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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 8, 2001

Chairman H. Jerry Stone presiding.

Terry Denmon
Lee Felterman
Tom Gattle
Tom Kelly
Norman McCall

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

Commissioner Bill Busbice was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Stone called for a motion for approval of the **July 5, 2001 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Gattle. The motion passed with no opposition.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for July** was given by Major Keith LaCaze. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of July.

Region I - Minden - 112 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 78 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 148 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 129 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 154 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 205 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 218 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 231 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 186 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 21 citations.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 14 citations.

SWEP - 28 citations.

Refuge Patrol - 57 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of July was 1,461. Also there were 296 warning citations issued statewide. Major LaCaze then reported major cases included night hunting in Region II and shrimp activities in Region VIII.

The aviation report for July 2001 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 43.2 hours for enforcement and 10.4 hours for other divisions. Seven citations were issued during the month.

Major LaCaze then stated the Wildlife Agents Association held their annual conference in Baton Rouge during July and announced the Officer of the Year was Chad Hebert from Region IX.

A presentation on the **Notice of Intent - 2002 Turkey Season** was given by Mr. Mike Olinde. He began stating three years ago, Area A was opened a week later and the season was reduced by 7 days, the Kisatchie National Forest season was reduced to 23 days, and Area B was moved to open a week earlier. The staff is interested in protecting turkey populations in the larger areas of Area A, B and C and position the Department and Commission to have a statewide opening. The framework for 2002 will be to open statewide the last full weekend in March and have a two bird limit. Considering the state as a whole, turkeys are not high across the state. From the voluntary check station data, a decline occurred in the Florida parishes and the numbers are at or below what they were in 1989 despite the successful restocking efforts. Last year, every region reported declines in harvest at the voluntary weigh stations and the WMA harvest was down 25 percent. The 2002 season dates for Area A will be March 30 through April 28, Area B, March 30 through April 21 and Area C would be March 30 through April 7. The daily bag limit will be 1 with a season limit of 2. Boundary changes included opening all of Pointe Coupee Parish, opening additional areas in Avoyelles and St. Landry Parishes and moving portions of Area C into Area A. In Area B, all of Caddo and DeSoto

Parishes are now open and portions of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu and Jeff Davis Parishes have been moved from Area C to Area B, other portions of Allen and Jeff Davis are to be opened in Area B, and moved Winn Parish from Area C to Area B. A small portion of Area C around Sicily Island Hills WMA will be opened. On the WMAs, 28 WMAs will be open for turkey hunting typically one to two weeks in season length, 10 lottery hunts will occur and four more youth lottery hunts were added. Mr. Olinde then gave the proposed season dates for the federal lands. He answered the next question of where are the turkeys harvested. In the early 1990's, the harvest was in the Florida parishes with some in the central portion of the State. In the last few years, the shift has moved to the central and northern portions of the state. Between 1990 and 1996, over 1100 birds have been restocked into the northern part of the state. Forest resource statistics showed harvest is exceeding growth at this time and is expected to continue with this trend for a number of years. Turkeys have higher survival rates than a 1 ½ year old deer. Some hunters are saying that they have missed peak gobbling times, but staff does not agree. For the last three years, gobbler counts have been conducted prior to the season, and every year there have been gobbles and gobblers heard up until the season started.

Chairman Stone asked if the overall view was that turkeys were not doing as well as thought? Mr. Olinde stated turkeys are doing very well in many areas, but there are some geographic areas where they are not evenly distributed. Chairman Stone asked if consideration was given to not shooting jakes? Mr. Olinde stated yes they looked at that possibility, but felt outlaws would be made out of those that would not ordinarily be outlaws. He added that changing the limits would be a better approach to helping the population. Commissioner Gattle asked if this was a Notice of Intent? Mr. Olinde answered yes, he would be back in December for final ratification of the rule. Hearing no public comments, Mr. Olinde read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner McCall made a motion approving the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Gattle. The motion 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

August 8, 2001

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, August 8, 2001.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting a season in 2002 for turkeys, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend the turkey rules and regulations for the 2002 season.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§113. Turkey Hunting Regulations

A. Daily limit is one gobbler, two gobblers per season. Still hunting only. Use of dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and bow and arrow but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited. Shotguns capable of holding more than three shells prohibited.

B. No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys.

C. A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed.

D. Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closure.

E. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries strongly discourages feeding agricultural grains to wild turkeys as this practice increases the risk of birds contracting potentially lethal diseases. Repeatedly placing grain in the same area may expose otherwise healthy birds to disease contaminated soils, grain containing lethal toxins and other diseased turkeys using the same feeding site. Properly distributed food plots (clovers, wheat, millet and chufa) are far more desirable for turkeys and have the added benefit of appealing to a wide variety of wildlife.

F. It is unlawful to take from the wild or possess in captivity any live wild turkeys or their eggs. No pen raised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated (released) within the state.

G. All licensed turkey hunters are required to have a Turkey Stamp in their possession while turkey hunting in addition to basic and big game hunting licenses. Additionally, a WMA Hunting Permit is required of any person (age 18-59) who hunts on land administered by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, including Wildlife Management Areas, Wildlife Refuges, and Habitat Conservation Areas.

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 25:2263 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27: .

§115. Statewide Turkey Hunting Areas-Resident Game Birds and Animals

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

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Turkey	See Schedule	1	2/season

B. Turkey Hunting Schedule

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	March 30 - April 28
B	March 30 - April 21
C	March 30 - April 7

C. 2002 Turkey Hunting Season - Open Only in the Following Areas

1. Area A - March 24 - April 28

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. East Baton Rouge;
- ii. East Feliciana;
- iii. LaSalle;
- iv. Livingston;
- v. Natchitoches (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);
- vi. Pointe Coupee (Exception: see Sherburne WMA for special dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries);
- vii. St. Helena;
- viii. St. Tammany;
- ix. Tangipahoa;
- x. Washington;
- xi. West Baton Rouge;
- xii. West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island).

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen: North of LA 26 from DeRidder to the junction of LA 104 and north of LA 104;

ii. Avoyelles: That portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River, on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by LA 452 from Brouillette to LA 1, on the south by LA 1, eastward to Hamburg, thence by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection levee southward;

iii. Beauregard: North of LA 26 east of DeRidder, north and east of US 171-190 from the junction of LA 26 to DeRidder, and north of US 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iv. Caldwell: West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line, east of LA 165 from LaSalle Parish line to the junction of LA 126, north of LA 126 westward to the Winn Parish line;

v. Catahoula: West of Ouachita River southward to LA 559 at Duty Ferry, north of LA 559 to LA 124, south and west of LA 124 from Duty Ferry to LA 8 at Harrisonburg and north of LA 8 to LA 126, north and east of LA 126. ALSO that portion lying east of LA 15;

vi. Concordia: That portion east of LA 15 and west of US 65 from its juncture with LA 15 at Clayton;

vii. Evangeline: North and west of LA 115, north of LA 106 from St. Landry to LA 13, west of LA 13 from Pine Prairie to Mamou and north of LA 104 west of Mamou;

viii. Franklin: That portion lying east of LA 17 and east of LA 15 from its juncture with LA 17 at Winnsboro;

ix. Grant: All of the parish except that portion of land that lies north of the Red River between US 71 and LA 8. Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates;

x. Iberville: West of LA 1. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xi. Madison: That portion lying west of US 65 and south of US 80;

xii. Rapides: All of the parish except that portion of lands that lies north of the Red River and south of US 71 from its juncture with the Red River northward to the Grant Parish line. Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest season dates;

xiii. Richland: That portion south of US 80 and east of LA 17;

xiv. Sabine: That portion north of LA 6 from Toledo Bend Lake to Many; east of US 171 from Many to the Vernon Parish line;

xv. St. Landry: That portion bounded on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and on the east by the Atchafalaya River. EXCEPTION: the Indian Bayou Area, see Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Indian Bayou Area dates;

xvi. Upper St. Martin: All within the Atchafalaya Basin. EXCEPTIONS: Sherburne WMA and Indian Bayou Area, see WMA Turkey Hunting Schedule for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne WMA boundaries and see Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Indian Bayou dates;

xvii. Tensas: That portion west of US 65 from the Concordia Parish line to its juncture with LA 128, north of LA 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of LA 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

xviii. Vernon: That portion east of US 171 from the Sabine Parish line to the junction of LA 111, south of LA 111 westward to LA 392, and south of LA 392 westward to the Sabine Parish line. Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest season dates.

2. Area B - March 30 - April 21

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville;

ii. Bossier;

iii. Caddo;

iv. Claiborne;

v. DeSoto;

vi. Lincoln;

vii. Red River;

viii. Union;

ix. Webster (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);

x. Winn (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Allen: South and west of LA 26 from DeRidder to US 190 east of Elton, north of US 190 from the junction of LA 26 to Kinder and west of US 165 south of Kinder;

ii. Beauregard: South of LA 26 east of DeRidder, east of US 171 from the junction of LA 26 and south of LA 12 west of Ragley;

iii. Calcasieu: South of LA 12 east of DeQuincy, east of LA 27 from DeQuincy to I-10 and North of I-10 east of Sulphur;

iv. East Carroll: East of US 65 from Arkansas state line to Madison Parish line;

v. Jackson: West of Parish Road 243 from Lincoln Parish line to Parish Road 238, west and south of Parish Road 238 to LA 144, west of LA 144 to LA 34, west of LA 34 to Chatham, north and west of LA 4 from Chatham to Weston, north and west of LA 505 from Weston to Wyatt, west of US 167 from Wyatt to Winn Parish line;

vi. Jefferson Davis: North of US 190 from junction with LA 26 to Kinder, west of US 165 and north of I-10 west from junction of US 165;

vii. Ouachita: East of LA 143 from Union Parish line to US 80 in West Monroe, north of US 80 to LA 139, west of LA 139 to the Morehouse Parish line;

viii. Morehouse: West of US 165 from the Arkansas line to Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to US 165, north of US 165 to LA 139, west of LA 139 to Ouachita Parish line;

3. Area C - March 30 - April 7

- a. Portions of the following parishes are open:
- i. Ascension: All east of the Mississippi River;
 - ii. Catahoula: That portion lying south of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, west of LA 8 to LA 913, west of LA 913 and LA 15 to Deer Creek;
 - iii. Concordia: North and east of Sugar Mill Chute (Concordia Parish) from the state line westward to Red River, east of Red River northward to Cocodrie Bayou, east of Cocodrie Bayou northward to US 84, south of US 84 eastward to LA 15 (Ferriday), east of LA 15 northward to US 65 (Clayton), east of US 65 northward to Tensas Parish line;
 - iv. Franklin: That portion lying west of LA 17, from Richland Parish line to LA 577 at Crowville, north of LA 577 to LA 15 at Baskin, east of LA 15 to Big Creek, and south and east of Big Creek to Richland Parish line;
 - v. Iberville: All east of the Mississippi River;
 - vi. Madison: South of US 80 and east of US 65 to Tensas Parish line and all lands lying east of the main channel-- of the Mississippi River;
 - vii. Richland: West of LA 17 from Franklin Parish line to Ringle Rd., south of Ringle Rd. to Ferguson Rd., south of Ferguson Rd. to Little Rd., south of Little Rd. to Big Creek, east of Big Creek to Franklin Parish line;
 - viii. Tensas: East and south of US 65 from Concordia Parish line to LA 128, south of LA 128 to St. Joseph, east and south of LA 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

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 25:2264 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27: .

§117. 2002 Wildlife Management Area Turkey - Hunting Regulations

A. General

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

2. Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed are open to turkey hunting.

3. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT in designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 3:00 AM. All roads including trails and roads designated as ATV only trails shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through August 31 unless otherwise specified. ATV off-road or off-trail travel is prohibited. Certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purposes. These trails will be marked by signs at the entrance of the trail. Otherwise, only walk-in hunting is permitted (bicycles permitted).

4. Bag limits on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. Only one turkey is allowed to be taken during special lottery hunts.

B. Permits

1. Self-Clearing Permits: All turkey hunts, including lottery hunts, are self-clearing. Hunters must check in daily by obtaining a permit from a self-clearing station prior to hunting. The self-clearing permit must be in the hunter's possession while hunting. Upon completion of each days hunt, the hunter must check out by completing and depositing the hunter report portion of the permit in the check-out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.

2. Lottery Hunts: Bayou Macon, Dewey Wills, Loggy Bayou, Sabine, Sherburne, Sicily Island, Tunica Hills, Union and West Bay WMAs are restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Special youth only lottery hunts will be held on Big Lake, Bens Creek, Fort Polk, Loggy Bayou, Sherburne, and West Bay WMAs. Deadline for receiving applications

for all lottery hunts is February 15, 2002. An application fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants may submit only one application and will be selected for one WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting more than one application will result in disqualification. Contact any district office for applications. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements. Youths chosen for special youth only hunts will be guided by members of the Louisiana Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. One family member may accompany the youth and guide, but may not hunt.

C. Wildlife Management Area Turkey Hunting Schedule*

WMA	Season Dates	Permit Requirements	Lottery Dates**
Bayou Macon	April 6-7	Self-Clearing	April 6-7
Bens Creek ¹	March 30-April 21	Self-Clearing	None
Big Lake	March 30-April 7	Self-Clearing	None
Bodcau	March 30-April 14	Self-Clearing	None
Boeuf	March 30-April 7	Self-Clearing	None
Boise Vernon	March 30-April 21	Self-Clearing	None
Camp Beauregard	March 30-April 14	Self-Clearing	None
Dewey Wills	March 30-31 April 6-7	Self-Clearing	March 30-31 April 6-7
Fort Polk	March 30-April 28	Self-Clearing	None
Georgia-Pacific	April 6-14	Self-Clearing	None
Grassy Lake	March 30-April 14	Self-Clearing	None

Hutchinson Creek	March 30-April 28	Self-Clearing	None
Jackson-Bienville	March 30-April 14	Self-Clearing	None
Little River	March 30-April 14	Self-clearing	None
Loggy Bayou	April 13-14	Self-Clearing	April 13-14
Pearl River	March 30-April 21	Self-Clearing	None
Peason Ridge	March 30-April 28	Self-Clearing	None
Pomme de Terre	March 30-April 14	Self-Clearing	None
Red River	March 30-April 7	Self-Clearing	None
Sabine	March 30-31 April 6-7	Self-Clearing	March 30-31 April 6-7
Sandy Hollow ¹	March 30-April 21	Self-Clearing	None
Sherburne ²	March 30-April 7	Self-Clearing	March 30-31 April 1-3
Sicily Island	March 30-April 1 April 2-4 April 5-7	Self-Clearing	March 30-April 1 April 2-4 April 5-7
Three Rivers	March 30-April 7	Self-Clearing	None
Tunica Hills South Tract	March 30-31 April 13-14 April 20-21 April 27-28	Self-Clearing	March 30-31 April 13-14 April 20-21 April 27-28
Tunica Hills Angola Tract ³	March 30-31 April 6-7 April 13-14 April 20-21	Self-Clearing	March 30-31 April 6-7 April 13-14 April 20-21

Union	April 6-7	Self-Clearing	April 6-7
Walnut Hill	March 30-April 28	Self-Clearing	None
West Bay	March 30-31 April 6-7	Self-Clearing	March 30-31 April 6-7

*Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed have a turkey hunting season. All other areas are closed.

**The deadline for receiving applications for all turkey Lottery Hunts on WMAs is February 15, 2002.

¹No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

²All turkeys harvested on Sherburne WMA must be weighed and checked at WMA headquarters.

³Scouting access limited. Contact Region 7 office for details (225) 765-2360.

D. Wildlife Management Area Youth Hunts

WMA	Lottery Youth Hunt Date
Bens Creek	March 23
Big Lake	March 23
Fort Polk	March 23
Loggy Bayou	April 6
Sherburne	March 23
West Bay	March 23

E. Federal Lands Turkey Hunting Schedule

1. Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) turkey hunting schedule: Caney Ranger District, March 30-April 14; all remaining KNF lands, March 30-April 21 (including Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves).

2. Indian Bayou Area (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers), turkey hunting schedule: March 30 - April 7, lottery hunt only on March 30-31 and April 1-3. Contact USCOE at 337-585-0856 for further information.

3. National Wildlife Refuges: Bogue Chitto NWR, March 30-April 28; Lake Ophelia NWR, March 30-April 1 (lottery only), April 6-8 (lottery only), April 13-14; Tensas NWR, March 30 - April 28. Contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for information regarding NWR hunts.

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 25:2265 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2636 (November 2000), LR 27: .

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

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to Mr. Tommy Prickett, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, until October 22, 2001.

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).

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

The next agenda item, a **Resolution - Maurepas Swamp WMA & Red River WMA Expansion** began with Mr. Dave Arnoldi introducing Mr. Fred Kimmel. Mr. Kimmel stated the first acquisition was the Blackhawk track purchased from Anderson Tully and it would be an addition to the Red River WMA. The new area encompasses about 2,900 acres of cottonwood/mixed hardwood type forest. It will offer excellent duck, deer and black bear habitat and some very

good fishing at certain times. The second acquisition, called the Maurepas Swamp WMA, was received as a donation and consists of 23,913 acres of cypress/tupelo freshwater swamp. This tract was formerly known as the Lutchter-Moore tract located in St. John the Baptist Parish. This WMA will offer habitat for waterfowl, alligators, furbearers, deer and a wide range of wading and water birds. Access will be limited to basically boating. Mr. Kimmel then announced an additional 34,000 acres are under contract which hopefully would be acquired soon. He then asked the Commission to consider accepting the new WMA as the Maurepas Swamp WMA. Commissioner Felterman made a motion accepting the name and it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Dave Arnoldi continued stating that back on July 19, 2001, a group from the Maurepas Swamp area came and expressed their concerns to the Department. He reiterated some of the procedures the Department will follow for this property. The first step will be to post the property by locating all of the access points and putting a WMA sign there. All old posted signs will be removed. Alligator hunting will be allowed this year and the split will be 60-40; but next year, alligator hunting will be by bid process. Self-clearing permit stations will be erected at major access points. One question that came up at the meeting was how would the property be managed? Mr. Arnoldi stated existing personnel will be used until the Legislature approves the addition of two enforcement agents and two technicians. Camp owners will have until November 1, 2001 to salvage their camps with the use of permitted airboats. After November 1, no airboat access will be allowed until the end of January 2002. After that time, camp owners can continue to salvage their camps until June 30, 2002 when they have to be completely out. Mr. Arnoldi reminded everyone that no firearms will be allowed when salvaging is occurring. The use of dogs for deer hunting will be prohibited and should be removed from the WMA by October 1, 2001. He then assured the Commissioners the Department will work closely with the camp owners. Mr. Arnoldi then mentioned that Phase I of a coastal wetlands restoration project, in the amount of \$5.2 million, will move 2,000 cubic feet/second of water into the swamp to restore it. Commissioner McCall asked how many camps are on the property? Mr. Arnoldi stated there were about 15 camps on the east tract and about 5 or 6 on the western tract. Commissioner Gattle asked if camp owners could occupy their camps until November 1 and then from November 1 until January 31, camp owners can not be at their camps? Mr. Arnoldi answered yes. Commissioner Gattle asked someone to clarify

what was meant about not occupying camps between November 1 and January 31. Mr. Phil Bowman stated no one will be allowed to be at their facility from November 1 to January 31. Chairman Stone asked if everything had to be done by July 1, 2002? Mr. Arnoldi answered yes. Chairman Stone then reiterated to the audience the policy for WMAs will not fluctuate from one area to another. Dates for the hunting seasons are stamped and would not change, he added. Mr. Arnoldi emphasized it will be important that the property is posted as soon as possible. Hearing no further comments from the Commission, Chairman Stone opened the meeting for public comments.

Mr. Val Amato, LPG Hunting Club, stated there are about 70 camps on personally owned lands on the western tract. He asked how will these be affected? Mr. Bowman stated if the land is owned that a camp is own, there would be no impact. He added that if anyone goes onto the WMA, then they would have to abide by the WMA regulations.

Mr. Nickie Monica, St. John Parish President, asked about the use of Reserve Canal in getting to Lake Maurepas. He also asked what was the process for accepting the donation. Mr. Bowman stated there will be no impact to people that want to use the canal to access the boat launch to Lake Maurepas. Again, he stated if you get onto the WMA property, you will have to abide by those regulations. Mr. Don Puckett stated the Act of Donation is a public record that is recorded in the Clerk of Court's office in the Parish of St. John. It was a donation from the Richard King-Mellon Foundation to the State of Louisiana through the Department and Commission. Mr. Monica asked what process could be used to not accept the donation? Mr. Bowman commented the Department is always looking for additional areas to provide public access for recreational opportunities. The State should not refuse the opportunity to take an offer for a valuable piece of property such as this. Chairman Stone felt the Department would be remiss in turning down the opportunity to have 65,000 acres of land. Mr. Arnoldi added that the Governor's Vision 2020 Plan includes the Department increasing its acreage for WMAs by 10,000 acres per year. Mr. Bowman agreed with Mr. Arnoldi and added staff continues to be aggressive in looking for opportunities to acquire land. Secretary Jenkins stated this property was intended to be given to other people which could have highly restricted or even shut down hunting and fishing. The Department was able to accept the donation in a timely manner. Mr. Monica felt the issue with the camp sites will be resolved.

Mr. Vincent Simon, Reserve, asked who would maintain the Reserve Canal in a safe manner for boaters? Mr. Bowman stated enforcement agents would be on the area to enforce regulations on boating. The Department does own heavy equipment which can be used when access maintenance operations on waterways is needed.

Mr. Jerry Harris, President of Red Top Hunting Club, stated they hunt with dogs on property that will border the soon to be acquired land and asked what will happen with their dogs when they get on the WMA? Mr. Bowman stated there are other WMAs which border hunting clubs that run dogs and if the dogs stray onto the WMA, then the Department would pick up the dog and attempt to contact the owner. Mr. Harris then asked if a hunter realizes a dog is on the WMA, will he have to travel 5 or so miles to get a self-clearing permit and then travel back to the original point to retrieve their dog? Mr. Bowman first stated they will try to make the permits as close and available as possible, but an officer will use his discretion in handling the situation. Again, Mr. Harris asked if agents would work with them if they leave their airboats and guns behind and walk onto the WMA property to retrieve a dog? Col. Winton Vidrine stated agents will work and cooperate with the hunters as much as possible. Mr. Harris suggested when the other land is acquired, put a check-in station at the intersection of Bourgeois Canal and Blind River.

Mr. Davis Madere, of the St. John Hunting Club, asked why they were not given the opportunity to buy their camp sites in St. John Parish? Chairman Stone stated this would be inconsistent with the Deed of Donation and is not allowed on any other WMAs. Mr. Madere asked who would be responsible for security of their camps between November 1 and January 31? Chairman Stone answered there would be no security and suggested everything of value be removed before November 1.

Mrs. Davis Madere stated she was the mother of the only agent in the area and explained he was an agent because of the St. John Hunting Club. She then asked if the Department wanted every stick from their camp removed from the area? Chairman Stone stated things such as septic tanks or bulkheads would become Department property. Then Mrs. Madere stated she had relatives that lives in St. James Parish and own land that will be in the middle of the WMA. She asked what will happen to them? Mr. Bowman stated there may be one or two in-holdings which is not different from other WMAs. The possibility of acquiring those camps is looked into, but if it does not work out, then those camp owners have to abide by

certain WMA rules and regulations. Chairman Stone asked if landowners egress will they have to go through the WMA to get there? Mr. Bowman stated they may have to, but there are rules that affect them if they get onto the Department's property. Mrs. Madere then asked if it would be possible to lease the camp sites for use recreationally after the hunting season? Chairman Stone stated that would be inconsistent with state management and policies.

Mr. Chris Guidry asked if the Act of Donation would affect any economic activity that may go on at the local airport? Mr. Puckett stated the issue of an airport has never been discussed and there have never been any restrictions placed on any other airports in the State. Mr. Guidry then asked if the Department or Commission had authority to restrict flights around a WMA? Mr. Bowman felt there may be restrictions if there is a bald eagle nest nearby. Mr. Guidry stated his concern was not on the fly over, but on the approach and take-off. Secretary Jenkins stated several people have mentioned "if and when we accept the donation". He wanted to make it clear the Department has accepted the donation and that the title for the property is in the Department and Commission's name. Also, Secretary Jenkins stated that if the airport is expanded, federal regulators and FAA will get involved and decide what will be needed to meet the criteria for the airport. If at that time the property is involved, then the Department will try to accommodate the parish. Mr. Guidry then stated he felt little thought was put into how this donation would affect the airport and some local input would have allowed the discussion of this issue. Then he asked if the pumping stations maintained by the parish or landowners would have any restrictions placed on them to keep them from pumping onto the WMA? Mr. Puckett stated there are numerous WMAs and refuges throughout the State that we coexist compatibly with private landowners. He added he could not give a commitment on behalf of the Department or Commission to waive every right that may arise from the ownership of this WMA. Each issue will be considered as it arises as has been done for the last 100 years. Mr. Guidry then stated they were negotiating with the Corps of Engineers to construct a hurricane protection levee. The donation of the property could affect the alignment of this levee at a significant cost to taxpayers. Mr. Puckett stated the Department has worked with and continues to work with other WMAs and refuges where hurricane protection levees are constructed because it was mutually beneficial. Mr. Guidry then asked for someone to explain the process for the donation, how did it arise, who in the State considered and reviewed the documentation, and who recommended the

State become the owner for the property? Secretary Jenkins suggested they discuss that question after the meeting or out in the hall. Commissioner Gattle felt that was a proper suggestion since it was explained already. Mr. Guidry asked the Commission to consider the impact on the local residents before accepting the next donation. Chairman Stone stated there may have been more restrictions applied to the property if the land was given to another group. Mr. Guidry added the Federal Government wants to get out of the ownership of owning lands because this process is flawed.

Mr. Joe Macaluso, Outdoor Writer, raised an objection to discussing a formally asked question outside of the meeting. He added that it was a legally asked question on the issue at hand. Chairman Stone felt that was a parliamentary question. Mr. Macaluso commented the State operates under Roberts Rules of Order. Chairman Stone asked if the Commission was out of order. Mr. Puckett stated the Commission was not out of order. But he also agreed with Mr. Macaluso and stated if this was being discussed outside with a quorum of the Commission, then the Executive Session of the Open Meetings Law would have to be invoked. Then Mr. Puckett added that the Chairman has the right to impose restrictions on debate and discussions particularly when a question was previously asked and answered. Mr. Macaluso felt the question was never answered in the method or way Mr. Guidry wanted it answered. Chairman Stone stated the transaction has been published in the papers. Secretary Jenkins noted this was a public comment-period and not necessarily a public discussion period and the Commission was not obligated to answer questions. The questions were being answered to accommodate the public and needs to be done from time to time.

Mr. Guidry apologized if he gave the impression he was trying to grill the Commission. Everyone came to the meeting seeking information and felt the Commission owed the audience this information. Mr. Guidry still felt the majority of the people did not know who negotiated this donation and who decided the State would be the owner of this property.

Chairman Stone then asked for a motion on the Maurepas Swamp WMA Resolution after it had been read for the record. Commissioner McCall made a motion accepting the Resolution. Commissioner Gattle seconded it and it passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

MAUREPAS SWAMP WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

WHEREAS, by Act of Donation, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission have acquired title to a certain tract of land, comprising 23,913 acres, more or less, located in St. John the Baptist and Ascension Parishes. The Act of Donation was accepted on June 18, 2001 and is filed in the Clerk of Court's Records, St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, Act #216095, Conveyance Book 384, folio 61.

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that in order to enhance wildlife habitat in the state and provide for public use and recreational opportunities on these lands that they be established as a wildlife management area to be called the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

WHEREAS, this area represents one of the largest bald cypress-tupelogram swamps in the State, and the protection of these wetlands is critical to the State's conservation efforts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish, in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, particularly Title 56, Section 109 of the Revised Statutes of 1954, the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area to be comprised of the 23,913 acres, more or less, of land described above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this property shall be used exclusively for wildlife management purposes, and as such, is perpetually dedicated to the protection, conservation and management of fish and wildlife and their habitat, and such public recreation, including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing and trapping, which is consistent with these purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, on behalf of the Commission, to take whatever actions are necessary in furtherance of establishing the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

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

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

A Declaration of Emergency - Amend Fort Polk & Peason Ridge Hunting Dates & Establish Hunting Dates for Maurepas Swamp WMA was presented by Mr. Jimmy Anthony. The first part of the Declaration of Emergency for the Fort Polk and Peason Ridge WMAs was to consider a request from the U.S. Army to change the deer hunting season dates. The Army will be having an earlier than usual rotation of troops and a large portion of the base would be closed to public use. Also, the Army felt they would not be able to safely accommodate enough people for an either sex hunt. They requested changing December 15-16 to bucks only and adding either sex hunting days on December 29 and 30. The second part of the Declaration of Emergency deals with establishing hunting dates for the newly acquired Maurepas Swamp WMA. Mr. Anthony then read the season dates and the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly made a motion accepting the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Felterman. The motion passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 8, 2001

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, August 8, 2001.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army will be conducting training exercises on the Fort Polk and Peason Ridge WMAs during a scheduled

either sex deer season necessitating the closure of the areas to the public, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army has requested the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to amend the seasons to allow either sex hunting on Fort Polk and Peason Ridge WMAs at a later date, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has just recently acquired the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, the original Notice of Intent for hunting seasons that was adopted by the Commission was enacted before the acquisition of the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Declaration of Emergency to change the deer season on Fort Polk and Peason Ridge WMAs for the 2001-2002 hunting season be adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached Declaration of Emergency to set the hunting season for the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area be adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

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

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

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act and under the authority of R.S. 56:115, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following emergency rule:

FORT POLK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Deer:	Bucks Only	October 27-November 22
	Either Sex	November 23-November 25
	Bucks Only	December 15-December 21
	Either Sex	December 22-December 23
	Bucks Only	December 24-December 28
	Either Sex	December 29-December 30
	Bucks Only	December 31-January 1

PEASON RIDGE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Deer:	Bucks Only	November 3-November 22
	Either Sex	November 23-November 25
	Bucks Only	December 15-December 21
	Either Sex	December 22-December 23
	Bucks Only	December 24-December 28
	Either Sex	December 29-December 30
	Bucks Only	December 31-January 1

A Declaration of Emergency is necessary to amend the deer hunting seasons of Fort Polk and Peason Ridge WMAs since the U.S. Army has scheduled training exercises on these two Department of Defense Bases during the times that either sex hunting would have been scheduled and the Bases would be closed to the public. Either sex hunting days will be allowed at later dates when the bases would be open to the public. The Maurepas Swamp WMA is a recently acquired WMA and as such was not included with the original Notice of Intent.

