West Bay Wma	44	167.25	3	
2	Fort Polk Wma	92	156.72	3	
3	Fort Polk Wma	62	155.00	7	
4	Boise-Vernon Wma	52	152.00	3	
5	Fort Polk Wma	29	149.45	5	

Data for Top Bucks:

Rank	Weight Live	Weight Dressed	Points	Base Left	Base Right	Length Left	Length Right	Spread
1	165	129	10	4.50	4.75	20.00	19.00	14.50
2	152	119	10	3.75	3.75	22.50	23.25	16.25
3	170	133	8	4.00	4.00	17.00	17.50	19.50
4	154	120	8	4.00	4.00	22.00	21.00	14.50
5	175	137	10	4.25	4.50	19.00	18.25	13.25

This report data is for the 0 hunting season.
Results were calculated for group : District 5 WMA.
Index rating formula : ((length + spread) * base) + points

Best Bucks

May 10, 2004

Rank	Hunting Club	Deer #	Rating	Age	Comments
1	Sherburne Wma	379	204.56	5	
2	Pomme De Terre Wma	18	185.00	3	
3	Thistlethwaite Wma	20	174.69	4	
4	Thistlethwaite Wma	7	167.18	3	
5	Thistlethwaite Wma	43	166.91	4	

Data for Top Bucks:

Rank	Weight		Points	Base		Length		Spread
	Live	Dressed		Left	Right	Left	Right	
1	175	137	8	6.00	4.50	20.00	20.88	17.00
2	255	199	10	5.00	5.00	19.75	21.25	14.50
3	190	148	8	4.25	4.38	20.88	20.88	17.75
4	190	148	11	5.00	4.50	20.50	20.00	12.63
5	230	179	8	4.88	5.13	19.50	18.00	13.00

This report data is for the 0 hunting season.
Results were calculated for group : District 6 WMA.
Index rating formula : ((length + spread) * base) + points

Best Bucks

May 10, 2004

Rank	Hunting Club	Deer #	Rating	Age	Comments
1	Maurepas Swamp WMA	20	161.74	3	
2	Pearl River Wma	5	136.84	3	
3	Tunica Hills Wma	7	99.81	2	
4	Pearl River Wma	8	97.31	3	
5	Maurepas Swamp WMA	16	88.12	3	

Data for Top Bucks:

Rank	Weight Live	Weight Dressed	Points	Base Left	Base Right	Length Left	Length Right	Spread
1	145	113	8	4.38	4.50	19.50	18.75	15.50
2	150	117	8	3.75	4.00	19.00	19.00	14.25
3	173	135	7	3.75	3.75	14.50	14.50	10.25
4	111	87	6	3.13	3.25	15.25	15.00	13.50
5	127	99	4	3.38	3.25	14.00	14.25	11.25

This report data is for the 0 hunting season.
Results were calculated for group : District 7 WMA.
Index rating formula : ((length + spread) * base) + points

Harvest Summary

Group Summary = Bottomland Hardwood

2003-04 Season

Acres=270980
% Data Collected=94

Table 1. Harvest Summary

	Number Harvested	Acres/ Deer Harvested
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Bucks	1031	263
Does	1170	232
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Totals	2201	123

Table 2. Age Distribution

	Bucks		Does	
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Age	Num	%	Num	%
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0.5	216	21	226	21
1.5	541	54	262	25
2.5	163	16	214	20
3.5	63	6	170	16
4.5	21	2	86	8
5.5	6	1	43	4
6.5	0	0	27	3
7.5	0	0	15	1
8.5+	0	0	11	1
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Totals	1010		1054	

Table 3. Statistics for Buck Harvest

Age	Live Weight		Points		Base		Length		Spread	
	Num	Avg	Num	Avg	Num	Avg	Num	Avg	Num	Avg
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0.5	215	61	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
1.5	535	125	533	3.1	495	2.3	508	6.8	477	5.7
2.5	163	163	163	6.4	158	3.4	161	14.2	158	11.4
3.5	63	180	63	7.4	61	4.0	62	16.8	60	13.2
4.5	21	198	21	8.4	21	4.1	21	19.2	21	14.3
5.5	6	183	6	7.7	6	4.1	6	18.2	6	14.2
6.5	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
7.5	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
8.5+	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

Harvest Summary

Date 05/10/2004

*** Group Summary - Bottomland Hardwood ***

Table 4. Statistics for 1.5 year old bucks

	Number	Avg. Live Percent	Average Weight	Points	
Spikes	322	60	119	2.0	*
Forked	219	40	131	4.7	
Totals	541		124	3.0	

* 8 antlerless 1.5 year old bucks were included in spike category.

Table 5. Statistics for Doe Harvest

Age	Number Harvested	Average Live Weight	Percent Lactating
0.5	226	55	0
1.5	262	98	6
2.5	214	115	58
3.5	170	119	75
4.5	86	122	81
5.5	43	126	63
6.5	27	119	70
7.5	15	121	60
8.5+	11	131	64
Totals	1054	100	

Harvest Summary

Date 05/10/2004

*** Group Summary - Bottomland Hardwood ***

Table 6. Harvest History, (Weights are Live)

	03-04	02-03	01-02	00-01	99-00	98-99	97-98	96-97	95-96	94-95
Bucks	1031	927	970	943	1412	1140	1107	676	955	857
Does	1170	1018	920	977	1501	1022	1264	668	1110	867
Acres/Deer	123	138	142	140	92	124	113	200	130	156
% .5 Bucks	21	27	16	29	26	21	27	25	28	24
% 1.5 Bucks	54	42	53	50	50	53	48	51	50	55
% Spikes	60	56	76	47	52	46	62	61	59	56
Avg Weight	125	128	114	128	128	133	129	129	124	128
Avg Points	3.1	3.0	2.7	3.5	3.3	3.6	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2
Avg Base	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5
Avg Length	6.8	6.4	5.3	7.6	7.2	7.7	6.5	6.3	6.6	6.8
Avg Spread	5.7	5.6	5.1	6.2	5.9	6.4	6.2	6.0	6.2	5.9
%2.5 Bucks	16	18	15	11	12	13	18	16	16	16
Avg Weight	163	158	155	162	169	171	174	166	160	168
Avg Points	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.8	6.8	6.8	7.0	6.3	6.6	7.3
Avg Base	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.5
Avg Length	14.2	14.1	14.0	14.7	15.1	14.4	15.0	14.2	14.2	14.9
Avg Spread	11.4	11.3	11.0	11.7	11.8	11.7	12.1	11.5	11.3	12.1
%3.5 Bucks	6	10	12	7	9	9	6	7	5	4
Avg Weight	180	180	161	188	187	186	192	187	188	187
Avg Points	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.5	8.2	7.9	7.8	7.6	8.4	7.9
Avg Base	4.0	3.9	3.6	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Avg Length	16.8	16.6	15.8	17.5	17.6	17.2	17.4	17.2	18.4	17.4
Avg Spread	13.2	13.2	12.5	14.0	14.1	13.8	13.5	13.9	14.8	14.4
%4.5+ Bucks	3	3	3	3	2	3	1	1	1	1
Avg Weight	195	192	198	198	186	190	199	192	201	221
Avg Points	8.3	8.3	8.7	7.8	8.3	8.7	8.0	7.4	8.5	9.1
Avg Base	4.1	4.5	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.6	5.4
Avg Length	19.0	18.3	19.1	18.3	19.5	20.0	19.1	16.7	20.6	21.8
Avg Spread	14.3	14.7	15.2	14.3	15.4	16.4	15.6	15.2	16.0	17.9
% Lactation										
1.5	6	6	4	8	6	8	12	3	9	6
2.5	58	63	46	64	64	65	69	67	73	64
2.5+	68	71	56	72	71	70	70	72	75	66
3.5+	74	77	63	76	77	76	71	80	78	70
Doe Age-Wgt										
% 0.5	21	23	15	28	20	21	21	23	24	22
% 1.5	25	15	25	18	21	20	21	21	20	19
% 2.5	20	28	25	21	26	32	32	33	34	37
% 3.5+	33	35	36	33	33	27	25	24	22	22
Wght 0.5	55	55	52	53	54	58	58	54	53	57
Wght 1.5	98	100	91	100	99	102	105	105	96	98
Wght 2.5	115	113	110	114	113	119	119	115	113	117
Wght 3.5+	121	117	113	118	122	121	122	120	119	122

