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SEPTEMBER 6, 2001

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Chairman H. Jerry Stone presiding.

Bill Busbice  
Terry Denmon  
Lee Felterman  
Tom Gattle  
Tom Kelly  
Norman McCall

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

Chairman Stone called for a motion for approval of the **August 8, 2001 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Gattle and seconded by Commissioner Denmon. The motion passed with no opposition.

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

Region I - Minden - 85 citations and 3 warnings.

Region II - Monroe - 50 citations and 4 warnings.

Region III - Alexandria - 106 citations and 28 warnings.

Region IV - Ferriday - 63 citations and 9 warnings.

Region V - Lake Charles - 216 citations and 18 warnings.

Region VI - Opelousas - 191 citations and 47 warnings.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 186 citations and 14 warnings.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 162 citations and 26 warnings.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 212 citations and 46 warnings.

Oyster Strike Force - 27 citations.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 68 citations.

SWEP - 37 citations.

Refuge Patrol - 26 citations and 14 warnings.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of August was 1,429. Also there were 209 warning citations issued statewide.

The aviation report for August 2001 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 49.2 hours for enforcement and 8.7 hours for other divisions.

Then Major LaCaze provided a Hunter Education Course report and it showed a total of 2,455 people were certified during August from a total of 70 classes conducted throughout the state. Of these 70 classes, 65 were taught by volunteer instructors and the other 5 by Department staff. Chairman Stone asked if the numbers have increased since it has become mandatory? Major LaCaze stated yes, and added there has been quite an increase since Point of Sale was initiated. Commissioner Denmon asked who are the volunteers and where do they come from? Major LaCaze stated the volunteer instructors are school teachers, sheriff deputy's, coaches, or hunters interested in working with kids and being involved. Then Commissioner Denmon asked if the volunteers have a certificate? Major LaCaze stated they go through the Hunter Education Course and then they take an Instructor's Certification Course. Commissioner Busbice asked if rebarred t's used for yo-yo's are legal and if it was okay to leave them unattended? Major LaCaze stated these t's are legal and fishermen can leave them unattended.

**Presentation by Delta Waterfowl** began with Mr. Phil Bowman stating there are a number of organizations that are doing work on waterfowl to enhance populations, protect habitat and other activities such as these. The Delta Waterfowl Foundation contacted the Department and asked that they be allowed to present activities they are involved with. Mr. Bowman then introduced Dr. Frank Rohwer, a LSU Professor, who would make the presentation. Dr. Rohwer stated the Delta Waterfowl's mission has been to produce knowledge and solutions for waterfowl management and to train

students. Recently, the Foundation has added to its mission to secure the heritage of waterfowling. A new idea Delta Waterfowl is doing is trying to encourage public policy that influences landscape and also to protect and promote hunting. Delta Waterfowl began in the 1930's as a private organization asking what can they do for waterfowl? The Directors of Delta Waterfowl have been training students that have produced publications and research on waterfowl management. This year Delta Waterfowl is funding 25 graduate students and they are located from North Carolina to California. There are 3 or 4 students working at LSU on scaup migration or are scaup migrating in good conditions or poor conditions. Delta's programs are separated into three components. These include research and training, conservation policy and waterfowl initiative. Then Dr. Rohwer talked about Delta's research. The first project discussed was on the fact that pintails were not rebounding like mallards and teal. Then he discussed a research project on predation. In the mid-90's research dealt with how to keep eggs away from predators by trapping. One such project in North Dakota and the nesting results were explained. Another study centered around brood survival which is another key component to duck production. One of the policy research projects was on conservation easements. Dr. Rohwer then discussed the success the United States is having in duckling production as opposed to the decline in Canada and explained this was due to CRP. Work has begun to propose legislation making farm support link with conservation activities throughout Canada. The last area of Dr. Rohwer's presentation was on waterfowling initiatives and the decline of duck hunters. Delta Waterfowl's view of the world hopes to have an abundance of waterfowl from farmed landscapes, have public support and acceptance for hunting, influence agricultural policy and continue training resource managers.

Chairman Stone asked if they were using catch and release or killing the trapped predators? Dr. Rohwer stated they were killing the animals. Commissioner Busbice asked if there ever would be an increase in the number of wood ducks allowed to be taken? Dr. Rohwer admitted he did not know very much about wood ducks. But he felt it would be a while before this would happen. Wood duck populations have done well in some areas and relatively poorly in other areas. Chairman Stone asked if the pintails and scaup populations were going to come back? Dr. Rohwer could not answer that question.

Mr. Robert Helm handled the next item, a **Declaration of Emergency - Waterfowl Season Dates**. Tentative waterfowl dates were set at the last meeting and now was time to formally adopt the dates. Not a lot of comments have been received, stated Mr. Helm. He also added that there were no proposed changes to the tentative dates. Chairman Stone asked for public comments and none were heard. He then asked Mr. Helm to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Gattle made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner McCall. The motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Helm commented to Commissioner Busbice that there has been a lot of pressure being put on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for an additional wood duck in the bag limit. The biggest problem on wood ducks is there is a lack of information on this bird. If the season length was shorter, the Service may be receptive to a third bird in the bag. Commissioner Busbice asked if some wood ducks migrate and others do not? Mr. Helm answered yes. Chairman Stone asked if there were any counts on mottled ducks and were they doing better? Mr. Helm answered yes and added the mottled ducks were stable. Commissioner Busbice stated the shortening of a wood duck season might be okay. Mr. Helm stated he was referring to a shortening of the entire duck season. Commissioner Busbice asked if there were any discussions on the roboduck? Mr. Helm stated no, but added several states have outlawed them. Commissioner Gattle asked if there were any places on the Internet for access to waterfowl rules and regulations on baiting? Mr. Helm stated the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's website should have some information. But the technical details, Mr. Helm felt it would be difficult to get this information from a website. He added that the Service has changed some of the baiting regulations over the last year. A list of the Federal Agents and their phone numbers are listed on the back of the waterfowl pamphlet. Commissioner Denmon stated he received a call from individuals who were cited by federal agents and they did not understand the violation. They attempted to research the law to find out about the violation and could not find anything. They also asked Commissioner Denmon if there was a place to go and research what the waterfowl regulations might be? Mr. Phil Bowman stated the federal regulations are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations. But if an individual has a detailed question, Mr. Bowman suggested contacting one of the federal agents and asking about that specific detail. Commissioner Denmon stated these regulations should be more readily available to the hunter. Commissioner Busbice asked if the Department or Commission could request the Service to clarify their rules?

Chairman Stone suggested Enforcement should get with the Public Information Section and publish a general statement. He then added if someone tries to search the Code of Federal Regulations to get a black and white statement, you will never get it. Mr. Bowman again stated hunters can contact the Federal Agents as well as State Agents and try to get their interpretation of the law and how they will be applied. Commissioner Denmon stated interpretation of the law was not the hunters problem, it was the fact that they did not know that specific law existed. Lt. Col. Charlie Clark stated there are two federal pamphlets that are accessible to the public, one is on federal migratory birds and there is a baiting pamphlet. He then noted the Code of Federal Regulations does not answer the "what if" questions. Chairman Stone asked if these publications could be made available again to help keep the confusion down. Commissioner Denmon asked where can the public get these pamphlets? Lt. Col. Clark stated one is put out by the Department that outlines the limits and the other is from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Mr. Bowman announced Louisiana will host the Mississippi Flyway Council Meeting next summer here in Baton Rouge. He invited the Commissioners to attend and observe the proceedings.