MAUREPAS SWAMP WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Deer:	Either Sex	November 23-November 25
	Bucks Only	December 22-January 6
	Muzzleloader	January 7-January 13
	Archery	Same as Outside

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as Outside except closed November 23-November 25 and except rabbits and squirrels may be taken by still hunting only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

Tentative Dates for the Waterfowl Season began with Mr. Robert Helm commenting first reports are being received of seeing blue

wings in the marsh. A video from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the status of waterfowl was shown at this point. Following the video, Mr. Helm stated the video did not provide a fall flight index as done in previous years. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service decided they do not have a lot of confidence in the methods used to estimate this figure. In 1999, the index was 100 million and for 2000, it was 90 million. Mr. Helm, Mr. Bowman and Major LaCaze attended the Mississippi Flyway Council meeting to consider some of the issues discussed in the video. The federal guidelines remain unchanged from last year, except for canvasbacks. Canvasback populations, at 600,000, are the lowest of the ten species recorded. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service feels this level of population should be a concern. The Mississippi Flyway Council recommended no change in the hunting regulations for canvasback, but they were outvoted at a meeting in Washington, so, this year the canvasback season will be for 20 days in the Mississippi Flyway. Mr. Helm then read the tentative dates for the record. For ducks and coots in the west zone, there will be a 60 day season from November 10-December 2 and December 15-January 20. The east zone which includes Catahoula Lake will be from November 17-December 2 and December 8-January 20. The youth waterfowl weekend will be moved to the beginning of the season as compared with the back. These dates will be November 3-4 in the west and November 10-11 in the east. Canvasback Season Dates will be January 1-20. The daily bag limit on ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards, 3 mottled ducks, 1 black duck, 2 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback (during the last 20 days of the duck season and during youth hunts), 3 scaup, and 2 redhead. Season dates for geese, light geese and white-fronted, in the west zone, 86 days, will be from November 3-December 2 and December 15-February 8. In the east zone, dates will be October 27-December 2 and from December 8-January 25. Daily bag limit for light geese will be 20 with no possession limit. Daily limit on white-fronted geese will be 2 with possession limit of 4. The Canada Goose Season will be for 9 days, January 15-January 23. All waterfowl seasons must be closed to implement the Conservation Order. The dates for the Order for light geese in the west zone will be December 3-December 14 and February 9-March 10. For the east zone, dates will be December 3-December 7 and January 26-March 10. The first segment of the rail and gallinule seasons were set when the dove and teal seasons were set. The recommended second split will confer with the duck season dates and these dates are: November 10-January 2. The bag limits did not change. The season dates for snipe will be November 3-December 3 and December 15-February 28. Shooting hours will remain the same as in the past.

Commissioner Denmon asked what are the federal guidelines for setting up the youth waterfowl weekends? Mr. Helm stated it has to be two consecutive days. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Stone asked Mr. Helm to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Denmon made a motion accepting the Resolution. It was seconded by Commissioner Felterman and passed unanimously.

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

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 8, 2001

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, August 8, 2001

WHEREAS, public hearings have been held to discuss the status of waterfowl, including ducks, coots, and geese in Washington DC, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing waterfowl season framework have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for waterfowl including season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for waterfowl within the constraints of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that on this date, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby tentatively adopt the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these tentative dates will be ratified by Declaration of Emergency unless significant changes are mandated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the

authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these dates will be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as regulations set for Louisiana's 2001-2002 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.

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

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

Mr. Martin Bourgeois handled the next item, a **Declaration of Emergency - 2001 Fall Shrimp Season**. He asked the Commission to consider the Department's recommended opening and closing dates for the fall shrimp season. The statewide recommended opening date is Monday, August 20 at official sunrise. The closing date for Zones 2 and 3 will be December 18, 2001 at sunset, and December 31, official sunset in Zone 1 except for Breton and Chandeleur Sounds which shall close at 6 a.m. March 31, 2002. The Department has traditionally acted conservatively in setting these dates, but the Commission can consider an earlier opening from the traditional third Monday in August. Commissioner McCall asked what will be the third Monday in August and was told it was August 20. Commissioner Gattle asked if the zones were the same as those used for the brown shrimp season? Mr. Bourgeois answered yes, there is no difference. Commissioner Kelly asked if the shrimp were harvestable, could the season open on August 15, which will allow the crab fishermen one week's time to remove their traps from the water? Mr. Bourgeois stated data shows shrimp are currently of legal size. Then Commissioner Kelly asked if August 15 was used and with the new moon that following weekend, then shrimpers would be given a chance to catch them before exiting. Mr. Bourgeois stated the highest predicted tides would occur on August 15, 16 and 17. Chairman Stone asked if there was any biological reason not to move the season forward? Mr. Bourgeois commented the shrimp's average mean sizes are considerably larger than the 100 count per pound. Chairman Stone then asked the Commission for a motion for a change in the opening date. Commissioner McCall made a motion to open the fall shrimp season on August 15. Commissioner Felterman seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Then the meeting was opened for public comments.

A Shrimper from Cameron, stated the shrimp he was catching was 20 count and asked that the season be opened as soon as possible.

He added he knows of shrimpers that are outlawing and catching \$4,000 to \$5,000 worth of shrimp per week in Cameron. There were only 32 days this past season for the brown season when usually there are about 50 days.

Mr. Johnny Price, a commercial shrimper, stated a 72 hour notice is given to close during the spring shrimp season, but the opening date is decided by the Commission. He asked why do they have to wait for the Commission to meet and make a decision and not allow the biologists decide what is best and give a 72 hour notice for an opening? Mr. Price stated he has seen the season open on the third Monday in August and the shrimp did not meet the count. He asked that they be allowed to get into the water as soon as possible so they can make money before a storm happens.

Mr. Ted Loupe asked to have a statewide opening and commented the season should have opened already. In addressing what Mr. Price stated, Mr. Loupe felt some laws outlive themselves. Biological data could be utilized to set opening dates for the fall season a lot earlier than in past years. He thanked the Commission for looking at opening the season early.

Chairman Stone asked Mr. Bourgeois to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to open all three zones on August 15, 2001. Commissioner McCall seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Commissioner Gattle asked what is the time frame to close a season? Mr. Bourgeois stated there is a 72 hour requirement. Chairman Stone stated it would be interesting to know how far ahead, biologically speaking, of the third Monday in August could the fall season open. Mr. Bourgeois stated that statute held that the Commission shall open the fall season on the third Monday in August until 1988 when Legislation allowed the Commission the flexibility on opening the season.

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

RESOLUTION

2001 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 8, 2001

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set no less than two shrimp seasons each calendar year for all inside waters by zone, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 states that the shrimp seasons shall be based on biological and technical data which indicate that marketable shrimp, in sufficient quantities, are available for harvest, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides the minimum legal count on white shrimp is 100 (whole specimens) count per pound, except during the time period from October fifteenth through the third Monday in December when there shall be no count, and

WHEREAS, historical and current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated that white shrimp in all three inshore shrimp management zones will average 100 count minimum size or larger by mid August, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2001 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497, to open statewide at official sunrise August 15, 2001.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the closing date for the 2001 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season at official sunset December 18, 2001 in Zones 2 and 3; and official sunset December 31, 2001 in Zone 1, except in Breton and Chandeleur Sounds, as described in LAC 76:VII.307D, which shall remain open until 6:00 a.m., March 31, 2002. The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening or closing dates if biological or technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop.

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

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

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

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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

Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the Mississippi-Louisiana State line westward to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River, and

Zone 2, that portion of the Louisiana's inshore waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island, and

Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island westward to the Louisiana-Texas state line,

all to open at official sunrise August 15, 2001.

The Commission also hereby sets the closing date for the 2001 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season in Zone 2 and Zone 3 at official sunset December 18, 2001, and Zone 1 at official sunset December 31, 2001 except in the open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds as described in LAC 76:VII.307D, which shall remain open until 6:00 a.m., March 31, 2002. The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening or closing dates if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

Mrs. Karen Foote handled the presentation for a **Declaration of Emergency - 2001-02 Oyster Season, Public Grounds**. She began by introducing Mr. Fred Dunham who would be the new oyster biologist

replacing Mr. Ron Dugas. The recommended dates for the oyster season includes the traditional Wednesday after Labor Day, which is September 5, for most of the grounds and closing April 1. The Bay Junop area will remain closed this year. Also, the six new oyster grounds established this spring would remain closed. The sacking only area will open September 5 and close April 1. Opening date for Calcasieu will be October 15 and close April 30. Then for Sabine Lake, the season will open on November 15 and close April 30. The Oyster Task Force deliberated on the Department's recommendations and developed their own dates. These changes included delay opening of the Lake Borgne and Sister Lake area until October 1; the rest of the grounds would open on September 5, which is what the Department wanted; delay the closure until April 15 instead of April 1. Staff does not object to going with the Task Force's recommendations. The reasons from the Task Force for the delayed openings was for business and economic reasons. Mrs. Foote added that this recommendation was not a unanimous vote of the Task Force. Chairman Stone asked if Enforcement had any concerns? Col. Winton Vidrine answered no. Mrs. Foote then stated biologists have dived onto the resource and found there is ample sack and seed resources. Commissioner Gattle asked why did the Task Force recommend April 15 instead of April 1? Mrs. Foote stated it was economics and because the opening was delayed for some of the significant areas. Commissioner Felterman made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Oyster Task Force and it was seconded by Commissioner Gattle. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Foote then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly made a motion accepting the Resolution. Commissioner Gattle seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

2001/2002 SEASON ON THE PUBLIC OYSTER GROUNDS

AUGUST 8, 2001

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be fished starting on the Wednesday following Labor Day which in 2001 is September 5, 2001 and

WHEREAS, the oyster resources on the "Public Oyster Seed Grounds and Oyster Seed Reservations" have been surveyed and the available supply and size variation has been determined, and

WHEREAS, Act #46 of the 1992 Legislative Session changed R.S. 56:433(B) to mandate a sacking only area on the Public Grounds east of the Mississippi River inclusive of Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes,

WHEREAS, the Commission has considered the recommendations of the Oyster Task Force,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the oyster season in the following areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 5, 2001 and will close one-half hour after sunset on April 15, 2002: the Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and Oyster Seed Reservation located in the areas which are bordered on the north by the Mississippi Gulf Outlet and on the south by the Mississippi River and North Pass, the sacking only area of the public grounds which is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Pt. to Pt. Gardner to Grace Pt. at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, and the Hackberry Bay Oyster Seed Reservation, and the area which is bordered on the east by Atchafalaya River and on the west by Freshwater Bayou, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the oyster season in the following areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 1, 2001 and will close one-half hour after sunset on April 15, 2002: the Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and Oyster Seed Reservation located in the area bordered on the east by the Louisiana/Mississippi state line and on the south by the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, and the Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following area will remain closed for the 2001/2002 oyster season: Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation and portions of Lake Mechant, Lake Tambour, Lake Chien, Lake Felicity, Deep Lake and Barataria Bay Public Oyster Seed Grounds (as identified in LAC 76:VII.517), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that under authority of R.S. 56:435.1 the season for Calcasieu Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 15, 2001 and Sabine Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on November 15, 2001 and they will remain open until one-half hour after sunset on April 30, 2002. However these conservation actions will not supercede public health closures, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary will also have the authority to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if the threat to the resource has ended, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2001/2002 Season on the Public Oyster Grounds is attached to and made part of this resolution.

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

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

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953 (B) and 967 (D), and under the authority of R.S. 56:433 and R.S. 56:435.1 notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby declares:

1. The oyster season in the following areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 5, 2001 and will close one-half hour after sunset on April 15, 2002: the Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and Oyster Seed Reservation located in the areas which are bordered on the north by the Mississippi Gulf Outlet and on the south by the Mississippi River and North Pass, the sacking only area of the public grounds which is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Pt. to Pt. Gardner to Grace Pt. at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, the Hackberry Bay Oyster Seed Reservation, and the area which is bordered on the east by the Atchafalaya River and on the west by the Freshwater Bayou.

2. The oyster season in the following areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 1, 2001 and will close one-half hour after sunset on April 15, 2002: the Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and Oyster Seed Reservations located in the area bordered on the east by the Louisiana/Mississippi state line and on the south by the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, and Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation.

3. The following areas will remain closed to oyster harvest for the 2001/2002 Oyster season: Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation, portions of Lake Mechant, Lake Tambour, Lake Chien, Lake Felicity, Deep Lake and Barataria Bay Public Oyster Seed Grounds (as identified in LAC 76:VII.517).

4. The season for Calcasieu Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 15, 2001 and Sabine Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on November 15, 2001 and they will remain open until one-half hour after sunset on April 30, 2002. However these conservation actions will not supercede public health closures.

5. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads.

6. The Secretary will also have the authority to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if the threat to the resource has ended.

7. The notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

Mr. Randy Pausina handled the next five agenda items together, a Notice of Intent - Sharks and Sawfishes - Harvest Regulations, a Notice of Intent - Tuna - Harvest Regulations, a Notice of Intent - Pompano Permits, a Notice of Intent - Harvest Regulations - Billfishes and a Notice of Intent - Harvest Regulations - Red Drum. The tuna, billfishes and shark proposed rules are intended to make state length and possession regulations consistent with federal regulations. The tuna, billfishes, shark and red drum Notices of Intent are adding a requirement that persons or vessels fishing in federal waters must comply with all applicable federal laws when subject to jurisdiction of the State. Chairman Stone asked if there were any comments on any of the proposed rules and none were heard. Mr. Pausina first read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution for Sharks and Sawfishes. Commissioner Kelly made a motion accepting this Resolution. Commissioner Denmon seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Then he read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Tuna Resolution. Commissioner Denmon made a motion accepting this Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Gattle. This motion passed with no opposition. The Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Pompano-Resolution was read next. Commissioner Gattle made a motion, it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly and passed unanimously. The Billfishes Therefore Be It Resolved portion of a Resolution was read by Mr. Pausina. A motion accepting this Resolution was made by Commissioner Felterman and it was seconded by Commissioner Gattle. This motion passed with no opposition. Finally, Mr. Pausina read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Red Drum Resolution. Commissioner Gattle made a motion accepting the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Denmon. This motion also passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

MODIFICATION OF SHARK HARVEST RULES

adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 8, 2001

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, has provided rules for the harvesting of sharks in Louisiana's state waters, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has adopted management measures for sharks harvested in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, adoption of compatible regulations for Louisiana state waters where feasible would enhance effectiveness and enforceability of the regulations already in place for sharks harvested in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, substantial fisheries for sharks do also occur in Louisiana state waters that are significant to the citizens of the State of Louisiana and thus enactment of compatible regulations may also impact those persons involved in those fisheries, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(10), 56:326(E)(2), 56:326.1, and 56:326.3 provide authority for adoption of this rule through the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:320.2(C) provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal law and regulations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby promulgates a Notice of Intent to modify existing regulations to provide for shark management categories, recreational size limits, recreational bag limits, and to require compliance with federal fishing laws and regulations in federal waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

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

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

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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to amend a Rule, LAC 76:VII.357, modifying the existing rule to create compatible regulations in both state and federal waters and provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(10), 56:326(E)(2), 56:326.1, 56:326.3, and R.S. 56:320.2(C). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§357. Sharks and Sawfishes - Harvest Regulations

A. The following rules and regulations are established for the taking and possession of sharks (including sawfishes) (Class Elasmobranchiomorphi: Orders Hexanchiformes, Lamniformes, Squaliformes, and Rajiformes) from Louisiana waters. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to shrimp or menhaden harvest, and nothing contained herein is intended or shall be construed to repeal, amend, or otherwise modify the provisions of

law applicable to shrimp or menhaden fishing, except for provisions:

1. outlawing finning of shark;
2. requiring a "Shark Permit" for sale, barter, trade, or exchange;
3. limiting sale, barter, trade, or exchange of sharks during closed seasons;
4. limiting shark retained by non-permit holders to be only as a mixed part of the total harvest, and only retained, held, or sold, purchased, bartered, traded, or exchanged as such; and
5. outlawing transfer of sharks between vessels at sea.

B. For management purposes, sharks are divided into the following categories:

1. Small Coastal Sharks - Bonnethead shark, Atlantic sharpnose shark, Blacknose shark, Finetooth shark.

2. Large Coastal Sharks - Great Hammerhead, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead, Nurse shark, Blacktip shark, Bull shark, Lemon shark, Sandbar shark, Silky shark, Spinner shark, Tiger shark.

3. Pelagic Sharks - Porbeagle shark, Shortfin mako, Blue shark, Oceanic whitetip shark, Thresher shark.

4. Prohibited Species - Basking shark, White shark, Bigeye sand tiger, Sand tiger, Whale shark, Smalltooth sawfish, Largetooth sawfish, Atlantic angel shark, Caribbean sharpnose shark, Smalltail shark, Bignose shark, Caribbean reef shark, Dusky shark, Galapagos shark, Narrowtooth shark, Night shark, Bigeye sixgill shark, Bigeye thresher shark, Longfin mako, Sevengill shark, Sixgill shark.

C. In addition to all other licenses and permits required by law, a valid original "Shark Permit" shall be annually required for persons commercially taking shark from Louisiana waters and for persons selling, exchanging, or bartering sharks as required by law; the valid original permit shall be in immediate possession of

the permittee while engaged in fishing for, possessing, selling, bartering, trading, or exchanging shark.

D. No person shall purchase, sell, exchange, barter or attempt to purchase, sell, exchange, or barter any sharks in excess of any possession limit for which a commercial permit was issued.

E. 1. All persons who do not possess a "Shark Permit" issued by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and, if applicable, a Federal Shark Permit issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service, are limited to a recreational possession limit. All persons who do not possess a Louisiana "Shark Permit" and, if applicable, a permit issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Sharks, shall not sell, barter, trade, exchange or attempt to sell, barter, trade or exchange any sharks, or possess any sharks in excess of a recreational possession limit. Sharks taken incidental to menhaden fishing, that are retained on the vessel as part of the harvest, may be retained and sold only as a mixed part of the total harvest, and shall not be retained, held, or sold, purchased, bartered, traded, or exchanged separately. Sharks retained as a result of menhaden fishing shall not exceed legal bycatch allowances for menhaden fishing as provided for in R.S. 56:324.

2. Legally licensed Louisiana wholesale/retail seafood dealers, retail seafood dealers, restaurants, and retail grocers are not required to hold a "Shark Permit" in order to purchase, possess, exchange, barter and sell any quantities of sharks, so long as they maintain records as required by R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6 . . .

F. Sharks taken under a recreational bag limit shall not be sold, purchased, exchanged, traded, bartered, or attempted to be sold, purchased, exchanged, traded, or bartered. A person subject to a bag limit shall not possess at any time, regardless of the number of trips or the duration of a trip, any shark in excess of the recreational bag limits or less than minimum size limits as follows:

1. All sharks taken under a recreational bag limit within or without Louisiana waters must be at least 54 inches fork length, except that the minimum size limit does not apply for Atlantic sharpnose sharks.

2. No more than one shark from either the large coastal, small coastal or pelagic group not taken under a commercial permit may be retained per vessel per trip within or without Louisiana waters, subject to the size limits described in LAC 76:VII.357(F)1, and, in addition, one Atlantic sharpnose shark may be retained per person per trip within or without Louisiana waters. Regardless of the length of a trip, no more than one Atlantic sharpnose shark per person may be possessed.

G. Those persons possessing a Federal Shark Permit issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Sharks are limited to daily take, trip and possession limits as specified in that Federal Permit. A person aboard a vessel for which a Federal Shark Permit has been issued shall not retain, possess, barter, trade, or exchange shark of any species group for which the commercial quota has been reached and the season closed in Federal waters.

H. 1. A vessel that has been issued or possesses a federal shark permit issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Sharks shall not possess on any trip, or land from any trip, or sell, barter, trade, or exchange Large Coastal Species in excess of 4,000 pounds, dressed weight. No person shall purchase, barter, trade, or exchange shark in excess of 4,000 pounds, dressed weight, or from any person who does not possess a Louisiana shark permit or federal permit, if applicable.

2. Persons possessing a Louisiana "Shark Permit" shall not possess on any trip, or land from any trip, or sell, Large Coastal Species in excess of 4,000 pounds, dressed weight.

I. A person aboard a vessel for which a federal shark permit has been issued, or persons aboard a vessel fishing for or possessing shark in the EEZ shall comply with all applicable federal regulations.

J. Fins

1. The practice of "finning", that is, removing only the fins and returning the remainder of the shark to the sea, is prohibited within and without Louisiana waters.

2. Shark fins that are possessed aboard or offloaded from a fishing vessel must not exceed 5 percent of the weight of

the shark carcasses. All fins must be weighed in conjunction with the weighing of the carcasses at the vessel's first point of landing and such weights of the fins landed must be recorded on dealer records in compliance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6. Fins from shark harvested by a vessel that are disproportionate to the weight of the carcasses landed shall not be sold, purchased, traded, or bartered or attempted to be sold, purchased, traded, or bartered.

3. Shark fins shall not be possessed aboard a fishing vessel after the vessel's first point of landing.

K. Prohibited Species

1. No person shall take, possess, purchase, sell, barter, exchange or attempt to possess, purchase, sell, barter, or exchange any of the following species or parts thereof:

- a. Basking shark - *Cetorhinus maximus*
- b. White shark - *Carcharodon carcharias*
- c. Bigeye sand tiger - *Odontaspis noronhai*
- d. Sand tiger - *Odontaspis taurus*
- e. Whale shark - *Rhincodon typus*
- f. Smalltooth sawfish - *Pristis pectinata*
- g. Largetooth sawfish - *Pristis pristis*
- h. Atlantic angel shark - *Squatina dumerili*
- i. Caribbean sharpnose shark - *Rhizoprionodon porosus*
- j. Smalltail shark - *Carcharhinus porosus*
- k. Bignose shark - *Carcharhinus altimus*
- l. Caribbean reef shark - *Carcharhinus perezi*
- m. Dusky shark - *Carcharhinus obscurus*

- n. Galapagos shark - *Carcharhinus galapagensis*
- o. Narrowtooth shark - *Carcharhinus brachyurus*
- p. Night shark - *Carcharhinus signatus*
- q. Bigeye sixgill shark - *Hexanchus vitulus*
- r. Bigeye thresher shark - *Alopias superciliosus*
- s. Longfin mako shark - *Isurus paucus*
- t. Sevengill shark - *Heptranchias perlo*
- u. Sixgill shark - *Hexanchus griseus*

2. Notwithstanding other provisions of this part, a person may fish for, but not retain, white sharks (*Carcharodon carcharias*) with rod and reel only under a catch and release program, provided the person releases and returns such fish to the sea immediately with a minimum of injury.

3. Notwithstanding other provisions of this part, smalltooth sawfish or largetooth sawfish may be possessed as authorized by a special Scientific and Educational Collecting Permit issued by the department under R.S. 56:318, including whatever conditions that the department may deem necessary to ensure the maintenance and protection of the species. Nothing herein shall prohibit the possession of smalltooth sawfish or largetooth sawfish, or parts thereof, that were possessed prior to the effective date of this rule.

L. No person aboard any vessel shall transfer or cause the transfer of sharks between vessels on state or federal waters. Standard menhaden harvesting activities do not constitute transfer of sharks between vessels at sea.

M. Seasonal Closures

1. All Louisiana State waters out to the seaward boundary of the Louisiana Territorial Sea shall be closed to the recreational and commercial harvest of all sharks between April 1 and June 30 of each year. A holder of a Federal Shark Permit may legally harvest sharks from Federal waters beyond the Louisiana Territorial Sea and bring those sharks into Louisiana waters for

sale within the provisions of that Federal Shark Permit. Effective with this closure, no person shall commercially harvest, purchase, barter, trade, sell or attempt to purchase, barter, trade or sell sharks from the closed area. Effective with the closure, no person shall retain or possess any sharks in the closed area. Sharks taken incidental to shrimp or menhaden fishing in the closed area, that are retained on the vessel as part of the harvest, may be retained only as a mixed part of the total harvest, and shall not be retained, held, purchased, bartered, traded, exchanged, sold or attempted to be purchased, bartered, traded, exchanged or sold.

2. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is hereby authorized to close any recreational or commercial fishery for sharks, within and without Louisiana's territorial waters, when the Secretary is notified by the National Marine Fisheries Service that the seasonal quota for that species group and fishery has been met. The closure order shall close the fishery until the date projected for the re-opening of that fishery in the adjacent Federal waters. The Secretary is also hereby authorized to modify any such closure order to maintain consistency with re-opening dates in the adjacent Federal waters, should the Federal closure dates be modified.

N. The fishing year for shark shall begin on January 1, 1998 and every January 1st thereafter.

O. No person who, pursuant to state or federal law, is subject to the jurisdiction of this state shall violate any federal law, rule or regulation particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title 50 and 15, for sharks and sawfishes while fishing in the EEZ, or possess, purchase, sell, barter, trade, or exchange sharks and sawfishes within or without the territorial boundaries of Louisiana in violation of any state or federal law, rule or regulation particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title 50 and 15 law.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10), R.S. 56:326(E)(2), R.S. 56:326.1, R.S. 56:326.3, and R.S. 56:320.2(C).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:543 (March 1999), amended LR 27: .

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, October 4, 2001.

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).

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

RESOLUTION

TUNA HARVEST RULES

adopted by the
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 8, 2001

WHEREAS, the tuna fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana are primarily managed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, adoption of compatible regulations for Louisiana state waters would enhance effectiveness and enforceability of the regulations already in place for tunas harvested in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the primary fishery for the affected tuna fishes is in Federal waters off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1, and R.S. 56:326.3 provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set size limits for saltwater finfish, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:320.2(C) provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal law and regulations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent adding a minimum size limit for the harvest of bluefin tuna, removing Atlantic bonito from the list of permitted tunas in Louisiana waters and to require compliance with federal fishing laws and regulations in federal waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

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

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

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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.361, modifying the rule for the harvest of Atlantic tunas by adding a minimum size limit for the harvest of bluefin tuna, removing Atlantic bonito from the

list of permitted tunas in Louisiana waters and provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1, R.S. 56:326.3 and R.S. 56:320.2(C). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§361. Tuna - Harvest Regulations

A. Bag and possession limits, recreational.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Bag and Possession Limit</u>
1. Yellowfin Tuna	3 fish per person

B. Size limits, recreational and commercial.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum Size Limit</u>
1. Yellowfin Tuna	27 inches Curved Fork Length (CFL)
2. Bigeye Tuna	27 inches Curved Fork Length (CFL)
3. Bluefin Tuna*	27 inches Curved Fork Length (CFL)

*The size class of a bluefin tuna found with the head removed shall be determined using pectoral fin curved fork length (PFCFL) multiplied by a conversion factor of 1.35.

NOTE: Curved Fork Length (CFL): the length of a fish measured from the tip of the upper jaw to the fork of the tail along the contour of the body in a line that runs along the top of the pectoral fin and the top of the caudal keel. Pectoral Fin Curved Fork Length (PFCFL) means the length of a beheaded fish from the dorsal insertion of the pectoral fin to the fork of the tail measured along the contour of the body in a line that

runs along the top of the pectoral fin and the top of the caudal keel.

C. No person shall take or have in their possession any species of tuna, less than the minimum size or in excess of the take or possession limits. The possession limit on tunas applies to tuna taken within or outside Louisiana territorial waters.

D. Permits

1. Recreational: Persons aboard a vessel whether within or outside Louisiana territorial waters possessing any of the following tuna species: Atlantic bluefin tuna, yellowfin tuna, bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna and albacore are required to have a valid federal recreational tuna permit in their immediate possession on board the vessel.

2. Commercial: Persons harvesting the following tuna species: Atlantic bluefin tuna, yellowfin tuna, bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna and albacore whether within or outside Louisiana state territorial waters for commercial purposes or possessing such tuna species in excess of a recreational take limit are required to have a valid Federal commercial tuna permit in their immediate possession on board the vessel. No person shall sell, barter, trade or exchange or attempt to sell, barter, trade or exchange any species of tuna without a valid federal commercial tuna permit. No person shall purchase, barter, trade or exchange or attempt to purchase, barter, trade or exchange any species of tuna from any person who harvested tuna without a valid federal commercial tuna permit.

3. No person aboard any commercial vessel shall transfer or cause the transfer of fish between vessels on state or federal waters.

E. No person who, pursuant to state or federal law, is subject to the jurisdiction of this state shall violate any federal law, rule or regulation particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title 50 and 15, for tunas while fishing in the EEZ, or possess, purchase, sell, barter, trade, or exchange tunas within or without the territorial boundaries of Louisiana in violation of any state or federal law, rule or regulation particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery

Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title 50 and 15 law.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1, R.S. 56:326.3 and R.S. 56:320.2(C).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 26:2834 (December 2000), amended LR .

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, October 4, 2001.

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).

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

RESOLUTION

POMPANO PERMITS

adopted by the
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 8, 2001

WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has rules in place that regulate the commercial harvest of pompano, and

WHEREAS, all commercial harvesters of pompano are required to have a pompano permit issued by the Department, and

WHEREAS, we can be more efficient with the permitting process, and

WHEREAS, adoption of Act 153 of the 2001 Regular Legislative Session requires us to clarify parts of the rule, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(25)(a) provides that the Department shall have the authority to promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act under sound management and R.S. 56:406(A)(3) provides for the changing of certain phrases,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent to modify the pompano permitting process in accordance with the passage of Act 153 of the 2001 Regular Legislative Session, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

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

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

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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.355, modifying the application procedures and removing the phrase "excluding islands".

Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and R.S. 56:406(A)(3). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§703. Pompano Permits

A. Harvest Regulations

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9. Pompano strike nets may be used during the period from August 1 through October 31 of each year in waters in excess of seven feet in depth and beyond 2,500 feet from land within the Chandeleur and Breton Sound area described in R.S. 56:406(A)(2).

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B. Qualification for Permit

1. All permits shall be applied for and/or granted from January 1 to April 30 of each year from the New Orleans or Baton Rouge offices. All permits expire December 31 following the date of issuance.

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4. Proof of ownership of the proposed permitted vessel(s) and proof that all applicable licenses have been applied for shall be provided at the time of appointment. Proof of bona fide residency, as defined in R.S. 56:8(12), is also required at this time.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and R.S. 56:406A(3).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 12:119 (February 1986), amended LR 12:846 (December 1986), amended by the

Office of Fisheries, LR 16:322 (April 1990), LR 22:859 (September 1996), amended by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 26:2332 (October 2000), LR .

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, October 4, 2001.

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).

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

RESOLUTION

BILLFISH HARVEST RULES

adopted by the
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 8, 2001

WHEREAS, the billfish fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana are primarily managed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has adopted size limits for sailfish harvested in the EEZ off of Louisiana for conservation purposes, and

WHEREAS, adoption of compatible regulations for Louisiana state waters would enhance effectiveness and enforceability of the regulations already in place for billfishes harvested in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1 and R.S. 56:326.3 provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set size limits for saltwater finfish and R.S. 56:320.2(C) provide, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:320.2(C) provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal law and regulations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent to amend the published regulations on billfish by changing the minimum size limit of recreationally harvested sailfish from 57 to 63 inches lower jaw fork length in Louisiana waters and to require compliance with federal fishing laws and regulations in federal waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

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

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

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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.355, increasing the minimum size limit for sailfish from 57 inches to 63 inches lower jaw fork length and provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1, R.S. 56:326.3 and R.S. 56:320.2(C). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§355. Harvest Regulations, Billfishes

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B. Minimum Size Limits: No person shall possess any fish smaller than the minimum size limit.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum Size Limit</u>
1. Blue Marlin	99 inches Lower Jaw Fork Length (LJFL)
2. White Marlin	66 inches Lower Jaw Fork Length (LJFL)
3. Sailfish	63 inches Lower Jaw Fork Length (LJFL)
4. Swordfish	29 inches carcass length or 33 pounds dressed weight

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J. No person who, pursuant to state or federal law, is subject to the jurisdiction of this state shall violate any federal

law, rule or regulation particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title 50 and 15, for billfishes (*Istiophoridae spp.*) while fishing in the EEZ, or possess, purchase, sell, barter, trade, or exchange billfishes within or without the territorial boundaries of Louisiana in violation of any state or federal law, rule or regulation particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title 50 and 15 law.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1, R.S. 56:326.3 and R.S. 56:320.2(C).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:542 (March 1999, amended LR 26:1676 (August 2000), LR .

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, October 4, 2001.

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).