Harvest Summary

Group Summary = Swamp Hardwood

2003-04 Season

Acres=135506
% Data Collected=46

Table 1. Harvest Summary

	Number Harvested	Acres/ Deer Harvested
Bucks	374	362
Does	305	444
Totals	679	200

Table 2. Age Distribution

Age	Bucks		Does	
	Num	%	Num	%
0.5	39	28	40	23
1.5	76	54	44	26
2.5	14	10	30	18
3.5	10	7	31	18
4.5	2	1	13	8
5.5	0	0	5	3
6.5	0	0	4	2
7.5	0	0	2	1
8.5+	0	0	2	1
Totals	141		171	

Table 3. Statistics for Buck Harvest

Age	Live Weight		Points		Base		Length		Spread	
	Num	Avg	Num	Avg	Num	Avg	Num	Avg	Num	Avg
0.5	39	56	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
1.5	75	123	76	2.7	61	2.2	70	4.7	67	4.5
2.5	13	141	14	4.9	13	3.0	13	10.8	13	8.2
3.5	10	162	10	7.2	10	3.7	10	16.5	10	13.4
4.5	2	158	2	9.0	2	3.7	2	17.0	2	12.6
5.5	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
6.5	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
7.5	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
8.5+	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

Harvest Summary

Date 05/10/2004

*** Group Summary - Swamp Hardwood ***

Table 4. Statistics for 1.5 year old bucks

	Number	Avg. Live Percent	Average Weight	Points	
Spikes	54	71	117	2.0	*
Forked	22	29	131	4.4	
Totals	76		121	2.7	

Table 5. Statistics for Doe Harvest

Age	Number Harvested	Average Live Weight	Percent Lactating
0.5	40	54	0
1.5	44	97	15
2.5	30	106	57
3.5	31	114	81
4.5	13	112	69
5.5	5	133	100
6.5	4	118	75
7.5	2	133	100
8.5+	2	134	100
Totals	171	96	

Harvest Summary

Date 05/10/2004

*** Group Summary - Swamp Hardwood ***

Table 6. Harvest History, (Weights are Live)

	03-04	02-03	01-02	00-01	99-00	98-99	97-98	96-97	95-96	94-95
Bucks	374	250	324	295	158	172	157	85	107	133
Does	305	210	292	179	233	203	172	84	120	67
Acres/Deer	200	288	215	198	239	250	285	554	412	468
% .5 Bucks	28	40	32	23	31	34	31	16	27	6
% 1.5 Bucks	54	29	47	51	50	47	46	49	52	65
% Spikes	71	75	70	49	49	51	58	55	55	48
Avg Weight	123	114	116	132	128	127	125	124	122	133
Avg Points	2.7	2.4	2.7	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.6	3.2	3.4
Avg Base	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.8
Avg Length	4.7	5.1	5.3	7.9	7.4	7.2	6.2	7.9	7.0	8.0
Avg Spread	4.5	4.3	4.9	6.2	5.7	5.8	5.4	6.7	6.2	6.3
%2.5 Bucks	10	26	17	14	12	14	13	28	15	18
Avg Weight	141	149	148	173	162	163	159	164	158	187
Avg Points	4.9	7.0	6.5	7.8	6.4	6.9	6.7	6.7	5.5	7.3
Avg Base	3.0	3.4	3.1	3.9	3.8	4.2	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.8
Avg Length	10.8	13.6	12.6	15.6	13.4	13.9	13.9	13.7	12.5	16.1
Avg Spread	8.2	10.9	9.7	12.0	10.8	10.8	11.8	11.0	10.7	13.1
%3.5 Bucks	7	3	4	9	6	4	9	7	4	7
Avg Weight	162	174	180	184	209	188	213	198	210	197
Avg Points	7.2	9.3	7.3	7.6	8.4	7.7	8.2	7.8	8.0	8.8
Avg Base	3.7	4.1	4.1	3.8	4.4	4.2	4.7	4.7	5.0	4.4
Avg Length	16.5	16.1	17.0	16.0	19.7	17.0	19.4	20.6	18.6	18.2
Avg Spread	13.4	11.8	14.2	12.6	13.7	14.0	15.9	14.8	15.0	15.0
%4.5+ Bucks	1	2	0	3	1	0	1	0	2	3
Avg Weight	158	202	0	217	218	0	173	0	246	202
Avg Points	9.0	9.5	0.0	8.3	9.5	0.0	8.0	0.0	11.0	6.0
Avg Base	3.7	5.2	0.0	4.5	5.2	0.0	4.5	0.0	5.0	5.1
Avg Length	17.0	20.6	0.0	20.2	17.9	0.0	17.5	0.0	23.2	18.4
Avg Spread	12.6	16.4	0.0	14.6	14.5	0.0	15.5	0.0	16.0	13.4
% Lactation										
1.5	15	8	4	19	5	22	0	21	25	8
2.5	57	77	40	69	68	64	76	58	61	59
2.5+	73	74	54	77	78	71	85	72	68	68
3.5+	81	68	75	83	88	84	94	85	77	79
Doe Age-Wgt										
% 0.5	23	24	23	27	21	26	30	33	26	25
% 1.5	26	21	24	22	26	15	22	30	25	24
% 2.5	18	35	32	22	27	37	26	17	28	27
% 3.5+	33	19	21	28	26	23	23	20	21	24
Wght 0.5	54	49	48	51	51	55	52	52	50	52
Wght 1.5	97	96	98	106	104	103	104	102	100	102
Wght 2.5	106	108	109	117	113	115	115	106	116	112
Wght 3.5+	117	120	119	121	122	127	123	120	120	126