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

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
September 6, 2001

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, September 6, 2001

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

WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and



East Zone: (60 days) Nov. 17 (Sat.) - Dec. 2 (Sun.) (16 days)  
(Including Catahoula Dec. 8 (Sat.) - Jan. 20 (Sun.) (44 days)  
Lake)

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 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.

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. H. Jerry Stone  
Chairman

Chairman Stone then asked for **Public Comments - 2002 Wild Turkey Season**. Commissioner Gattle stated he has received comments on opening the season a week earlier. He asked what was the reason for opening the season statewide on the same day? Mr. Tommy Prickett stated they were trying to reduce the turkey harvest somewhat. When looking at the habitat in the State that supports turkeys and looking at the percentage of adult gobblers harvested, it was felt turkeys were being taken at a very high rate. This is particularly problematic in the Florida parishes. Also, it is felt that a statewide opening would reduce the number of turkeys taken. A judgement call was made to move Area A to a later opening date. Mr. Prickett then commented that for the next 7 to 8 years, there was not an appreciable difference in the dates for the week suggested or opening a week earlier. Staff made the call to move the Florida parishes back to March 30. Commissioner Gattle asked if moving the season to open on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, would they accomplish anything? Mr. Prickett stated he did not know what biological impacts, if any, there may be. He added that they would like to open the turkey season on the same weekend each year so hunters can plan their hunting trips. Commissioner Gattle stated he just wanted to discuss this issue as a courtesy to those who submitted comments. Chairman Stone felt the children would not be eaten by snakes if the season was opened a week later. Mr. Prickett added one comment he received was that traditionally in the Florida parishes, when Easter arrives, one is suppose to be turkey hunting.

The **Maurepas Swamp WMA Addition** was handled by Mr. Randy Myers. He began stating a 24,000 acre donation was introduced to the Commission at the last meeting. A resolution was adopted establishing the area as the Maurepas Swamp WMA. An additional 38,000 acres was donated by the Richard King Mellon Foundation with the assistance of the Conservation Fund. This equals to a total of 63,000 acres. The property is located in St. John, St. James and Ascension parishes and centrally located between Baton Rouge and New Orleans. This area represents some of the last remaining cypress-tupelo swamp in southeast Louisiana and will always be available for public access to hunt and fish. Deer, waterfowl, various species of ibis, herons, egrets, fur species and alligators can be found on this WMA. A video news release of the area, which will be distributed throughout the State, was shown. Mr. Nick Dilks with the Conservation Fund, was scheduled to attend the meeting, but was unable to get to Baton Rouge. Speaking on Mr. Dilks' behalf, Mr. Myers then explained the Richard King Mellon Foundation and its relationship with the Conservation Fund. He then noted maps of the eastern tract WMA is available on the Internet and at the Department's library. The hunting seasons set for the Maurepas Swamp's eastern tract at the last Commission Meeting will also apply to the western tract. Commissioner Busbice asked if the donation included the minerals on the area? Mr. Myers answered no.

Mr. Greg Linscombe stated the next item, a **Declaration of Emergency - Fur Trapping Season**, would set the 2001-2002 trapping season. He reviewed a report from the 2000-2001 season by explaining that there are about as many trappers north of Interstate 10 and 12 as there are south of that line. There were no major changes in the numbers of animals taken but the harvest was up for nutria. Prices for fur were not up very much either except for river otter. The percentage of harvest in north Louisiana is increasing due to raccoon hunters taking river otters. Mr. Linscombe then noted that beavers has helped with the otter population by helping with habitat development. Nutria damage is still being surveyed on an annual basis. Populations of nutria in southwest Louisiana continue to be down. A coastwide survey of vegetative types showed the right types of plants for nutria or muskrat to respond. In southeast Louisiana there are 100,000 acres of damaged marsh. Two years of drought may have contributed to less nutria activity being seen. Otter harvest increased from last year even though the price dropped from \$37 to \$33. Beaver harvest was up to around 6,000 with the average harvest being around 5,000 over the last 10 years. Recommendations for the 2001-2002 trapping season are unchanged

from the previous year. A motion was adopted accepting these dates by the Fur and Alligator Council. The statewide season allows for maximum opportunity to increase the harvest of nutria, beaver and raccoon. Commissioner Busbice asked if anyone has asked the Legislature to help supplement the nutria price? Mr. Linscombe stated there are two proposals being considered right now. One is with the Congressional Delegates and the other is proposed within CWPPRA. Commissioner Gattle asked if Louisiana was still the leading fur trading state in America? Mr. Linscombe felt Louisiana was not number one any longer but was not certain since all states harvest numbers are down. Chairman Stone asked Mr. Linscombe to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly made a motion accepting the Resolution. It was seconded by Commissioner Felterman and passed with no opposition.

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

#### RESOLUTION

2001-2002 Fur Trapping Season  
adopted by the  
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:259(A) authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set the open season for the taking of nongame quadrupeds and allows the Commission to extend, curtail or prohibit trapping in any area of the state each year, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act allows the Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has historically lead the nation in the production of wild fur with value to the trappers as high as \$24 million in some seasons, and

WHEREAS, the harvest of this renewable resource is important in providing supplemental income to citizens of the state while furnishing an essential management tool to reduce nuisance wildlife problems, property damage, the impact of prey species, the incident of density dependent

disease and provide a measure of population health and general condition, and

WHEREAS, regulated trapping provides the only practical control of muskrat and nutria populations, an essential part of any effort to protect or enhance coastal wetlands. The role of such trapping cannot be overstated because of the rate of wetland loss and the impact that these wetland grazers are having in southeastern parishes, and

WHEREAS, the increased commercial harvest of beaver can play a major role in assisting in the reduction of damage to timber, agriculture, drainage, and wildlife habitat, and

WHEREAS, historical and current information collected by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have indicated that the optimum time frame for the harvest of furbearers is between November and March each year, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2001-2002 fur harvest season, statewide from November 20, 2001 through March 31, 2002.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to extend or shorten the trapping season in any area of the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2001-2002 fur harvest season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

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

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

#### DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:259(A) which authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set the open season for the taking of non-game quadrupeds and allows the

Commission to extend, curtail or prohibit trapping in any area of the state each year and in accordance with emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act, which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2001-2002 fur harvest season, statewide from November 20, 2001 through March 31, 2002. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby also authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to extend or shorten the adopted season.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone  
Chairman

**A Notice of Intent - Black Bass Regulations, Lake Concordia** was presented by Mr. Bennie Fontenot. The proposed rule would remove Concordia Lake from the slot limit regulation. Sampling data indicates bass populations have not really changed. Also, there were not many bass taken over the 19 inch slot limit. Fishing pressure is not high enough to make the slot work and other fishermen do not want to keep the smaller bass under the slot limit. A petition of approximately 200 names have been received asking that the slot be removed. Also, marinas and bass clubs have asked that it be removed. Mr. Fontenot asked the Commission to approve removing the trophy lake status from Concordia Lake and allow it to fall within the state regulations of 10 bass per day with no size limit. Commissioner Gattle asked if this was a Notice of Intent? Mr. Fontenot answered yes, and felt this would not be controversial. Commissioner Busbice asked if the lake was an oxbow lake? Mr. Fontenot stated it was about a 1,000 acre oxbow lake. Commissioner Busbice asked if oxbow lakes were having trouble producing trophy bass? Mr. Fontenot stated False River had serious recruitment problems and so the regulations were changed to a 14 inch minimum with a 5 bass per day limit. He also noted False River had sediment and habitat problems also. Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Busbice made a motion to accept the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Busbice asked if the grass carp removal program from Caney Lake began yet? Mr. Fontenot stated the permit has been sent to the fisherman. Then Commissioner Busbice asked for a written update on the fish hatchery.