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

RESOLUTION

RED DRUM HARVEST REGULATIONS

adopted by the

Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 8, 2001

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana statutorily regulates the harvest of red drum, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:320.2(C) provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal law and regulations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent establishing a rule requiring compliance with federal fishing laws and regulations in federal waters regarding red drum, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

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

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

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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.363, which provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations.

Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:320.2(C). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§363. Red Drum - Harvest Regulations

A. No person who, pursuant to state or federal law, is subject to the jurisdiction of this state shall violate any federal law, rule or regulation particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title 50 and 15, for red drum (*Sciaenops ocellata*) while fishing in the EEZ, or possess, purchase, sell, barter, trade, or exchange red drum within or without the territorial boundaries of Louisiana in violation of any state or federal law, rule or regulation particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title 50 and 15 law.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:320.2(C).

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

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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Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

The Proclamation for National Hunting & Fishing Day was handled by Ms. Marianne Burke. She began reminding everyone that this Day is a national celebration held the fourth Saturday in September. It was created to celebrate the contribution by sportsmen to conservation. This will officially be the 17th year for Louisiana. About 3,000 people attend this event in Baton Rouge and they can practice their shooting and fishing skills. These activities are free and has been very successful. The Governor and Mayor of Baton Rouge has already proclaimed this Day. Ms. Burke then asked the Commission for their approval. She read the Therefore portion of the Proclamation. Commissioner Kelly made a motion accepting the Proclamation. Commissioner Gattle seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Commissioner Gattle encouraged each district to participate in this celebration throughout the state.

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

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Louisianans are blessed with an abundance and diversity of game, fish, and seafood that hunters, fishers and commercial industries have long appreciated and recognized the need to conserve; and

WHEREAS, revenues raised by sportsmen and commercial industries have successfully returned some animal species that faced extinction or were threatened or endangered by environmental conditions often imposed by people to healthy populations; and

WHEREAS, hunters and anglers have a long history of contributing to conservation efforts statewide and nationwide, contributing more than \$12 billion to conservation

programs during the past half a century through license fees and self-imposed excise taxes; and

WHEREAS, a recent survey by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service indicated that 56 percent of all Louisianans participate in some type of fish or wildlife-related activity; and

WHEREAS, latest figures indicate that the total annual economic impact of wildlife-related activities, including hunting and non-consumptive usage, in Louisiana is more than \$1.5 billion and that Louisianans directly spend \$896 million on hunting and other wildlife-associated recreation; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana residents have spent \$30.9 million on fishing and hunting licenses during the last three years; and

WHEREAS, the state's warm gulf waters and fertile estuarine systems are home to more than 100 commercially valuable seafood species, making Louisiana's marine fisheries one of the most important in the nation with approximately 1.47 billion pounds landed annually for a dockside value of approximately \$294 million, with more than 150,000 people directly and indirectly employed in harvesting, processing, wholesaling and distribution of Louisiana seafood;

THEREFORE I, Dr. H. Jerry Stone, Chairman of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, on the 8th day of August, 2001, hereby proclaim Saturday, September 22, 2001, as the

17th ANNUAL
LOUISIANA NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

in recognition of the economic contributions of the hunting and fishing industry and in acknowledgment of the sport enjoyed by so many of our citizens.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone, Chairman

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

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

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



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 8, 2001

Chairman H. Jerry Stone presiding.

Terry Denmon
Lee Felterman
Tom Gattle
Tom Kelly
Norman McCall

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

Commissioner Bill Busbice was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Stone called for a motion for approval of the **July 5, 2001 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Gattle. The motion passed with no opposition.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for July** was given by Major Keith LaCaze. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of July.

Region I - Minden - 112 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 78 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 148 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 129 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 154 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 205 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 218 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 231 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 186 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 21 citations.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 14 citations.

SWEP - 28 citations.

Refuge Patrol - 57 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of July was 1,461. Also there were 296 warning citations issued statewide. Major LaCaze then reported major cases included night hunting in Region II and shrimp activities in Region VIII.

The aviation report for July 2001 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 43.2 hours for enforcement and 10.4 hours for other divisions. Seven citations were issued during the month.

Major LaCaze then stated the Wildlife Agents Association held their annual conference in Baton Rouge during July and announced the Officer of the Year was Chad Hebert from Region IX.

A presentation on the **Notice of Intent - 2002 Turkey Season** was given by Mr. Mike Olinde. He began stating three years ago, Area A was opened a week later and the season was reduced by 7 days, the Kisatchie National Forest season was reduced to 23 days, and Area B was moved to open a week earlier. The staff is interested in protecting turkey populations in the larger areas of Area A, B and C and position the Department and Commission to have a statewide opening. The framework for 2002 will be to open statewide the last full weekend in March and have a two bird limit. Considering the state as a whole, turkeys are not high across the state. From the voluntary check station data, a decline occurred in the Florida parishes and the numbers are at or below what they were in 1989 despite the successful restocking efforts. Last year, every region reported declines in harvest at the voluntary weigh stations and the WMA harvest was down 25 percent. The 2002 season dates for Area A will be March 30 through April 28, Area B, March 30 through April 21 and Area C would be March 30 through April 7. The daily bag limit will be 1 with a season limit of 2. Boundary changes included opening all of Pointe Coupee Parish, opening additional areas in Avoyelles and St. Landry Parishes and moving portions of Area C into Area A. In Area B, all of Caddo and DeSoto

Parishes are now open and portions of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu and Jeff Davis Parishes have been moved from Area C to Area B, other portions of Allen and Jeff Davis are to be opened in Area B, and moved Winn Parish from Area C to Area B. A small portion of Area C around Sicily Island Hills WMA will be opened. On the WMAs, 28 WMAs will be open for turkey hunting typically one to two weeks in season length, 10 lottery hunts will occur and four more youth lottery hunts were added. Mr. Olinde then gave the proposed season dates for the federal lands. He answered the next question of where are the turkeys harvested. In the early 1990's, the harvest was in the Florida parishes with some in the central portion of the State. In the last few years, the shift has moved to the central and northern portions of the state. Between 1990 and 1996, over 1100 birds have been restocked into the northern part of the state. Forest resource statistics showed harvest is exceeding growth at this time and is expected to continue with this trend for a number of years. Turkeys have higher survival rates than a 1 1/2 year old deer. Some hunters are saying that they have missed peak gobbling times, but staff does not agree. For the last three years, gobbler counts have been conducted prior to the season, and every year there have been gobbles and gobblers heard up until the season started.

Chairman Stone asked if the overall view was that turkeys were not doing as well as thought? Mr. Olinde stated turkeys are doing very well in many areas, but there are some geographic areas where they are not evenly distributed. Chairman Stone asked if consideration was given to not shooting jakes? Mr. Olinde stated yes they looked at that possibility, but felt outlaws would be made out of those that would not ordinarily be outlaws. He added that changing the limits would be a better approach to helping the population. Commissioner Gattle asked if this was a Notice of Intent? Mr. Olinde answered yes, he would be back in December for final ratification of the rule. Hearing no public comments, Mr. Olinde read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner McCall made a motion approving the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Gattle. The motion 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

August 8, 2001

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, August 8, 2001.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting a season in 2002 for turkeys, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend the turkey rules and regulations for the 2002 season.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§113. Turkey Hunting Regulations

A. Daily limit is one gobbler, two gobblers per season. Still hunting only. Use of dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and bow and arrow but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited. Shotguns capable of holding more than three shells prohibited.

B. No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys.

C. A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed.

D. Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closure.

E. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries strongly discourages feeding agricultural grains to wild turkeys as this practice increases the risk of birds contracting potentially lethal diseases. Repeatedly placing grain in the same area may expose otherwise healthy birds to disease contaminated soils, grain containing lethal toxins and other diseased turkeys using the same feeding site. Properly distributed food plots (clovers, wheat, millet and chufa) are far more desirable for turkeys and have the added benefit of appealing to a wide variety of wildlife.

F. It is unlawful to take from the wild or possess in captivity any live wild turkeys or their eggs. No pen raised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated (released) within the state.

G. All licensed turkey hunters are required to have a Turkey Stamp in their possession while turkey hunting in addition to basic and big game hunting licenses. Additionally, a WMA Hunting Permit is required of any person (age 18-59) who hunts on land administered by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, including Wildlife Management Areas, Wildlife Refuges, and Habitat Conservation Areas.

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 25:2263 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27: .

§115. Statewide Turkey Hunting Areas-Resident Game Birds and Animals

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

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Turkey	See Schedule	1	2/season

B. Turkey Hunting Schedule

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	March 30 - April 28
B	March 30 - April 21
C	March 30 - April 7

C. 2002 Turkey Hunting Season - Open Only in the Following Areas

1. Area A - March 24 - April 28

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. East Baton Rouge;
- ii. East Feliciana;
- iii. LaSalle;
- iv. Livingston;
- v. Natchitoches (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);
- vi. Pointe Coupee (Exception: see Sherburne WMA for special dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries);
- vii. St. Helena;
- viii. St. Tammany;
- ix. Tangipahoa;
- x. Washington;
- xi. West Baton Rouge;
- xii. West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island).

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

- i. Allen: North of LA 26 from DeRidder to the junction of LA 104 and north of LA 104;
- ii. Avoyelles: That portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River, on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by LA 452 from Brouillette to LA 1, on the south by LA 1, eastward to Hamburg, thence by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection levee southward;
- iii. Beauregard: North of LA 26 east of DeRidder, north and east of US 171-190 from the junction of LA 26 to DeRidder, and north of US 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iv. Caldwell: West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line, east of LA 165 from LaSalle Parish line to the junction of LA 126, north of LA 126 westward to the Winn Parish line;

v. Catahoula: West of Ouachita River southward to LA 559 at Duty Ferry, north of LA 559 to LA 124, south and west of LA 124 from Duty Ferry to LA 8 at Harrisonburg and north of LA 8 to LA 126, north and east of LA 126. ALSO that portion lying east of LA 15;

vi. Concordia: That portion east of LA 15 and west of US 65 from its juncture with LA 15 at Clayton;

vii. Evangeline: North and west of LA 115, north of LA 106 from St. Landry to LA 13, west of LA 13 from Pine Prairie to Mamou and north of LA 104 west of Mamou;

viii. Franklin: That portion lying east of LA 17 and east of LA 15 from its juncture with LA 17 at Winnsboro;

ix. Grant: All of the parish except that portion of land that lies north of the Red River between US 71 and LA 8. Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates;

x. Iberville: West of LA 1. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xi. Madison: That portion lying west of US 65 and south of US 80;

xii. Rapides: All of the parish except that portion of lands that lies north of the Red River and south of US 71 from its juncture with the Red River northward to the Grant Parish line. Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest season dates;

xiii. Richland: That portion south of US 80 and east of LA 17;

xiv. Sabine: That portion north of LA 6 from Toledo Bend Lake to Many; east of US 171 from Many to the Vernon Parish line;

xv. St. Landry: That portion bounded on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and on the east by the Atchafalaya River. EXCEPTION: the Indian Bayou Area, see Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Indian Bayou Area dates;

xvi. Upper St. Martin: All within the Atchafalaya Basin. EXCEPTIONS: Sherburne WMA and Indian Bayou Area, see WMA Turkey Hunting Schedule for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne WMA boundaries and see Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Indian Bayou dates;

xvii. Tensas: That portion west of US 65 from the Concordia Parish line to its juncture with LA 128, north of LA 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of LA 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

xviii. Vernon: That portion east of US 171 from the Sabine Parish line to the junction of LA 111, south of LA 111 westward to LA 392, and south of LA 392 westward to the Sabine Parish line. Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest season dates.

2. Area B - March 30 - April 21

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. Bienville;
- ii. Bossier;
- iii. Caddo;
- iv. Claiborne;
- v. DeSoto;
- vi. Lincoln;
- vii. Red River;
- viii. Union;

ix. Webster (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);

x. Winn (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Allen: South and west of LA 26 from DeRidder to US 190 east of Elton, north of US 190 from the junction of LA 26 to Kinder and west of US 165 south of Kinder;

ii. Beauregard: South of LA 26 east of DeRidder, east of US 171 from the junction of LA 26 and south of LA 12 west of Ragley;

iii. Calcasieu: South of LA 12 east of DeQuincy, east of LA 27 from DeQuincy to I-10 and North of I-10 east of Sulphur;

iv. East Carroll: East of US 65 from Arkansas state line to Madison Parish line;

v. Jackson: West of Parish Road 243 from Lincoln Parish line to Parish Road 238, west and south of Parish Road 238 to LA 144, west of LA 144 to LA 34, west of LA 34 to Chatham, north and west of LA 4 from Chatham to Weston, north and west of LA 505 from Weston to Wyatt, west of US 167 from Wyatt to Winn Parish line;

vi. Jefferson Davis: North of US 190 from junction with LA 26 to Kinder, west of US 165 and north of I-10 west from junction of US 165;

vii. Ouachita: East of LA 143 from Union Parish line to US 80 in West Monroe, north of US 80 to LA 139, west of LA 139 to the Morehouse Parish line;

viii. Morehouse: West of US 165 from the Arkansas line to Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to US 165, north of US 165 to LA 139, west of LA 139 to Ouachita Parish line;

3. Area C - March 30 - April 7

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Ascension: All east of the Mississippi River;

ii. Catahoula: That portion lying south of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, west of LA 8 to LA 913, west of LA 913 and LA 15 to Deer Creek;

iii. Concordia: North and east of Sugar Mill Chute (Concordia Parish) from the state line westward to Red River, east of Red River northward to Cocodrie Bayou, east of Cocodrie Bayou northward to US 84, south of US 84 eastward to LA 15 (Ferriday), east of LA 15 northward to US 65 (Clayton), east of US 65 northward to Tensas Parish line;

iv. Franklin: That portion lying west of LA 17, from Richland Parish line to LA 577 at Crowville, north of LA 577 to LA 15 at Baskin, east of LA 15 to Big Creek, and south and east of Big Creek to Richland Parish line;

v. Iberville: All east of the Mississippi River;

vi. Madison: South of US 80 and east of US 65 to Tensas Parish line and all lands lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

vii. Richland: West of LA 17 from Franklin Parish line to Ringle Rd., south of Ringle Rd. to Ferguson Rd., south of Ferguson Rd. to Little Rd., south of Little Rd. to Big Creek, east of Big Creek to Franklin Parish line;

viii. Tensas: East and south of US 65 from Concordia Parish line to LA 128, south of LA 128 to St. Joseph, east and south of LA 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

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 25:2264 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27: .

§117. 2002 Wildlife Management Area Turkey - Hunting Regulations

A. General

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

2. Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed are open to turkey hunting.

3. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT in designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 3:00 AM. All roads including trails and roads designated as ATV only trails shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through August 31 unless otherwise specified. ATV off-road or off-trail travel is prohibited. Certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purposes. These trails will be marked by signs at the entrance of the trail. Otherwise, only walk-in hunting is permitted (bicycles permitted).

4. Bag limits on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. Only one turkey is allowed to be taken during special lottery hunts.

B. Permits

1. Self-Clearing Permits: All turkey hunts, including lottery hunts, are self-clearing. Hunters must check in daily by obtaining a permit from a self-clearing station prior to hunting. The self-clearing permit must be in the hunter's possession while hunting. Upon completion of each days hunt, the hunter must check out by completing and depositing the hunter report portion of the permit in the check-out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.

2. Lottery Hunts: Bayou Macon, Dewey Wills, Loggy Bayou, Sabine, Sherburne, Sicily Island, Tunica Hills, Union and West Bay WMAs are restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Special youth only lottery hunts will be held on Big Lake, Bens Creek, Fort Polk, Loggy Bayou, Sherburne, and West Bay WMAs. Deadline for receiving applications

for all lottery hunts is February 15, 2002. An application fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants may submit only one application and will be selected for one WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting more than one application will result in disqualification. Contact any district office for applications. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements. Youths chosen for special youth only hunts will be guided by members of the Louisiana Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. One family member may accompany the youth and guide, but may not hunt.

C. Wildlife Management Area Turkey Hunting Schedule*

WMA	Season Dates	Permit Requirements	Lottery Dates**
Bayou Macon	April 6-7	Self-Clearing	April 6-7
Bens Creek ¹	March 30-April 21	Self-Clearing	None
Big Lake	March 30-April 7	Self-Clearing	None
Bodcau	March 30-April 14	Self-Clearing	None
Boeuf	March 30-April 7	Self-Clearing	None
Boise Vernon	March 30-April 21	Self-Clearing	None
Camp Beauregard	March 30-April 14	Self-Clearing	None
Dewey Wills	March 30-31 April 6-7	Self-Clearing	March 30-31 April 6-7
Fort Polk	March 30-April 28	Self-Clearing	None
Georgia-Pacific	April 6-14	Self-Clearing	None
Grassy Lake	March 30-April 14	Self-Clearing	None

Hutchinson Creek	March 30-April 28	Self-Clearing	None
Jackson-Bienville	March 30-April 14	Self-Clearing	None
Little River	March 30-April 14	Self-clearing	None
Loggy Bayou	April 13-14	Self-Clearing	April 13-14
Pearl River	March 30-April 21	Self-Clearing	None
Peason Ridge	March 30-April 28	Self-Clearing	None
Pomme de Terre	March 30-April 14	Self-Clearing	None
Red River	March 30-April 7	Self-Clearing	None
Sabine	March 30-31 April 6-7	Self-Clearing	March 30-31 April 6-7
Sandy Hollow ¹	March 30-April 21	Self-Clearing	None
Sherburne ²	March 30-April 7	Self-Clearing	March 30-31 April 1-3
Sicily Island	March 30-April 1 April 2-4 April 5-7	Self-Clearing	March 30-April 1 April 2-4 April 5-7
Three Rivers	March 30-April 7	Self-Clearing	None
Tunica Hills South Tract	March 30-31 April 13-14 April 20-21 April 27-28	Self-Clearing	March 30-31 April 13-14 April 20-21 April 27-28
Tunica Hills Angola Tract ³	March 30-31 April 6-7 April 13-14 April 20-21	Self-Clearing	March 30-31 April 6-7 April 13-14 April 20-21

Union	April 6-7	Self-Clearing	April 6-7
Walnut Hill	March 30-April 28	Self-Clearing	None
West Bay	March 30-31 April 6-7	Self-Clearing	March 30-31 April 6-7

*Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed have a turkey hunting season. All other areas are closed.

**The deadline for receiving applications for all turkey Lottery Hunts on WMAs is February 15, 2002.

¹No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

²All turkeys harvested on Sherburne WMA must be weighed and checked at WMA headquarters.

³Scouting access limited. Contact Region 7 office for details (225) 765-2360.

D. Wildlife Management Area Youth Hunts

WMA	Lottery Youth Hunt Date
Bens Creek	March 23
Big Lake	March 23
Fort Polk	March 23
Loggy Bayou	April 6
Sherburne	March 23
West Bay	March 23

E. Federal Lands Turkey Hunting Schedule

1. Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) turkey hunting schedule: Caney Ranger District, March 30-April 14; all remaining KNF lands, March 30-April 21 (including Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves).

2. Indian Bayou Area (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers), turkey hunting schedule: March 30 - April 7, lottery hunt only on March 30-31 and April 1-3. Contact USCOE at 337-585-0856 for further information.

3. National Wildlife Refuges: Bogue Chitto NWR, March 30-April 28; Lake Ophelia NWR, March 30-April 1 (lottery only), April 6-8 (lottery only), April 13-14; Tensas NWR, March 30 - April 28. Contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for information regarding NWR hunts.

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 25:2265 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2636 (November 2000), LR 27: .

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

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to Mr. Tommy Prickett, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, until October 22, 2001.

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).

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

The next agenda item, a **Resolution - Maurepas Swamp WMA & Red River WMA Expansion** began with Mr. Dave Arnoldi introducing Mr. Fred Kimmel. Mr. Kimmel stated the first acquisition was the Blackhawk track purchased from Anderson Tully and it would be an addition to the Red River WMA. The new area encompasses about 2,900 acres of cottonwood/mixed hardwood type forest. It will offer excellent duck, deer and black bear habitat and some very

good fishing at certain times. The second acquisition, called the Maurepas Swamp WMA, was received as a donation and consists of 23,913 acres of cypress/tupelo freshwater swamp. This tract was formerly known as the Lutch-Moore tract located in St. John the Baptist Parish. This WMA will offer habitat for waterfowl, alligators, furbearers, deer and a wide range of wading and water birds. Access will be limited to basically boating. Mr. Kimmel then announced an additional 34,000 acres are under contract which hopefully would be acquired soon. He then asked the Commission to consider accepting the new WMA as the Maurepas Swamp WMA. Commissioner Felterman made a motion accepting the name and it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Dave Arnoldi continued stating that back on July 19, 2001, a group from the Maurepas Swamp area came and expressed their concerns to the Department. He reiterated some of the procedures the Department will follow for this property. The first step will be to post the property by locating all of the access points and putting a WMA sign there. All old posted signs will be removed. Alligator hunting will be allowed this year and the split will be 60-40; but next year, alligator hunting will be by bid process. Self-clearing permit stations will be erected at major access points. One question that came up at the meeting was how would the property be managed? Mr. Arnoldi stated existing personnel will be used until the Legislature approves the addition of two enforcement agents and two technicians. Camp owners will have until November 1, 2001 to salvage their camps with the use of permitted airboats. After November 1, no airboat access will be allowed until the end of January 2002. After that time, camp owners can continue to salvage their camps until June 30, 2002 when they have to be completely out. Mr. Arnoldi reminded everyone that no firearms will be allowed when salvaging is occurring. The use of dogs for deer hunting will be prohibited and should be removed from the WMA by October 1, 2001. He then assured the Commissioners the Department will work closely with the camp owners. Mr. Arnoldi then mentioned that Phase I of a coastal wetlands restoration project, in the amount of \$5.2 million, will move 2,000 cubic feet/second of water into the swamp to restore it. Commissioner McCall asked how many camps are on the property? Mr. Arnoldi stated there were about 15 camps on the east tract and about 5 or 6 on the western tract. Commissioner Gattle asked if camp owners could occupy their camps until November 1 and then from November 1 until January 31, camp owners can not be at their camps? Mr. Arnoldi answered yes. Commissioner Gattle asked someone to clarify

what was meant about not occupying camps between November 1 and January 31. Mr. Phil Bowman stated no one will be allowed to be at their facility from November 1 to January 31. Chairman Stone asked if everything had to be done by July 1, 2002? Mr. Arnoldi answered yes. Chairman Stone then reiterated to the audience the policy for WMAs will not fluctuate from one area to another. Dates for the hunting seasons are stamped and would not change, he added. Mr. Arnoldi emphasized it will be important that the property is posted as soon as possible. Hearing no further comments from the Commission, Chairman Stone opened the meeting for public comments.

Mr. Val Amato, LPG Hunting Club, stated there are about 70 camps on personally owned lands on the western tract. He asked how will these be affected? Mr. Bowman stated if the land is owned that a camp is own, there would be no impact. He added that if anyone goes onto the WMA, then they would have to abide by the WMA regulations.

Mr. Nickie Monica, St. John Parish President, asked about the use of Reserve Canal in getting to Lake Maurepas. He also asked what was the process for accepting the donation. Mr. Bowman stated there will be no impact to people that want to use the canal to access the boat launch to Lake Maurepas. Again, he stated if you get onto the WMA property, you will have to abide by those regulations. Mr. Don Puckett stated the Act of Donation is a public record that is recorded in the Clerk of Court's office in the Parish of St. John. It was a donation from the Richard King Mellon Foundation to the State of Louisiana through the Department and Commission. Mr. Monica asked what process could be used to not accept the donation? Mr. Bowman commented the Department is always looking for additional areas to provide public access for recreational opportunities. The State should not refuse the opportunity to take an offer for a valuable piece of property such as this. Chairman Stone felt the Department would be remiss in turning down the opportunity to have 65,000 acres of land. Mr. Arnoldi added that the Governor's Vision 2020 Plan includes the Department increasing its acreage for WMAs by 10,000 acres per year. Mr. Bowman agreed with Mr. Arnoldi and added staff continues to be aggressive in looking for opportunities to acquire land. Secretary Jenkins stated this property was intended to be given to other people which could have highly restricted or even shut down hunting and fishing. The Department was able to accept the donation in a timely manner. Mr. Monica felt the issue with the camp sites will be resolved.

Mr. Vincent Simon, Reserve, asked who would maintain the Reserve Canal in a safe manner for boaters? Mr. Bowman stated enforcement agents would be on the area to enforce regulations on boating. The Department does own heavy equipment which can be used when access maintenance operations on waterways is needed.

Mr. Jerry Harris, President of Red Top Hunting Club, stated they hunt with dogs on property that will border the soon to be acquired land and asked what will happen with their dogs when they get on the WMA? Mr. Bowman stated there are other WMAs which border hunting clubs that run dogs and if the dogs stray onto the WMA, then the Department would pick up the dog and attempt to contact the owner. Mr. Harris then asked if a hunter realizes a dog is on the WMA, will he have to travel 5 or so miles to get a self-clearing permit and then travel back to the original point to retrieve their dog? Mr. Bowman first stated they will try to make the permits as close and available as possible, but an officer will use his discretion in handling the situation. Again, Mr. Harris asked if agents would work with them if they leave their airboats and guns behind and walk onto the WMA property to retrieve a dog? Col. Winton Vidrine stated agents will work and cooperate with the hunters as much as possible. Mr. Harris suggested when the other land is acquired, put a check-in station at the intersection of Bourgeois Canal and Blind River.

Mr. Davis Madere, of the St. John Hunting Club, asked why they were not given the opportunity to buy their camp sites in St. John Parish? Chairman Stone stated this would be inconsistent with the Deed of Donation and is not allowed on any other WMAs. Mr. Madere asked who would be responsible for security of their camps between November 1 and January 31? Chairman Stone answered there would be no security and suggested everything of value be removed before November 1.

Mrs. Davis Madere stated she was the mother of the only agent in the area and explained he was an agent because of the St. John Hunting Club. She then asked if the Department wanted every stick from their camp removed from the area? Chairman Stone stated things such as septic tanks or bulkheads would become Department property. Then Mrs. Madere stated she had relatives that lives in St. James Parish and own land that will be in the middle of the WMA. She asked what will happen to them? Mr. Bowman stated there may be one or two in-holdings which is not different from other WMAs. The possibility of acquiring those camps is looked into, but if it does not work out, then those camp owners have to abide by

certain WMA rules and regulations. Chairman Stone asked if landowners egress will they have to go through the WMA to get there? Mr. Bowman stated they may have to, but there are rules that affect them if they get onto the Department's property. Mrs. Madere then asked if it would be possible to lease the camp sites for use recreationally after the hunting season? Chairman Stone stated that would be inconsistent with state management and policies.

Mr. Chris Guidry asked if the Act of Donation would affect any economic activity that may go on at the local airport? Mr. Puckett stated the issue of an airport has never been discussed and there have never been any restrictions placed on any other airports in the State. Mr. Guidry then asked if the Department or Commission had authority to restrict flights around a WMA? Mr. Bowman felt there may be restrictions if there is a bald eagle nest nearby. Mr. Guidry stated his concern was not on the fly over, but on the approach and take-off. Secretary Jenkins stated several people have mentioned "if and when we accept the donation". He wanted to make it clear the Department has accepted the donation and that the title for the property is in the Department and Commission's name. Also, Secretary Jenkins stated that if the airport is expanded, federal regulators and FAA will get involved and decide what will be needed to meet the criteria for the airport. If at that time the property is involved, then the Department will try to accommodate the parish. Mr. Guidry then stated he felt little thought was put into how this donation would affect the airport and some local input would have allowed the discussion of this issue. Then he asked if the pumping stations maintained by the parish or landowners would have any restrictions placed on them to keep them from pumping onto the WMA? Mr. Puckett stated there are numerous WMAs and refuges throughout the State that we coexist compatibly with private landowners. He added he could not give a commitment on behalf of the Department or Commission to waive every right that may arise from the ownership of this WMA. Each issue will be considered as it arises as has been done for the last 100 years. Mr. Guidry then stated they were negotiating with the Corps of Engineers to construct a hurricane protection levee. The donation of the property could affect the alignment of this levee at a significant cost to taxpayers. Mr. Puckett stated the Department has worked with and continues to work with other WMAs and refuges where hurricane protection levees are constructed because it was mutually beneficial. Mr. Guidry then asked for someone to explain the process for the donation, how did it arise, who in the State considered and reviewed the documentation, and who recommended the

State become the owner for the property? Secretary Jenkins suggested they discuss that question after the meeting or out in the hall. Commissioner Gattle felt that was a proper suggestion since it was explained already. Mr. Guidry asked the Commission to consider the impact on the local residents before accepting the next donation. Chairman Stone stated there may have been more restrictions applied to the property if the land was given to another group. Mr. Guidry added the Federal Government wants to get out of the ownership of owning lands because this process is flawed.

Mr. Joe Macaluso, Outdoor Writer, raised an objection to discussing a formally asked question outside of the meeting. He added that it was a legally asked question on the issue at hand. Chairman Stone felt that was a parliamentary question. Mr. Macaluso commented the State operates under Roberts Rules of Order. Chairman Stone asked if the Commission was out of order. Mr. Puckett stated the Commission was not out of order. But he also agreed with Mr. Macaluso and stated if this was being discussed outside with a quorum of the Commission, then the Executive Session of the Open Meetings Law would have to be invoked. Then Mr. Puckett added that the Chairman has the right to impose restrictions on debate and discussions particularly when a question was previously asked and answered. Mr. Macaluso felt the question was never answered in the method or way Mr. Guidry wanted it answered. Chairman Stone stated the transaction has been published in the papers. Secretary Jenkins noted this was a public comment period and not necessarily a public discussion period and the Commission was not obligated to answer questions. The questions were being answered to accommodate the public and needs to be done from time to time.

Mr. Guidry apologized if he gave the impression he was trying to grill the Commission. Everyone came to the meeting seeking information and felt the Commission owed the audience this information. Mr. Guidry still felt the majority of the people did not know who negotiated this donation and who decided the State would be the owner of this property.

Chairman Stone then asked for a motion on the Maurepas Swamp WMA Resolution after it had been read for the record. Commissioner McCall made a motion accepting the Resolution. Commissioner Gattle seconded it and it passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

MAUREPAS SWAMP WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

WHEREAS, by Act of Donation, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission have acquired title to a certain tract of land, comprising 23,913 acres, more or less, located in St. John the Baptist and Ascension Parishes. The Act of Donation was accepted on June 18, 2001 and is filed in the Clerk of Court's Records, St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, Act #216095, Conveyance Book 384, folio 61.