Harvest Summary

Group Summary = NW Pine/Hardwood

2003-04 Season

Acres=138821
% Data Collected=83

Table 1. Harvest Summary

	Number Harvested	Acres/ Deer Harvested
Bucks	297	467
Does	224	620
Totals	521	266

Table 2. Age Distribution

Age	Bucks		Does	
	Num	%	Num	%
0.5	54	23	54	28
1.5	126	53	41	21
2.5	35	15	35	18
3.5	18	8	32	16
4.5	4	2	15	8
5.5	1	0	8	4
6.5	1	0	8	4
7.5	0	0	1	1
8.5+	0	0	0	0
Totals	239		194	

Table 3. Statistics for Buck Harvest

Age	Live Weight		Points		Base		Length		Spread	
	Num	Avg	Num	Avg	Num	Avg	Num	Avg	Num	Avg
0.5	53	61	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
1.5	125	113	126	3.1	115	2.1	122	6.7	113	5.6
2.5	35	132	35	5.8	35	3.0	34	12.4	33	10.1
3.5	17	154	18	6.6	18	3.5	17	14.2	15	12.6
4.5	4	187	4	8.5	4	3.9	4	19.9	4	13.9
5.5	1	210	1	9.0	1	4.8	1	25.1	1	20.5
6.5	1	170	1	9.0	1	4.8	1	21.8	1	13.0
7.5	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
8.5+	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

Harvest Summary

Date 05/10/2004

*** Group Summary - NW Pine/Hardwood ***

Table 4. Statistics for 1.5 year old bucks

	Number	Avg. Live Percent	Average Weight	Points	
Spikes	71	56	106	2.0	*
Forked	55	44	120	4.5	
Totals	126		112	3.1	

Table 5. Statistics for Doe Harvest

Age	Number Harvested	Average Live Weight	Percent Lactating
0.5	54	54	0
1.5	41	90	0
2.5	35	102	61
3.5	32	108	80
4.5	15	114	60
5.5	8	115	75
6.5	8	104	62
7.5	1	96	100
8.5+	0	0	0
Totals	194	89	

Harvest Summary

Date 05/10/2004

*** Group Summary - NW Pine/Hardwood ***

Table 6. Harvest History, (Weights are Live)

	03-04	02-03	01-02	00-01	99-00	98-99	97-98	96-97	95-96	94-95
Bucks	297	270	360	353	446	486	334	317	393	350
Does	224	241	267	301	386	379	357	304	445	282
Acres/Deer	266	325	243	233	183	176	220	245	182	241
% .5 Bucks	23	36	19	28	26	21	27	33	29	26
% 1.5 Bucks	53	44	49	42	48	53	50	46	44	52
% Spikes	56	53	80	63	66	71	63	59	68	72
Avg Weight	113	114	104	105	107	103	105	109	105	107
Avg Points	3.1	3.2	2.4	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.9	3.1	2.7	2.7
Avg Base	2.1	2.2	1.8	2.0	2.1	1.9	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.0
Avg Length	6.7	7.0	5.0	6.1	6.1	5.3	6.5	6.3	5.8	5.9
Avg Spread	5.6	5.9	4.7	5.4	5.3	5.0	5.8	5.3	5.0	5.4
%2.5 Bucks	15	10	21	21	17	18	18	18	20	17
Avg Weight	132	145	132	135	138	139	137	140	141	143
Avg Points	5.8	5.9	5.5	6.0	6.3	6.0	6.2	6.6	6.1	6.5
Avg Base	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.1
Avg Length	12.4	13.6	12.3	13.4	14.1	13.6	13.6	13.1	14.2	14.5
Avg Spread	10.1	10.5	9.8	10.5	10.7	10.3	10.7	10.6	10.7	11.1
%3.5 Bucks	8	7	9	7	7	6	5	3	6	4
Avg Weight	154	164	159	152	156	157	162	161	157	172
Avg Points	6.6	7.1	7.5	7.0	7.6	7.9	7.1	7.6	7.9	7.9
Avg Base	3.5	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.6	4.0
Avg Length	14.2	17.0	16.7	16.9	16.8	17.4	17.0	17.8	17.5	18.1
Avg Spread	12.6	13.5	13.2	12.6	12.8	13.1	13.8	13.3	13.4	14.5
%4.5+ Bucks	3	4	2	2	1	2	1	0	1	1
Avg Weight	188	176	170	173	140	160	174	198	158	194
Avg Points	8.7	7.5	7.9	7.0	7.8	6.3	9.5	10.0	6.8	8.5
Avg Base	4.2	4.1	3.8	4.2	3.8	4.0	4.3	3.8	4.2	4.0
Avg Length	21.1	18.2	18.0	18.8	17.5	18.2	19.8	21.6	17.1	19.3
Avg Spread	14.9	15.1	14.9	15.3	12.4	14.0	14.9	16.3	13.6	16.1
% Lactation										
1.5	0	7	4	5	12	6	9	5	3	7
2.5	61	59	52	51	58	71	68	65	68	66
2.5+	69	70	65	70	67	76	73	72	72	70
3.5+	73	75	74	84	73	80	78	79	74	75
Doe Age-Wgt										
% 0.5	28	28	22	23	26	23	29	32	23	26
% 1.5	21	18	20	23	22	25	28	23	23	24
% 2.5	18	17	26	21	20	25	21	24	23	27
% 3.5+	33	37	32	33	32	27	22	21	30	23
Wght 0.5	54	56	54	50	50	51	49	53	49	50
Wght 1.5	90	95	88	89	87	86	86	92	88	92
Wght 2.5	102	104	100	99	100	100	101	100	98	102
Wght 3.5+	110	114	108	107	102	105	104	107	105	105

Harvest Summary

Group Summary = Historic Longleaf

2003-04 Season

Acres=157665
% Data Collected=79

Table 1. Harvest Summary

	Number Harvested	Acres/ Deer Harvested
Bucks	263	599
Does	203	777
Totals	466	338

Table 2. Age Distribution

Age	Bucks		Does	
	Num	%	Num	%
0.5	44	25	52	28
1.5	97	54	38	20
2.5	17	9	38	20
3.5	15	8	18	10
4.5	4	2	17	9
5.5	1	1	9	5
6.5	0	0	6	3
7.5	1	1	4	2
8.5+	0	0	5	3
Totals	179		187	

Table 3. Statistics for Buck Harvest

Age	Live Weight		Points		Base		Length		Spread	
	Num	Avg	Num	Avg	Num	Avg	Num	Avg	Num	Avg
0.5	43	60	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
1.5	97	100	96	3.8	94	2.1	93	8.0	88	6.7
2.5	17	124	17	7.1	17	3.2	17	14.4	17	11.5
3.5	15	137	15	7.5	15	3.4	15	16.9	14	13.1
4.5	4	146	4	8.0	4	3.8	4	19.4	4	15.4
5.5	1	175	1	10.0	1	4.4	1	18.6	1	13.2
6.5	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
7.5	1	170	1	8.0	1	4.0	1	17.2	1	19.5
8.5+	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

Harvest Summary

Date 05/10/2004

*** Group Summary - Historic Longleaf ***

Table 4. Statistics for 1.5 year old bucks

	Number	Avg. Live Percent	Average Weight	Points	
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Spikes	35	36	96	1.9	*
Forked	62	64	101	4.7	
Totals	97		100	3.7	

* 1 antlerless 1.5 year old bucks were included in spike category.