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

## NOTICE OF INTENT

### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to amend the following rule on black bass (Micropterus spp.) harvest restrictions on Concordia Lake located east of Ferriday in Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

#### Title 76

#### Wildlife and Fisheries

#### Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

#### Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

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

A. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission establishes a statewide daily take (creel limit) of 10 fish for black bass (Micropterus spp.). The possession limit shall be the same as the daily take on water and twice the daily take off water.

B. In addition, the Commission establishes special size and daily take regulations for black bass on the following water bodies:

1. ~~Concordia Lake (Concordia Parish), and Caney Creek Reservoir (Jackson Parish):~~

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

b. Daily take: eight fish of which no more than two fish may exceed 19 inches maximum total length.\*

c. Possession limit:

- i. On water - Same as daily take.
- ii. Off water - Twice the daily take.

2. Black Bayou Lake (Bossier Parish), Chicot Lake (Evangeline Parish), Cross Lake (Caddo Parish), John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir (Red River Parish), Lake Rodemacher (Rapides Parish) and Vernon Lake (Vernon Parish):

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

b. Daily Take: eight fish of which no more than four fish may exceed 17 inches maximum total length.\*

c. Possession limit:

i. On water - Same as daily take.

ii. Off water - Twice the daily take.

3. False River (Pointe Coupee Parish)

a. Size limit: 14 inch minimum size limit.

b. Daily Take: 5 fish.

c. Possession limit:

i. On water - Same as daily take.

ii. Off water - Twice the daily take.

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

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

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

Interested persons may submit written comments of the amended rule to Bennie Fontenot, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division,

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA  
70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., November 7, 2001.

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

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

Dr. H. Jerry Stone  
Chairman

**A Declaration of Emergency - Mullet Season: Recommendation from Mullet Task Force** began with Mr. Randy Pausina stating a Mullet Task Force was formed due to Act 116 of the 2001 Regular Legislative Session. The composition of the Task Force is the Secretary of the Department or his designee, one member from the United Commercial Fisherman's Association, Delta Commercial Fisherman's Association, Lake Pontchartrain Fisherman's Association and the Louisiana Commercial Fisherman's Association of Dulac. The mission is to develop a recommendation for the most appropriate date to open the mullet season and present it to the Commission at its September meeting. The Mullet Task Force met on August 31, 2001 and developed a recommendation. Mr. Pausina then introduced Mr. Pete Gerica, Chairman of the Task Force.

Mr. Gerica stated the Task Force met and developed two scenarios. The first would be to have a testing period before the season opened where each boat goes and takes 50 fish to cut and look at its roe. Over the last couple of years, some areas are not producing fish like the fishermen are used to. The second scenario would be to take a Department observer out on the boat and check the roe in the fish. Mr. Gerica added this will give a handle on when the fish will be right since there are no sampling programs for finfish. Commissioner McCall asked if the 50 fish would be caught in the same area? Mr. Gerica answered the four organizations cover 10 different sections they could fish within.

He added that the fishery began in the Breton Sound and now it seems the fish there contain mainly the white roe instead of the red roe. Several dealers contacted Representative Ken Odinet and asked a Task Force be formed to get a better mechanism to try to figure out when the fish will be right. The fishermen shift to where the fish will be right because the season is short and they need to get the best money for that season. Commissioner Gattle asked Mr. Gerica if he wanted the Commission to consider one of the two options and when does the season historically open? Mr. Gerica answered the season opens on the third Monday in October. Commissioner Gattle asked if, under scenario one, any commercial fisherman could go out a week ahead of time? Mr. Gerica answered yes, and added they are only allowed to fish weekdays sunrise to sunset. Commissioner Gattle then asked, with the second scenario, a commercial fisherman could take an observer with them and go fish? Mr. Gerica again said yes and added the only problem with this is people's personalities. Commissioner Gattle felt scenario one would be an enforcement nightmare. Chairman Stone felt if there was a problem, it was a biology problem and maybe the Task Force should look at it being a biology problem rather than as a season problem. He suggested the Task Force write a complaint and recommend the Marine Fisheries staff look at the problem separately and individually. Commissioner Busbice asked what does the Department recommend? Mr. Pausina stated, under scenario one, Enforcement has concerns with enforceability and that leads to the second scenario. Chairman Stone stated he did not like either recommendation. He would like to see the Department go separately and look at the problem from a biological view. Commissioner Kelly stated, knowing the fishing community, if one fisherman finds a niche, it would be very unlikely he would pass that information on to another fisherman until after the fact. He added the first scenario might not give justice to the fishermen.

Mr. Dan Thompson stated these scenarios were discussed with the biologists. He felt it would be easier to let a few fishermen go out and test the mullet. Chairman Stone again stated, if it was a biological problem, the Department staff needs to be there. Commissioner Busbice stated he understood what Mr. Thompson was saying, but he added, that they felt they needed more Department response to this problem. Commissioner Gattle concurred with Commissioner Busbice and felt the plan needs to be better organized. He asked that Mr. Gerica and the Task Force work with the Department to accomplish this plan. Chairman Stone asked for a motion and none was heard.

A Forestry Section Division Report began with Mr. Phil Bowman introducing Mr. Kenneth Ribbeck, Forestry Section Supervisor, and asked that he review the Department's forestry operations. Mr. Ribbeck began stating the Forest Management Program deals strictly with 400,000 acres of department-owned properties. Marsh lands and swamp lands are not considered in the Forest Management Program. These 400,000 acres are within 32 WMAs throughout the State. The Commission approved the General Forest Management Plan in October 1995, it is utilized for the administration and management of the WMAs resources and it includes establishing natural areas on the WMAs. In 1997, the Legislature approved expansion of the Forestry Program. There were 8 Foresters, 1 Forest Stewardship Program Biologist and 1 Biologist Programs Manager but in 1999, one of the Foresters position was lost due to budget cuts. The initial step in "What Do We Do?" is to set up a monitoring type system. This means that permanent sampling plots are set up on each WMA at a rate of 3 WMAs per year on a 10 year cycle. Then 16,000 to 20,000 acres of forest is inventoried annually. Each area is divided into 50 to 2,500 acre compartments. The prescriptions are based on the inventory done, the habitat analysis, then reviewed by the Natural Heritage Program with input. Prescribed treatments are then carried out by staff with assistance from WMA personnel. Treatments on the inventoried acreage comprises between one-third and one-half of the total. The prescriptions also have to detail any access improvements that may be needed. The most feasible means to accomplish prescribed habitat manipulations is commercial timber harvests. This is used to remove biologically stressed trees while leaving a better quality stand than was there before. Another job by the Forestry Section involves emergency operations such as clearing from storm damage and beaver damage. Prescribed fire is used on 10 percent of the lands managed particularly on longleaf pine habitat. For the past three years, drought has caused problems with encroachment of black willow trees, fire in bottomland areas and forest mortality. At this point, Mr. Ribbeck showed examples of drought damage that occurred on several WMAs. Then he talked about the Reforestation Program. This is one of the most successful bottomland hardwood restoration programs in the Nation. Over 20,000 acres of agricultural lands have been restored. The program began in 1967 with the reforesting of 660 acres of agricultural lands on Red River WMA. Currently 24 of 32 WMAs has had some acreage of reforestation done. Examples of reforestation on the WMAs at different intervals was shown. Financing of reforestation is pretty extreme with a figure of about \$125 per acre. The National Wild Turkey Federation and other private entities have assisted with this effort. Mr. Ribbeck then

explained that a forester will collect seeds, give it to a nursery for growing, and either contract out hand planting when feasible or use a machine to plant the seeds. Other state agencies, federal agencies, non-governmental organizations and private landowners come to this group for technical assistance that can be used on their lands. Research by the Forestry Section is a very important tool. One such project is occurring on Bayou Macon WMA and will take 40 years to complete. Other research projects were discussed by Mr. Ribbeck. All of the experiences gathered from managing the forests has been used to educate future foresters. Results of forestry management practices were shown. In the future, the Department will be requesting Commission approval of Natural Areas on WMAs. Also, a means is being established with cooperation of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation to allow for more public comments on the prescriptions. News Releases on the Forestry Management Program will be published on a bi-monthly basis followed with a series of detailed articles in the Louisiana Conservationist.