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that in order to enhance wildlife habitat in the state and provide for public use and recreational opportunities on these lands that they be established as a wildlife management area to be called the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

WHEREAS, this area represents one of the largest bald cypress-tupelogum swamps in the State, and the protection of these wetlands is critical to the State's conservation efforts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish, in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, particularly Title 56, Section 109 of the Revised Statutes of 1954, the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area to be comprised of the 23,913 acres, more or less, of land described above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this property shall be used exclusively for wildlife management purposes, and as such, is perpetually dedicated to the protection, conservation and management of fish and wildlife and their habitat, and such public recreation, including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing and trapping, which is consistent with these purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, on behalf of the Commission, to take whatever actions are necessary in furtherance of establishing the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

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

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

A Declaration of Emergency - Amend Fort Polk & Peason Ridge Hunting Dates & Establish Hunting Dates for Maurepas Swamp WMA was presented by Mr. Jimmy Anthony. The first part of the Declaration of Emergency for the Fort Polk and Peason Ridge WMAs was to consider a request from the U.S. Army to change the deer hunting season dates. The Army will be having an earlier than usual rotation of troops and a large portion of the base would be closed to public use. Also, the Army felt they would not be able to safely accommodate enough people for an either sex hunt. They requested changing December 15-16 to bucks only and adding either sex hunting days on December 29 and 30. The second part of the Declaration of Emergency deals with establishing hunting dates for the newly acquired Maurepas Swamp WMA. Mr. Anthony then read the season dates and the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly made a motion accepting the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Felterman. The motion passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 8, 2001

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, August 8, 2001.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army will be conducting training exercises on the Fort Polk and Peason Ridge WMAs during a scheduled

either sex deer season necessitating the closure of the areas to the public, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army has requested the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to amend the seasons to allow either sex hunting on Fort Polk and Peason Ridge WMAs at a later date, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has just recently acquired the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, the original Notice of Intent for hunting seasons that was adopted by the Commission was enacted before the acquisition of the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Declaration of Emergency to change the deer season on Fort Polk and Peason Ridge WMAs for the 2001-2002 hunting season be adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached Declaration of Emergency to set the hunting season for the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area be adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

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

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

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act and under the authority of R.S. 56:115, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following emergency rule:

FORT POLK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Deer:	Bucks Only	October 27-November 22
	Either Sex	November 23-November 25
	Bucks Only	December 15-December 21
	Either Sex	December 22-December 23
	Bucks Only	December 24-December 28
	Either Sex	December 29-December 30
	Bucks Only	December 31-January 1

PEASON RIDGE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Deer:	Bucks Only	November 3-November 22
	Either Sex	November 23-November 25
	Bucks Only	December 15-December 21
	Either Sex	December 22-December 23
	Bucks Only	December 24-December 28
	Either Sex	December 29-December 30
	Bucks Only	December 31-January 1

A Declaration of Emergency is necessary to amend the deer hunting seasons of Fort Polk and Peason Ridge WMAs since the U.S. Army has scheduled training exercises on these two Department of Defense Bases during the times that either sex hunting would have been scheduled and the Bases would be closed to the public. Either sex hunting days will be allowed at later dates when the bases would be open to the public. The Maurepas Swamp WMA is a recently acquired WMA and as such was not included with the original Notice of Intent.

MAUREPAS SWAMP WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Deer:	Either Sex	November 23-November 25
	Bucks Only	December 22-January 6
	Muzzleloader	January 7-January 13
	Archery	Same as Outside

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as Outside except closed November 23-November 25 and except rabbits and squirrels may be taken by still hunting only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

Tentative Dates for the Waterfowl Season began with Mr. Robert Helm commenting first reports are being received of seeing blue

wings in the marsh. A video from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the status of waterfowl was shown at this point. Following the video, Mr. Helm stated the video did not provide a fall flight index as done in previous years. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service decided they do not have a lot of confidence in the methods used to estimate this figure. In 1999, the index was 100 million and for 2000, it was 90 million. Mr. Helm, Mr. Bowman and Major LaCaze attended the Mississippi Flyway Council meeting to consider some of the issues discussed in the video. The federal guidelines remain unchanged from last year, except for canvasbacks. Canvasback populations, at 600,000, are the lowest of the ten species recorded. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service feels this level of population should be a concern. The Mississippi Flyway Council recommended no change in the hunting regulations for canvasback, but they were outvoted at a meeting in Washington, so, this year the canvasback season will be for 20 days in the Mississippi Flyway. Mr. Helm then read the tentative dates for the record. For ducks and coots in the west zone, there will be a 60 day season from November 10-December 2 and December 15-January 20. The east zone which includes Catahoula Lake will be from November 17-December 2 and December 8-January 20. The youth waterfowl weekend will be moved to the beginning of the season as compared with the back. These dates will be November 3-4 in the west and November 10-11 in the east. Canvasback Season Dates will be January 1-20. The daily bag limit on ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards, 3 mottled ducks, 1 black duck, 2 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback (during the last 20 days of the duck season and during youth hunts), 3 scaup, and 2 redhead. Season dates for geese, light geese and white-fronted, in the west zone, 86 days, will be from November 3-December 2 and December 15-February 8. In the east zone, dates will be October 27-December 2 and from December 8-January 25. Daily bag limit for light geese will be 20 with no possession limit. Daily limit on white-fronted geese will be 2 with possession limit of 4. The Canada Goose Season will be for 9 days, January 15-January 23. All waterfowl seasons must be closed to implement the Conservation Order. The dates for the Order for light geese in the west zone will be December 3-December 14 and February 9-March 10. For the east zone, dates will be December 3-December 7 and January 26-March 10. The first segment of the rail and gallinule seasons were set when the dove and teal seasons were set. The recommended second split will confer with the duck season dates and these dates are: November 10-January 2. The bag limits did not change. The season dates for snipe will be November 3-December 3 and December 15-February 28. Shooting hours will remain the same as in the past.

Commissioner Denmon asked what are the federal guidelines for setting up the youth waterfowl weekends? Mr. Helm stated it has to be two consecutive days. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Stone asked Mr. Helm to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Denmon made a motion accepting the Resolution. It was seconded by Commissioner Felterman and passed unanimously.

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

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 8, 2001

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, August 8, 2001

WHEREAS, public hearings have been held to discuss the status of waterfowl, including ducks, coots, and geese in Washington DC, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing waterfowl season framework have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for waterfowl including season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for waterfowl within the constraints of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that on this date, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby tentatively adopt the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these tentative dates will be ratified by Declaration of Emergency unless significant changes are mandated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the

authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these dates will be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as regulations set for Louisiana's 2001-2002 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.

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

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

Mr. Martin Bourgeois handled the next item, a **Declaration of Emergency - 2001 Fall Shrimp Season**. He asked the Commission to consider the Department's recommended opening and closing dates for the fall shrimp season. The statewide recommended opening date is Monday, August 20 at official sunrise. The closing date for Zones 2 and 3 will be December 18, 2001 at sunset, and December 31, official sunset in Zone 1 except for Breton and Chandeleur Sounds which shall close at 6 a.m. March 31, 2002. The Department has traditionally acted conservatively in setting these dates, but the Commission can consider an earlier opening from the traditional third Monday in August. Commissioner McCall asked what will be the third Monday in August and was told it was August 20. Commissioner Gattle asked if the zones were the same as those used for the brown shrimp season? Mr. Bourgeois answered yes, there is no difference. Commissioner Kelly asked if the shrimp were harvestable, could the season open on August 15, which will allow the crab fishermen one week's time to remove their traps from the water? Mr. Bourgeois stated data shows shrimp are currently of legal size. Then Commissioner Kelly asked if August 15 was used and with the new moon that following weekend, then shrimpers would be given a chance to catch them before exiting. Mr. Bourgeois stated the highest predicted tides would occur on August 15, 16 and 17. Chairman Stone asked if there was any biological reason not to move the season forward? Mr. Bourgeois commented the shrimp's average mean sizes are considerably larger than the 100 count per pound. Chairman Stone then asked the Commission for a motion for a change in the opening date. Commissioner McCall made a motion to open the fall shrimp season on August 15. Commissioner Felterman seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Then the meeting was opened for public comments.

A Shrimper from Cameron, stated the shrimp he was catching was 20 count and asked that the season be opened as soon as possible.

He added he knows of shrimpers that are outlawing and catching \$4,000 to \$5,000 worth of shrimp per week in Cameron. There were only 32 days this past season for the brown season when usually there are about 50 days.

Mr. Johnny Price, a commercial shrimper, stated a 72 hour notice is given to close during the spring shrimp season, but the opening date is decided by the Commission. He asked why do they have to wait for the Commission to meet and make a decision and not allow the biologists decide what is best and give a 72 hour notice for an opening? Mr. Price stated he has seen the season open on the third Monday in August and the shrimp did not meet the count. He asked that they be allowed to get into the water as soon as possible so they can make money before a storm happens.

Mr. Ted Loupe asked to have a statewide opening and commented the season should have opened already. In addressing what Mr. Price stated, Mr. Loupe felt some laws outlive themselves. Biological data could be utilized to set opening dates for the fall season a lot earlier than in past years. He thanked the Commission for looking at opening the season early.

Chairman Stone asked Mr. Bourgeois to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to open all three zones on August 15, 2001. Commissioner McCall seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Commissioner Gattle asked what is the time frame to close a season? Mr. Bourgeois stated there is a 72 hour requirement. Chairman Stone stated it would be interesting to know how far ahead, biologically speaking, of the third Monday in August could the fall season open. Mr. Bourgeois stated that statute held that the Commission shall open the fall season on the third Monday in August until 1988 when Legislation allowed the Commission the flexibility on opening the season.

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

RESOLUTION

2001 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 8, 2001

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set no less than two shrimp seasons each calendar year for all inside waters by zone, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 states that the shrimp seasons shall be based on biological and technical data which indicate that marketable shrimp, in sufficient quantities, are available for harvest, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides the minimum legal count on white shrimp is 100 (whole specimens) count per pound, except during the time period from October fifteenth through the third Monday in December when there shall be no count, and

WHEREAS, historical and current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated that white shrimp in all three inshore shrimp management zones will average 100 count minimum size or larger by mid August, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2001 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497, to open statewide at official sunrise August 15, 2001.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the closing date for the 2001 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season at official sunset December 18, 2001 in Zones 2 and 3, and official sunset December 31, 2001 in Zone 1, except in Breton and Chandeleur Sounds, as described in LAC 76:VII.307D, which shall remain open until 6:00 a.m., March 31, 2002. The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening or closing dates if biological or technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop.

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

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

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

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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

Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the Mississippi-Louisiana State line westward to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River, and

Zone 2, that portion of the Louisiana's inshore waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island, and

Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island westward to the Louisiana-Texas state line,

all to open at official sunrise August 15, 2001.

The Commission also hereby sets the closing date for the 2001 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season in Zone 2 and Zone 3 at official sunset December 18, 2001, and Zone 1 at official sunset December 31, 2001 except in the open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds as described in LAC 76:VII.307D, which shall remain open until 6:00 a.m., March 31, 2002. The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening or closing dates if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

Mrs. Karen Foote handled the presentation for a **Declaration of Emergency - 2001-02 Oyster Season, Public Grounds**. She began by introducing Mr. Fred Dunham who would be the new oyster biologist

replacing Mr. Ron Dugas. The recommended dates for the oyster season includes the traditional Wednesday after Labor Day, which is September 5, for most of the grounds and closing April 1. The Bay Junop area will remain closed this year. Also, the six new oyster grounds established this spring would remain closed. The sacking only area will open September 5 and close April 1. Opening date for Calcasieu will be October 15 and close April 30. Then for Sabine Lake, the season will open on November 15 and close April 30. The Oyster Task Force deliberated on the Department's recommendations and developed their own dates. These changes included delay opening of the Lake Borgne and Sister Lake area until October 1; the rest of the grounds would open on September 5, which is what the Department wanted; delay the closure until April 15 instead of April 1. Staff does not object to going with the Task Force's recommendations. The reasons from the Task Force for the delayed openings was for business and economic reasons. Mrs. Foote added that this recommendation was not a unanimous vote of the Task Force. Chairman Stone asked if Enforcement had any concerns? Col. Winton Vidrine answered no. Mrs. Foote then stated biologists have dived onto the resource and found there is ample sack and seed resources. Commissioner Gattle asked why did the Task Force recommend April 15 instead of April 1? Mrs. Foote stated it was economics and because the opening was delayed for some of the significant areas. Commissioner Felterman made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Oyster Task Force and it was seconded by Commissioner Gattle. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Foote then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly made a motion accepting the Resolution. Commissioner Gattle seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

2001/2002 SEASON ON THE PUBLIC OYSTER GROUNDS

AUGUST 8, 2001

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be fished starting on the Wednesday following Labor Day which in 2001 is September 5, 2001 and

WHEREAS, the oyster resources on the "Public Oyster Seed Grounds and Oyster Seed Reservations" have been surveyed and the available supply and size variation has been determined, and

WHEREAS, Act #46 of the 1992 Legislative Session changed R.S. 56:433(B) to mandate a sacking only area on the Public Grounds east of the Mississippi River inclusive of Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes,

WHEREAS, the Commission has considered the recommendations of the Oyster Task Force,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the oyster season in the following areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 5, 2001 and will close one-half hour after sunset on April 15, 2002: the Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and Oyster Seed Reservation located in the areas which are bordered on the north by the Mississippi Gulf Outlet and on the south by the Mississippi River and North Pass, the sacking only area of the public grounds which is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Pt. to Pt. Gardner to Grace Pt. at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, and the Hackberry Bay Oyster Seed Reservation, and the area which is bordered on the east by Atchafalaya River and on the west by Freshwater Bayou, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the oyster season in the following areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 1, 2001 and will close one-half hour after sunset on April 15, 2002: the Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and Oyster Seed Reservation located in the area bordered on the east by the Louisiana/Mississippi state line and on the south by the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, and the Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following area will remain closed for the 2001/2002 oyster season: Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation and portions of Lake Mechant, Lake Tambour, Lake Chien, Lake Felicity, Deep Lake and Barataria Bay Public Oyster Seed Grounds (as identified in LAC 76:VII.517), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that under authority of R.S. 56:435.1 the season for Calcasieu Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 15, 2001 and Sabine Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on November 15, 2001 and they will remain open until one-half hour after sunset on April 30, 2002. However these conservation actions will not supercede public health closures, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary will also have the authority to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if the threat to the resource has ended, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2001/2002 Season on the Public Oyster Grounds is attached to and made part of this resolution.

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

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

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953 (B) and 967 (D), and under the authority of R.S. 56:433 and R.S. 56:435.1 notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby declares:

1. The oyster season in the following areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 5, 2001 and will close one-half hour after sunset on April 15, 2002: the Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and Oyster Seed Reservation located in the areas which are bordered on the north by the Mississippi Gulf Outlet and on the south by the Mississippi River and North Pass, the sacking only area of the public grounds which is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Pt. to Pt. Gardner to Grace Pt. at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, the Hackberry Bay Oyster Seed Reservation, and the area which is bordered on the east by the Atchafalaya River and on the west by the Freshwater Bayou.

2. The oyster season in the following areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 1, 2001 and will close one-half hour after sunset on April 15, 2002: the Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and Oyster Seed Reservations located in the area bordered on the east by the Louisiana/Mississippi state line and on the south by the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, and Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation.

3. The following areas will remain closed to oyster harvest for the 2001/2002 Oyster season: Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation, portions of Lake Mechant, Lake Tambour, Lake Chien, Lake Felicity, Deep Lake and Barataria Bay Public Oyster Seed Grounds (as identified in LAC 76:VII.517).

4. The season for Calcasieu Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 15, 2001 and Sabine Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on November 15, 2001 and they will remain open until one-half hour after sunset on April 30, 2002. However these conservation actions will not supercede public health closures.

5. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads.

6. The Secretary will also have the authority to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if the threat to the resource has ended.

7. The notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

Mr. Randy Pausina handled the next five agenda items together, a Notice of Intent - Sharks and Sawfishes - Harvest Regulations, a Notice of Intent - Tuna - Harvest Regulations, a Notice of Intent - Pompano Permits, a Notice of Intent - Harvest Regulations - Billfishes and a Notice of Intent - Harvest Regulations - Red Drum. The tuna, billfishes and shark proposed rules are intended to make state length and possession regulations consistent with federal regulations. The tuna, billfishes, shark and red drum Notices of Intent are adding a requirement that persons or vessels fishing in federal waters must comply with all applicable federal laws when subject to jurisdiction of the State. Chairman Stone asked if there were any comments on any of the proposed rules and none were heard. Mr. Pausina first read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution for Sharks and Sawfishes. Commissioner Kelly made a motion accepting this Resolution. Commissioner Denmon seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Then he read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Tuna Resolution. Commissioner Denmon made a motion accepting this Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Gattle. This motion passed with no opposition. The Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Pompano Resolution was read next. Commissioner Gattle made a motion, it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly and passed unanimously. The Billfishes Therefore Be It Resolved portion of a Resolution was read by Mr. Pausina. A motion accepting this Resolution was made by Commissioner Felterman and it was seconded by Commissioner Gattle. This motion passed with no opposition. Finally, Mr. Pausina read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Red Drum Resolution. Commissioner Gattle made a motion accepting the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Denmon. This motion also passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

MODIFICATION OF SHARK HARVEST RULES

adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 8, 2001

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, has provided rules for the harvesting of sharks in Louisiana's state waters, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has adopted management measures for sharks harvested in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, adoption of compatible regulations for Louisiana state waters where feasible would enhance effectiveness and enforceability of the regulations already in place for sharks harvested in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, substantial fisheries for sharks do also occur in Louisiana state waters that are significant to the citizens of the State of Louisiana and thus enactment of compatible regulations may also impact those persons involved in those fisheries, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(10), 56:326(E)(2), 56:326.1, and 56:326.3 provide authority for adoption of this rule through the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:320.2(C) provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal law and regulations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby promulgates a Notice of Intent to modify existing regulations to provide for shark management categories, recreational size limits, recreational bag limits, and to require compliance with federal fishing laws and regulations in federal waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

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

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

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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to amend a Rule, LAC 76:VII.357, modifying the existing rule to create compatible regulations in both state and federal waters and provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(10), 56:326(E)(2), 56:326.1, 56:326.3, and R.S. 56:320.2(C). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§357. Sharks and Sawfishes - Harvest Regulations

A. The following rules and regulations are established for the taking and possession of sharks (including sawfishes) (Class Elasmobranchiomorphi: Orders Hexanchiformes, Lamniformes, Squaliformes, and Rajiformes) from Louisiana waters. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to shrimp or menhaden harvest, and nothing contained herein is intended or shall be construed to repeal, amend, or otherwise modify the provisions of

law applicable to shrimp or menhaden fishing, except for provisions:

1. outlawing finning of shark;
2. requiring a "Shark Permit" for sale, barter, trade, or exchange;
3. limiting sale, barter, trade, or exchange of sharks during closed seasons;
4. limiting shark retained by non-permit holders to be only as a mixed part of the total harvest, and only retained, held, or sold, purchased, bartered, traded, or exchanged as such; and
5. outlawing transfer of sharks between vessels at sea.

B. For management purposes, sharks are divided into the following categories:

1. Small Coastal Sharks - Bonnethead shark, Atlantic sharpnose shark, Blacknose shark, Finetooth shark.
2. Large Coastal Sharks - Great Hammerhead, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead, Nurse shark, Blacktip shark, Bull shark, Lemon shark, Sandbar shark, Silky shark, Spinner shark, Tiger shark.
3. Pelagic Sharks - Porbeagle shark, Shortfin mako, Blue shark, Oceanic whitetip shark, Thresher shark.
4. Prohibited Species - Basking shark, White shark, Bigeye sand tiger, Sand tiger, Whale shark, Smalltooth sawfish, Largetooth sawfish, Atlantic angel shark, Caribbean sharpnose shark, Smalltail shark, Bignose shark, Caribbean reef shark, Dusky shark, Galapagos shark, Narrowtooth shark, Night shark, Bigeye sixgill shark, Bigeye thresher shark, Longfin mako, Sevengill shark, Sixgill shark.

C. In addition to all other licenses and permits required by law, a valid original "Shark Permit" shall be annually required for persons commercially taking shark from Louisiana waters and for persons selling, exchanging, or bartering sharks as required by law; the valid original permit shall be in immediate possession of

the permittee while engaged in fishing for, possessing, selling, bartering, trading, or exchanging shark.

D. No person shall purchase, sell, exchange, barter or attempt to purchase, sell, exchange, or barter any sharks in excess of any possession limit for which a commercial permit was issued.

E. 1. All persons who do not possess a "Shark Permit" issued by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and, if applicable, a Federal Shark Permit issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service, are limited to a recreational possession limit. All persons who do not possess a Louisiana "Shark Permit" and, if applicable, a permit issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Sharks, shall not sell, barter, trade, exchange or attempt to sell, barter, trade or exchange any sharks, or possess any sharks in excess of a recreational possession limit. Sharks taken incidental to menhaden fishing, that are retained on the vessel as part of the harvest, may be retained and sold only as a mixed part of the total harvest, and shall not be retained, held, or sold, purchased, bartered, traded, or exchanged separately. Sharks retained as a result of menhaden fishing shall not exceed legal bycatch allowances for menhaden fishing as provided for in R.S. 56:324.

2. Legally licensed Louisiana wholesale/retail seafood dealers, retail seafood dealers, restaurants, and retail grocers are not required to hold a "Shark Permit" in order to purchase, possess, exchange, barter and sell any quantities of sharks, so long as they maintain records as required by R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6 .

F. Sharks taken under a recreational bag limit shall not be sold, purchased, exchanged, traded, bartered, or attempted to be sold, purchased, exchanged, traded, or bartered. A person subject to a bag limit shall not possess at any time, regardless of the number of trips or the duration of a trip, any shark in excess of the recreational bag limits or less than minimum size limits as follows:

1. All sharks taken under a recreational bag limit within or without Louisiana waters must be at least 54 inches fork length, except that the minimum size limit does not apply for Atlantic sharpnose sharks.

2. No more than one shark from either the large coastal, small coastal or pelagic group not taken under a commercial permit may be retained per vessel per trip within or without Louisiana waters, subject to the size limits described in LAC 76:VII.357(F)1, and, in addition, one Atlantic sharpnose shark may be retained per person per trip within or without Louisiana waters. Regardless of the length of a trip, no more than one Atlantic sharpnose shark per person may be possessed.

G. Those persons possessing a Federal Shark Permit issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Sharks are limited to daily take, trip and possession limits as specified in that Federal Permit. A person aboard a vessel for which a Federal Shark Permit has been issued shall not retain, possess, barter, trade, or exchange shark of any species group for which the commercial quota has been reached and the season closed in Federal waters.

H. 1. A vessel that has been issued or possesses a federal shark permit issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Sharks shall not possess on any trip, or land from any trip, or sell, barter, trade, or exchange Large Coastal Species in excess of 4,000 pounds, dressed weight. No person shall purchase, barter, trade, or exchange shark in excess of 4,000 pounds, dressed weight, or from any person who does not possess a Louisiana shark permit or federal permit, if applicable.

2. Persons possessing a Louisiana "Shark Permit" shall not possess on any trip, or land from any trip, or sell, Large Coastal Species in excess of 4,000 pounds, dressed weight.

I. A person aboard a vessel for which a federal shark permit has been issued, or persons aboard a vessel fishing for or possessing shark in the EEZ shall comply with all applicable federal regulations.

J. Fins

1. The practice of "finning", that is, removing only the fins and returning the remainder of the shark to the sea, is prohibited within and without Louisiana waters.

2. Shark fins that are possessed aboard or offloaded from a fishing vessel must not exceed 5 percent of the weight of

the shark carcasses. All fins must be weighed in conjunction with the weighing of the carcasses at the vessel's first point of landing and such weights of the fins landed must be recorded on dealer records in compliance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6. Fins from shark harvested by a vessel that are disproportionate to the weight of the carcasses landed shall not be sold, purchased, traded, or bartered or attempted to be sold, purchased, traded, or bartered.

3. Shark fins shall not be possessed aboard a fishing vessel after the vessel's first point of landing.

K. Prohibited Species

1. No person shall take, possess, purchase, sell, barter, exchange or attempt to possess, purchase, sell, barter, or exchange any of the following species or parts thereof:

- a. Basking shark - *Cetorhinus maximus*
- b. White shark - *Carcharodon carcharias*
- c. Bigeye sand tiger - *Odontaspis noronhai*
- d. Sand tiger - *Odontaspis taurus*
- e. Whale shark - *Rhincodon typus*
- f. Smalltooth sawfish - *Pristis pectinata*
- g. Largetooth sawfish - *Pristis pristis*
- h. Atlantic angel shark - *Squatina dumerili*
- i. Caribbean sharpnose shark - *Rhizoprionodon porosus*
- j. Smalltail shark - *Carcharhinus porosus*
- k. Bignose shark - *Carcharhinus altimus*
- l. Caribbean reef shark - *Carcharhinus perezi*
- m. Dusky shark - *Carcharhinus obscurus*

- n. Galapagos shark - *Carcharhinus galapagensis*
- o. Narrowtooth shark - *Carcharhinus brachyurus*
- p. Night shark - *Carcharhinus signatus*
- q. Bigeye sixgill shark - *Hexanchus vitulus*
- r. Bigeye thresher shark - *Alopias superciliosus*
- s. Longfin mako shark - *Isurus paucus*
- t. Sevengill shark - *Heptranchias perlo*
- u. Sixgill shark - *Hexanchus griseus*

2. Notwithstanding other provisions of this part, a person may fish for, but not retain, white sharks (*Carcharodon carcharias*) with rod and reel only under a catch and release program, provided the person releases and returns such fish to the sea immediately with a minimum of injury.

3. Notwithstanding other provisions of this part, smalltooth sawfish or largetooth sawfish may be possessed as authorized by a special Scientific and Educational Collecting Permit issued by the department under R.S. 56:318, including whatever conditions that the department may deem necessary to ensure the maintenance and protection of the species. Nothing herein shall prohibit the possession of smalltooth sawfish or largetooth sawfish, or parts thereof, that were possessed prior to the effective date of this rule.

L. No person aboard any vessel shall transfer or cause the transfer of sharks between vessels on state or federal waters. Standard menhaden harvesting activities do not constitute transfer of sharks between vessels at sea.

M. Seasonal Closures

1. All Louisiana State waters out to the seaward boundary of the Louisiana Territorial Sea shall be closed to the recreational and commercial harvest of all sharks between April 1 and June 30 of each year. A holder of a Federal Shark Permit may legally harvest sharks from Federal waters beyond the Louisiana Territorial Sea and bring those sharks into Louisiana waters for

sale within the provisions of that Federal Shark Permit. Effective with this closure, no person shall commercially harvest, purchase, barter, trade, sell or attempt to purchase, barter, trade or sell sharks from the closed area. Effective with the closure, no person shall retain or possess any sharks in the closed area. Sharks taken incidental to shrimp or menhaden fishing in the closed area, that are retained on the vessel as part of the harvest, may be retained only as a mixed part of the total harvest, and shall not be retained, held, purchased, bartered, traded, exchanged, sold or attempted to be purchased, bartered, traded, exchanged or sold.

2. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is hereby authorized to close any recreational or commercial fishery for sharks, within and without Louisiana's territorial waters, when the Secretary is notified by the National Marine Fisheries Service that the seasonal quota for that species group and fishery has been met. The closure order shall close the fishery until the date projected for the re-opening of that fishery in the adjacent Federal waters. The Secretary is also hereby authorized to modify any such closure order to maintain consistency with re-opening dates in the adjacent Federal waters, should the Federal closure dates be modified.

N. The fishing year for shark shall begin on January 1, 1998 and every January 1st thereafter.

O. No person who, pursuant to state or federal law, is subject to the jurisdiction of this state shall violate any federal law, rule or regulation particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title 50 and 15, for sharks and sawfishes while fishing in the EEZ, or possess, purchase, sell, barter, trade, or exchange sharks and sawfishes within or without the territorial boundaries of Louisiana in violation of any state or federal law, rule or regulation particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title 50 and 15 law.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10), R.S. 56:326(E)(2), R.S. 56:326.1, R.S. 56:326.3, and R.S. 56:320.2(C).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:543 (March 1999), amended LR 27: .

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, October 4, 2001.

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).

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

RESOLUTION

TUNA HARVEST RULES

adopted by the
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 8, 2001

- WHEREAS, the tuna fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana are primarily managed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and
- WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and
- WHEREAS, adoption of compatible regulations for Louisiana state waters would enhance effectiveness and enforceability of the regulations already in place for tunas harvested in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and
- WHEREAS, the primary fishery for the affected tuna fishes is in Federal waters off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1, and R.S. 56:326.3 provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set size limits for saltwater finfish, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:320.2(C) provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal law and regulations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent adding a minimum size limit for the harvest of bluefin tuna, removing Atlantic bonito from the list of permitted tunas in Louisiana waters and to require compliance with federal fishing laws and regulations in federal waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

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

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

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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.361, modifying the rule for the harvest of Atlantic tunas by adding a minimum size limit for the harvest of bluefin tuna, removing Atlantic bonito from the

list of permitted tunas in Louisiana waters and provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1, R.S. 56:326.3 and R.S. 56:320.2(C). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§361. Tuna - Harvest Regulations

A. Bag and possession limits, recreational.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Bag and Possession Limit</u>
1. Yellowfin Tuna	3 fish per person

B. Size limits, recreational and commercial.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum Size Limit</u>
1. Yellowfin Tuna	27 inches Curved Fork Length (CFL)
2. Bigeye Tuna	27 inches Curved Fork Length (CFL)
3. Bluefin Tuna*	27 inches Curved Fork Length (CFL)

*The size class of a bluefin tuna found with the head removed shall be determined using pectoral fin curved fork length (PFCFL) multiplied by a conversion factor of 1.35.

NOTE: Curved Fork Length (CFL): the length of a fish measured from the tip of the upper jaw to the fork of the tail along the contour of the body in a line that runs along the top of the pectoral fin and the top of the caudal keel. Pectoral Fin Curved Fork Length (PFCFL) means the length of a beheaded fish from the dorsal insertion of the pectoral fin to the fork of the tail measured along the contour of the body in a line that

runs along the top of the pectoral fin and the top of the caudal keel.

C. No person shall take or have in their possession any species of tuna, less than the minimum size or in excess of the take or possession limits. The possession limit on tunas applies to tuna taken within or outside Louisiana territorial waters.

D. Permits

1. Recreational: Persons aboard a vessel whether within or outside Louisiana territorial waters possessing any of the following tuna species: Atlantic bluefin tuna, yellowfin tuna, bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna and albacore are required to have a valid federal recreational tuna permit in their immediate possession on board the vessel.

2. Commercial: Persons harvesting the following tuna species: Atlantic bluefin tuna, yellowfin tuna, bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna and albacore whether within or outside Louisiana state territorial waters for commercial purposes or possessing such tuna species in excess of a recreational take limit are required to have a valid Federal commercial tuna permit in their immediate possession on board the vessel. No person shall sell, barter, trade or exchange or attempt to sell, barter, trade or exchange any species of tuna without a valid federal commercial tuna permit. No person shall purchase, barter, trade or exchange or attempt to purchase, barter, trade or exchange any species of tuna from any person who harvested tuna without a valid federal commercial tuna permit.

3. No person aboard any commercial vessel shall transfer or cause the transfer of fish between vessels on state or federal waters.

E. No person who, pursuant to state or federal law, is subject to the jurisdiction of this state shall violate any federal law, rule or regulation particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title 50 and 15, for tunas while fishing in the EEZ, or possess, purchase, sell, barter, trade, or exchange tunas within or without the territorial boundaries of Louisiana in violation of any state or federal law, rule or regulation particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery

Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title 50 and 15 law.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1, R.S. 56:326.3 and R.S. 56:320.2(C).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 26:2834 (December 2000), amended LR .

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, October 4, 2001.

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).

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

RESOLUTION

POMPANO PERMITS

adopted by the
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 8, 2001

WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has rules in place that regulate the commercial harvest of pompano, and

WHEREAS, all commercial harvesters of pompano are required to have a pompano permit issued by the Department, and

WHEREAS, we can be more efficient with the permitting process, and

WHEREAS, adoption of Act 153 of the 2001 Regular Legislative Session requires us to clarify parts of the rule, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(25)(a) provides that the Department shall have the authority to promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act under sound management and R.S. 56:406(A)(3) provides for the changing of certain phrases,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent to modify the pompano permitting process in accordance with the passage of Act 153 of the 2001 Regular Legislative Session, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

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

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

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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.355, modifying the application procedures and removing the phrase "excluding islands".

Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and R.S. 56:406(A)(3). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§703. Pompano Permits

A. Harvest Regulations

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9. Pompano strike nets may be used during the period from August 1 through October 31 of each year in waters in excess of seven feet in depth and beyond 2,500 feet from land within the Chandeleur and Breton Sound area described in R.S. 56:406(A)(2).

* * *

B. Qualification for Permit

1. All permits shall be applied for and/or granted from January 1 to April 30 of each year from the New Orleans or Baton Rouge offices. All permits expire December 31 following the date of issuance.

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4. Proof of ownership of the proposed permitted vessel(s) and proof that all applicable licenses have been applied for shall be provided at the time of appointment. Proof of bona fide residency, as defined in R.S. 56:8(12), is also required at this time.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and R.S. 56:406A(3).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 12:119 (February 1986), amended LR 12:846 (December 1986), amended by the

Office of Fisheries, LR 16:322 (April 1990), LR 22:859 (September 1996), amended by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 26:2332 (October 2000), LR .

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, October 4, 2001.

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).

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

RESOLUTION

BILLFISH HARVEST RULES

adopted by the
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 8, 2001

WHEREAS, the billfish fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana are primarily managed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has adopted size limits for sailfish harvested in the EEZ off of Louisiana for conservation purposes, and

WHEREAS, adoption of compatible regulations for Louisiana state waters would enhance effectiveness and enforceability of the regulations already in place for billfishes harvested in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1 and R.S. 56:326.3 provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set size limits for saltwater finfish and R.S. 56:320.2(C) provide, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:320.2(C) provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal law and regulations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent to amend the published regulations on billfish by changing the minimum size limit of recreationally harvested sailfish from 57 to 63 inches lower jaw fork length in Louisiana waters and to require compliance with federal fishing laws and regulations in federal waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

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

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

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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.355, increasing the minimum size limit for sailfish from 57 inches to 63 inches lower jaw fork length and provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1, R.S. 56:326.3 and R.S. 56:320.2(C). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

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§355. Harvest Regulations, Billfishes

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B. Minimum Size Limits: No person shall possess any fish smaller than the minimum size limit.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum Size Limit</u>
1. Blue Marlin	99 inches Lower Jaw Fork Length (LJFL)
2. White Marlin	66 inches Lower Jaw Fork Length (LJFL)
3. Sailfish	63 inches Lower Jaw Fork Length (LJFL)
4. Swordfish	29 inches carcass length or 33 pounds dressed weight

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J. No person who, pursuant to state or federal law, is subject to the jurisdiction of this state shall violate any federal

law, rule or regulation particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title 50 and 15, for billfishes (*Istiophoridae spp.*) while fishing in the EEZ, or possess, purchase, sell, barter, trade, or exchange billfishes within or without the territorial boundaries of Louisiana in violation of any state or federal law, rule or regulation particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title 50 and 15 law.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1, R.S. 56:326.3 and R.S. 56:320.2(C).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:542 (March 1999, amended LR 26:1676 (August 2000), LR .

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, October 4, 2001.

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).

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

RESOLUTION

RED DRUM HARVEST REGULATIONS

adopted by the

Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 8, 2001

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana statutorily regulates the harvest of red drum, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:320.2(C) provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal law and regulations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent establishing a rule requiring compliance with federal fishing laws and regulations in federal waters regarding red drum, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

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

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

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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.363, which provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations.

Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:320.2(C). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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§363. Red Drum - Harvest Regulations

A. No person who, pursuant to state or federal law, is subject to the jurisdiction of this state shall violate any federal law, rule or regulation particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title 50 and 15, for red drum (*Sciaenops ocellata*) while fishing in the EEZ, or possess, purchase, sell, barter, trade, or exchange red drum within or without the territorial boundaries of Louisiana in violation of any state or federal law, rule or regulation particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title 50 and 15 law.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:320.2(C).

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

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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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).

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

The **Proclamation for National Hunting & Fishing Day** was handled by Ms. Marianne Burke. She began reminding everyone that this Day is a national celebration held the fourth Saturday in September. It was created to celebrate the contribution by sportsmen to conservation. This will officially be the 17th year for Louisiana. About 3,000 people attend this event in Baton Rouge and they can practice their shooting and fishing skills. These activities are free and has been very successful. The Governor and Mayor of Baton Rouge has already proclaimed this Day. Ms. Burke then asked the Commission for their approval. She read the Therefore portion of the Proclamation. Commissioner Kelly made a motion accepting the Proclamation. Commissioner Gattle seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Commissioner Gattle encouraged each district to participate in this celebration throughout the state.

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

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Louisianans are blessed with an abundance and diversity of game, fish, and seafood that hunters, fishers and commercial industries have long appreciated and recognized the need to conserve; and

WHEREAS, revenues raised by sportsmen and commercial industries have successfully returned some animal species that faced extinction or were threatened or endangered by environmental conditions often imposed by people to healthy populations; and

WHEREAS, hunters and anglers have a long history of contributing to conservation efforts statewide and nationwide, contributing more than \$12 billion to conservation

programs during the past half a century through license fees and self-imposed excise taxes; and

WHEREAS, a recent survey by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service indicated that 56 percent of all Louisianans participate in some type of fish or wildlife-related activity; and

WHEREAS, latest figures indicate that the total annual economic impact of wildlife-related activities, including hunting and non-consumptive usage, in Louisiana is more than \$1.5 billion and that Louisianans directly spend \$896 million on hunting and other wildlife-associated recreation; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana residents have spent \$30.9 million on fishing and hunting licenses during the last three years; and

WHEREAS, the state's warm gulf waters and fertile estuarine systems are home to more than 100 commercially valuable seafood species, making Louisiana's marine fisheries one of the most important in the nation with approximately 1.47 billion pounds landed annually for a dockside value of approximately \$294 million, with more than 150,000 people directly and indirectly employed in harvesting, processing, wholesaling and distribution of Louisiana seafood;

THEREFORE I, Dr. H. Jerry Stone, Chairman of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, on the 8th day of August, 2001, hereby proclaim Saturday, September 22, 2001, as the

17th ANNUAL
LOUISIANA NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

in recognition of the economic contributions of the hunting and fishing industry and in acknowledgment of the sport enjoyed by so many of our citizens.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone, Chairman

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

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

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

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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LWFC has bittersweet news for hunters Duck and goose season outlined

By **JOE MACALUSO**
Advocate outdoors writer

Sportsmen around the state were served a mixture of bittersweet news Thursday when the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission approved dates for ducks and geese, established seasons on the new 23,913-acre Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area, set dates for the fall inshore shrimp season and OK'd plans for the 2002 spring turkey season.

Sweetness for hunters came with another 60-day, 6-duck-a-day season for the state's duck and goose hunters and in an Aug. 15 opening of the fall shrimp season.

The 60-day season comes with a new federally imposed limitation on the taking of canvasbacks, which will have a special Jan. 1-20, 2002 season. Except for the two youth-only duck hunts, hunters will be able to take canvasback only during that special season, and will be limited to taking one per day.

The Aug. 15 shrimp opener was moved up five days from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Aug. 20 proposal. State law mandates the opening of the season no later than the third Monday in August. Tests by state biologists and testimony from shrimpers indicated white shrimp were much larger across the state's coastal waters than the 100-per-pound minimum count needed to open the season. Three shrimpers said 20-count shrimp (20 to the pound) are showing up in waters on the east and west sides of the Mississippi River.

Bitterness set in when the LWFC approved the new Maurepas Swamp WMA and set deer season dates.

In July, the LDWF accepted the donation of the land from the Conservation Fund of Virginia, which used funds from the Mellon Trust of Pittsburgh, to buy the land from a Lafayette-based holding company. The land is part of the old Lutchter-Moore tract in St. John the Baptist and St. James parishes. The purchase and donation sent packing as many as 700 hunters in 15 clubs. Clubs like LPG, Romeville and St. John had leased the land for as long as 70 years.

LDWF assistant secretary Phil Bowman said the camp owners will have until Oct. 31 to "salvage whatever they need" from the campsites. He said former club members will not be able to use the camps from Nov. 1-Jan. 31. Then, the former clubs will have until June 30 next year to salvage other items from the sites. After that, the LDWF will dismantle whatever remains on the former campsites.

More bad news came from upland game biologist Mike Olinde who said hunters will have a season limit of two turkeys, down from three for the 2002 spring turkey season.

"Even though we believe turkeys are doing well, they're not doing that well across the state," Olinde said. "Despite restocking efforts, every region in the state are at or below levels in 1986."

He said the most noticeable decline is in the Florida Parishes, where development and changing forestry practices have degraded turkey habitat during the last 15 years.

Another change from previous turkey seasons is that all three hunting areas -- A, B & C -- will open on the same day, March 30, 2002, with Area A running through April 28, Area B through April 21, an increase in 7 days over last season, and Area C through April 7.

In other action, the LWFC approved a Sept. 5 opening date for the season on the state's Public Oyster Seed Grounds; voted in Notices of Intent that will bring the state in line with federal regulations on sharks, sailfish and tuna, ban the sale and barter of redfish and bring new rules for pompano fishing; and, proclaimed Sept. 22 as Louisiana National Hunting and Fishing Day.

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COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Wednesday, August 8, 2001
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

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

Mr. Chairman:

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

AGENDA

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BATON ROUGE, LA
August 8, 2001
10:00 AM

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4. Notice of Intent - 2002 Turkey Season - Mike Olinde
5. Resolution - Maurepas Swamp WMA & Red River WMA Expansion
- Fred Kimmel
6. Declaration of Emergency - Amend Fort Polk & Peason Ridge
Hunting Dates & Establish Hunting Dates for Maurepas Swamp WMA -
Jimmy Anthony
7. Tentative Dates for Waterfowl Season - Robert Helm
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Martin Bourgeois.
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Catherine Simpson
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ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

JULY 2001

REGION 1:MINDEN
18 Agent positions

PARISHES: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER,
CADDO, CLAIBORNE,
WEBSTER

TOTAL CASES	112
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
49	Boating
37	Angling W/O A Resident License
3	Angling W/O A License – Non-Resident
6	Fishing W/O A Resident Pole License
4	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
2	Take Over Limit Undersize Catfish
2	Not Abiding By Rules & Regs On WMA
1	Resisting An Officer
2	DWI
1	BUI
2	Littering
1	Improper Lane Usage
1	Flight From An Officer
1	Reckless Operation

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
7	
3	Boating Safety
4	Angling W/O A Resident License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
94 undersize blue catfish; 5 black bass; 2 rod & reel combos; 1 cane pole.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
49	Boating
2	Commercial Fishing
00	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
9	Miscellaneous
50	Recreational Fishing
00	State Hunting/Trapping
7	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 2:MONROE
20 Agent positions

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

TOTAL CASES	78
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
67	Boating
5	Angle W/O Resident License
2	Angle W/O Non-resident License
3	Littering
1	Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations on WMA

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 12	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Expired Boat Registration
1	Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations on WMA
2	Improper Fire Extinguisher
3	Improper Boat Numbers
1	No Boat Registration Certificate In Possession
2	Angle Without A Resident License
2	Failure To Comply With PFD Requirements

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
NONE	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2 (MONROE)

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
67	Boating
-0-	Commercial Fishing
-0-	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
7	Recreational Fishing
-0-	State Hunting/Trapping
12	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

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

REGION 3:ALEXANDRIA

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

27 Agent positions

TOTAL CASES	148
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
90	Boating
29	Angling W/O License In Possession
1	Angling W/O Non-Resident License In Possession
1	Not Abiding By Commission Rules
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
2	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
1	Possess Game Fish Illegally
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
3	Possess Live Wild Birds W/O Permit (Game Breeder License)
5	Littering
1	Improper Lane Usage
3	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
4	Possession Of Marijuana With Intent To Distribute
3	Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia
1	D.W.I. (Second Offense)

1	Simple Obstruction Of Highway
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WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 58	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
18	Boating
35	Angling W/O License In Possession
5	Possession Undersize Freshwater Game Fish (Black Bass)

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
47 bob white quail, 1 black bass, 9 bream, 30 lbs. catfish, 3 lbs. garfish, 1 paper bag, 2 bottles, 2 cans, 1 plastic bag with quantity of green leafy matter, 1 pack of zig zag rolling papers, 1 plastic bag containing approx. 1 lb of green leafy matter, 3 small rocks suspected crack cocaine, 1 cocaine smoking device, 1 brown bag containing a quantity of wire mesh.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
90	Boating
3	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
5	Littering
16	Miscellaneous
34	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
58	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 4:FERRIDAY
24 Agent positions

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

TOTAL CASES	129
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
78	Boating
33	Angling W/o License
6	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
2	Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana
2	BUI
3	Littering
2	Possession Of Controlled Substance

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	23	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4		Angling W/O License
19		Boating

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
3 bags of marijuana; 1 marijuana pipe; 1 pistol, 8 pills.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
78	Boating
3	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
6	Miscellaneous
39	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
23	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Public Assistance

REGION 5: LAKE CHARLES
23 Agent positions

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

TOTAL CASES	154
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
52	Boating
32	Angling W/O A License
17	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
1	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
2	Angling W/O A Saltwater License
5	Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident
1	Take Or Possess Game Fish Illegally
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
2	Take Or Possess Undersize Red Drum
5	Take Or Possess Undersize Black Drum
1	Take Or Possess Overlimit Of Spotted Sea Trout
3	Take Or Possess Overlimit Of Black Drum
1	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
1	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

3	Sell Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale Retail Dealers License
1	Violate Crab Trap Escape Ring Requirements
1	Theft Of Crab Trap
1	Chicot Lake (Use Yo-Yo Or Trigger Device)
1	Obtain License Fraudulently
2	Take Or Possess Alligator Closed Season
1	Take Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Means
1	Possess Of Live Non-Game Quadrupeds W/O Permit
3	Hunting MGB From Vehicle
2	Take Or Possession Of Other Than Non-Game Birds-No Season
1	Resisting An Officer
2	BUI
6	Littering
2	Operate ATV On Public Road
1	Obtain License By Fraud
1	Discharge Firearm From Public Road

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 8	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Angling W/O A License
2	Failure To Comply W/PFD Requirements
3	Boating

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2 live raccoons released, 4 undersize red drum, 12 black drum, 8 red snapper, 1 black bass, 1 resident fishing license, 1 ice chest, 1 beer can, 3 crab traps, 1-22 rifle, 9 rods, 9 reels.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
52	Boating
8	Commercial Fishing
5	Federal Migratory
6	Littering
8	Miscellaneous
71	Recreational Fishing
4	State Hunting/Trapping
8	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Public Assistance

REGION 6:OPELOUSAS
24 Agent positions

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

TOTAL CASES	205
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
107	Boating
62	Angling W/O Resident License
2	Take Or Possess Gamefish Illegally
3	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
19	Angling W/O Resident Pole License
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License
2	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
1	Allow Another To Use Recreational License
1	Take Or Possess Undersize Finfish
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
1	Set Crab Traps in Navigable Channel Or Entrance To Streams
1	Operate Vessel While Intoxicated
1	Vehicular Negligent Injury
1	Take/Poss. Overlimit Of Red Drum
1	Littering

1	Take/Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
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WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
32	
17	Boating
14	Angling W/O License
1	Use WMA W/O License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
7 red drum, 10 black bass, 2 rod and reels, 2 sac-a-lait, 2 white bass, 5 goo, 2 crab traps, 1 torn lifejacket, 641 lbs. black drum, 2 shrimp lugs, check in the amount of \$512.80.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
107	Boating
4	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
2	Miscellaneous
91	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
32	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Public Assistance

REGION 7:BATON ROUGE

22 Agent positions

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

TOTAL CASES	218
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
29	Angle W/O A Basic Resident License
16	Angle W/O A Basic Non-Resident License
151	Boating Safety Violations
4	D.W.I.
2	Littering
5	No Cane Pole License
1	Fail To Report Fresh Product Information
3	Sell To Other Than Wholesale Retail Dealer
2	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Fail to Report Comm. Fish (Dealer)
1	Sell Fish W/O Wholesale Retail License
1	Take Comm. Fish W/O Comm. License
1	Obtain License By Fraud

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
10	
3	Angel W/O A Resident License
2	Angel W/O A Non-Resident License
5	Boating Safety Violations

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
600 lbs., shrimp sold for \$320.00 and 2 commercial licenses.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
155	Boating (4 D.W.I's)
10	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
50	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
10	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Public Assistance-- Change Flat Tire

REGION 8:NEW ORLEANS
18 Agent positions

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

TOTAL CASES	231
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
50	Boating
31	Angling W/O A License
8	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
3	Angling W/O Saltwater Lice.
2	Angling W/O Saltwater Lice Non-Resident
3	Take or Poss. Game Fish Illegally
2	Take/Poss. O/L Red Drum
1	Poss. O/L of Red Drum In Excess of 27"
2	Fail to Have Fish Intact
1	Take or Poss. Undersized Red Drum
1	Take or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout
2	Take or Poss. Undersized Black Drum
3	Take/Poss O/L Spotted Seatrout
1	Not Abiding By Commission Rules(Rec.) Finfish
2	Commission Rules and Regs.(misc.) Grouper
1	Commission Rules and Regs(misc.) Amberjack

2	Commission Rules and Regs (misc.) Shark
1	Fail To have Commercial Lic. In Poss.
2	Take or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Lic.
4	Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.
3	Take or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel Lic.
1	Sell and/or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's Lic.
1	Fail to Maintain Records
4	Leave Nets Unattended
3	Use Saltwater Net Illegally
6	Take Salt Water Commercial Fish with Net Closed Season
1	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
1	Allow Another to Use Commercial License
2	Allow Unlicensed fisherman use CML Vessel Lic.
1	Allow Unlicensed fisherman use CML Gear Lic.
3	Use Oversize Skimmers
3	Use Four Trawls in Two Trawl Area
6	Failure to Have Written Permission
18	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
9	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off a Private Lease
4	Take Oysters Closed Season

2	Failure to Display Proper Number on Vessel
9	Lake Pontchartrain (restricted area)
7	Taking or Possessing Alligators Closed Season
7	Illegal Poss. Of Alligators
2	Hunting Doves Closed Season
1	Operating a Vessel While Intoxicated
2	Other Than Wildlife and Fisheries
8	Take Federal Controlled Fish in Closed Season
1	Violation of Sanitation Code-Chapter 9
4	Poss. Red Drum Illegally w/gillnet

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 52	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
30	Boating
12	Angling W/O A License
2	Violate Recreational Gear Lic. Req.
1	Angling W/O Saltwater Lic.
3	Take or Poss. Undersized Red Drum(Recreational)
2	Take or Poss. Undersized Black Drum
2	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
<p>Destroyed...Trout(2)...Red Drum(1) Returned to Water...Seafood (10 lbs)...Oyster Sacks(490)...Red Drum(2)...Crabs(16)...Alligator(1)...Gaff Top Cat(10)...Jack Cravelle(1)...Mullet(3)...Hard head Cat(3)...Lady Fish(1) Sold at Bid....Shrimp. . .653 lbs @ \$1055.33...160 lbs. @\$232.00...1695 lbs. @ \$2118.75...76 lbs. @ \$102.60...Black Drum...48 lbs @ \$240.50 Donated...Trout (1)...Spotted Seatrout (57)...Shrimp (922 lbs)...Fish Fillets (15 lbs.)...Red Drum (29)...Black Drum (7)...Crabs (2 boxes)...Doves (8)...Alligator (1)...Oyster Sacks (38)...Trigger Fish (5)...Pogies (50)... Hardware Confiscated....Receipt(1)...Skimmer Frames(2)...Dredges(2)...Trawls(10)...Vessel and Frames(1)...Skimmer Nets(3)...Crab Traps(2)...Fishing Pole(1)...Air Rifle(1)...Cane Knife(1)...Dip Net(1)...Rod and Reel(9)...Ice Chest(2)...Vessel(2)...Commercial License(1)...Log Book(1)</p>	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
65	Boating
81	Commercial Fishing
2	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
16	Miscellaneous
53	Recreational Fishing
14	State Hunting/Trapping
52	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
7	Public Assistance

REGION 9: SCHRIEVER

25 Agent positions

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

TOTAL CASES	186
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
73	Boating
25	Angling W/O A License
2	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
1	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
2	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
7	Angling W/O A Saltwater License
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident
2	Taking Undersize Freshwater Game Fish
1	Possess Over 10 Red Drum (Off Water)
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
3	Take Undersized Red Drum
2	Take Undersized Spotted Sea Trout
1	Take Undersized Black Drum
6	Commission Rules And Regs. /Undersized Snapper Violations
3	Commission Rules And Regs./Over Limit Snapper

2	Not Abiding By WMA Rules And Regs./Commercial Fishing
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
7	Take Commercial Fish W/O License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
6	Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
2	Take Undersize Game Finfish
1	Possess Crabs In Berry Stage
1	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
1	Allow Another To Use Commercial License
2	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Gear License
2	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Vessel License
2	Theft Of Crab Trap
2	Possess Undersized Crabs
1	Possess Undersized Stone Crab Claws
7	Use Skimmers In Closed Season
1	Impede Navigation W/Skim Nets
5	Possess Undersize Federal Controlled Fish
1	Possess Overlimit Federal Controlled Fish
7	Take Federal Controlled Fish In Closed Season
1	Take Overlimit Of BlueCrabs

1	Reckless Operation Of A Vessel
2	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms

WRITTEN WARNINGS

TOTAL 94	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
55	Boating
20	Angling W/O A License
1	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
18	Angling W/O A Saltwater License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
7 sea trout, 48 stone crabs, 7 berry crabs, 7,092 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$15,042.75, 931 catfish, 1,905 lbs. of crabs, 2 black bass, 27 red snapper, 25 red drum, 3 gray snappers, 2 black drum, 1 gag grouper, 7 sharks, 6 commercial licenses, 6 ice chests, 2 crab traps, 4 skimmer nets, 2 sacks of oysters, and 2 champagne baskets.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
73	Boating
39	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
25	Miscellaneous
49	Recreational Fishing

0	State Hunting/Trapping
94	Written Warnings
TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
15	Public Assistance

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE
3 Agent positions

COASTAL WATERS

TOTAL CASES	21
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Boating
5	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
1	Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Vessel License
1	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Commercial Vessel License
1	Buy Commercial Fish From Unlicensed Fisherman
1	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Commercial Gear License
1	Possess Crabs In Berry Stage
1	Violate Stone Crab Regulations
1	Take Over The Limit Of Blackfin Shark
1	Take Undersized Blackfin Shark
2	Take Undersized Grouper

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
63 sacks of oysters, 48 stone crab claws, 7 berry crabs, 2 grouper, and 2 blackfin sharks.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

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

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT**STATEWIDE**

TOTAL CASES	14
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Buy/Sell Fish W/O A Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealer's License
4	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Buy Commercial Fish From Unlicensed Commercial Fisherman
1	Allow Another To Use Commercial License
1	Allow Another Fisherman To Use Gear License
3	Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data
1	Lacey Act Violation
2	Violate Interstate Commerce Regs.

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
NONE.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

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

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

S.W.E.P.
8 Agent positions

COASTAL WATERS

TOTAL CASES	28
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
8	Boating
3	Use Four Trawls In Two Trawl Area
1	Skimming in Closed Season
1	Possession Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Take Undersize Red Snapper
2	Commission Rules And Regs. Possession Undersize Shark
1	Possess Overlimit Red Drum In Excess 27 Inches
5	Take Federally Controlled Fish In Closed Season
4	Possession Undersize Amberjack
2	Possession Undersize Grouper

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 2	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Boating

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
14 red drum, 5 amber, 2 shark, 2 grouper and 1,650 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$2,118.75.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR S.W.E.P.

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

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REFUGE PATROL
8 Agent positions

MARSH ISLAND,
ROCKEFELLER, STATE
WILDLIFE

TOTAL CASES	57
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
20	Boating
21	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA
1	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Destroy Legal Crab Traps
1	Theft Of Crab Traps
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O A Gear License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O A Commercial Fish License
3	Set Crab Traps In Navigable Channel
1	Set Crab Traps In Manner Unsafe For Navigation
1	Possess Undersize Crabs (10% to 19%)
1	Fail To Have Fish Intact
1	Intentionally Discard Crab Traps In Navigable Waters
1	Fail To Remove Unserviceable Crab Traps
1	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
1	Violate Crab Trap Escape Rings
1	Take Or Possess Undersize Black Drum

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 14	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Improper Or No Fire Extinguisher
4	Fail To Comply With Visual Distress Signals
1	Fail To Display Valid Certificate Decal
4	Fail To Comply With P.F.D. Requirements
1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On A WMA
1	Angling W/O A Basic Fishing License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
25 lbs. of garfish donated, 123 crab traps, 3 shrimp containers, 641 lbs. of black drum sold for \$512.80, 34 dozen of blue crabs, 5 black drum.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REFUGE PATROL

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
20	Boating
15	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
21	Miscellaneous
1	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
14	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Public Assistance

TOTAL CASES

-1461

NOTE: WRITTEN WARNINGS =296

ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT
JULY, 2001

185-Amph. - 61092
Hrs. - 6.8

185-Float - 9667Q
Hrs. - 36.9

210 - 9467Y
Hrs. - 9.9

Enforcement Hours - 43.2

Other Divisions - 10.4

Total Plane Use - 53.6

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

6-Skimming Closed Season

1-Expired Boat Registration

7-Total

Confiscations: 1,400 Lbs. of Shrimp, 6 Trawls

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

August 8, 2001

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, August 8, 2001.

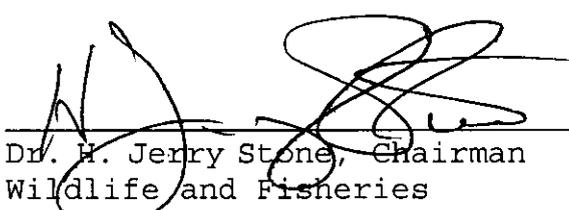
WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting a season in 2002 for turkeys, and

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

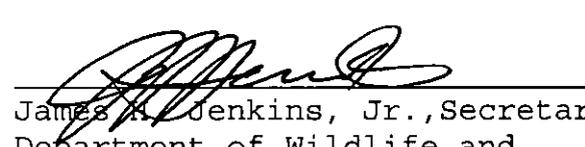
WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of wild turkeys and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

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

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



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



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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend the turkey rules and regulations for the 2002 season.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§113. Turkey Hunting Regulations

A. Daily limit is one gobbler, ~~three~~ two gobblers per season. Still hunting only. Use of dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and bow and arrow but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited. Shotguns capable of holding more than three shells prohibited.

B. No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any

areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys.

C. A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed.

D. Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closure.

E. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries strongly discourages feeding agricultural grains to wild turkeys as this practice increases the risk of birds contracting potentially lethal diseases. Repeatedly placing grain in the same area may expose otherwise healthy birds to disease contaminated soils, grain containing lethal toxins and other diseased turkeys using the same feeding site. Properly distributed food plots (clovers, wheat, millet and chufa) are far more desirable for turkeys and have the added benefit of appealing to a wide variety of wildlife.

F. It is unlawful to take from the wild or possess in captivity any live wild turkeys or their eggs. No pen raised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated (released) within the state.

G. All licensed turkey hunters are required to have a Turkey

Stamp in their possession while turkey hunting in addition to basic and big game hunting licenses. Additionally, a WMA Hunting Permit is required of any person (age 18-59) who hunts on land administered by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, including Wildlife Management Areas, Wildlife Refuges, and Habitat Conservation Areas.

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 25:2263 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27: .

§115. Statewide Turkey Hunting Areas-Resident Game Birds and Animals

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

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Turkey	See Schedule	1	2/season

B. Turkey Hunting Schedule

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	March 30 ²⁴ - April 28 ²²
B	March 30 ³¹ - April 21 ¹⁵
C	March 30 ²⁴ - April 7 ¹

C. ~~2002~~ ~~2001~~ Turkey Hunting Season - Open Only in the Following Areas

1. Area A - March ~~24~~³⁰ - April ~~22~~²⁸

- a. All of the following parishes are open:
 - i. East Baton Rouge;
 - ii. East Feliciana;
 - iii. LaSalle;
 - iv. Livingston;
 - v. Natchitoches (Exception: See ~~Kisatchie National Forest~~ Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for hunting schedule for ~~Kisatchie National Forest~~ dates);
 - vi. Pointe Coupee (Exception: see Sherburne WMA for special dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries);
 - vii. St. Helena;
 - viii. St. Tammany;
 - ~~viii~~ix. Tangipahoa;
 - ix. Washington;
 - xi. West Baton Rouge;
 - xii. West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island).

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

- i. Allen: North of LA 26 from DeRidder to the junction of LA 104 and north of LA 104;
- ii. Avoyelles: That portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River ~~northward from Simmesport~~, on the

north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by LA 452 from Brouillette to LA 1, on the south by LA 1, eastward to Simmesport Hamburg, thence by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection levee southward ~~and that portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA,~~ bounded on the north, east and south by La. 451, on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville southward to its junction with La. 451;

iii. Beauregard: North of LA 26 east of DeRidder, north and east of US 171-190 from the junction of LA 26 to DeRidder, and north of US 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iv. Caldwell: West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line, east of LA 165 from LaSalle Parish line to the junction of LA 126, north of LA 126 westward to the Winn Parish line;

v. Catahoula: West of Ouachita River southward to LA 559 at Duty Ferry, north of LA 559 to LA 124, south and west of LA 124 from Duty Ferry to LA 8 at Harrisonburg and north of LA 8 to LA 126, north and east of LA 126. ALSO that portion lying east of LA 15;

vi. Concordia: That portion east of LA 15 and west of US 65 from its juncture with LA 15 at Clayton;

vii. Evangeline: North and west of LA 115, north of LA 106 from St. Landry to LA 13, west of LA 13 from Pine Prairie to Mamou and north of LA 104 west of Mamou;

viii. Franklin: That portion lying east of LA 17 and east of LA 15 from its juncture with LA 17 at Winnsboro;

ix. Grant: All of the parish except that portion of land that lies north of the Red River between US 71 and LA 8. Exception: See ~~Kisatchie National Forest~~ Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest ~~dates hunting schedule for season dates;~~

x. Iberville: West of LA 1. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xi. Madison: That portion lying west of US 65 and south of US 80;

~~xii. Pointe Coupee: All except that portion bounded on the west by La. 77 and La. 10, northward from U.S. 190 to La. 1 at Morganza, on the north and east by La. 1 to its junction with La. 78 and by La. 78 from Parlant to U.S. 190. Further EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;~~

xiii. Rapides: All of the parish except that portion of lands that lies north of the Red River and south of US 71 from its juncture with the Red River northward to the Grant Parish line. Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest ~~hunting schedule for season dates;~~

xiv. Richland: That portion south of US

80 and east of LA 17;

xiv. Sabine: That portion north of LA 6 from Toledo Bend Lake to Many; east of US 171 from Many to the Vernon Parish line;

xvi. St. Landry: That portion bounded on the north by ~~U.S. 190~~, west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and on the east by the Atchafalaya River ~~ALSO that portion of the parish bounded on the north by La. 10 from the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee to Burton's Lake, on the east by Burton's Lake, on the south by Petite Prairie Bayou to its junction with the old O.G. Railroad right-of-way then by the O.G.R.R. right-of-way westward to U.S. 71 and on the west by the West Atchafalaya Guide Levee to its junction with La. 10, EXCEPTION: the Indian Bayou Area tract owned by the U.S. Corps of Engineers, see Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Indian Bayou Area dates;~~

xvii. Upper St. Martin: All within the Atchafalaya Basin. EXCEPTIONS: see Sherburne WMA and Indian Bayou Area, see WMA Turkey Hunting Schedule for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne WMA boundaries and see Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Indian Bayou dates;

xviii. Tensas: That portion west of US 65 from the Concordia Parish line to its juncture with LA 128, north of LA 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of LA 605, 604 and 3078 northward

to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

~~xixviii.~~ Vernon: That portion east of US 171 from the Sabine Parish line to the junction of LA 111, south of LA 111 westward to LA 392, and south of LA 392 westward to the Sabine Parish line. Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest ~~hunting schedule for~~ season dates.