Table 5. Statistics for Doe Harvest

Age	Number Harvested	Average Live Weight	Percent Lactating
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0.5	52	51	0
1.5	38	84	11
2.5	38	91	37
3.5	18	100	61
4.5	17	101	81
5.5	9	102	71
6.5	6	101	67
7.5	4	99	75
8.5+	5	98	20
Totals	187	81	

Harvest Summary

Date 05/10/2004

*** Group Summary - Historic Longleaf ***

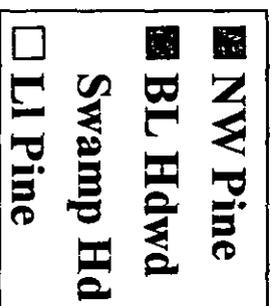
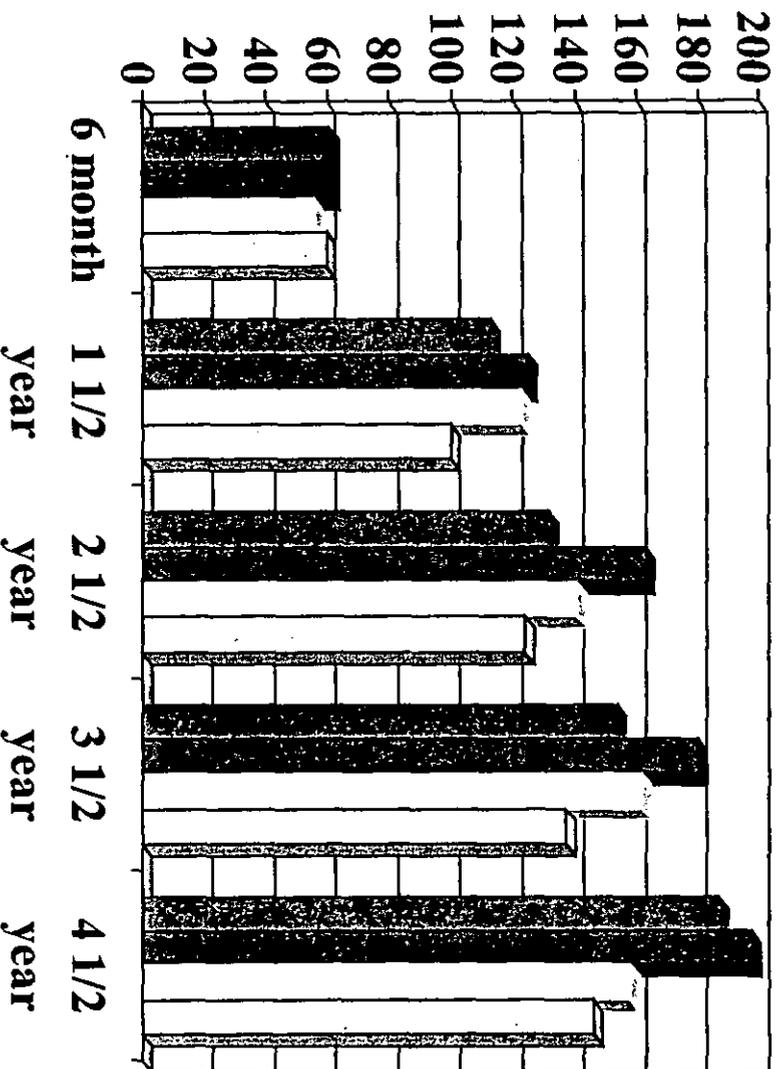
Table 6. Harvest History, (Weights are Live)

	03-04	02-03	01-02	00-01	99-00	98-99	97-98	96-97	95-96	94-95
Bucks	263	147	173	156	213	177	140	106	167	92
Does	203	167	190	144	225	163	168	96	190	156
Acres/Deer	338	502	434	526	360	464	512	781	442	636
% .5 Bucks	25	41	30	27	30	18	33	28	28	38
% 1.5 Bucks	54	31	42	48	41	49	45	40	35	29
% Spikes	36	44	43	45	35	44	28	40	43	56
Avg Weight	100	101	96	96	95	95	99	108	99	101
Avg Points	3.8	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.9	3.5	3.3	3.3
Avg Base	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.1
Avg Length	8.0	7.4	7.3	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.3	7.5	7.4	6.6
Avg Spread	6.7	6.3	6.0	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.7	7.3	6.8	6.4
%2.5 Bucks	9	15	16	17	17	24	14	22	28	22
Avg Weight	124	122	119	120	120	127	128	140	134	129
Avg Points	7.1	6.3	7.1	7.2	7.0	7.0	6.6	7.4	7.2	6.5
Avg Base	3.2	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.0
Avg Length	14.4	13.5	13.9	14.1	13.9	14.2	14.4	14.9	15.3	14.0
Avg Spread	11.5	10.8	11.1	11.7	11.2	11.4	12.2	12.3	12.1	11.2
%3.5 Bucks	8	8	8	7	11	7	6	7	5	10
Avg Weight	137	135	158	137	142	151	139	165	144	158
Avg Points	7.5	7.8	7.4	7.5	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.0	8.2	7.9
Avg Base	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.4	3.7	4.2	3.9	4.1	3.4	3.8
Avg Length	16.9	16.6	17.4	16.7	17.2	18.3	18.1	19.0	17.1	16.8
Avg Spread	13.1	12.8	13.6	12.9	14.4	15.3	14.7	14.9	13.4	13.9
%4.5+ Bucks	3	5	3	1	2	2	2	3	3	2
Avg Weight	155	152	154	155	157	166	157	174	139	177
Avg Points	8.3	8.9	10.2	11.0	8.8	9.3	9.0	8.2	6.0	8.5
Avg Base	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.4	3.8	4.3	3.5	4.6
Avg Length	18.9	19.3	18.8	21.5	18.7	19.1	17.3	18.6	16.4	19.0
Avg Spread	15.8	15.0	14.9	16.8	14.8	15.4	15.1	16.4	13.0	14.8
% Lactation										
1.5	11	15	5	14	12	18	31	15	31	8
2.5	37	47	49	63	72	51	67	41	53	57
2.5+	54	64	64	61	64	53	70	47	65	63
3.5+	66	73	76	59	59	58	73	65	81	69
Doe Age-Wgt										
% 0.5	28	33	25	24	34	26	23	29	21	29
% 1.5	20	10	13	20	12	22	19	24	15	24
% 2.5	20	21	28	24	21	37	28	37	38	26
% 3.5+	32	36	34	32	33	15	30	11	26	22
Wght 0.5	51	52	51	51	50	50	50	55	53	54
Wght 1.5	84	82	81	80	80	80	79	92	86	87
Wght 2.5	91	89	90	91	88	92	93	103	99	94
Wght 3.5+	101	95	97	93	95	97	93	105	99	103