Commissioner Busbice asked if prices are being checked when cutting? Mr. Ribbeck stated what determines when cutting is done is wildlife habitat needs. Then Commissioner Busbice asked if clear cutting does better than select cutting? Mr. Ribbeck stated his staff has used clear cutting, shelter wood, individual thinning and group selection harvest. What is used depends on the situation and what the overall wildlife needs are for that habitat. Long-term quality is one thing foresters do key on. Commissioner Busbice stated he loves hardwood and hates to see it cut, but knows that sometimes it has to be cut. Chairman Stone asked if there was an ongoing study on the impacts to loblolly pine from chemical spraying. Mr. Dave Moreland has been monitoring this on Jackson-Bienville WMA while conducting his browse surveys. Mr. Ribbeck stated an extensive quick study was done in North Carolina and it indicated there were some wildlife implications. Mr. Ribbeck stated he would provide a copy of the study to the Commissioners. Chairman Stone suggested planting a loblolly patch on a WMA to monitor the habitat's growth while using chemical sprays. Mr. Tommy Prickett stated this topic is sensitive and controversial. This is one reason why the turkey season bag has been reduced and the opening date was moved back one week. The Department has tried to advise private landowners on their practices but the stockholders will dictate what will happen. Chairman Stone asked for a follow-up to this practice be given. Then he asked if the Commission had any authority to restrict chemicals that would be a detriment to wildlife. Mr. Don Puckett stated there is very broad authority to take action to avoid negative impacts to wildlife but

added he was not ready to commit an answer. Chairman Stone felt this may need to be Legislative action. Mr. Prickett stated that Mr. Ribbeck and his staff provides technical assistance on how to protect wildlife and forests. He added that they would continue to discuss what the Chairman suggested.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **January 2002 Meeting** on Thursday, January 3, 2002 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Stone then asked if there were any **Public Comments**. Mr. Dan Thompson, representing FAIR (Family Alliance for Integrity and Rights), stated different organizations have been writing articles about net fishermen which are not true. He then read an article from the Louisiana Sportsman's magazine. Mr. Thompson asked if the Department could put out a video or a news release showing that these nets are not doing any harm to the environment. Chairman Stone explained to Mr. Thompson that what he spoke on has been legislatively cleared. He then stated that the Commission did not have anything to do with that publication. Mr. Thompson again asked if the Department could publish an article saying that gill nets do not pose a threat. Chairman Stone commented there is not enough evidence to publish anything like that.

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

  
James H. Jenkins, Jr.  
Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Chairman H. Jerry Stone presiding.

Bill Busbice  
Terry Denmon  
Lee Felterman  
Tom Gattle  
Tom Kelly  
Norman McCall

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

Chairman Stone called for a motion for approval of the **August 8, 2001 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Gattle and seconded by Commissioner Denmon. The motion passed with no opposition.

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

Region I - Minden - 85 citations and 3 warnings.

Region II - Monroe - 50 citations and 4 warnings.

Region III - Alexandria - 106 citations and 28 warnings.

Region IV - Ferriday - 63 citations and 9 warnings.

Region V - Lake Charles - 216 citations and 18 warnings.

Region VI - Opelousas - 191 citations and 47 warnings.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 186 citations and 14 warnings.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 162 citations and 26 warnings.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 212 citations and 46 warnings.

Oyster Strike Force - 27 citations.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 68 citations.

SWEP - 37 citations.

Refuge Patrol - 26 citations and 14 warnings.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of August was 1,429. Also there were 209 warning citations issued statewide.

The aviation report for August 2001 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 49.2 hours for enforcement and 8.7 hours for other divisions.

Then Major LaCaze provided a Hunter Education Course report and it showed a total of 2,455 people were certified during August from a total of 70 classes conducted throughout the state. Of these 70 classes, 65 were taught by volunteer instructors and the other 5 by Department staff. Chairman Stone asked if the numbers have increased since it has become mandatory? Major LaCaze stated yes, and added there has been quite an increase since Point of Sale was initiated. Commissioner Denmon asked who are the volunteers and where do they come from? Major LaCaze stated the volunteer instructors are school teachers, sheriff deputy's, coaches, or hunters interested in working with kids and being involved. Then Commissioner Denmon asked if the volunteers have a certificate? Major LaCaze stated they go through the Hunter Education Course and then they take an Instructor's Certification Course. Commissioner Busbice asked if rebarred t's used for yo-yo's are legal and if it was okay to leave them unattended? Major LaCaze stated these t's are legal and fishermen can leave them unattended.

**Presentation by Delta Waterfowl** began with Mr. Phil Bowman stating there are a number of organizations that are doing work on waterfowl to enhance populations, protect habitat and other activities such as these. The Delta Waterfowl Foundation contacted the Department and asked that they be allowed to present activities they are involved with. Mr. Bowman then introduced Dr. Frank Rohwer, a LSU Professor, who would make the presentation. Dr. Rohwer stated the Delta Waterfowl's mission has been to produce knowledge and solutions for waterfowl management and to train

students. Recently, the Foundation has added to its mission to secure the heritage of waterfowling. A new idea Delta Waterfowl is doing is trying to encourage public policy that influences landscape and also to protect and promote hunting. Delta Waterfowl began in the 1930's as a private organization asking what can they do for waterfowl? The Directors of Delta Waterfowl have been training students that have produced publications and research on waterfowl management. This year Delta Waterfowl is funding 25 graduate students and they are located from North Carolina to California. There are 3 or 4 students working at LSU on scaup migration or are scaup migrating in good conditions or poor conditions. Delta's programs are separated into three components. These include research and training, conservation policy and waterfowl initiative. Then Dr. Rohwer talked about Delta's research. The first project discussed was on the fact that pintails were not rebounding like mallards and teal. Then he discussed a research project on predation. In the mid-90's research dealt with how to keep eggs away from predators by trapping. One such project in North Dakota and the nesting results were explained. Another study centered around brood survival which is another key component to duck production. One of the policy research projects was on conservation easements. Dr. Rohwer then discussed the success the United States is having in duckling production as opposed to the decline in Canada and explained this was due to CRP. Work has begun to propose legislation making farm support link with conservation activities throughout Canada. The last area of Dr. Rohwer's presentation was on waterfowling initiatives and the decline of duck hunters. Delta Waterfowl's view of the world hopes to have an abundance of waterfowl from farmed landscapes, have public support and acceptance for hunting, influence agricultural policy and continue training resource managers.

Chairman Stone asked if they were using catch and release or killing the trapped predators? Dr. Rohwer stated they were killing the animals. Commissioner Busbice asked if there ever would be an increase in the number of wood ducks allowed to be taken? Dr. Rohwer admitted he did not know very much about wood ducks. But he felt it would be a while before this would happen. Wood duck populations have done well in some areas and relatively poorly in other areas. Chairman Stone asked if the pintails and scaup populations were going to come back? Dr. Rohwer could not answer that question.