2. Area B - March ~~31~~30 - April ~~15~~21

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville;

ii. Bossier;

iii. Caddo;

~~iiii.~~iv. Claiborne;

v. DeSoto;

~~vi.~~vi. Lincoln;

vii. Red River;

viii. Union;

~~vix.~~ Webster, ~~including Caney Ranger District of Kisatchie National Forest~~ (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);

x. Winn, (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Allen: South and west of LA 26 from

DeRidder to US 190 east of Elton, north of US 190 from the junction of LA 26 to Kinder and west of US 165 south of Kinder;

ii. Beauregard: South of LA 26 east of DeRidder, east of US 171 from the junction of LA 26 and south of LA 12 west of Ragley;

~~i. Caddo: That portion north of La. 2 from the Texas state line to U.S. 71, east of U.S. 71 from La. 2 to I-20, south of I-20 from U.S. 71 to U.S. 171, and east of U.S. 171 to the DeSoto Parish line;~~

iii. Calcasieu: South of LA 12 east of DeQuincy, east of LA 27 from DeQuincy to I-10 and North of I-10 east of Sulphur;

~~ii. DeSoto: That portion east of U.S. 171 from the Caddo Parish line to U.S. 84 and south of U.S. 84;~~

ivii. East Carroll: East of US 65 from Arkansas state line to Madison Parish line;

iv. Jackson: West of Parish Road 243 from Lincoln Parish line to Parish Road 238, west and south of Parish Road 238 to LA 144, west of LA 144 to LA 34, west of LA 34 to Chatham, north and west of LA 4 from Chatham to Weston, north and west of LA 505 from Weston to Wyatt, west of US 167 from Wyatt to Winn Parish line;

vi. Jefferson Davis: North of US 190 from junction with LA 26 to Kinder, west of US 165 and north of I-10

west from junction of US 165;

vii. Ouachita: East of LA 143 from Union Parish line to US 80 in West Monroe, north of US 80 to LA 139, west of LA 139 to the Morehouse Parish line;

viii. Morehouse: West of US 165 from the Arkansas line to Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to US 165, north of US 165 to LA 139, west of LA 139 to Ouachita Parish line;

3. Area C - March ~~24~~30 - April ~~17~~

~~a. All of the following parish is open:~~

~~i. Winn (EXCEPTION. see Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates)~~

ba. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Ascension: All east of the Mississippi River;

~~ii. Allen: South of La. 26 from DeRidder to Oberlin, west of U.S. 165 south of Oberlin;~~

~~iii. Avoyelles: South of La. 1 to West Protection Levee, south to Avoyelles Parish line;~~

~~iv. Beauregard: South of La. 26 east of DeRidder, east of U.S. 171 from the junction of La. 26 to Ragley, south of La. 12 west to Ragley;~~

~~v. Calcasieu: South of La. 12 east of DeQuincy, east of La. 27 from DeQuincy to I-10, and north of I-10~~

~~east of Sulphur,~~

ii. Catahoula: That portion lying south of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, west of LA 8 to LA 913, west of LA 913 and LA 15 to Deer Creek;

iiiiv. Concordia: North and east of Sugar Mill Chute (Concordia Parish) from the state line westward to Red River, east of Red River northward to Cocodrie Bayou, east of Cocodrie Bayou northward to US 84, south of US 84 eastward to LA 15 (Ferriday), east of LA 15 northward to US 65 (Clayton), east of US 65 northward to Tensas Parish line;

iv. Franklin: That portion lying west of LA 17, from Richland Parish line to LA 577 at Crowville, north of LA 577 to LA 15 at Baskin, east of LA 15 to Big Creek, and south and east of Big Creek to Richland Parish line;

vii. Iberville: All east of the Mississippi River;

~~viii. Jefferson Davis. West of U.S. 165 and north of I-10;~~

ixvi. Madison: South of US 80 and east of US 65 to Tensas Parish line and all lands lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

vii. Richland: West of LA 17 from Franklin Parish line to Ringle Rd., south of Ringle Rd. to Ferguson Rd.,

south of Ferguson Rd. to Little Rd., south of Little Rd. to Big Creek, east of Big Creek to Franklin Parish line;

~~x. St. Landry: That portion bounded on the south by La. 10, on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, on the east by La. 105, and on the north by the Avoyelles Parish line,~~

~~xiviii. Tensas: East and south of US 65 from Concordia Parish line to LA 128, south of LA 128 to St. Joseph, east and south of LA 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.~~

~~xii. Franklin and Richland Parishes - That portion lying west of La. Hwy. 17 from Ringle Road to La. Hwy. 577 at Crowville, north of La. Hwy. 577 to La. Hwy. 15 at Baskin, east of La. Hwy. 15 to Big Creek, and south and east of Big Creek to junction of Little Road, and south of Little, Ferguson and Ringle Roads to La. Hwy. 17.~~

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 25:2264 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27: .

§117. 2002 Wildlife Management Area Turkey - Hunting Regulations

A. General

1. The following rules and regulations concerning management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially

approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject the individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

2. Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed are open to turkey hunting.

3. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT in designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 3:00 AM. All roads including trails and roads designated as ATV ~~only~~ only trails shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through ~~September 15.~~ August 31 unless otherwise specified. ATV off-road or off-trail travel is prohibited. Certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purposes. ~~ATV off-road or trail travel is prohibited.~~ These trails will be marked by signs at the entrance of the trail. Otherwise, only ~~W~~walk-in hunting only is permitted (bicycles permitted), ~~unless opened by sign on trail.~~

4. Bag limits on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. ~~The bag limit for turkeys on Wildlife Management Areas is two per area, not to exceed two per season for all WMAs.~~ Only one turkey is allowed to be taken during special lottery hunts. ~~The bag limit for turkeys on Wildlife Management Areas is two per area, not to exceed two per season for all WMAs.~~

B. Permits

1. Self-Clearing Permits: All turkey hunts, including lottery hunts, are self-clearing. ~~and all H~~ hunters must check in daily by obtaining ~~picking-up~~ a permit from a self-clearing station prior to hunting. The self-clearing permit must be in the hunter's possession while hunting. Upon completion of each ~~daily~~ days hunt, the hunter must check out by completing and depositing the hunter report portion of the permit ~~and depositing it~~ in the check-out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.

2. Lottery Hunts: Bayou Macon, Dewey Wills, ~~Georgia-Pacific~~, Loggy Bayou, Sabine, Sherburne, Sicily Island, ~~and~~ Tunica Hills, Union and West Bay WMAs are restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Special youth only lottery hunts will be held on Big Lake, Bens Creek, Fort Polk, Loggy Bayou, Sherburne, and West Bay WMAs. Deadline for receiving applications for all lottery hunts is February 15, ~~2001~~ 2002. An application fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants may submit only one application and will be selected for one WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting more than one application will result in disqualification. Contact any district office for applications. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements. Youths chosen for special youth only hunts will be guided by members of the Louisiana Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. One family member may accompany the youth

and guide, but may not hunt.

~~3. Requests for information on WMA regulations, permits, lottery hunt applications and maps may be directed to any district office: [District 1 -- 1401 Talton Street, Minden, 71055, 318/371-3050]; [District 2 -- 368 Century Park Drive, Monroe, 71203, 318/343-4044]; [District 3 -- 1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, 71360, 318/487-5885]; [District 4 -- P.O. Box 1640, Ferriday, 71334, 318/757-4571]; [District 5 -- 1213 N. Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles, 70601, 337/491-2575]; [District 6 -- 5652 Highway 182, Opelousas, 70570, 337/948-0255]; [District 7 -- P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, 70898, 225/765-2360].~~

C. Wildlife Management Area Turkey Hunting Schedule*

WMA	Season Dates	Permit Requirements	Lottery Dates**
Bayou Macon	March 31-April 1 <u>April 6-7</u>	Self-Clearing	March 31-April 1 <u>April 6-7</u>
Bens Creek ¹	March 24-April 15 <u>March 30-April 21</u>	Self-Clearing	None
Big Lake	March 24-April 1 <u>March 30-April 7</u>	Self-Clearing	None
Bodcau	March 31-April 15 <u>March 30-April 14</u>	Self-Clearing	None
Boeuf	March 24-April 1 <u>March 30-April 7</u>	Self-Clearing	None
Boise Vernon	March 24-April 15 <u>March 30-April 21</u>	Self-Clearing	None
Camp Beauregard	March 24-April 8 <u>March 30-April 14</u>	Self-Clearing	None

Dewey Wills	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 March 30-31 <u>April 6-7</u>	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 March 30-31 <u>April 6-7</u>
Fort Polk	March 24-April 22 March 30-April 28	Self-Clearing	None
Georgia-Pacific	March 31-April 8 <u>April 6-14</u>	Self-Clearing	March 31-April 1 <u>None</u>
Grassy Lake	March 24-April 1 <u>March 30-April 14</u>	Self-Clearing	None
<u>Hutchinson Creek</u>	<u>March 30-April 28</u>	<u>Self-Clearing</u>	<u>None</u>
Jackson-Bienville	March 31-April 15 <u>March 30-April 14</u>	Self-Clearing	None
Little River	March 24-April 8 <u>March 30-April 14</u>	Self-clearing	None
Loggy Bayou	April 14-15 <u>13-14</u>	Self-Clearing	April 14-15 <u>13-14</u>
Pearl River	March 24-April 15 <u>March 30-April 21</u>	Self-Clearing	None
Peason Ridge	March 24-April 22 <u>March 30-April 28</u>	Self-Clearing	None
Pomme de Terre	March 24-April 1 <u>March 30-April 14</u>	Self-Clearing	None
Red River	March 24-April 1 <u>March 30-April 7</u>	Self-Clearing	None
Sabine	March 24-25 <u>30-31</u> March 31-April 1 <u>April 6-7</u>	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 <u>30-31</u> March 31-April 1 <u>April 6-7</u>
Sandy Hollow ¹	March 24-April 15 <u>March 30-April 21</u>	Self-Clearing	None
Sherburne ²	March 24-April 1 <u>March 30-April 7</u>	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 <u>30-31</u> March 26-28 <u>April 1-3</u>

Sicily Island	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15 <u>March 30-April 1</u> <u>April 2-4</u> <u>April 5-7</u>	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 7-8 April 14-15 <u>March 30-April 1</u> <u>April 2-4</u> <u>April 5-7</u>
Three Rivers	March 24-April 1 <u>March 30-April 7</u>	Self-Clearing	None
Tunica Hills South Tract	March 24-25 <u>30-31</u> March 31-April 1 April 7-8 <u>13-14</u> April 14-15 <u>20-21</u> <u>April 27-28</u>	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 <u>30-31</u> March 31-April 1 April 7-8 <u>13-14</u> April 14-15 <u>20-21</u> <u>April 27-28</u>
Tunica Hills Angola Tract ³	March 24-25 <u>30-31</u> March 31-April 1 <u>April 6-7</u> April 7-8 <u>13-14</u> April 14-15 <u>20-21</u>	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 <u>30-31</u> March 31-April 1 <u>April 6-7</u> April 7-8 <u>13-14</u> April 14-15 <u>20-21</u>
Union	March 31-April 1 <u>April 6-7</u>	Self-Clearing	March 31-April 1 <u>April 6-7</u>
<u>Walnut Hill</u>	<u>March 30-April 28</u>	<u>Self-Clearing</u>	<u>None</u>
West Bay	March 24-25 <u>30-31</u> <u>April 6-7</u>	Self-Clearing	March 24-25 <u>30-31</u> <u>April 6-7</u>

*Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed have a turkey hunting season. All other areas are closed.

**The deadline for receiving applications for all turkey Lottery Hunts on WMAs is February 15, ~~2001~~ 2002.

¹No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

²All turkeys harvested on Sherburne WMA must be weighed and checked at WMA headquarters.

³Scouting access limited. Contact Region 7 office for details (225) 765-2360.

D. Wildlife Management Area Youth Hunts

WMA	Lottery Youth Hunt Date
Bens Creek	March 23
Big Lake	March 23
Fort Polk	March 23
Loggy Bayou	April 6
Sherburne	March 23
West Bay	March 23

E. Federal Lands Turkey Hunting Schedule

1. Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) turkey hunting schedule: Caney Ranger District, ~~March 31-April 15~~ March 30-April 14; ~~KNF lands in Winn Parish, March 24-April 1, except that portion of the Catahoula Wildlife Preserve,~~ all remaining KNF lands, ~~March 24-April 15~~ March 30-April 21 (including Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves).

2. Indian Bayou Area (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers), ~~Indian Bayou area~~ turkey hunting schedule: ~~March 24-28~~ March 30 - April 7, lottery hunt only on March 30-31 and April 1-3. ~~Lottery application period from December 1, 2000 through January 31, 2001. Applicants may submit only one application.~~ Contact USCOE at 337-

585-0856 for further information.

3. National Wildlife Refuges: Boque Chitto NWR, March 30-April 28; Lake Ophelia NWR, March 30-April 1 (lottery only), April 6-8 (lottery only), April 13-14; Tensas NWR, March 30 - April 28. Contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for information regarding NWR hunts.

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 25:2265 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2636 (November 2000), LR 27: .

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

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to Mr. Tommy Prickett, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, until October 22, 2001.

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).

Dr. H. Jerry Stone

Chairman

Turkey Season Recommendations

- A--March 30-April 28
- B--March 30-April 21
- C--March 30-April 7
- Daily Bag: 1 Gobbler
- Seasonal Bag: 2 Gobblers

Area A Boundary Changes

- All of Pointe Coupee Parish opened
- Additional portions of Avoyelles and St. Landry opened

Area B Boundary Changes

- All Caddo and DeSoto Parishes opened
- Portions of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, and Jeff Davis Parishes previously in Area C become Area B as well as portions of Allen and Jeff Davis previously closed
- All of Winn Parish moved from Area C to Area B

Area C Boundary Changes

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RESOLUTION

MAUREPAS SWAMP WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

WHEREAS, by Act of Donation, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission have acquired title to a certain tract of land, comprising 23,913 acres, more or less, located in St. John the Baptist and Ascension Parishes. The Act of Donation was accepted on June 18, 2001 and is filed in the Clerk of Court's Records, St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, Act # 216095, Conveyance Book 384, folio 61.

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that in order to enhance wildlife habitat in the state and provide for public use and recreational opportunities on these lands that they be established as a wildlife management area to be called the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

WHEREAS, this area represents one of the largest bald cypress-tupelogum swamps in the State, and the protection of these wetlands is critical to the State's conservation efforts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish, in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, particularly Title 56, Section 109 of the Revised Statutes of 1954, the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area to be comprised of the 23,913 acres, more or less, of land described above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this property shall be used exclusively for wildlife management purposes, and as such, is perpetually dedicated to the protection, conservation and management of fish and wildlife and their habitat, and such public recreation, including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing and trapping, which is consistent with these purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, on behalf of the Commission, to take whatever actions are necessary in furtherance of establishing the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area.



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

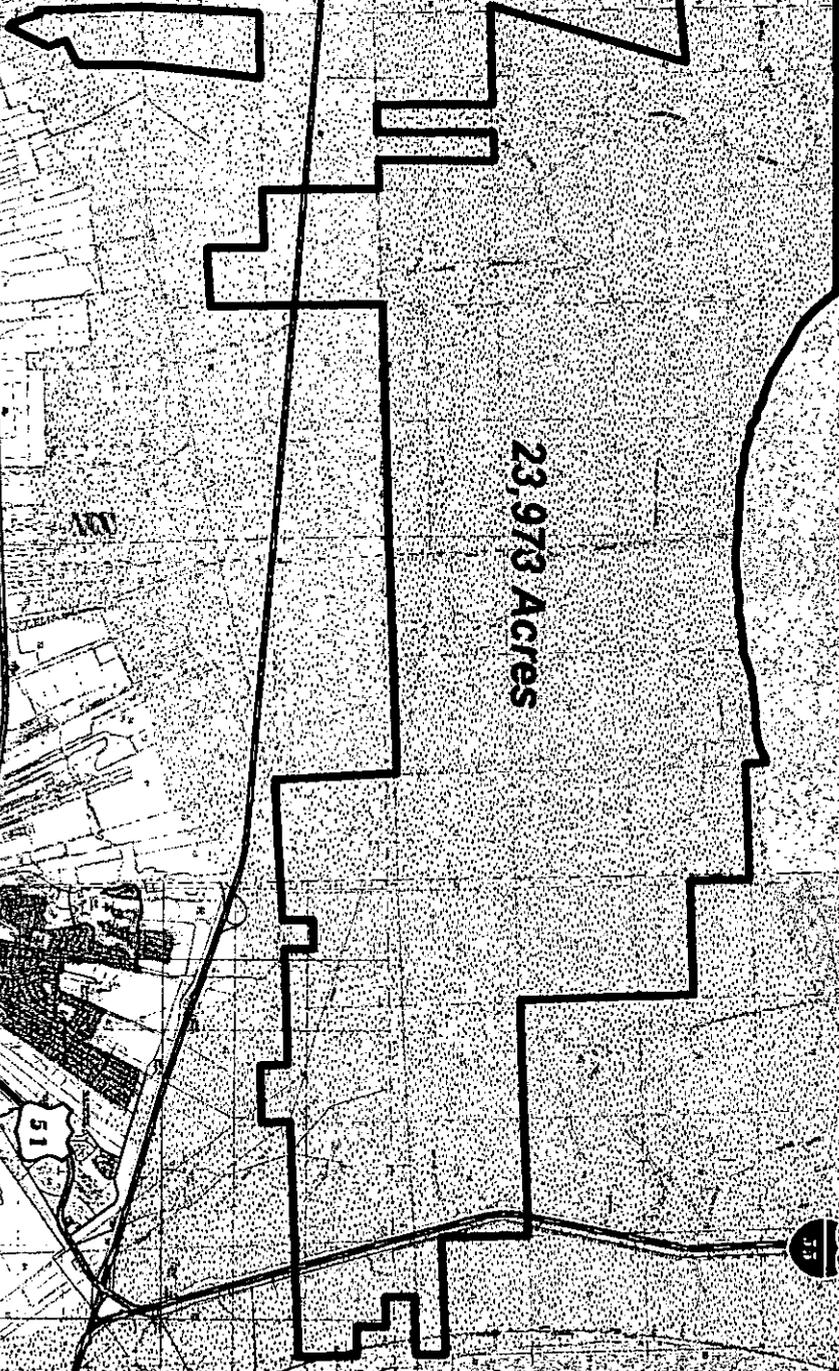


James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries



Blind River

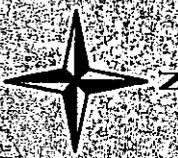
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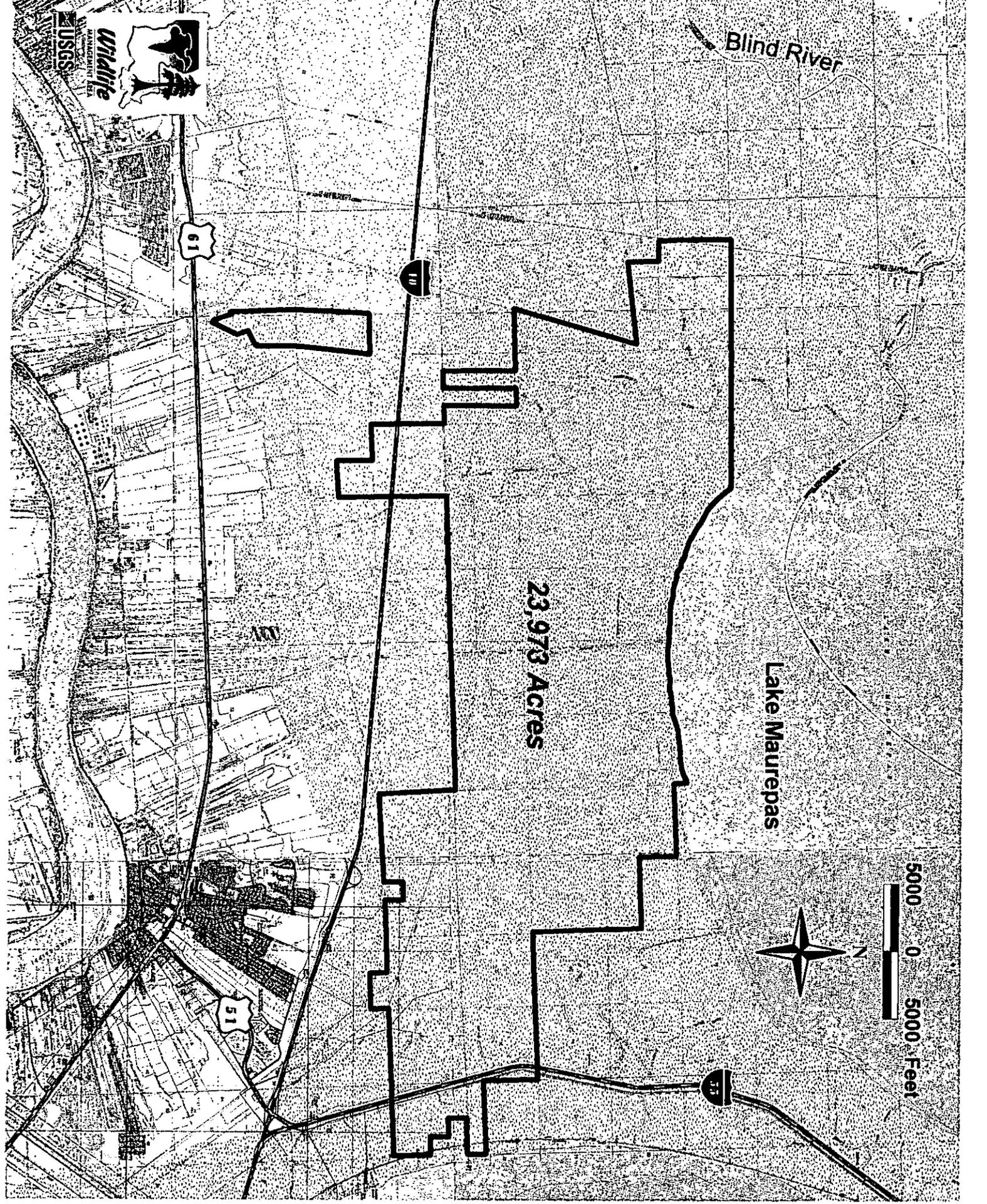
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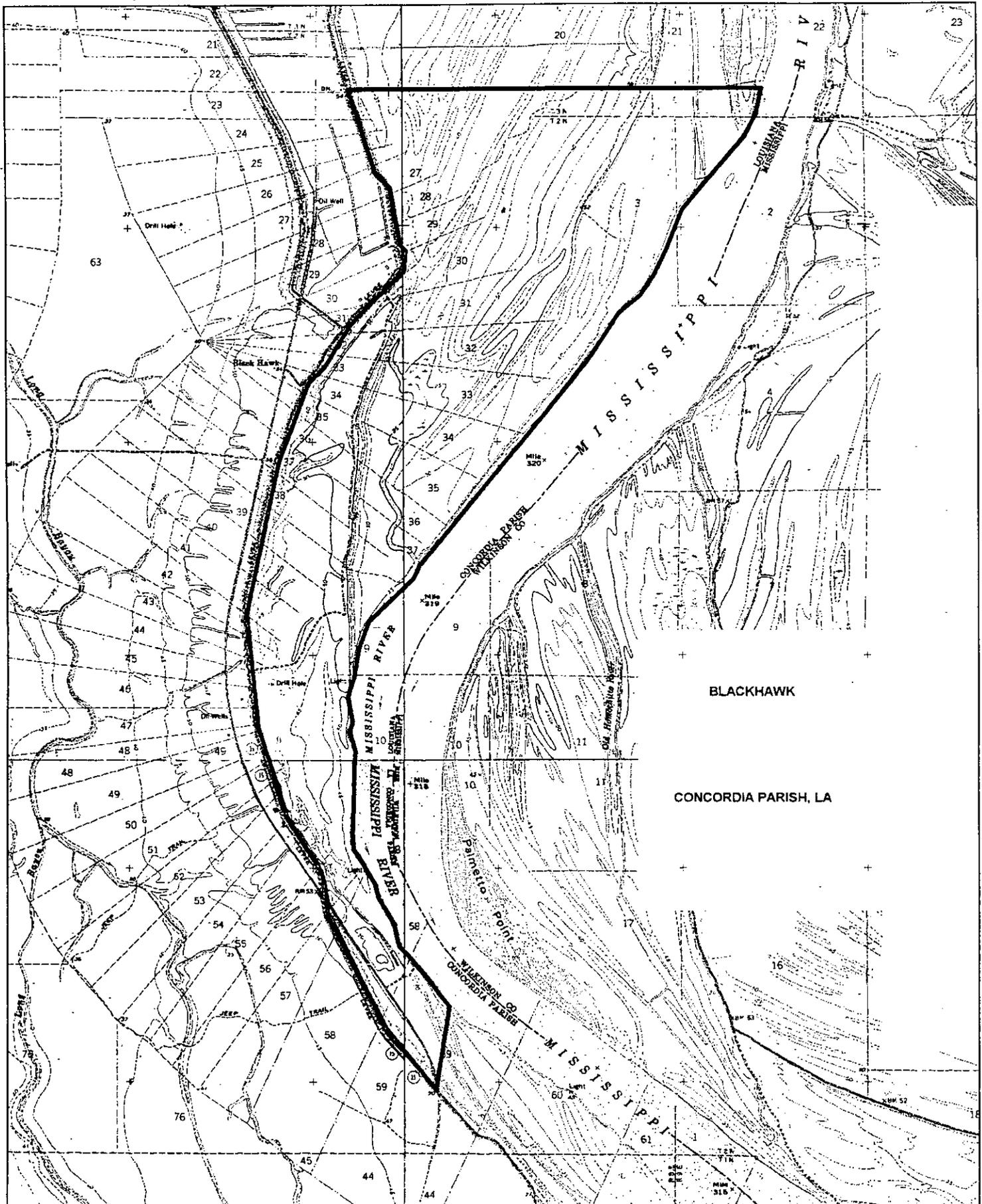
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RED RIVER WMA EXPANSION



RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

August 8, 2001

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, August 8, 2001.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army will be conducting training exercises on the Fort Polk and Peason Ridge WMAs during a scheduled either sex deer season necessitating the closure of the areas to the public, and

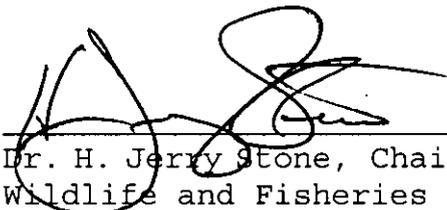
WHEREAS, the U.S. Army has requested the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to amend the seasons to allow either sex hunting on Fort Polk and Peason Ridge WMAs at a later date, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has just recently acquired the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area, and

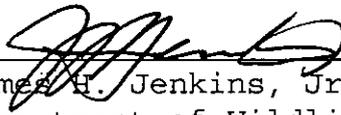
WHEREAS, the original Notice of Intent for hunting seasons that was adopted by the Commission was enacted before the acquisition of the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Declaration of Emergency to change the deer season on Fort Polk and Peason Ridge WMAs for the 2001-2002 hunting season be adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached Declaration of Emergency to set the hunting season for the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area be adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.



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



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

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act and under the authority of R.S. 56:115, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following emergency rule:

FORT POLK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Deer:	Bucks Only	October 27-November 22
	Either Sex	November 23-November 25
	Bucks Only	December 15-December 21
	Either Sex	December 22-December 23
	Bucks Only	December 24-December 28
	Either Sex	December 29-December 30
	Bucks Only	December 31-January 1

PEASON RIDGE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Deer:	Bucks Only	November 3-November 22
	Either Sex	November 23-November 25
	Bucks Only	December 15-December 21
	Either Sex	December 22-December 23
	Bucks Only	December 24-December 28
	Either Sex	December 29-December 30
	Bucks Only	December 31-January 1

A Declaration of Emergency is necessary to amend the deer hunting seasons of Fort Polk and Peason Ridge WMAs since the U.S. Army has scheduled training exercises on these two Department of Defense Bases during the times that either sex hunting would have been scheduled and the Bases would be closed to the public. Either sex hunting days will be allowed at later dates when the bases would be open to the public. The Maurepas Swamp WMA is a recently acquired WMA and as such was not included with the original Notice of Intent.

MAUREPAS SWAMP WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Deer:	Either Sex	November 23-November 25
	Bucks Only	December 22-January 6
	Muzzleloader	January 7-January 13
	Archery	Same as Outside

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as Outside except closed November 23-November 25 and except rabbits and squirrels may be taken by still hunting only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone

Chairman

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 2, 2001

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, August 2, 2001.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army will be conducting training exercises on the Fort Polk and Peason Ridge WMAs during a scheduled either-sex deer season necessitating the closure of the Areas to the public and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army has requested the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to amend the seasons to allow either-sex hunting on Fort Polk and Peason Ridge WMAs at a later date, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has just recently acquired the ~~Big Cypress~~ ^{Mauripas} Wildlife Management Area, and ~~Swamp~~

WHEREAS, The original Notice of Intent for hunting seasons that was adopted by The Commission was enacted before the acquisition of the ~~Big Cypress~~ ^{Mauripas Swamp} Wildlife Management Area,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Declaration of Emergency to change the deer season on Fort Polk and Peason Ridge WMAs for the 2001-2002 hunting season be adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached Declaration of Emergency to set the hunting seasons for the ~~Big Cypress~~ ^{Mauripas Swamp} Wildlife Management Area be adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone

James H. Jenkins, Jr.

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Hunting Regulations-Fort Polk, Peason Ridge and ~~Big Cypress~~ ^{Maurepas Swamp} WMAs

In accordance with the emergency provision of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under the authority of R.S. 56:115, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopt the following emergency rule.

Fort Polk Wildlife Management Area

Deer: Bucks only: Oct. 27-Nov. 22
Either-sex: Nov. 23-25
Bucks only: Dec. 15-21
Either-sex: Dec. 22-23
Bucks only: Dec. 24-28
Either-sex: Dec. 29-30
Bucks only: Dec. 31-Jan. 1

Peason Ridge Wildlife Management Area

Deer: Bucks only: Nov. 3-22
Either-sex: Nov. 23-25
Bucks only: Dec. 15-21
Either-sex: Dec. 22-23
Bucks only: Dec. 24-28
Either-sex: Dec. 29-30
Bucks only: Dec. 31-Jan. 1

A Declaration of Emergency is necessary to amend the deer hunting seasons of Fort Polk and Peason Ridge WMAs since the U.S. Army has scheduled training exercises on these two Department of Defense Bases during the times that either-sex hunting would have been scheduled and the bases would be closed to the public. Either-sex hunting days will be allowed at later dates when the bases would be open to the public. The ~~Big Cypress~~ ^{Maurepas Swamp} Wildlife Management Area is a recently acquired WMA and as such was not included with the original Notice of Intent.