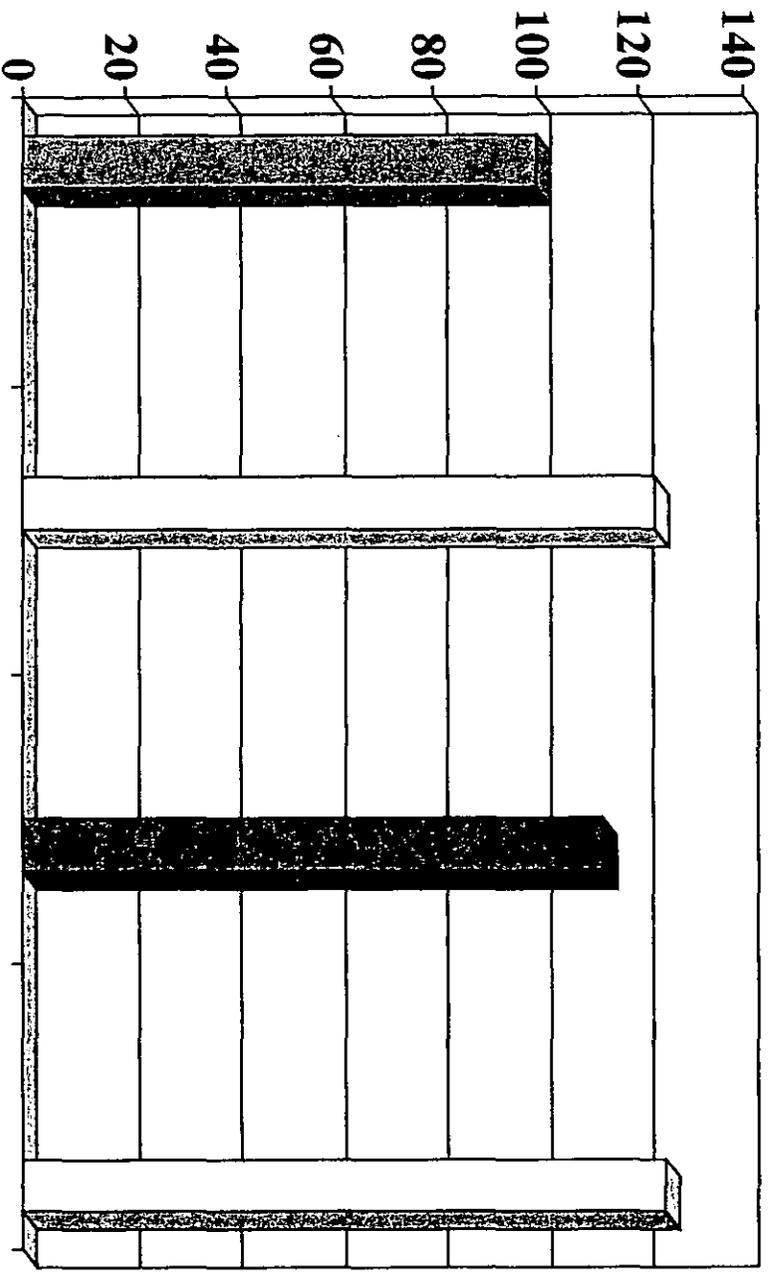
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WMA Habitat Types

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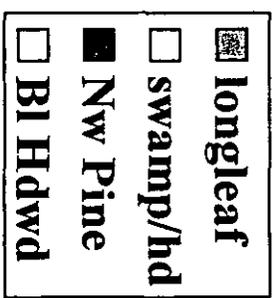
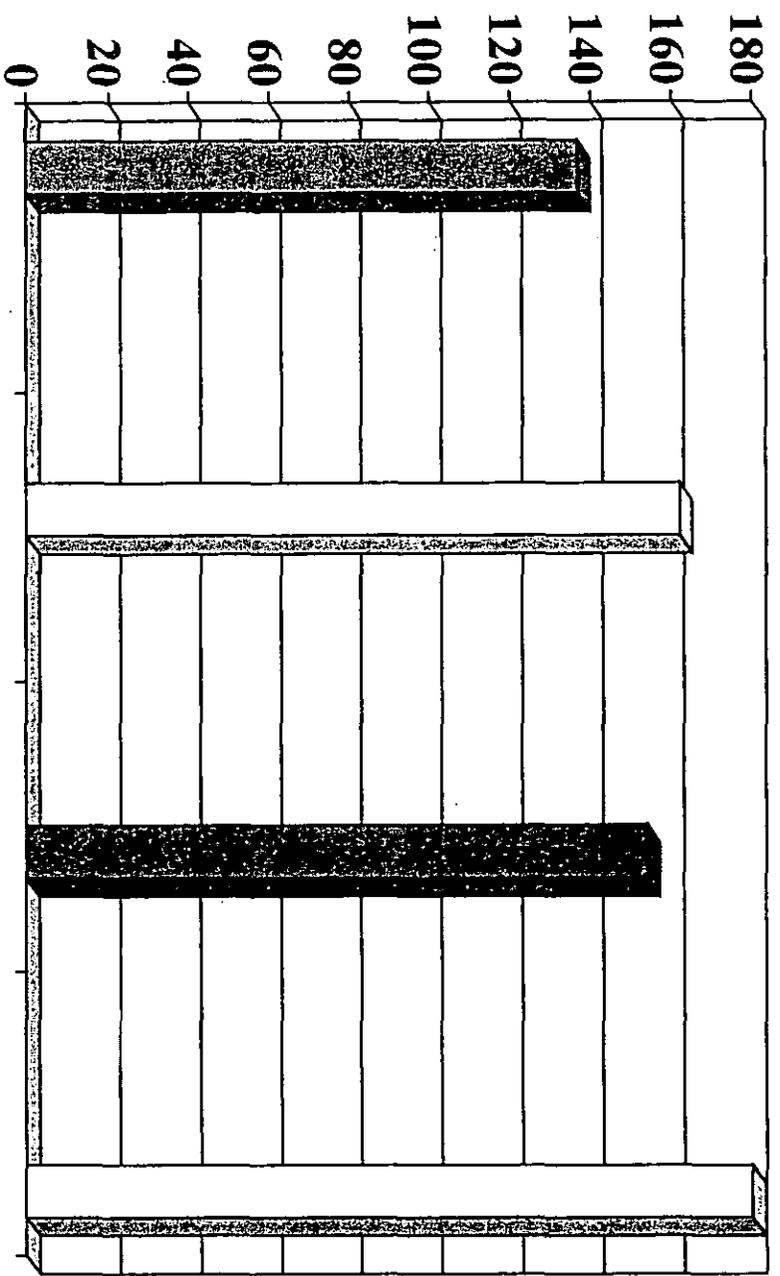