Mr. Robert Helm handled the next item, a **Declaration of Emergency - Waterfowl Season Dates**. Tentative waterfowl dates were set at the last meeting and now was time to formally adopt the dates. Not a lot of comments have been received, stated Mr. Helm. He also added that there were no proposed changes to the tentative dates. Chairman Stone asked for public comments and none were heard. He then asked Mr. Helm to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Gattle made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner McCall. The motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Helm commented to Commissioner Busbice that there has been a lot of pressure being put on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for an additional wood duck in the bag limit. The biggest problem on wood ducks is there is a lack of information on this bird. If the season length was shorter, the Service may be receptive to a third bird in the bag. Commissioner Busbice asked if some wood ducks migrate and others do not? Mr. Helm answered yes. Chairman Stone asked if there were any counts on mottled ducks and were they doing better? Mr. Helm answered yes and added the mottled ducks were stable. Commissioner Busbice stated the shortening of a wood duck season might be okay. Mr. Helm stated he was referring to a shortening of the entire duck season. Commissioner Busbice asked if there were any discussions on the roboduck? Mr. Helm stated no, but added several states have outlawed them. Commissioner Gattle asked if there were any places on the Internet for access to waterfowl rules and regulations on baiting? Mr. Helm stated the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's website should have some information. But the technical details, Mr. Helm felt it would be difficult to get this information from a website. He added that the Service has changed some of the baiting regulations over the last year. A list of the Federal Agents and their phone numbers are listed on the back of the waterfowl pamphlet. Commissioner Denmon stated he received a call from individuals who were cited by federal agents and they did not understand the violation. They attempted to research the law to find out about the violation and could not find anything. They also asked Commissioner Denmon if there was a place to go and research what the waterfowl regulations might be? Mr. Phil Bowman stated the federal regulations are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations. But if an individual has a detailed question, Mr. Bowman suggested contacting one of the federal agents and asking about that specific detail. Commissioner Denmon stated these regulations should be more readily available to the hunter. Commissioner Busbice asked if the Department or Commission could request the Service to clarify their rules?

Chairman Stone suggested Enforcement should get with the Public Information Section and publish a general statement. He then added if someone tries to search the Code of Federal Regulations to get a black and white statement, you will never get it. Mr. Bowman again stated hunters can contact the Federal Agents as well as State Agents and try to get their interpretation of the law and how they will be applied. Commissioner Denmon stated interpretation of the law was not the hunters problem, it was the fact that they did not know that specific law existed. Lt. Col. Charlie Clark stated there are two federal pamphlets that are accessible to the public, one is on federal migratory birds and there is a baiting pamphlet. He then noted the Code of Federal Regulations does not answer the "what if" questions. Chairman Stone asked if these publications could be made available again to help keep the confusion down. Commissioner Denmon asked where can the public get these pamphlets? Lt. Col. Clark stated one is put out by the Department that outlines the limits and the other is from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Mr. Bowman announced Louisiana will host the Mississippi Flyway Council Meeting next summer here in Baton Rouge. He invited the Commissioners to attend and observe the proceedings.

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

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
September 6, 2001

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, September 6, 2001

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

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 the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours for ducks, geese and coots by Declaration of Emergency, and

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

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

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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.

The hunting season for ducks, coots and geese during the 2001-2002 hunting season shall be as follows:

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 Dec. 8 (Sat.) - Jan. 20 (Sun.) (44 days)  
Lake)

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 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.

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. H. Jerry Stone  
Chairman

Chairman Stone then asked for **Public Comments - 2002 Wild Turkey Season**. Commissioner Gattle stated he has received comments on opening the season a week earlier. He asked what was the reason for opening the season statewide on the same day? Mr. Tommy Prickett stated they were trying to reduce the turkey harvest somewhat. When looking at the habitat in the State that supports turkeys and looking at the percentage of adult gobblers harvested, it was felt turkeys were being taken at a very high rate. This is particularly problematic in the Florida parishes. Also, it is felt that a statewide opening would reduce the number of turkeys taken. A judgement call was made to move Area A to a later opening date. Mr. Prickett then commented that for the next 7 to 8 years, there was not an appreciable difference in the dates for the week suggested or opening a week earlier. Staff made the call to move the Florida parishes back to March 30. Commissioner Gattle asked if moving the season to open on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, would they accomplish anything? Mr. Prickett stated he did not know what biological impacts, if any, there may be. He added that they would like to open the turkey season on the same weekend each year so hunters can plan their hunting trips. Commissioner Gattle stated he just wanted to discuss this issue as a courtesy to those who submitted comments. Chairman Stone felt the children would not be eaten by snakes if the season was opened a week later. Mr. Prickett added one comment he received was that traditionally in the Florida parishes, when Easter arrives, one is suppose to be turkey hunting.

The **Maurepas Swamp WMA Addition** was handled by Mr. Randy Myers. He began stating a 24,000 acre donation was introduced to the Commission at the last meeting. A resolution was adopted establishing the area as the Maurepas Swamp WMA. An additional 38,000 acres was donated by the Richard King Mellon Foundation with the assistance of the Conservation Fund. This equals to a total of 63,000 acres. The property is located in St. John, St. James and Ascension parishes and centrally located between Baton Rouge and New Orleans. This area represents some of the last remaining cypress-tupelo swamp in southeast Louisiana and will always be available for public access to hunt and fish. Deer, waterfowl, various species of ibis, herons, egrets, fur species and alligators can be found on this WMA. A video news release of the area, which will be distributed throughout the State, was shown. Mr. Nick Dilks with the Conservation Fund, was scheduled to attend the meeting, but was unable to get to Baton Rouge. Speaking on Mr. Dilks' behalf, Mr. Myers then explained the Richard King Mellon Foundation and its relationship with the Conservation Fund. He then noted maps of the eastern tract WMA is available on the Internet and at the Department's library. The hunting seasons set for the Maurepas Swamp's eastern tract at the last Comm. Meeting will also apply to the western tract. Commissioner B asked if the donation included the minerals on the area? Mr. answered no.

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Mr. Greg Linscombe stated the next item, a **Declaration of Emer - Fur Trapping Season**, would set the 2001-2002 trapping season reviewed a report from the 2000-2001 season by explaining there are about as many trappers north of Interstate 10 and there are south of that line. There were no major changes in numbers of animals taken but the harvest was up for nutria. Prices for fur were not up very much either except for river otter. The percentage of harvest in north Louisiana is increasing due to raccoon hunters taking river otters. Mr. Linscombe then noted that beavers has helped with the otter population by helping with habitat development. Nutria damage is still being surveyed on an annual basis. Populations of nutria in southwest Louisiana continue to be down. A coastwide survey of vegetative types showed the right types of plants for nutria or muskrat to respond. In southeast Louisiana there are 100,000 acres of damaged marsh. Two years of drought may have contributed to less nutria activity being seen. Otter harvest increased from last year even though the price dropped from \$37 to \$33. Beaver harvest was up to around 6,000 with the average harvest being around 5,000 over the last 10 years. Recommendations for the 2001-2002 trapping season are unchanged

*Corrected*

from the previous year. A motion was adopted accepting these dates by the Fur and Alligator Council. The statewide season allows for maximum opportunity to increase the harvest of nutria, beaver and raccoon. Commissioner Busbice asked if anyone has asked the Legislature to help supplement the nutria price? Mr. Linscombe stated there are two proposals being considered right now. One is with the Congressional Delegates and the other is proposed within CWPPRA. Commissioner Gattle asked if Louisiana was still the leading fur trading state in America? Mr. Linscombe felt Louisiana was not number one any longer but was not certain since all states harvest numbers are down. Chairman Stone asked Mr. Linscombe to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly made a motion accepting the Resolution. It was seconded by Commissioner Felterman and passed with no opposition.