~~Big Cypress~~ ^{Maurepas Swamp} Wildlife Management Area

Deer: Either-sex: Nov. 23-25
Bucks only: Dec. 22-Jan. 6
Muzzleloader: Jan. 7-13.

Archery: Same as outside
Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 23-25,
and except rabbits and squirrels may be taken by still
hunting only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m.
prohibited.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 8, 2001

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, August 8, 2001

WHEREAS, public hearings have been held to discuss the status of waterfowl, including ducks, coots, and geese in Washington D. C., and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing waterfowl season framework have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for waterfowl including season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

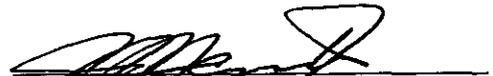
WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for waterfowl within the constraints of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on this date, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby tentatively adopt the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these tentative dates will be ratified by Declaration of Emergency unless significant changes are mandated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these dates will be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as regulations set for Louisiana's 2001-2002 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.


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


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

Daily bag limit on light geese (snow, blue and Ross’):	20
Possession limit on light geese (snow, blue and Ross’):	None
Daily Limit on white-fronted geese:	2
Possession Limit on white-fronted geese:	4

CANADA GEESE: CLOSED IN THE AREA DESCRIBED BELOW

Jan. 15 (Tues.)-Jan. 23 (Wed.) **9 days**

Daily Limit on Canada geese:	1
Possession limit on Canada geese:	2

The Canada Goose Season will be open statewide except for a portion of southwest Louisiana. The closed area is described as follows:

Beginning at the Texas State Line, proceeding east along Hwy. 82 to the Calcasieu Ship Channel, then north along the Calcasieu Ship Channel to its junction with the Intracoastal Canal, then east along the Intracoastal Canal to its juncture with La. Hwy. 82, then south along La. Hwy. 82 to its juncture with Parish Road 3147, then south and east along Parish Road 3147 to Freshwater Bayou Canal, then south to the Gulf of Mexico, then west along the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico to the Texas State Line, then north to the point of beginning at La. Hwy. 82.

A special permit shall be required to participate in the **Canada Goose Season**. A permit is required of everyone, regardless of age, and a non-refundable \$5.00 administrative fee will be charged. This permit may be obtained from any license vendor.

CONSERVATION ORDER FOR LIGHT GEESE (SNOW, BLUE AND ROSS’)

West Zone:

Dec. 3 (Mon.)- Dec. 14 (Fri.)	12 days
Feb. 9 (Sat.) - Mar. 10 (Sun.)	30 days

East Zone:

Dec. 3 (Mon.)- Dec. 7 (Fri.)	5 days
Jan. 26 (Sat.) - Mar. 10 (Sat.)	44 days

Only snow, blue and Ross' geese may be taken under the terms of the Conservation Order, which allows the use of electronic calls and unplugged shotguns and eliminates the daily bag and possession limits. During the Conservation Order, shooting hours begin one-half hour before sunrise and extend until one-half hour after sunset.

RAILS:

Nov. 10 (Sat.)-Jan. 2 (Wed.) **54 days**

KING AND CLAPPER: Daily bag limit 15 in the aggregate, Possession 30.

SORA AND VIRGINIA: Daily bag and possession 25 in the aggregate.

GALLINULES:

Nov. 10 (Sat.)-Jan. 2 (Wed.) **54 days**

Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30

SNIPE:

Nov. 3 (Sat.) - Dec. 3 (Mon.) **31 days**

Dec. 15 (Sat.)-Feb. 28 (Thurs.) **76 days**

Daily bag limit 8, Possession limit 16

Shooting Hours: One half hour before sunrise to sunset, except at the Spanish Lake Recreation Area in Iberia Parish where shooting hours, including the Conservation Order, end at 2 p.m.

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

August 8, 2001

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WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing waterfowl season framework have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

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WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for waterfowl within the constraints of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on this date, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby tentatively adopt the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these dates will be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as regulations set for Louisiana's 2001-2002 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.


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


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

**TENTATIVE SEASON RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR DUCKS, COOTS AND GEESE, 2001-02**

DUCKS AND COOTS:

West Zone: (60 days) **Nov. 10 (Sat.)- Dec. 2 (Sun.) (23 days)**
Dec. 15 (Sat.)- Jan. 20 (Sun.) (37 days)

East Zone: (60 days) **Nov. 17 (Sat.)- Dec. 2 (Sun.) (16 days)**
(Including Catahoula Lake) Dec. 8 (Sat.)- Jan. 20 (Sun.) (44 days)

Youth Waterfowl Weekend- Nov. 3-4 in West Zone, Nov. 10-11 in East Zone

**Canvasback Season Dates- Jan. 1-20 Statewide (Note: Canvasback can be
taken during the youth hunts.)**

Daily Bag Limits

The daily bag limit on ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 3 mottled ducks, 1 black duck, 2 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback (during the last 20 days of the duck season and during youth hunts), 3 scaup, and 2 redhead. Daily bag limit on coots is 15.

Mergansers - The daily bag limit for mergansers is 5, only 1 of which may be a hooded merganser. Merganser limits are in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.

Possession Limit - The possession limit on ducks, coots and mergansers is twice the daily bag limit.

GEESE:

LIGHT GEESE (SNOW, BLUE and ROSS') and WHITE-FRONTED GEESE

West Zone: (86 days)

Nov. 3 (Sat.)-Dec. 2 (Sun.) (30 days)
Dec. 15-(Sat.)-Feb. 8 (Fri.) (56 days)

East Zone: (86 days)

Oct. 27 (Sat.)-Dec. 2 (Sun.) (37 days)
Dec. 8 (Sat.)-Jan. 25 (Fri.) (49 days)

Daily bag limit on light geese (snow, blue and Ross?):	20
Possession limit on light geese (snow, blue and Ross?):	None
Daily Limit on white-fronted geese:	2
Possession Limit on white-fronted geese:	4

CANADA GEESE: CLOSED IN THE AREA DESCRIBED BELOW

Jan. 15 (Tues.)-Jan. 23 (Wed.) **9 days**

Daily Limit on Canada geese:	1
Possession limit on Canada geese:	2

The Canada Goose Season will be open statewide except for a portion of southwest Louisiana. The closed area is described as follows:

Beginning at the Texas State Line, proceeding east along Hwy. 82 to the Calcasieu Ship Channel, then north along the Calcasieu Ship Channel to its junction with the Intracoastal Canal, then east along the Intracoastal Canal to its juncture with La. Hwy. 82, then south along La. Hwy. 82 to its juncture with Parish Road 3147, then south and east along Parish Road 3147 to Freshwater Bayou Canal, then south to the Gulf of Mexico, then west along the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico to the Texas State Line, then north to the point of beginning at La. Hwy. 82.

A special permit shall be required to participate in the **Canada Goose Season**. A permit is required of everyone, regardless of age, and a non-refundable \$5.00 administrative fee will be charged. This permit may be obtained from any license vendor.

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Jan. 26 (Sat.) - Mar. 10 (Sat.)	44 days

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Daily bag limit 8, Possession limit 16

Shooting Hours: One half hour before sunrise to sunset, except at the Spanish Lake Recreation Area in Iberia Parish where shooting hours, including the Conservation Order, end at 2 p.m.

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing waterfowl season framework have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for waterfowl including season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for waterfowl within the constraints of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on this date, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby tentatively adopt the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

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Dr. Jerry Stone, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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

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Dec. 15-(Sat.)-Feb. 8 (Fri.) (56days)**

East Zone: (86 days)

**Oct. 27 (Sat.)-Dec. 2 (Sun.) (37days)
Dec. 8 (Sat.)-Jan. 25 (Fri.) (49 days)**

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Possession limit on light geese (snow, blue and Ross’):	None
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Daily bag limit 8, Possession limit 16

Shooting Hours: One half hour before sunrise to sunset, except at the Spanish Lake Recreation Area in Iberia Parish where shooting hours end at 2 p.m.

A Declaration of Emergency is necessary because the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service establishes the framework for all migratory species. In order for Louisiana to provide hunting opportunities to the 200,000 sportsmen, selection of season dates, bag limits and shooting hours must be established and presented to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service immediately.

The aforementioned season dates, bag limits and shooting hours will become effective October 27, 2001 and extend through sunset on March 10, 2002.

Dr. Jerry Stone

Chairman

RESOLUTION

2001 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 8, 2001

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set no less than two shrimp seasons each calendar year for all inside waters by zone, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 states that the shrimp seasons shall be based on biological and technical data which indicate that marketable shrimp, in sufficient quantities, are available for harvest, and

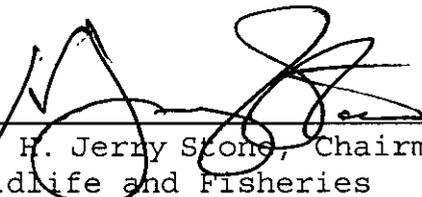
WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides the minimum legal count on white shrimp is 100 (whole specimens) count per pound, except during the time period from October fifteenth through the third Monday in December when there shall be no count, and

WHEREAS, historical and current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated that white shrimp in all three inshore shrimp management zones will average 100 count minimum size or larger by mid August, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2001 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497, to open statewide at official sunrise August ~~20~~¹⁵, 2001.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the closing date for the 2001 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season at official sunset December 18, 2001 in Zones 2 and 3, and official sunset December 31, 2001 in Zone 1, except in Breton and Chandeleur Sounds, as described in LAC 76:VII.307D, which shall remain open until 6:00 a.m., March 31, 2002. The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening or closing dates if biological or technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop.

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



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



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

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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

Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the Mississippi-Louisiana State line westward to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River, and

Zone 2, that portion of the Louisiana's inshore waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island, and

Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island westward to the Louisiana-Texas state line,
all to open at official sunrise August ¹⁵~~20~~, 2001.

The Commission also hereby sets the closing date for the 2001 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season in Zone 2 and Zone 3 at official sunset

December 18, 2001, and Zone 1 at official sunset December 31, 2001 except in the open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds as described in LAC 76:VII.307D, which shall remain open until 6:00 a.m., March 31, 2002. The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening or closing dates if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone

Chairman

RESOLUTION

2001/2002 SEASON ON THE PUBLIC OYSTER GROUNDS

AUGUST 8, 2001

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be fished starting on the Wednesday following Labor Day which in 2001 is September 5, 2001 and

WHEREAS, the oyster resources on the "Public Oyster Seed Grounds and Oyster Seed Reservations" have been surveyed and the available supply and size variation has been determined, and

WHEREAS, Act #46 of the 1992 Legislative Session changed R.S. 56:433 (B) to mandate a sacking only area on the Public Grounds east of the Mississippi River inclusive of Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes,

WHEREAS, the Commission has considered the recommendations of the Oyster Task Force,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the oyster season in the following areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 5, 2001 and will close one-half hour after sunset on April 15, 2002: the Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and Oyster Seed Reservation located in the areas which are bordered on the north by the Mississippi Gulf Outlet and on the south by the Mississippi River and North Pass, the sacking only area of the public grounds which is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Pt. to Pt. Gardner to Grace Pt. at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, and the Hackberry Bay Oyster Seed Reservation, and the area which is bordered on the east by Atchafalaya River and on the west by Freshwater Bayou, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the oyster season in the following areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 1, 2001 and will close one-half hour after sunset on April 15, 2002: the Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and Oyster Seed Reservation located in the area bordered on the east by the Louisiana/Mississippi state line and on the south by the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, and the Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following area will remain closed for the 2001/2002 oyster season: Bay Junop Oyster Seed

Reservation and portions of Lake Mechant, Lake Tambour, Lake Chien, Lake Felicity, Deep Lake and Barataria Bay Public Oyster Seed Grounds (as identified in LAC 76:VII.517), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that under authority of R.S. 56:435.1 the season for Calcasieu Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 15, 2001 and Sabine Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on November 15, 2001 and they will remain open until one-half hour after sunset on April 30, 2002. However these conservation actions will not supercede public health closures, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary will also have the authority to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if the threat to the resource has ended, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2001-2002 Season on the Public Oyster Grounds is attached to and made part of this resolution.



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



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

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953 (B) and 967 (D), and under the authority of R.S. 56:433 and R.S. 56:435.1 notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby declares:

1. The oyster season in the following areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 5, 2001 and will close one-half hour after sunset on April 15, 2002: the Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and Oyster Seed Reservation located in the areas which are bordered on the north by the Mississippi Gulf Outlet and on the south by the Mississippi River and North Pass, the sacking only area of the public grounds which is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Pt. to Pt. Gardner to Grace Pt. at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, the Hackberry Bay Oyster Seed Reservation, and the area which is bordered on the east by the Atchafalaya River and on the west by the Freshwater Bayou.

2. The oyster season in the following areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 1, 2001 and will close one-half hour after sunset on April 15, 2002: the Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and Oyster Seed Reservations located in the area bordered on the east by the Louisiana/Mississippi state line and on the south by the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, and Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation.

3. The following areas will remain closed to oyster harvest for the 2001/2002 Oyster season: Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation, portions of Lake Mechant, Lake Tambour, Lake Chien, Lake Felicity, Deep Lake and Baratavia Bay Public Oyster Seed Grounds (as identified in LAC 76:VII.517).

4. The season for Calcasieu Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 15, 2001 and Sabine Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on November 15, 2001 and they will remain open until one-half hour after sunset on April 30, 2002. However these conservation actions will not supercede public health closures.

5. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas

if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads.

6. The Secretary will also have the authority to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if the threat to the resource has ended.

7. The notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

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



August 8, 2001

Jerry Stone, M.D.
Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
P.O. Box 9800
Baton Rouge, LA 70898

Dear Dr. Stone:

At the Louisiana Oyster Task Force, (LOTF), meeting on Thursday, July 19, 2001 the members deliberate and would like the Commission to consider the following LOTF oyster season recommendations.

- 1) On the Primary Public Seed Grounds east of the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, (MRGO), to the Mississippi state line, and the Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation, the LOTF recommends an October 1, 2001 opening date.
- 2) On the Primary Public Seed Grounds between the Mississippi River and the MRGO, Hackberry Oyster Seed Reservation, and the Vermillion Bay Public Oyster Seed Grounds, the LOTF recommends a September 5, 2001 opening date.
- 3) We support the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, (DWF), opening date recommendations relating to the rest of the Public Oyster Seed and Tonging Grounds.

We would also like to recommend a closing date of April 15, 2002 for all Public Oyster Seed Grounds and Reservations. We would support the DWF closing recommendation dates for the Calcasieu Lake Public Tonging Grounds. We understand that the remainder of Public Oyster Seed Grounds and Reservations, including Bayou Oyster Seed Reservation will remain closed for harvest this coming oyster season.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Voisin
Chairman
Louisiana Oyster Task Force.

RESOLUTION

MODIFICATION OF SHARK HARVEST RULES

adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 8, 2001

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, has provided rules for the harvesting of sharks in Louisiana's state waters, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has adopted management measures for sharks harvested in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, adoption of compatible regulations for Louisiana state waters where feasible would enhance effectiveness and enforceability of the regulations already in place for sharks harvested in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, substantial fisheries for sharks do also occur in Louisiana state waters that are significant to the citizens of the State of Louisiana and thus enactment of compatible regulations may also impact those persons involved in those fisheries, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(10), 56:326(E)(2), 56:326.1, and 56:326.3 provide authority for adoption of this rule through the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

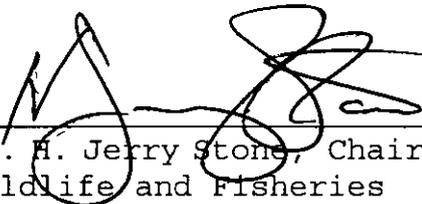
WHEREAS, R.S. 56:320.2(C) provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal law and regulations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby promulgates a Notice of Intent to modify existing regulations to provide for shark management categories, recreational size limits, recreational bag limits, and to require compliance with federal fishing laws and regulations in federal waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

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



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



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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to amend a Rule, LAC 76:VII.357, modifying the existing rule to create compatible regulations in both state and federal waters and provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(10), 56:326(E)(2), 56:326.1, 56:326.3, and R.S. 56:320.2(C). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

~~§357. Sharks and Sawfishes - Harvest Regulations Daily Take and Possession Limits, Quotas and Special Permit Requirements~~

A. ~~The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt~~
tThe following rules and regulations are established for the taking and possession of sharks (including sawfishes) (Class Elasmobranchiomorphi: Orders Hexanchiformes, Lamniformes, Squaliformes, and Rajiformes) from Louisiana waters. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to shrimp or menhaden

harvest, and nothing contained herein is intended or shall be construed to repeal, amend, or otherwise modify the provisions of law applicable to shrimp or menhaden fishing, except for provisions:

1. outlawing finning of shark;
2. requiring a "Shark Permit" for sale, barter, trade, or exchange;
3. limiting sale, barter, trade, or exchange of sharks during closed seasons;
4. limiting shark retained by non-permit holders to be only as a mixed part of the total harvest, and only retained, held, or sold, purchased, bartered, traded, or exchanged as such; and
5. outlawing transfer of sharks between vessels at sea.

B. For management purposes, sharks are divided into the following categories:

1. Small Coastal Sharks - ~~Atlantic angel shark,~~ Bonnethead shark, Atlantic sharpnose shark, Blacknose shark, ~~Carribean sharpnose shark,~~ Finetooth shark, ~~Smalltail shark.~~

2. Large Coastal Sharks - Great Hammerhead, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead, Nurse shark, ~~Bignose shark,~~ Blacktip shark, Bull shark, ~~Carribean reef shark,~~ Dusky shark, ~~Galapagos shark,~~ Lemon shark, ~~Narrowtooth shark,~~ Night shark, Sandbar shark, Silky shark, Spinner shark, Tiger shark.

3. Pelagic Sharks - ~~Bigeye sixgill shark,~~ Sevengill

~~shark, Sixgill shark, Longfin mako,~~ Porbeagle shark, Shortfin mako, Blue shark, Oceanic whitetip shark, ~~Bigeye thresher shark,~~ Thresher shark.

4. Prohibited Species - Basking shark, White shark, Bigeye sand tiger, Sand tiger, Whale shark, Smalltooth sawfish, Largetooth sawfish, Atlantic angel shark, Carribean sharpnose shark, Smalltail shark, Bignose shark, Carribean reef shark, Dusky shark, Galapagos shark, Narrowtooth shark, Night shark, Bigeye sixgill shark, Bigeye thresher shark, Longfin mako, Sevengill shark, Sixgill shark.

C. In addition to all other licenses and permits required by law, a valid original "Shark Permit" shall be annually required for persons commercially taking shark from Louisiana waters and for persons selling, exchanging, or bartering sharks as required by law ~~to Louisiana Wholesale/Retail dealers;~~ the valid original permit shall be in immediate possession of the permittee while engaged in fishing for, or possessing, selling, bartering, trading, or exchanging shark. ~~Each "Shark Permit" holder shall on or before the tenth of each month submit an information return to the Department on forms provided or approved for this purpose, including the number and weight of each species of shark taken commercially from Louisiana waters during each trip of the preceding month, and the commercial dealers to whom these were sold. Monthly reports shall be filed, even if catch or effort is~~

~~zero.~~

D. No person shall purchase, sell, exchange, barter or attempt to purchase, sell, exchange, or barter any sharks in excess of any possession limit for which a commercial permit was issued.

E. 1. All persons who do not possess a "Shark Permit" issued by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and, if applicable, a Federal Shark Permit issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service, are limited to a recreational possession limit. All persons who do not possess a Louisiana "Shark Permit" and, if applicable, a permit issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Sharks, shall not sell, barter, trade, exchange or attempt to sell, barter, trade or exchange any sharks, or possess any sharks in excess of a recreational possession limit. Sharks taken incidental to menhaden fishing, that are retained on the vessel as part of the harvest, ~~shall~~ may be retained and sold only as a mixed part of the total harvest, and shall not be retained, held, or sold, purchased, bartered, traded, or exchanged separately. Sharks retained as a result of menhaden fishing shall not exceed legal bycatch allowances for menhaden fishing as provided for in R.S. 56:324.

2. Legally licensed Louisiana wholesale/retail seafood dealers, retail seafood dealers, restaurants, and retail grocers are not required to hold a "Shark Permit" in order to purchase, possess, exchange, barter and sell any quantities of sharks, so

long as they maintain records as required by R.S. 56:306.45 and R.S. 56:306.56 .

F. Sharks taken under a recreational bag limit shall not be sold, purchased, exchanged, traded, bartered, or attempted to be sold, purchased, exchanged, traded, or bartered. A person subject to a bag limit shall not possess at any time, regardless of the number of trips or the duration of a trip, any shark in excess of the recreational bag limits or less than minimum size limits as follows:

~~1. The aggregate daily take and possession limit for Atlantic Sharpnose Sharks caught recreationally within or without Louisiana waters shall be two fish per person per day and in possession.~~

~~2. The aggregate daily take and possession limit for all other "Small Coastal", "Large Coastal" and "Pelagic" sharks combined, caught recreationally within or without Louisiana waters, shall be 2 fish per vessel per trip and in possession.~~

1. All sharks taken under a recreational bag limit within or without Louisiana waters must be at least 54 inches fork length, except that the minimum size limit does not apply for Atlantic sharpnose sharks.

2. No more than one shark from either the large coastal, small coastal or pelagic group not taken under a commercial permit may be retained per vessel per trip within or

without Louisiana waters, subject to the size limits described in LAC 76:VII.357(F)1, and, in addition, one Atlantic sharpnose shark may be retained per person per trip within or without Louisiana waters. Regardless of the length of a trip, no more than one Atlantic sharpnose shark per person may be possessed.

G. Those persons possessing a Federal Shark Permit issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Sharks are limited to daily take, trip and possession limits as specified in that Federal Permit. A person aboard a vessel for which a Federal Shark Permit has been issued shall not retain, possess, barter, trade, or exchange shark of any species group for which the commercial quota has been reached and the season closed in Federal waters.

H. 1. A vessel that has been issued or possesses a federal shark permit issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Sharks shall not possess on any trip, or land from any trip, or sell, barter, trade, or exchange Large Coastal Species in excess of 4,000 pounds, dressed weight. No person shall purchase, barter, trade, or exchange shark in excess of 4,000 pounds, dressed weight, or from any person who does not possess a Louisiana shark permit or federal permit, if applicable.

2. Persons possessing a Louisiana "Shark Permit" shall not possess on any trip, or land from any trip, or sell, Large

Coastal Species in excess of 4,000 pounds, dressed weight.

I. A person aboard a vessel for which a federal shark permit has been issued, or persons aboard a vessel fishing for or possessing shark in the EEZ shall comply with all applicable federal regulations.

J. Fins

1. The practice of "finning", that is, removing only the fins and returning the remainder of the shark to the sea, is prohibited within and without Louisiana waters.

2. Shark fins that are possessed aboard or offloaded from a fishing vessel must not exceed 5 percent of the weight of the shark carcasses. All fins must be weighed in conjunction with the weighing of the carcasses at the vessel's first point of landing and such weights of the fins landed must be recorded on dealer records in compliance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6. Fins from shark harvested by a vessel that are disproportionate to the weight of the carcasses landed shall not be sold, purchased, traded, or bartered or attempted to be sold, purchased, traded, or bartered.

3. Shark fins shall not be possessed aboard a fishing vessel after the vessel's first point of landing.

K. Prohibited Species

1. No person shall take, possess, purchase, sell, barter, exchange or attempt to possess, purchase, sell, barter, or

exchange any of the following species or parts thereof:

- a. Basking shark - *Cetorhinus maximus*
- b. White shark - *Carcharodon carcharias*
- c. Bigeye sand tiger - *Odontaspis noronhai*
- d. Sand tiger - *Odontaspis taurus*
- e. Whale shark - *Rhincodon typus*
- f. Smalltooth sawfish - *Pristis pectinata*
- g. Largetooth sawfish - *Pristis pristis*
- h. Atlantic angel shark - *Squatina dumerili*
- i. Caribbean sharpnose shark - *Rhizoprionodon*
porosus
- j. Smalltail shark - *Carcharhinus porosus*
- k. Bignose shark - *Carcharhinus altimus*
- l. Caribbean reef shark - *Carcharhinus perezi*
- m. Dusky shark - *Carcharhinus obscurus*
- n. Galapagos shark - *Carcharhinus galapagensis*
- o. Narrowtooth shark - *Carcharhinus brachyurus*
- p. Night shark - *Carcharhinus signatus*
- q. Bigeye sixgill shark - *Hexanchus vitulus*
- r. Bigeye thresher shark - *Alopias superciliosus*
- s. Longfin mako shark - *Isurus paucus*
- t. Sevengill shark - *Heptranchias perlo*
- u. Sixgill shark - *Hexanchus griseus*

2. Notwithstanding other provisions of this part, a

person may fish for, but not retain, white sharks (Carcharodon carcharias) with rod and reel only under a catch and release program, provided the person releases and returns such fish to the sea immediately with a minimum of injury.

3. Notwithstanding other provisions of this part, smalltooth sawfish or largetooth sawfish may be possessed as authorized by a special Scientific and Educational Collecting Permit issued by the department under R.S. 56:318, including whatever conditions that the department may deem necessary to ensure the maintenance and protection of the species. Nothing herein shall prohibit the possession of smalltooth sawfish or largetooth sawfish, or parts thereof, that were possessed prior to the effective date of this rule.

L. No person aboard any vessel shall transfer or cause the transfer of sharks between vessels on state or federal waters. Standard menhaden harvesting activities do not constitute transfer of sharks between vessels at sea.

M. Seasonal Closures

1. All Louisiana State waters out to the seaward boundary of the Louisiana Territorial Sea shall be closed to the recreational and commercial harvest of all sharks between April 1 and June 30 of each year. A holder of a Federal Shark Permit may legally harvest sharks from Federal waters beyond the Louisiana Territorial Sea and bring those sharks into Louisiana waters for

sale within the provisions of that Federal Shark Permit. Effective with this closure, no person shall commercially harvest, purchase, barter, trade, sell or attempt to purchase, barter, trade or sell sharks from the closed area. Effective with the closure, no person shall retain or possess any sharks in the closed area. Sharks taken incidental to shrimp or menhaden fishing in the closed area, that are retained on the vessel as part of the harvest, may be retained only as a mixed part of the total harvest, and shall not be retained, held, purchased, bartered, traded, exchanged, sold or attempted to be purchased, bartered, traded, exchanged or sold.

2. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is hereby authorized to close any recreational or commercial fishery for sharks, within and without Louisiana's territorial waters, when the Secretary is notified by the National Marine Fisheries Service that the seasonal quota for that species group and fishery has been met. The closure order shall close the fishery until the date projected for the re-opening of that fishery in the adjacent Federal waters. The Secretary is also hereby authorized to modify any such closure order to maintain consistency with re-opening dates in the adjacent Federal waters, should the Federal closure dates be modified.

N. The fishing year for shark shall begin on January 1, 1998 and every January 1st thereafter.

O. No person who, pursuant to state or federal law, is

subject to the jurisdiction of this state shall violate any federal law, rule or regulation particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title 50 and 15, for sharks and sawfishes while fishing in the EEZ, or possess, purchase, sell, barter, trade, or exchange sharks and sawfishes within or without the territorial boundaries of Louisiana in violation of any state or federal law, rule or regulation particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title 50 and 15 law.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10), R.S. 56:326(E)(2), R.S. 56:326.1, R.S. 56:326.3, and R.S. 56:320.2(C).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:543 (March 1999), amended LR 27: .

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, October 4, 2001.

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).

Dr. H. Jerry Stone

Chairman

RESOLUTION

TUNA HARVEST RULES

adopted by the
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 8, 2001

WHEREAS, the tuna fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana are primarily managed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, adoption of compatible regulations for Louisiana state waters would enhance effectiveness and enforceability of the regulations already in place for tunas harvested in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the primary fishery for the affected tuna fishes is in Federal waters off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1, and R.S. 56:326.3 provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set size limits for saltwater finfish, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:320.2(C) provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal law and regulations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent adding a minimum size limit for the harvest of bluefin tuna, removing Atlantic bonito from the list of permitted tunas in Louisiana waters and to require compliance with federal fishing laws and regulations in federal waters, and

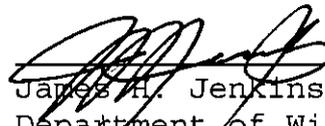
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

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



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



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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.361, modifying the rule for the harvest of Atlantic tunas by adding a minimum size limit for the harvest of bluefin tuna, removing Atlantic bonito from the list of permitted tunas in Louisiana waters and provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1, R.S. 56:326.3 and R.S. 56:320.2(C). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§361. Tuna - Harvest Regulations

A. Bag and possession limits, recreational.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Bag and Possession Limit</u>
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1. Yellowfin Tuna	3 fish per person
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B. Size limits, recreational and commercial.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum Size Limit</u>
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1. Yellowfin Tuna	27 inches Curved Fork Length (CFL)
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2. Bigeye Tuna 27 inches Curved Fork Length (CFL)
3. Bluefin Tuna* 27 inches Curved Fork Length (CFL)

*The size class of a bluefin tuna found with the head removed shall be determined using pectoral fin curved fork length (PFCFL) multiplied by a conversion factor of 1.35.

NOTE: Curved Fork Length (CFL): the length of a fish measured from the tip of the upper jaw to the fork of the tail along the contour of the body in a line that runs along the top of the pectoral fin and the top of the caudal keel. Pectoral Fin Curved Fork Length (PFCFL) means the length of a beheaded fish from the dorsal insertion of the pectoral fin to the fork of the tail measured along the contour of the body in a line that runs along the top of the pectoral fin and the top of the caudal keel.

C. No person shall take or have in their possession any species of tuna, less than the minimum size or in excess of the take or possession limits. The possession limit on tunas applies to tuna taken within or outside Louisiana territorial waters.

D. Permits

1. Recreational: Persons aboard a vessel whether within or outside Louisiana territorial waters possessing any of the following tuna species: Atlantic bluefin tuna, yellowfin tuna, bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, and albacore, ~~and Atlantic bonito~~ are required to have a valid federal recreational tuna permit in their

immediate possession on board the vessel.

2. Commercial: Persons harvesting the following tuna species: Atlantic bluefin tuna, yellowfin tuna, bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, and albacore, ~~and Atlantic bonito~~ whether within or outside Louisiana state territorial waters for commercial purposes or possessing such tuna species in excess of a recreational take limit are required to have a valid Federal commercial tuna permit in their immediate possession on board the vessel. No person shall sell, barter, trade or exchange or attempt to sell, barter, trade or exchange any species of tuna without a valid federal commercial tuna permit. No person shall purchase, barter, trade or exchange or attempt to purchase, barter, trade or exchange any species of tuna from any person who harvested tuna without a valid federal commercial tuna permit.

3. No person aboard any commercial vessel shall transfer or cause the transfer of fish between vessels on state or federal waters.

~~4. No person shall possess any species of tuna without tail intact or skinned or scaled.~~

E. No person who, pursuant to state or federal law, is subject to the jurisdiction of this state shall violate any federal law, rule or regulation particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title

50 and 15, for tunas while fishing in the EEZ, or possess, purchase, sell, barter, trade, or exchange tunas within or without the territorial boundaries of Louisiana in violation of any state or federal law, rule or regulation particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title 50 and 15 law.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1, ~~and~~ R.S. 56:326.3 and R.S. 56:320.2(C).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 26:2834 (December 2000), amended LR .

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, October 4, 2001.

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).