WMA Live Weights 1 1/2 Year Males 2003 Season



- ▣ Longleaf
- ▣ Swamp/hd
- ▣ Nw Pine
- ▣ BL Hdwd

WMA Live Weights 3 1/2 Year Males 2003 Season





Wildlife
MANAGEMENT AREA

MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	PERCENT DOLLARS PAID	PERCENT CASES PAID
FISCAL YEAR 1993-94								
July, 1993	25	\$21,039.00	(\$9,778.00)	29	\$4,855.00	\$2,545.00		
Aug., 1993	53	\$44,922.00	(\$1,137.00)	41	\$7,950.00	\$3,603.00		
Sept., 1993	42	\$137,635.00	(\$17,938.00)	35	\$6,783.00	\$3,048.00		
Oct., 1993	49	\$21,471.00	(\$11,282.00)	40	\$3,285.00	\$1,519.00		
Nov., 1993	57	\$31,207.00	(\$13,260.00)	32	\$3,053.00	\$2,845.00		
Dec., 1993	53	\$13,777.00		27	\$6,507.00	\$6,713.00		
Jan., 1994	38	\$18,918.00		32	\$4,423.00	\$2,831.00		
Feb., 1994	68	\$38,131.00	(\$8,238.00)	46	\$9,124.00	\$5,993.00		
Mar., 1994	38	\$22,739.00	(\$2,482.00)	51	\$10,854.00	\$6,796.00		
April, 1994	14	\$44,732.00	(\$1,404.00)	27	\$7,307.00	\$4,632.00		
May, 1994	10	\$4,504.00	(\$165.00)	7	\$5,447.00	\$3,808.00		
June, 1994	29	\$26,167.00	(\$2,986.00)	12	\$1,886.00	\$1,214.00		
Total FY 1994	476	\$425,242.00	(\$68,670.00)	379	\$71,474.00	\$45,547.00	27.5%	79.6%
FISCAL YEAR 1994-95								
July, 1994	17	\$2,127.00	(\$335.00)	23	\$2,101.00	\$1,437.00		
Aug., 1994	41	\$96,403.00	(\$3,035.00)	20	\$1,010.00	\$605.00		
Sept., 1994	34	\$14,614.00	(\$14,002.00)	26	\$2,596.00	\$2,342.00		
Oct., 1994	94	\$17,426.00	(\$8,677.00)	38	\$2,922.00	\$3,179.00		
Nov., 1994	43	\$103,592.00		45	\$3,992.00	\$2,803.00		
Dec., 1994	68	\$31,400.00		35	\$4,315.00	\$2,329.00		
Jan., 1995	55	\$27,601.00		52	\$7,493.00	\$4,921.00		
Feb., 1995	70	\$61,119.00		41	\$6,472.00	\$3,973.00		
Mar., 1995	31	\$25,072.00		44	\$8,315.00	\$4,737.00		
Apr., 1995	13	\$15,353.00		16	\$3,565.00	\$1,538.00		
May., 1995	23	\$11,632.00		16	\$4,315.00	\$654.00		
June 1995	45	\$31,008.00		18	\$2,630.00	\$1,025.00		
Total FY 1995	534	\$437,347.00	(\$26,049.00)	374	\$49,726.00	\$29,543.00	18.1%	70.0%
FICAL YEAR 1995-96								
July, 1995	0	\$0.00						
Aug., 1995	46	\$17,425.00		27	\$9,028.00	\$1,729.00		
Sept., 1995	1	\$125.00		21	\$3,093.00	\$2,049.00		
Oct., 1995	122	\$206,244.00		29	\$2,720.00	\$1,161.00		
Nov., 1995	55	\$23,124.00		62	\$10,151.00	\$6,383.00		
Dec., 1995	50	\$18,607.26		32	\$4,780.66	\$2,802.76		
Jan., 1996	49	\$13,814.88	(\$15,296.45)	36	\$5,296.51	\$3,472.89		
Feb., 1996	50	\$14,716.97		38	\$5,777.53	\$3,416.91		
Mar., 1996	33	\$24,936.91		36	\$6,035.12	\$3,421.75		
Apr., 1996	30	\$11,006.66		36	\$7,173.12	\$2,711.54		
May., 1996	23	\$7,989.34		24	\$3,941.69	\$2,020.29		
June 1996	50	\$22,151.31		16	\$2,790.02	\$1,182.23		
Total FY 1996	509	\$360,141.33	(\$15,296.45)	357	\$60,786.65	\$30,350.37	25.3%	70.1%
FISCAL YEAR 1996-97								
July, 1996	40	\$71,894.13		32	\$5,249.93	\$2,947.96		
Aug., 1996	32	\$5,362.64		32	\$6,254.59	\$3,783.69		
Sept., 1996	41	\$7,210.00		29	\$2,259.96	\$1,326.58		
Oct., 1996	29	\$11,092.53		25	\$3,697.89	\$2,261.98		
Nov., 1996	20	\$10,009.10		22	\$1,624.63	\$698.02		
Dec., 1996	13	\$238,466.04		22	\$5,877.18	\$2,121.53		
Jan., 1997	27	\$11,755.22		17	\$4,393.30	\$2,377.09		
Feb., 1997	47	\$18,520.87		42	\$8,579.84	\$5,552.63		
Mar., 1997	26	\$13,434.02		27	\$4,999.59	\$2,757.67		
Apr., 1997	10	\$2,908.87		15	\$2,322.88	\$1,298.66		
May., 1997	20	\$11,682.70		15	\$5,198.91	\$1,399.21		
June 1997	5	\$8,036.58		10	\$2,335.24	\$765.34		
Total FY 1997	310	\$410,372.70	\$0.00	288	\$52,793.94	\$27,290.36	19.5%	92.9%
FICAL YEAR 1997 - 98								
July, 1997	10	\$2,811.71		8	\$1,584.67	\$823.11		
Aug., 1997	14	\$8,741.30		8	\$1,496.49	\$779.14		
Sept., 1997	29	\$19,926.37		12	\$2,051.78	\$1,278.04		
Oct., 1997	12	\$4,716.81		23	\$3,184.83	\$2,063.89		
Nov., 1997	23	\$54,965.34		10	\$2,424.86	\$1,218.28		
Dec., 1997	25	\$36,881.09		15	\$4,376.97	\$2,775.66		
Jan., 1998	42	\$30,025.81		17	\$5,300.40	\$3,533.66		
Feb., 1998	37	\$31,164.95		29	\$22,961.69	\$8,501.18		
Mar., 1998	9	\$13,273.45		32	\$9,406.56	\$4,371.53		