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

#### RESOLUTION

#### 2001-2002 Fur Trapping Season adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:259(A) authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set the open season for the taking of nongame quadrupeds and allows the Commission to extend, curtail or prohibit trapping in any area of the state each year, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act allows the Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has historically lead the nation in the production of wild fur with value to the trappers as high as \$24 million in some seasons, and

WHEREAS, the harvest of this renewable resource is important in providing supplemental income to citizens of the state while furnishing an essential management tool to reduce nuisance wildlife problems, property damage, the impact of prey species, the incident of density dependent

disease and provide a measure of population health and general condition, and

WHEREAS, regulated trapping provides the only practical control of muskrat and nutria populations, an essential part of any effort to protect or enhance coastal wetlands. The role of such trapping cannot be overstated because of the rate of wetland loss and the impact that these wetland grazers are having in southeastern parishes, and

WHEREAS, the increased commercial harvest of beaver can play a major role in assisting in the reduction of damage to timber, agriculture, drainage, and wildlife habitat, and

WHEREAS, historical and current information collected by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have indicated that the optimum time frame for the harvest of furbearers is between November and March each year, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2001-2002 fur harvest season, statewide from November 20, 2001 through March 31, 2002.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to extend or shorten the trapping season in any area of the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2001-2002 fur harvest season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

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

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

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:259(A) which authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set the open season for the taking of non-game quadrupeds and allows the

Commission to extend, curtail or prohibit trapping in any area of the state each year and in accordance with emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act, which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2001-2002 fur harvest season, statewide from November 20, 2001 through March 31, 2002. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby also authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to extend or shorten the adopted season.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone  
Chairman

**A Notice of Intent - Black Bass Regulations, Lake Concordia** was presented by Mr. Bennie Fontenot. The proposed rule would remove Concordia Lake from the slot limit regulation. Sampling data indicates bass populations have not really changed. Also, there were not many bass taken over the 19 inch slot limit. Fishing pressure is not high enough to make the slot work and other fishermen do not want to keep the smaller bass under the slot limit. A petition of approximately 200 names have been received asking that the slot be removed. Also, marinas and bass clubs have asked that it be removed. Mr. Fontenot asked the Commission to approve removing the trophy lake status from Concordia Lake and allow it to fall within the state regulations of 10 bass per day with no size limit. Commissioner Gattle asked if this was a Notice of Intent? Mr. Fontenot answered yes, and felt this would not be controversial. Commissioner Busbice asked if the lake was an oxbow lake? Mr. Fontenot stated it was about a 1,000 acre oxbow lake. Commissioner Busbice asked if oxbow lakes were having trouble producing trophy bass? Mr. Fontenot stated False River had serious recruitment problems and so the regulations were changed to a 14 inch minimum with a 5 bass per day limit. He also noted False River had sediment and habitat problems also. Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Busbice made a motion to accept the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Busbice asked if the grass carp removal program from Caney Lake began yet? Mr. Fontenot stated the permit has been sent to the fisherman. Then Commissioner Busbice asked for a written update on the fish hatchery.

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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to amend the following rule on black bass (Micropterus spp.) harvest restrictions on Concordia Lake located east of Ferriday in Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

Title 76

Wildlife and Fisheries

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

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

A. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission establishes a statewide daily take (creel limit) of 10 fish for black bass (Micropterus spp.). The possession limit shall be the same as the daily take on water and twice the daily take off water.

B. In addition, the Commission establishes special size and daily take regulations for black bass on the following water bodies:

1. ~~Concordia Lake (Concordia Parish), and Caney Creek Reservoir (Jackson Parish):~~

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

b. Daily take: eight fish of which no more than two fish may exceed 19 inches maximum total length.\*

c. Possession limit:

i. On water - Same as daily take.

ii. Off water - Twice the daily take.

2. Black Bayou Lake (Bossier Parish), Chicot Lake (Evangeline Parish), Cross Lake (Caddo Parish), John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir (Red River Parish), Lake Rodemacher (Rapides Parish) and Vernon Lake (Vernon Parish):

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

b. Daily Take: eight fish of which no more than four fish may exceed 17 inches maximum total length.\*

c. Possession limit:

i. On water - Same as daily take.

ii. Off water - Twice the daily take.

3. False River (Pointe Coupee Parish)

a. Size limit: 14 inch minimum size limit.

b. Daily Take: 5 fish.

c. Possession limit:

i. On water - Same as daily take.

ii. Off water - Twice the daily take.

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

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

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

Interested persons may submit written comments of the amended rule to Bennie Fontenot, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division,

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., November 7, 2001.

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

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

Dr. H. Jerry Stone  
Chairman

**A Declaration of Emergency - Mullet Season: Recommendation from Mullet Task Force** began with Mr. Randy Pausina stating a Mullet Task Force was formed due to Act 116 of the 2001 Regular Legislative Session. The composition of the Task Force is the Secretary of the Department or his designee, one member from the United Commercial Fisherman's Association, Delta Commercial Fisherman's Association, Lake Pontchartrain Fisherman's Association and the Louisiana Commercial Fisherman's Association of Dulac. The mission is to develop a recommendation for the most appropriate date to open the mullet season and present it to the Commission at its September meeting. The Mullet Task Force met on August 31, 2001 and developed a recommendation. Mr. Pausina then introduced Mr. Pete Gerica, Chairman of the Task Force.

Mr. Gerica stated the Task Force met and developed two scenarios. The first would be to have a testing period before the season opened where each boat goes and takes 50 fish to cut and look at its roe. Over the last couple of years, some areas are not producing fish like the fishermen are used to. The second scenario would be to take a Department observer out on the boat and check the roe in the fish. Mr. Gerica added this will give a handle on when the fish will be right since there are no sampling programs for finfish. Commissioner McCall asked if the 50 fish would be caught in the same area? Mr. Gerica answered the four organizations cover 10 different sections they could fish within.

He added that the fishery began in the Breton Sound and now it seems the fish there contain mainly the white roe instead of the red roe. Several dealers contacted Representative Ken Odinet and asked a Task Force be formed to get a better mechanism to try to figure out when the fish will be right. The fishermen shift to where the fish will be right because the season is short and they need to get the best money for that season. Commissioner Gattle asked Mr. Gerica if he wanted the Commission to consider one of the two options and when does the season historically open? Mr. Gerica answered the season opens on the third Monday in October. Commissioner Gattle asked if, under scenario one, any commercial fisherman could go out a week ahead of time? Mr. Gerica answered yes, and added they are only allowed to fish weekdays sunrise to sunset. Commissioner Gattle then asked, with the second scenario, a commercial fisherman could take an observer with them and go fish? Mr. Gerica again said yes and added the only problem with this is people's personalities. Commissioner Gattle felt scenario one would be an enforcement nightmare. Chairman Stone felt if there was a problem, it was a biology problem and maybe the Task Force should look at it being a biology problem rather than as a season problem. He suggested the Task Force write a complaint and recommend the Marine Fisheries staff look at the problem separately and individually. Commissioner Busbice asked what does the Department recommend? Mr. Pausina stated, under scenario one, Enforcement has concerns with enforceability and that leads to the second scenario. Chairman Stone stated he did not like either recommendation. He would like to see the Department go separately and look at the problem from a biological view. Commissioner Kelly stated, knowing the fishing community, if one fisherman finds a niche, it would be very unlikely he would pass that information on to another fisherman until after the fact. He added the first scenario might not give justice to the fishermen.