Dr. H. Jerry Stone

Chairman

RESOLUTION
POMPANO PERMITS

adopted by the
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 8, 2001

WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has rules in place that regulate the commercial harvest of pompano, and

WHEREAS, all commercial harvesters of pompano are required to have a pompano permit issued by the Department, and

WHEREAS, we can be more efficient with the permitting process, and

WHEREAS, adoption of Act 153 of the 2001 Regular Legislative Session requires us to clarify parts of the rule, and

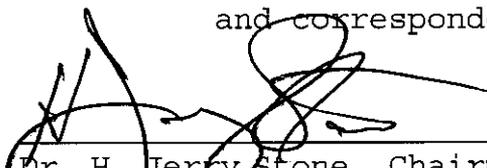
WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(25)(a) provides that the Department shall have the authority to promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act under sound management and R.S. 56:406(A)(3) provides for the changing of certain phrases,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent to modify the pompano permitting process in accordance with the passage of Act 153 of the 2001 Regular Legislative Session, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

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



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



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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.355, modifying the application procedures and removing the phrase "excluding islands". Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and R.S. 56:406(A)(3). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§703. Pompano Permits

A. Harvest Regulations

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9. Pompano strike nets may be used during the period from August 1 through October 31 of each year in waters in excess of seven feet in depth and beyond 2,500 feet from land (~~excluding islands~~) within the Chandeleur and Breton Sound area described in R.S. 56:406(A)(2).

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B. Qualification for Permit

1. All permits shall be applied for and/or granted from

January 1 to April 30 of each year from the New Orleans or Baton Rouge offices. All permits expire December 31 following the date of issuance. ~~All permits shall be returned to the department by January 31 following expiration.~~

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4. ~~All potential permittees shall request an appointment by contacting Marine Fisheries Division personnel at 1600 Canal Street, New Orleans.~~ Proof of ownership of the proposed permitted vessel(s) and proof that all applicable licenses have been applied for shall be provided at the time of appointment. Proof of bona fide residency, as defined in R.S. 56:8(12), is also required at this time.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and R.S. 56:406A(3).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 12:119 (February 1986), amended LR 12:846 (December 1986), amended by the Office of Fisheries, LR 16:322 (April 1990), LR 22:859 (September 1996), amended by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 26:2332 (October 2000), LR .

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

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, October 4, 2001.

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).

Dr. H. Jerry Stone

Chairman

RESOLUTION

BILLFISH HARVEST RULES

adopted by the
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 8, 2001

WHEREAS, the billfish fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana are primarily managed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has adopted size limits for sailfish harvested in the EEZ off of Louisiana for conservation purposes, and

WHEREAS, adoption of compatible regulations for Louisiana state waters would enhance effectiveness and enforceability of the regulations already in place for billfishes harvested in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1 and R.S. 56:326.3 provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set size limits for saltwater finfish and R.S. 56:320.2(C) provide, and

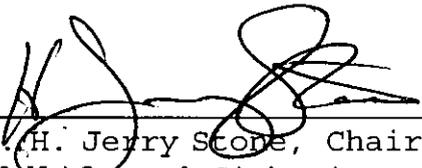
WHEREAS, R.S. 56:320.2(C) provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal law and regulations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent to amend the published regulations on billfish by changing the minimum size limit of recreationally harvested sailfish from 57 to 63 inches lower jaw fork length in Louisiana waters and to require compliance with federal fishing laws and regulations in federal waters, and

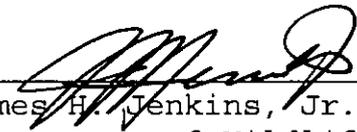
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

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



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



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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.355, increasing the minimum size limit for sailfish from 57 inches to 63 inches lower jaw fork length and provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1, R.S. 56:326.3 and R.S. 56:320.2(C). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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§355. Harvest Regulations, Billfishes

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B. Minimum Size Limits: No person shall possess any fish smaller than the minimum size limit.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum Size Limit</u>
1. Blue Marlin	99 inches Lower Jaw Fork Length (LJFL)
2. White Marlin	66 inches Lower Jaw Fork Length

(LJFL)

3. Sailfish 57 63 inches Lower Jaw Fork Length

(LJFL)

4. Swordfish 29 inches carcass length or 33
pounds dressed weight

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J. No person who, pursuant to state or federal law, is subject to the jurisdiction of this state shall violate any federal law, rule or regulation particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title 50 and 15, for billfishes (*Istiophoridae spp.*) while fishing in the EEZ, or possess, purchase, sell, barter, trade, or exchange billfishes within or without the territorial boundaries of Louisiana in violation of any state or federal law, rule or regulation particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title 50 and 15 law.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1, ~~and~~ R.S. 56:326.3 and R.S. 56:320.2(C).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:542 (March 1999, amended LR 26:1676 (August 2000), LR .

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, October 4, 2001.

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).

Dr. H. Jerry Stone

Chairman

RESOLUTION

RED DRUM HARVEST REGULATIONS

adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 8, 2001

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana statutorily regulates the harvest of red drum, and

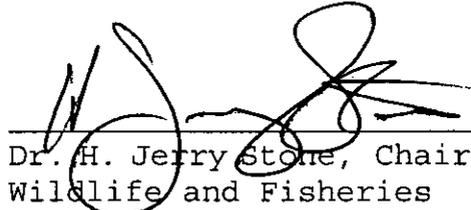
WHEREAS, R.S. 56:320.2(C) provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal law and regulations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent establishing a rule requiring compliance with federal fishing laws and regulations in federal waters regarding red drum, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

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



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



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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.363, which provides that all vessels fishing in the federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) shall comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:320.2(C). Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§363. Red Drum - Harvest Regulations

A. No person who, pursuant to state or federal law, is subject to the jurisdiction of this state shall violate any federal law, rule or regulation particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title 50 and 15, for red drum (*Sciaenops ocellata*) while fishing in the EEZ, or possess, purchase, sell, barter, trade, or exchange red drum within or without the territorial boundaries of Louisiana in violation of any state or federal law, rule or regulation

particularly those rules and regulations enacted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and published in the Code of Federal Regulations as amended Title 50 and 15 law.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:320.2(C).

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

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, October 4, 2001.

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).

Dr. H. Jerry Stone

Chairman

State of Louisiana



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** Louisianans are blessed with an abundance and diversity of game, fish, and seafood that hunters, fishers and commercial industries have long appreciated and recognized the need to conserve; and
- WHEREAS** revenues raised by sportsmen and commercial industries have successfully returned some animal species that faced extinction or were threatened or endangered by environmental conditions often imposed by people to healthy populations; and
- WHEREAS** hunters and anglers have a long history of contributing to conservation efforts statewide and nationwide, contributing more than \$12 billion to conservation programs during the past half a century through license fees and self-imposed excise taxes; and
- WHEREAS** a recent survey by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service indicated that 56 percent of all Louisianans participate in some type of fish or wildlife-related activity; and
- WHEREAS** latest figures indicate that the total annual economic impact of wildlife-related activities, including hunting and non-consumptive usage, in Louisiana is more than \$1.5 billion and that Louisianans directly spend \$896 million on hunting and other wildlife-associated recreation; and
- WHEREAS** Louisiana residents have spent \$30.9 million on fishing and hunting licenses during the last three years; and
- WHEREAS** the state's warm gulf waters and fertile estuarine systems are home to more than 100 commercially valuable seafood species, making Louisiana's marine fisheries one of the most important in the nation with approximately 1.47 billion pounds landed annually for a dockside value of approximately \$294 million, with more than 150,000 people directly and indirectly employed in harvesting, processing wholesaling, and distribution of Louisiana seafood;
- THEREFORE** I, Dr. H. Jerry Stone, Chairman of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, on the 8th day of August, 2001, hereby proclaim Saturday, September 22, 2001, as the

17th ANNUAL LOUISIANA NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

in recognition of the economic contributions of the hunting and fishing industry and in acknowledgment of the sport enjoyed by so many of our citizens.



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

State of Louisiana



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

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Louisianans are blessed with an abundance and diversity of game, fish, and seafood that hunters, fishers, and commercial industries have long appreciated and recognized the need to conserve; and

WHEREAS, revenues raised by sportsmen and commercial industries have successfully returned some animal species that faced extinction, or were threatened or endangered by environmental conditions often imposed by people, to healthy populations; and

WHEREAS, hunters and anglers have a long history of contributing to conservation efforts statewide and nationwide, contributing more than \$12 billion to conservation programs during the past half century through license fees and self-imposed excise taxes; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr., Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 22, 2001, as the

17th ANNUAL LOUISIANA NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

in the state of Louisiana, in recognition of the economic contributions of the hunting and fishing industry and in acknowledgment of the sport enjoyed by so many of our citizens.



Attest By
The Governor

Joseph S. Keithen
Secretary of State

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 19th day of July
A.D., 2001

M. J. Foster
Governor of Louisiana

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Louisianans are blessed with an abundance and diversity of game, fish, and seafood that hunters, fishers and commercial industries have long appreciated and recognized the need to conserve; and

WHEREAS, revenues raised by sportsmen and commercial industries have successfully returned some animal species that faced extinction or were threatened or endangered by environmental conditions often imposed by people to healthy populations; and

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WHEREAS, latest figures indicate that the total annual economic impact of wildlife-related activities in Louisiana, including hunting and non-consumptive usage, is more than \$1.5 billion and that Louisianans directly spend \$896 million on hunting and other wildlife-associated recreation including \$30.9 million on license fees in the last three years; and

WHEREAS, the state's warm gulf waters and fertile estuarine systems are home to more than 100 commercially valuable seafood species, making Louisiana's marine fisheries one of the most important in the nation with approximately 1.47 billion pounds landed annually for a dockside value of approximately \$294 million, with more than 150,000 people directly and indirectly employed in harvesting, processing wholesaling, and distribution of Louisiana seafood

THEREFORE, I, Bobby Simpson Mayor-President of the City of Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge, this 19th day of July, 2001, do hereby proclaim

SEPTEMBER 22, 2001

17th ANNUAL LOUISIANA NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge, to be affixed this nineteenth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and one.




Bobby Simpson
Mayor-President

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MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT-

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	PERCENT DOLLARS PAID	PERCENT CASES PAID
FISCAL YEAR 1993-94								
July, 1993	25	\$21,039.00	(\$9,778.00)	29	\$4,855.00	\$2,545.00		
Aug., 1993	53	\$44,922.00	(\$1,137.00)	41	\$7,950.00	\$3,603.00		
Sept., 1993	42	\$137,635.00	(\$17,938.00)	35	\$6,783.00	\$3,048.00		
Oct., 1993	49	\$21,471.00	(\$11,282.00)	40	\$3,285.00	\$1,519.00		
Nov., 1993	57	\$31,207.00	(\$13,260.00)	32	\$3,053.00	\$2,845.00		
Dec., 1993	53	\$13,777.00		27	\$6,507.00	\$6,713.00		
Jan., 1994	38	\$18,918.00		32	\$4,423.00	\$2,831.00		
Feb., 1994	68	\$38,131.00	(\$8,238.00)	46	\$9,124.00	\$5,993.00		
Mar., 1994	38	\$22,739.00	(\$2,482.00)	51	\$10,854.00	\$6,796.00		
April, 1994	14	\$44,732.00	(\$1,404.00)	27	\$7,307.00	\$4,632.00		
May, 1994	10	\$4,504.00	(\$165.00)	7	\$5,447.00	\$3,808.00		
June, 1994	29	\$26,167.00	(\$2,986.00)	12	\$1,886.00	\$1,214.00		
Total FY 1994	476	\$425,242.00	(\$68,670.00)	379	\$71,474.00	\$45,547.00	27.5%	79.6%
FISCAL YEAR 1994-95								
July, 1994	17	\$2,127.00	(\$335.00)	23	\$2,101.00	\$1,437.00		
Aug., 1994	41	\$96,403.00	(\$3,035.00)	20	\$1,010.00	\$605.00		
Sept., 1994	34	\$14,614.00	(\$14,002.00)	26	\$2,596.00	\$2,342.00		
Oct., 1994	94	\$17,426.00	(\$8,677.00)	38	\$2,922.00	\$3,179.00		
Nov., 1994	43	\$103,592.00		45	\$3,992.00	\$2,803.00		
Dec., 1994	68	\$31,400.00		35	\$4,315.00	\$2,329.00		
Jan., 1995	55	\$27,601.00		52	\$7,493.00	\$4,921.00		
Feb., 1995	70	\$61,119.00		41	\$6,472.00	\$3,973.00		
Mar., 1995	31	\$25,072.00		44	\$8,315.00	\$4,737.00		
Apr., 1995	13	\$15,353.00		16	\$3,565.00	\$1,538.00		
May., 1995	23	\$11,632.00		16	\$4,315.00	\$654.00		
June 1995	45	\$31,008.00		18	\$2,630.00	\$1,025.00		
Total FY 1995	534	\$437,347.00	(\$26,049.00)	374	\$49,726.00	\$29,543.00	18.1%	70.0%
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								
Sept., 2001								
Oct., 2001								
Nov., 2001								
Dec., 2001								
Jan., 2002								
Feb., 2002								
Mar., 2002								
Apr., 2002								
May, 2002								
June, 2002								
Total FY 2002	4	\$4,290.29	\$0.00	25	\$6,328.36	\$293.54	154%	625%

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
 CURRENT MONTH
 07/01/2001 TO 07/31/2001

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	4	\$4,290.29
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	0	\$0.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	4	\$4,290.29
PAYMENTS	14	\$5,444.96-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	3	\$425.00-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	4	\$188.40-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	4	\$270.00-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	6	\$150.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	2	\$293.54-
OVERPAYMENTS	1	\$0.46
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	0	\$0.00
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00

FOOTNOTE:		
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
 07/01/2001 TO 07/31/2001

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	4	\$4,290.29
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	0	\$0.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
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OVERPAYMENTS	1	\$0.46
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	0	\$0.00
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00

 FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
 INCEPTION TO DATE
 07/31/2001

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	4,202	\$2,964,751.51
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	258	\$6,875.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	331	\$269,865.45-
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	148	\$71,951.21
=====		
RESTITUTION ASSESSED	4,202	\$2,773,712.27
PAYMENTS	2,842	\$572,953.58-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	18	\$2,121.70-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	48	\$15,762.91-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	29	\$8,447.60-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	129	\$3,375.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	1,998	\$252,136.11-
OVERPAYMENTS	142	\$3,197.03
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	53	\$11,275.19
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	14	\$31,747.30-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	5	\$12,222.64
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	20	\$90,603.09
RETURNED CHECKS	1	\$61.75
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	3	\$55.00
CREDITS	13	\$10.22-
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	21	\$6,881.15
CREDITS	62	\$36,704.16-
WRITE-OFFS	976	\$1,026,249.30-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	6	\$1,399.24-
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	24	\$12,388.00-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	63	\$149,269.21-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
		=====
** TOTAL OUTSTANDING	343	\$785,443.79

 FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	37	\$106,809.20 *
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AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN	0	\$0.00
1 - 30 DAYS	0	\$0.00
31 - 60 DAYS	22	\$36,941.40
61 - 90 DAYS	22	\$20,562.10
91 - 120 DAYS	8	\$3,715.83
121 - 150 DAYS	4	\$1,445.20
151 - 180 DAYS	5	\$9,272.23
181 - 365 DAYS	61	\$49,225.39
OVER ONE YEAR	152	\$97,489.66
OVER TWO YEARS	136	\$90,441.46
OVER THREE YEARS	630	\$445,436.78

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** TOTAL AGING	1,040	\$754,530.05
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AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:

CAN NOT BE INVOICED	1	\$621.92
CURRENT	2	\$1,046.67
1 - 30 DAYS	2	\$353.03
31 - 90 DAYS	7	\$16,854.93
91 - 180 DAYS	30	\$17,982.29
181 - 365 DAYS	27	\$100,047.79
OVER ONE YEAR	196	\$194,329.36

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	77	\$453,658.26

AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:

1 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	1	\$549.54

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** TOTAL AGING	343	\$785,443.79
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
 CURRENT MONTH
 07/01/2001-07/31/2001

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	861	\$43,555.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	25	\$625.00
CREDITS	1	\$25.00-
		=====
TOTAL DUE		\$44,155.00

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PAID IN FULL	678	\$37,235.00-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	10	\$320.00-
OVERPAYMENTS	3	\$100.00
REFUNDS	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	3	\$25.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	3	\$20.00
CREDITS	1	\$0.85-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	4	\$200.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
VOIDS	50	\$2,050.00-
NOT GUILTY	2	\$100.00-

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
 07/01/2001-07/31/2001

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	861	\$43,555.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	25	\$625.00
CREDITS	1	\$25.00-
		=====
TOTAL DUE		\$44,155.00

=====

PAID IN FULL	678	\$37,235.00-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	10	\$320.00-
OVERPAYMENTS	3	\$100.00
REFUNDS	2	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	3	\$25.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	3	\$20.00
CREDITS	1	\$0.85-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	4	\$200.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
VOIDS	70	\$2,050.00-
NOT GUILTY	23	\$100.00-

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
 INCEPTION TO DATE
 07/31/2001

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	90,924	\$4,621,732.07
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	21,056	\$526,702.80
CREDITS	1	\$7,325.00-
		=====
TOTAL DUE		\$5,141,109.87

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PAID IN FULL	51,949	\$2,720,604.60-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	1,367	\$62,295.90-
OVERPAYMENTS	1,045	\$27,866.42
REFUNDS	207	\$9,900.31
RETURNED CHECKS	68	\$3,550.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	68	\$1,105.00
CREDITS	170	\$157.63-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	169	\$9,750.00
CREDITS	21	\$1,150.00-
VOIDS	5,126	\$219,407.73-
NOT GUILTY	1,017	\$50,775.00-
		=====
TOTAL OUTSTANDING		\$2,138,890.74

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE

CURRENT	470	\$23,900.00
1 - 30 DAYS	447	\$23,000.00
31 - 90 DAYS	952	\$48,620.00
91 - 180 DAYS	547	\$28,975.00
181 - 365 DAYS	922	\$63,030.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	30,383	\$1,951,365.74
		=====
** TOTAL AGING	33,721	\$2,138,890.74

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM HEARING DATE

PREHEARING	1,296	\$66,275.00
0 - 90 DAYS	2,737	\$138,295.00
91 - 180 DAYS	424	\$29,505.00
181 - 270 DAYS	272	\$20,230.00
271 - 365 DAYS	787	\$49,350.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	28,205	\$1,835,235.74
		=====
** TOTAL AGING	33,721	\$2,138,890.74

Commissioners:

This Request to the Commission was circulated at the State Ducks Unlimited Convention.

Thanks,
Tommy Prickett

REQUEST TO COMMISSION

We, the undersigned waterfowl hunters and Louisiana hunting license holders, petition the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to allow white goose hunting (snow, Ross, and blue) during the entire split of the 2001-2002 Louisiana waterfowl hunting season under the special white goose regulations allowed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

NAME	CITY	NAME	CITY
<u>Wiley McMiller</u>	<u>Lake Charles</u>	<u>Tesse Fallin</u>	<u>Delhi, LA.</u>
<u>F. Mays Jr</u>	<u>MARKSVILLE</u>	<u>Dennis Landry</u>	<u>Belle Rose LA</u>
<u>William Colvin</u>	<u>Brenner</u>	<u>Jeff DeBlieux</u>	<u>Houma LA.</u>
<u>Kenny Pitre</u>	<u>Ozbourne</u>	<u>John Serigny</u>	<u>Cut Off, LA</u>
<u>H.J. ELIZONDO</u>	<u>West Monroe</u>	<u>Don J. Hays</u>	<u>Lafayette</u>
<u>ROGER VINCENT</u>	<u>LAFAYETTE</u>	<u>George H. Roberts</u>	<u>Lafayette</u>
<u>P.J. [unclear]</u>	<u>Covington</u>	<u>Bayle J Mays</u>	<u>MARKVILLE</u>
<u>Bill Hogan</u>	<u>Ruston</u>	<u>Will [unclear]</u>	<u>Lake Charles</u>
<u>Harold [unclear]</u>	<u>Slidell</u>	<u>Burt [unclear]</u>	<u>Leesville LA.</u>
<u>DEAN BERGERON</u>	<u>Crowley</u>	<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>White Castle, LA</u>
<u>Mike Benge</u>	<u>Kenner</u>	<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>Plaquemine, LA</u>
<u>SARRE TANGUIS</u>	<u>MONROE</u>	<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>Cody LA</u>
<u>Paul Dufour</u>	<u>Baton Rouge</u>	<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>Houma, LA.</u>
<u>GRANT WILBANKS</u>	<u>JENA, LA</u>	<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>Gonzales, LA.</u>
<u>DANNEN MILLER</u>	<u>BATON ROUGE</u>	<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>Covington, LA</u>
<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>Gonzales, LA</u>	<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>Jena LA</u>
<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>Gonzales</u>
<u>Charles Smith</u>	<u>Wells LA</u>	<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>Stonewall LA</u>
<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>Harvey LA</u>	<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>Bossier, LA</u>
<u>Robert B. [unclear]</u>	<u>Alexandria LA</u>	<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>Ponchartraine LA</u>
<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>Leesville LA</u>	<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>Slidell, LA</u>
<u>Ron [unclear]</u>	<u>Thibodaux</u>	<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>Slidell LA</u>
<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>Metairie, LA.</u>	<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>Covington, La.</u>
<u>DAVID LEBATO</u>	<u>LAKE CHARLES, LA.</u>	<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>Brewy Bridge LA.</u>
<u>Bill [unclear]</u>	<u>Deathwhite, LA</u>	<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>Alexandria, LA</u>
<u>Carl V. [unclear]</u>	<u>Ruston, LA</u>	<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>Abbeville, LA</u>
<u>Lamar Skains</u>	<u>Jena, La.</u>	<u>[unclear]</u>	<u>Stonewall, LA</u>

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Stone postpones today's LWFC meeting

By **JOE MACALUSO**
 Advocate outdoors writer

Duck hunters waiting to hear the proposed dates for the upcoming season will have to wait until next Wednesday after Wildlife and Fisheries Commission chairman Dr. Jerry Stone decided to postpone today's LWFC's monthly meeting.

"With a number of the commission members out of the state, and the fact that we (state waterfowl biologists) are waiting for the final recommendations of the Services Regulation Committee, it's was good to delay the meeting for seven days," Wildlife and Fisheries assistant secretary Phil Bowman said Wednesday.

Bowman explained the SRC is the group that takes the recommendations of the country's four flyway councils, studies the surveys and counts taken by U.S. and Canadian biologists and comes up with migratory waterfowl seasons and limits for the flyways for the coming season. The SRC is a unit of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"The SRC is meeting today (Wednesday) and Thursday in Washington (D.C.) to come up with the final recommendations for the (migratory waterfowl) framework. Then it needs to go to the Secretary of the Interior for his signature before it comes to us in a final form," Bowman said.

There is good news for Louisiana hunters. The initial word from the SRC is that the Mississippi Flyway will have a 60-day season with a 6-duck-per-day limit, the same as the last four seasons. Louisiana is one of 13 states in the flyway. Other flyways are the Atlantic, Central and Pacific.

The postponed meeting is set for 10 a.m. in the Louisiana Room of LDWF headquarters on Quail Drive.

Other items on the agenda include the formal announcement of the new Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area and the hunting seasons for the area, the opening date for the fall inshore shrimp season, the public grounds oyster season dates and notices of intent covering limits for redfish, all billfishes, tuna, pompano, sharks and sawfishes to bring the state in line with new federal regulations.

BOAT RACES: Super Sport-Tunnel Hulls, dragboats, hydroplane stock

outdoor and performance initiatives are on the bill for this weekend's Grand Bayou Challenge on the Grand Bayou reservoir near Coushatta.

Check-in is scheduled for Friday with racing from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday out of Grand Bayou Resort.

Admission is \$10 a day for adults. Kids under 12 get in free. There are special VIP passes and passes for spectator boats located near the buoys. Organizer Peter Pompsen said no carry-ins nor coolers will be allowed, but you can bring lawnchairs and umbrellas. For more information, call Pompsen at 229-241-6384 or Grand Bayou Resort, 1-877-932-3821.

END OF THE YEAR: Lane Edmonston and V.J. Purpera Jr. brought in five bass weighing 14.7 pound to win the final Fishers of Men/South Louisiana Division bass tourney of the year last weekend at Morgan City.

Bob McMullen and Troy Coupel were second at 13.39, Charles Leon and Barry Joffrion were third (11.97) and Glen Lemoine and Doug Bickley (11.92) took fourth place.

Jimmy Charbonnet and Kenny Gravette had the big bass, a 3.55 pounder.

LAKE OPHELIA SEASONS: Dennis Sharp at the Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge in Marksville announced the dates for the upcoming hunting seasons.

Squirrel and rabbit season will run from Oct. 6-Feb. 10 with archery season on deer running from Nov. 1-Jan. 31. Archery hunters have to show proof they completed the International Bowhunter Education Course. The course will be offered at the NWR Aug. 11 and Sept. 15. To register, call the refuge office, 318-253-4238.

A youth-only deer hunt -- ages 8-15 years -- is set for Nov. 10-11. Youngsters can hunt with muzzleloaders and shotguns loaded with slugs only. Other deer-hunting dates are limited to three muzzleloader-only lottery hunts set for Dec. 1-2, Dec. 15-15 and Jan. 5-6. Hunters must apply for the lottery drawing by Aug. 31.

Sharp said waterfowl hunting will be allowed on the refuge on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays during the waterfowl season which will be announced at Wednesday's Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting. Those days also apply to the special September teal season. Waterfowl hunting ends at noon on the refuge.

Anyone using the refuge must have a \$12.50 annual permit. For the NWR's hunting and fishing brochure, call the refuge.

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COMMISSION MEETING DATE CHANGED TO AUG. 8

The August meeting date for the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has been changed to Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 10 a.m., announced commission Chairman Jerry Stone, M. D. The meeting, initially scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 2, is open to the public and will take place in the Louisiana Room of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries headquarters building, located at 2000 Quail Dr. in Baton Rouge.

"The change will give the commission an opportunity to obtain all necessary information on waterfowl season frameworks from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Service Regulation Committee," noted Stone.

The agenda follows:

1. Approval of Minutes of July 5, 2001
2. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/July
3. Notice of Intent - 2002 Turkey Season
4. Resolution - Maurepas Swamp WMA & Red River WMA Expansion
5. Declaration of Emergency - Amend Fort Polk & Peason Ridge Hunting Dates & Establish Hunting Dates for Maurepas Swamp WMA
6. Tentative Dates for Waterfowl Season
7. Declaration of Emergency - 2001 Fall Shrimp Season
8. Declaration of Emergency - 2001-02 Oyster Season, Public Grounds
9. Notice of Intent - Sharks and Sawfishes - Harvest Regulations
10. Notice of Intent - Tuna - Harvest Regulations
11. Notice of Intent - Pompano Permits
12. Notice of Intent - Harvest Regulations - Billfishes
13. Notice of Intent - Harvest Regulations - Red Drum
14. Proclamation for National Hunting & Fishing Day
15. Set December 2001 Meeting Date
16. Public Comments

EDITORS: For more information, contact Catherine Carlock Simpson at 225/765-2925 (simpson_cc@vlf.state.la.us).

AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BATON ROUGE, LA

August 8, 2001

10:00 AM

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of July 5, 2001
3. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/July - Keith LaCaze
4. Notice of Intent - 2002 Turkey Season - Mike Olinde
5. Resolution - Maurepas Swamp WMA & Red River WMA Expansion
- Randy Myers
6. Declaration of Emergency - Amend Fort Polk & Peason Ridge
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Pausina
12. Notice of Intent - Pompano Permits - Randy Pausina
13. Notice of Intent - Harvest Regulations - Billfishes -
Randy Pausina
14. Notice of Intent - Harvest Regulations - Red Drum - Randy
Pausina
15. Proclamation for National Hunting & Fishing Day -
Catherine Simpson
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NEWS RELEASE

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WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION TO MEET AUG. 2

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will hold its next regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 2, 2001, at 10 a.m. The meeting is open to the public and will take place in the Louisiana Room of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries building, located at 2000 Quail Dr. in Baton Rouge. The agenda follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes of July 5, 2001
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EDITORS: For more information, contact Marianne Burke 225/765-2917
(burke_mm@wlf.state.la.us).

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission

FROM: ^{for} James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary

SUBJECT: August Commission Meeting Agenda

The next regular Commission meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 2, 2001, in the Louisiana Room at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

The following items will be discussed:

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2. Approval of Minutes of July 5, 2001

WINTON VIDRINE

3. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/July

OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

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8. Declaration of Emergency - 2001 Fall Shrimp Season

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PUBLIC INFORMATION SECTION

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DIVISION REPORTS

(None)

16. Set December 2001 Meeting Date

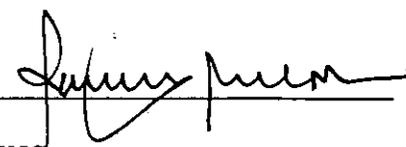
17. Public Comments

JHJ:sch

cc: Jim Patton
Phil Bowman
John Roussel
Craig Lamendola
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Division Chiefs
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APPROVED: 

AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

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C O V E R

S H E E T



FAX

To: Dr. Stone

Fax #: 216-3175

Subject: Agenda

Date: July 24, 2001

Pages: 3, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

Please call me after you have reviewed the attached agenda for the August 2 Commission Meeting. Thanks.

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

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Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

225-765-2806
Fax: 225-765-0948

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10. Notice of Intent - Sharks and Sawfishes, Daily Take & Possession Limits, Quotas and Special Permit Requirements

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Wildlife Division

1) NOI - 2002 Turkey Season
Mike Oliver

2) Resolution - Big Cypress
WMA + Red River Expansion
Randy Myers

3) DE - Amend H. Polk + Leason
Ridge Hunting Dates +
Establish Hunting Dates
for Big Cypress WMA
Jimmy Anthony

4) Tentative Dates for Water-
fowl Season - Robert Helm

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TO: Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-Office of Wildlife,
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Assistant

FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - August 2, 2001

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*Susan - Found it in
someone's else's box,*

*Please add Public Information
for approval of the NHTF
Proclamation, Catherine
Simpson.*

*Thanks
MB*

Hawkins, Susan

From: Roussel, John E
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2001 1:06 PM
To: Foote, Karen
Cc: Pausina, Randy; Dunham, Fred; Bourgeois, Martin; Hawkins, Susan; Porch, Pat; Lavergne, David R.
Subject: RE: Marine Fisheries Commission agenda items- August 2001

OK as agenda items.

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

From: Foote, Karen
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2001 11:08 AM
To: Roussel, John E
Cc: Pausina, Randy; Dunham, Fred; Bourgeois, Martin; Hawkins, Susan; Porch, Pat; Lavergne, David R.
Subject: Marine Fisheries Commission agenda items- August 2001

John- With your approval, we have the following agenda items. I understand that the final language on the EEZ is still being modified but I will send you the concur copies as soon as it is available:

Declaration of Emergency- 2001 Fall Shrimp Season- Marty Bourgeois

Declaration of Emergency- 2001-2002 Oyster Season, Public Grounds, Karen Foote

Notice of Intent- Sharks and Sawfishes Daily Take and Possession Limits, Quotas and Special Permit Requirements- Randy Pausina

Notice of Intent- Harvest Regulations- Tuna- Randy Pausina

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Susan:
I have the following
items for the above agenda:
1) Notice of Intent - Lake Concordia
Black Bass Harvest Regulations.

*changed to
September
per Bennie's
instructions
7/23/2001 - JHJ
2:25 PM - sch*

*hanks
sincerely
Bennie
DeLone Fish Division*

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