Apr., 1998	10	\$5,628.21		10	\$2,602.62	\$1,279.77		
May., 1998	0	\$225.00		8	\$2,885.02	\$950.46		
June 1998	5	\$2,414.03		6	\$1,041.54	\$98.00		
Total FY 1998	216	\$210,774.07	\$0.00	178	\$59,317.43	\$27,672.72	41.3%	82.4%
FISCAL YEAR 1998 - 99								
July, 1998	9	\$1,390.43		8	\$1,964.20	\$716.75		
Aug., 1998	10	\$2,240.70		10	\$1,048.28	\$372.47		
Sept., 1998	8	\$2,768.96		11	\$2,000.36	\$1,148.23		
Oct., 1998	22	\$28,704.85		14	\$1,860.17	\$807.48		
Nov., 1998	19	\$9,137.79		11	\$1,765.97	\$1,092.43		
Dec., 1998	23	\$11,959.10		27	\$4,441.02	\$2,040.71		
Jan., 1999	41	\$21,179.55		18	\$6,621.63	\$3,838.22		
Feb., 1999	45	\$26,236.24		41	\$12,119.09	\$6,923.61		
Mar., 1999	15	\$7,549.57		33	\$8,281.77	\$4,138.44		
Apr., 1999	9	\$8,013.54		14	\$3,035.82	\$1,388.41		
May., 1999	5	\$5,161.23		5	\$905.50	\$405.00		
June 1999	7	\$3,719.01		13	\$3,011.06	\$533.83		
Total FY 1999	213	\$128,060.97	\$0.00	205	\$47,054.87	\$23,405.58	55.0%	96.2%
FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000								
July, 1999	5	\$1,556.38		9	\$2,287.53	\$1,198.81		
Aug., 1999	10	\$2,510.83		15	\$2,455.38	\$513.73		
Sept., 1999	6	\$2,032.19	\$5,324.80	28	\$3,563.06	\$475.93		
Oct., 1999	11	\$4,452.31	\$567.75	25	\$2,775.48	\$557.41		
Nov., 1999	14	\$8,634.64		26	\$3,250.96	\$1,322.96		
Dec., 1999	24	\$15,891.96		19	\$3,862.76	\$2,126.27		
Jan., 2000	49	\$27,872.14		28	\$7,952.94	\$3,814.02		
Feb., 2000	21	\$11,039.59		30	\$10,159.24	\$6,216.42		
Mar., 2000	19	\$9,873.21		31	\$6,709.07	\$3,555.40		
Apr., 2000	12	\$7,897.70		17	\$2,932.41	\$1,512.54		
May, 2000	7	\$5,039.46	\$293.60	20	\$7,062.23	\$3,164.00		
June, 2000	16	\$14,566.88		18	\$5,766.59	\$1,852.12		
Total FY 2000	194	\$111,367.29	\$6,186.15	266	\$58,777.65	\$26,309.61	76%	137%
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01								
July, 2000	2	\$865.01		14	\$1,948.03	\$154.01		
Aug., 2000	20	\$15,837.60		17	\$3,302.27	\$1,063.92		
Sept., 2000	12	\$3,562.26		23	\$8,718.21	\$1,351.41		
Oct., 2000	18	\$122,696.24		29	\$7,457.98	\$490.16		
Nov., 2000	13	\$15,851.30		22	\$4,038.50	\$309.30		
Dec., 2000	40	\$30,234.92		24	\$7,189.98	\$462.13		
Jan., 2001	28	\$15,923.38		25	\$7,611.66	\$833.60		
Feb., 2001	35	\$20,181.39		30	\$18,568.12	\$1,917.82		
Mar., 2001	8	\$5,956.83		37	\$15,724.02	\$753.86		
Apr., 2001	20	\$24,145.82		22	\$4,856.39	\$225.93		
May 2001	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	\$9,452.69		18	\$2,984.52			
Sept., 2001	0	\$175.00		25	\$4,157.32	\$66.29		
Oct., 2001	15	\$6,439.06		18	\$3,174.66	\$67.32		
Nov., 2001	15	\$5,913.63		24	\$3,932.41	\$194.66		
Dec., 2001	36	\$21,868.88		20	\$5,384.19	\$502.17		
Jan., 2002	56	\$27,650.44		38	\$11,100.99	\$1,008.09		
Feb., 2002	27	\$14,211.31	\$620.55	37	\$20,017.87	\$861.63		
Mar., 2002	8	\$6,765.68		36	\$10,061.89	\$419.16		
Apr., 2002	20	\$11,296.19		19	\$2,196.02	\$49.33		
May, 2002	3	\$30,852.57	\$11,887.80	27	\$8,265.67	\$538.72		
June, 2002	3	\$8,636.08		23	\$3,418.15	\$87.91		
Total FY 2002	193	\$147,551.82	\$12,508.35	310	\$81,022.05	\$4,088.82	58%	161%
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		

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	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	13	\$4,075.96
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	9	\$225.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	13	\$4,300.96
PAYMENTS	18	\$3,009.07-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	0	\$0.00
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	0	\$0.00
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	1	\$524.54-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	3	\$75.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	8	\$228.47-
OVERPAYMENTS	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	1	\$5.59
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	0	\$0.00

FOOTNOTE:		
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00

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	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	205	\$119,001.95
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	93	\$2,325.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	205	\$121,326.95
PAYMENTS	176	\$64,198.29-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	0	\$0.00
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	9	\$2,464.35-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	11	\$3,864.95-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	33	\$850.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	107	\$4,446.73-
OVERPAYMENTS	15	\$264.22
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	10	\$1,050.15
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	3	\$2,083.83-
WRITE-OFFS	3	\$274.98-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	2	\$2,922.61-
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	8	\$1.45-
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	\$2,118.40-

FOOTNOTE:		
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	1	\$1,066.50

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	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	4,840	\$3,352,614.55
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	469	\$12,275.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	331	\$269,865.45-
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	138	\$58,209.82
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	4,840	\$3,153,233.92
PAYMENTS	3,301	\$756,505.78-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	33	\$8,624.04-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	87	\$34,048.17-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	38	\$27,311.17-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	230	\$5,975.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	2,301	\$265,959.01-
OVERPAYMENTS	143	\$359.43
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	74	\$12,888.01
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	17	\$44,255.65-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	5	\$6,780.54
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	8	\$45,896.70
RETURNED CHECKS	1	\$61.75
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	3	\$55.00
CREDITS	13	\$10.22-
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	21	\$6,881.15
CREDITS	67	\$39,145.73-
WRITE-OFFS	1,059	\$1,480,797.23-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	9	\$4,717.56-
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	39	\$21,076.03-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	94	\$170,629.91-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	1	\$2,134.47-
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	2	\$559.32-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	1	\$524.54-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	1	\$8,156.58-
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** TOTAL OUTSTANDING	296	\$355,726.09

 FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	39	\$108,008.20 *
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AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

VIOLETION DATE UNKNOWN	0	\$0.00
1 - 30 DAYS	3	\$5,629.10
31 - 60 DAYS	5	\$1,301.35
61 - 90 DAYS	3	\$540.85
91 - 120 DAYS	8	\$3,071.90
121 - 150 DAYS	2	\$2,029.45
151 - 180 DAYS	1	\$7,443.90
181 - 365 DAYS	52	\$42,715.19
OVER ONE YEAR	55	\$70,158.35
OVER TWO YEARS	93	\$80,255.34
OVER THREE YEARS	1,014	\$705,751.65

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** TOTAL AGING	1,236	\$918,897.08
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AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:

CAN NOT BE INVOICED	0	\$0.00
CURRENT	11	\$3,751.24
1 - 30 DAYS	9	\$4,425.06
31 - 90 DAYS	15	\$18,481.22
91 - 180 DAYS	27	\$13,436.12
181 - 365 DAYS	20	\$26,479.74
OVER ONE YEAR	123	\$116,465.71

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	85	\$83,627.36

AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:

1 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	6	\$89,059.64

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** TOTAL AGING	296	\$355,726.09
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	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	851	\$46,655.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	225	\$5,775.00
CREDITS	3	\$100.00-
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	105	\$820.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
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TOTAL DUE		\$53,150.00

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PAID IN FULL	508	\$30,030.06-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	7	\$312.00-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	0	\$0.00
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	0	\$0.00
DEPT OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS	10	\$560.00-
DEPT OF REVENUE FEES	9	\$40.00-
WRITE-OFFS	1	\$0.50-
OVERPAYMENTS	5	\$227.06
REFUNDS	4	\$168.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	1	\$50.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
VOIDS	5	\$300.00-
NOT GUILTY	3	\$150.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	13	\$650.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	0	\$0.00
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00

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	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	7,116	\$409,070.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	4,361	\$116,808.50
CREDITS	16	\$800.00-
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	1,204	\$9,983.25
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
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TOTAL DUE		\$535,061.75

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PAID IN FULL	5,847	\$358,326.33-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	161	\$9,147.00-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	0	\$0.00
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	0	\$0.00
DEPT OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS	333	\$20,144.53-
DEPT OF REVENUE FEES	293	\$1,196.00-
WRITE-OFFS	35	\$18.50-
OVERPAYMENTS	18	\$334.58
REFUNDS	66	\$2,634.00
RETURNED CHECKS	5	\$300.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	5	\$100.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	12	\$700.00
CREDITS	4	\$200.00-
VOIDS	134	\$7,200.00-
NOT GUILTY	94	\$4,850.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	46	\$2,650.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	1	\$50.00-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00

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	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	114,512	\$5,910,817.07
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	32,313	\$818,296.30
CREDITS	17	\$11,616.00-
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	1,892	\$15,257.75
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
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TOTAL DUE		\$6,732,755.12

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PAID IN FULL	69,764	\$3,756,328.82-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	1,777	\$84,115.75-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	14	\$690.00-
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	33	\$345.00-
DEPT OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS	359	\$21,812.53-
DEPT OF REVENUE FEES	319	\$1,300.00-
WRITE-OFFS	11,987	\$697,221.00-
OVERPAYMENTS	200	\$4,515.86
REFUNDS	411	\$18,181.81
RETURNED CHECKS	78	\$4,125.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	75	\$1,215.00
CREDITS	170	\$141.88-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	256	\$15,050.00
CREDITS	45	\$2,600.00-
VOIDS	5,760	\$290,300.00-
NOT GUILTY	1,304	\$66,350.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	264	\$13,900.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	13	\$650.00-
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	158	\$7,950.00-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00
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TOTAL OUTSTANDING		\$1,832,137.81

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE

COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:

CURRENT	526	\$28,605.00
1 - 30 DAYS	567	\$32,555.00
31 - 90 DAYS	746	\$45,035.00
91 - 180 DAYS	345	\$27,445.00
181 - 365 DAYS	1,682	\$136,802.50
OVER ONE YEAR	19,058	\$1,386,700.34

COLLECTIONS WITH DEPT OF REVENUE:

1 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	2,242	\$174,769.97

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	25,169	\$1,832,137.81
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AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM HEARING DATE

PREHEARING	1,823	\$105,220.00
0 - 90 DAYS	392	\$30,820.00
91 - 180 DAYS	292	\$19,680.00
181 - 270 DAYS	1,244	\$104,507.50
271 - 365 DAYS	1,076	\$89,362.50
OVER ONE YEAR	20,342	\$1,482,547.81

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6/04/04

REVISED AGENDA FOR L.W.F. COMMISSION MEETING

The announced agenda for the upcoming Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting has been revised. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 8 at 10 a.m. in the Louisiana Room of the Wildlife and Fisheries Headquarters in Baton Rouge. The updated agenda is as follows:

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June 4, 2004

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6/02/04

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May 26, 2004

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TO: Chairman and Members of Commission

FROM: Dwight Landreneau, Secretary *(Signature)*

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WINTON VIDRINE

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S H E E T



FAX

To: Bill Busbice
Fax #: 337-837-1423
Subject: Agenda
Date: May 26, 2004
Pages: 3, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

Please review the attached agenda and then let me know if it is okay. Thanks.

From the desk of...

Susan Falcon

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Hawkins Falcon Susan

From Henry Mouton [henrymouton@star service com]
Sent Monday May 24 2004 8 52 AM
To Susan Falcom
Cc Dwight Landreneaux Phil Bowman Bill Busbice Billy Broussard Lee Feltermen Jerry Stone
Subject Wayne Sagera Terry Denmon
June LDWF Commission Meeting Agenda Item

Susan

I would like to put on the Agenda a Discussion Item on Lake Maurice Now that the Bill by Rep Fauchaux has died I know there is Legislation pending I would like to get a report from Phil or Dwight what our next steps are to get these camps removed and what LDWF has to do in the way of legal action I want more of an Update of what our next steps are I do NOT see a need to go into Executive Session to discuss this

thanks

Henry

*Per conversation w/ Don Puckett -
do not add to agenda
5/26/2004 - 9 30 AM*

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Susan:
I have the following items from Ouland Park for the agenda:

- 1) notice of intent - Black Bass Harvest Regulations, Poverty Point lake.
- 2) notice of intent - Crappie Harvest Regulations, Poverty Point lake.

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None
Prickett

Hawkins-Falcon, Susan

From: Roussel, John E
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2004 4:10 PM
To: Hawkins-Falcon, Susan
Cc: Pausina, Randy; Blanchet, Harry; Foote, Karen
Subject: RE: Commission agenda

Susan,
I'm ok with the two remaining agenda items.

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

From: Pausina, Randy
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2004 4:00 PM
To: Roussel, John E
Cc: Hawkins-Falcon, Susan; Blanchet, Harry; Foote, Karen
Subject: RE: Commission agenda

Per our phone conversation, please remove the SST NoI from the recommended Marine Fisheries Agenda Items, if Bill 597 passes we can do the SST NoI in July.

I just spoke to Susan Falcon and she said that if the NoI is done in July it can be ratified in November which is before the January SST commercial season opening date.

Thanks

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

From: Roussel, John E
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2004 3:29 PM
To: Pausina, Randy
Cc: Hawkins-Falcon, Susan; Porch, Pat; Guillory, Vince; Blanchet, Harry; Foote, Karen
Subject: RE: Commission agenda

Randy,
Explain to me what the Seatrout-Commercial Season NOI is about.

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

From: Foote, Karen
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2004 3:03 PM
To: Roussel, John E
Cc: Hawkins-Falcon, Susan; Porch, Pat; Guillory, Vince; Pausina, Randy; Blanchet, Harry
Subject: Commission agenda

With your approval, the following should be agenda items:

Rule Ratification of Spotted Seatrout - Calcasieu/Sabine Recreational- Henry Mouton

Notice of Intent- Commercial Fishing Season - Spotted Seatrout- Randy Pausina

Report on 2004 Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program Results- Vince Guillory

Randy - Will the FEIS be ready for NOI?

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Comments on Season & Bag Limits
~~*Notice of Intent - Tuesday June 8, 2005*~~
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