Mr. Dan Thompson stated these scenarios were discussed with the biologists. He felt it would be easier to let a few fishermen go out and test the mullet. Chairman Stone again stated, if it was a biological problem, the Department staff needs to be there. Commissioner Busbice stated he understood what Mr. Thompson was saying, but he added, that they felt they needed more Department response to this problem. Commissioner Gattle concurred with Commissioner Busbice and felt the plan needs to be better organized. He asked that Mr. Gerica and the Task Force work with the Department to accomplish this plan. Chairman Stone asked for a motion and none was heard.

A **Forestry Section Division Report** began with Mr. Phil Bowman introducing Mr. Kenneth Ribbeck, Forestry Section Supervisor, and asked that he review the Department's forestry operations. Mr. Ribbeck began stating the Forest Management Program deals strictly with 400,000 acres of department-owned properties. Marsh lands and swamp lands are not considered in the Forest Management Program. These 400,000 acres are within 32 WMAs throughout the State. The Commission approved the General Forest Management Plan in October 1995, it is utilized for the administration and management of the WMAs resources and it includes establishing natural areas on the WMAs. In 1997, the Legislature approved expansion of the Forestry Program. There were 8 Foresters, 1 Forest Stewardship Program Biologist and 1 Biologist Programs Manager but in 1999, one of the Foresters position was lost due to budget cuts. The initial step in "What Do We Do?" is to set up a monitoring type system. This means that permanent sampling plots are set up on each WMA at a rate of 3 WMAs per year on a 10 year cycle. Then 16,000 to 20,000 acres of forest is inventoried annually. Each area is divided into 50 to 2,500 acre compartments. The prescriptions are based on the inventory done, the habitat analysis, then reviewed by the Natural Heritage Program with input. Prescribed treatments are then carried out by staff with assistance from WMA personnel. Treatments on the inventoried acreage comprises between one-third and one-half of the total. The prescriptions also have to detail any access improvements that may be needed. The most feasible means to accomplish prescribed habitat manipulations is commercial timber harvests. This is used to remove biologically stressed trees while leaving a better quality stand than was there before. Another job by the Forestry Section involves emergency operations such as clearing from storm damage and beaver damage. Prescribed fire is used on 10 percent of the lands managed particularly on longleaf pine habitat. For the past three years, drought has caused problems with encroachment of black willow trees, fire in bottomland areas and forest mortality. At this point, Mr. Ribbeck showed examples of drought damage that occurred on several WMAs. Then he talked about the Reforestation Program. This is one of the most successful bottomland hardwood restoration programs in the Nation. Over 20,000 acres of agricultural lands have been restored. The program began in 1967 with the reforesting of 660 acres of agricultural lands on Red River WMA. Currently 24 of 32 WMAs has had some acreage of reforestation done. Examples of reforestation on the WMAs at different intervals was shown. Financing of reforestation is pretty extreme with a figure of about \$125 per acre. The National Wild Turkey Federation and other private entities have assisted with this effort. Mr. Ribbeck then

explained that a forester will collect seeds, give it to a nursery for growing, and either contract out hand planting when feasible or use a machine to plant the seeds. Other state agencies, federal agencies, non-governmental organizations and private landowners come to this group for technical assistance that can be used on their lands. Research by the Forestry Section is a very important tool. One such project is occurring on Bayou Macon WMA and will take 40 years to complete. Other research projects were discussed by Mr. Ribbeck. All of the experiences gathered from managing the forests has been used to educate future foresters. Results of forestry management practices were shown. In the future, the Department will be requesting Commission approval of Natural Areas on WMAs. Also, a means is being established with cooperation of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation to allow for more public comments on the prescriptions. News Releases on the Forestry Management Program will be published on a bi-monthly basis followed with a series of detailed articles in the Louisiana Conservationist.

Commissioner Busbice asked if prices are being checked when cutting? Mr. Ribbeck stated what determines when cutting is done is wildlife habitat needs. Then Commissioner Busbice asked if clear cutting does better than select cutting? Mr. Ribbeck stated his staff has used clear cutting, shelter wood, individual thinning and group selection harvest. What is used depends on the situation and what the overall wildlife needs are for that habitat. Long-term quality is one thing foresters do key on. Commissioner Busbice stated he loves hardwood and hates to see it cut, but knows that sometimes it has to be cut. Chairman Stone asked if there was an ongoing study on the impacts to loblolly pine from chemical spraying. Mr. Dave Moreland has been monitoring this on Jackson-Bienville WMA while conducting his browse surveys. Mr. Ribbeck stated an extensive quick study was done in North Carolina and it indicated there were some wildlife implications. Mr. Ribbeck stated he would provide a copy of the study to the Commissioners. Chairman Stone suggested planting a loblolly patch on a WMA to monitor the habitat's growth while using chemical sprays. Mr. Tommy Prickett stated this topic is sensitive and controversial. This is one reason why the turkey season bag has been reduced and the opening date was moved back one week. The Department has tried to advise private landowners on their practices but the stockholders will dictate what will happen. Chairman Stone asked for a follow-up to this practice be given. Then he asked if the Commission had any authority to restrict chemicals that would be a detriment to wildlife. Mr. Don Puckett stated there is very broad authority to take action to avoid negative impacts to wildlife but

added he was not ready to commit an answer. Chairman Stone felt this may need to be Legislative action. Mr. Prickett stated that Mr. Ribbeck and his staff provides technical assistance on how to protect wildlife and forests. He added that they would continue to discuss what the Chairman suggested.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **January 2002 Meeting** on Thursday, January 3, 2002 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Stone then asked if there were any **Public Comments**. Mr. Dan Thompson, representing FAIR (Family Alliance for Integrity and Rights), stated different organizations have been writing articles about net fishermen which are not true. He then read an article from the Louisiana Sportsman's magazine. Mr. Thompson asked if the Department could put out a video or a news release showing that these nets are not doing any harm to the environment. Chairman Stone explained to Mr. Thompson that what he spoke on has been legislatively cleared. He then stated that the Commission did not have anything to do with that publication. Mr. Thompson again asked if the Department could publish an article saying that gill nets do not pose a threat. Chairman Stone commented there is not enough evidence to publish anything like that.

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

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James H. Jenkins, Jr.  
Secretary

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### **Wildlife officials announce additional acreage to WMA**

By **JOE MACALUSO**  
Advocate outdoors writer

State wildlife officials made it official Thursday when they confirmed the addition of 38,000-plus acres to the existing 23,913 acres in the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

The announcement came at the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission's monthly meeting.

"This gives the (Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries) department 63,000 acres, nearly 100 square miles, of the last remaining cypress-tupelo stands in the state," Wildlife Division biologist Randy Myers said. "We are happy to have this area to open to the public for hunting and other outdoor recreation."

Myers said the donation came from the Richard King Mellon Foundation in Pittsburgh through the Virginia-based Conservation Fund.

The WMA, known in the River Parishes area as the Lutchter-Moore tract, is located in parts of Ascension, St. James and St. John the Baptist parishes, and its donation displaces as many as 42 hunting camps and 800 south Louisiana hunters. Former club members have until June 30, 2002 to remove the camps and are prohibited from occupying or working on salvage operations at the camps from Nov. 1 to Jan. 31, 2002.

Myers said maps of the 23,913 acres in the July donation are available at the LDWF library and from the LDWF's website. He called the area the "east portion" of the Maurepas Swamp WMA. He said the newly added 38,000 acres, called "west portion," does not have a map, "...because we are still working out some boundary lines, but it will have the same hunting seasons as the east portion."

Those new dates are Nov. 23-25 for either-sex deer hunting and a Dec. 22-Jan. 6, 2002 bucks-only deer season with modern firearms. The muzzleloader-only season will be from Jan. 7-13, 2002 and the archery season will run from Oct. 1-Jan. 31, 2002. Small-game and waterfowl seasons will be the same as the respective statewide and East Zone Waterfowl seasons, except there small-game and waterfowl seasons will not be allowed from Nov. 23-25.

The LWFC also ratified the proposed 2001-2002 duck and goose seasons. The dates and bag limits are the same as those proposed in August. The seasons include:

- Ducks/West Zone: Nov. 10-Dec. 2 and Dec. 15-Jan. 20;
- Ducks/East Zone: Nov. 17-Dec. 2 and Dec. 8-Jan. 20;
- Geese/West Zone: Nov. 3-Dec. 2 and Dec. 15-Feb. 8;
- Geese/East Zone: Oct. 27-Dec. 2 and Dec. 8-Jan. 25

With daily limits on ducks set at 6 of which no more than 4 can be mallards and no more than 2 of them can be mallard hens along with 3 mottled ducks, 3 scaup, 2 wood ducks, 2 redhead and 1 each pintail and black ducks. A special canvasback season is set for Jan. 1-20 with a daily limit of 1.

The daily limit on blue, snow and Ross' geese will be 20 and the limit on specklebellies set at 2.

In other action, the LWFC voted to post a Notice of Intent to remove Concordia Lake from the state's Trophy Lakes Program, a move that will mean bass fishermen will have daily limits of 10 black bass per day and not the restrictive slot limits of the last 10 years. Final ratification is set for the June 3, 2002 meeting.

In other action, the LWFC heard reports from Delta Waterfowl, the LDWF's Forest Section and from the Enforcement Division, which issued 1,429 citations and 209 warnings during August.

The LWFC also set the annual Fur Trapping season to run from Nov. 20 through March 31, 2002, and turned down a proposal by the Mullet Task Force that would allow commercial fishermen to sample their catch for roe content and quality prior to the mid-October opening of the mullet season.

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COMMISSION MEETING  
ROLL CALL

Thursday, September 6, 2001  
Baton Rouge, LA  
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

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

Mr. Chairman:

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

AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BATON ROUGE, LA

September 6, 2001

10:00 AM

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of August 8, 2001
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6. Public Comments - 2002 Wild Turkey Season
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**ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT**

**AUGUST 2001**

**REGION 1:MINDEN**  
**18 Agent positions**

**PARISHES: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER,  
 CADDO, CLAIBORNE,  
 WEBSTER**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Boating Safety</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>Angling W/O A Resident License</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License -- Non-Resident</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Fishing W/O A Resident Pole License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possession Over Limit Freshwater Game Fish</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Illegal Size Black Bass</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Hunting W/O A Resident License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Hunt Alligators At Night W/Light &amp; Gun</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Alligators Closed Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Illegal Possession Alligator Skins</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL 3</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Boating Safety</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angling W/O A Resident License</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>1 cane pole; 4 rod &amp; reel combos; 2 black bass; 1 alligator skin; 2 bags alligator meat; 1 bag assorted bones &amp; teeth; 2 alligator heads; 7 striped bass.</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION I**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>52</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 2:MONROE**  
20 Agent positions

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>CITATIONS (DESCRIPTION)</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Angle W/O Resident License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Fish W/O Resident Pole License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Driving On Levee</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Flight From An Officer</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Operate ATV On Public Road</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations onWMA</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Improper Boat Numbers</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>No Fire Extinguisher</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angle W/O Resident License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Comply With PFD Requirements</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>NONE</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2 (Monroe)**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>-0-</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Public Assistance (Assisting Stranded Motorists and Boaters)</b>

**REGION 3: ALEXANDRIA**

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

**26 Agent positions**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Game Fish Illegal Methods</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License In Possession</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Angling W/O A Non-Resident License In Possession</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possess Over Limit Freshwater Gamefish (Black Bass)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Illegal Size Black Bass</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fish W/O Resident Pole License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possess Undersize Freshwater Gamefish (Black Bass)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Buy/Sell Fish W/O A Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealers License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Possess Undersize Commercial Fish</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Illegal Possession Of Alligators</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possess F.B.A. W/O A License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules &amp; Regulations</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Possess Spotted Fawn</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Criminal Trespass On State Property</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possession Of Cocaine</b>

1	Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia
1	Resisting An Officer
17	Littering
4	Operate A.T.V. On Public Road
1	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

TOTAL 28	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
8	Boating
15	Angling W/O A License In Possession
4	Possess Undersize Black Bass
1	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License In Possession

**CONFISCATIONS:**

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2 spotted fawn, 1 gar, 20 black bass, 2 alligators, 4 sales receipts, 28 cans, 1 container of catfish bait, 1 plastic cup, and 1 bag containing green leafy substance, 1 smoking pipe, 1541 channel catfish, and 493 blue catfish.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 4:FERRIDAY**  
24 Agent positions

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Boating Safety Violations</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Angling Without Resident License</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Angling Without Non-Resident License</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Fishing Without Pole License</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Take Gamefish Illegally</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Gear License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Use Illegal Mesh Net</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Undersize Catfish With Wire Net</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunt Without Resident License</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Criminal Trespass On State Property</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Obtain License By Fraud</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL 9</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>No Boat Numbers</b>

1	No Boat Registration
1	Expired Boat Registration
5	Failure To Comply With PFD
1	No Fire Extinguisher

**CONFISCATIONS:**

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
27 crappie, 86 short catfish, 250 yds. 2" gill net, 1 fishing license, 1 ice chest.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4**

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

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 5:LAKE CHARLES**  
**23 Agent positions**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>216</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>75</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>63</b>	<b>Angling W/O A Resident License</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Angling W/O A Non-Resident License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Violate Recreational Gear License Requirements</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Angling W/O A Saltwater License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Angling W/O A Saltwater License Non-Resident</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Failure To Have Fish Intact</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Violate Commission Rules And Regs. Red Snapper</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Violate Commission Rules And Regs. Cobia</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Or Possess Overlimit Of Black Drum</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Failure To Comply With Charter Boat Regulations</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Chicot Lake-Yo Yo Devices</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Failure To Have Commercial License In Possession</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License</b>

<b>2</b>	<b>Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealers License – Resident</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Trawling In Closed Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Or Possess Undersized White Shrimp</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunt Or Take Deer Closed Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Illegal Possession Of Marijuana</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Other Than WLF Violation</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL 18</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Angling W/O A Resident License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>No Boat Certifications In Possession</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Failure To Display Valid Certificate Decal</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Improper Boat Numbers</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Improper Or No Sound Producing Device</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Failure To Comply With P.F.D. Requirements</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>No Fire Extinguisher</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>29 black drum, 5 red drum, 8 fish filets, 1 cobia, 41 red snapper, 6 lbs. of shrimp, 88 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$108.95, 4 ½ crates of blue crabs returned to water, 12 fishing rods, 12 fishing reels, 2 ice chests, 2 bags of deer meat, 1 set of deer horns, marijuana, rolling paper, 1 vessel license and 1 saltwater scientific permit.</b>

**TOTAL CASES FOR EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>75</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>121</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 6:OPELOUSAS**  
**24 Agent positions**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>191</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>85</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>49</b>	<b>Angling W/O License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Or Possess Overlimit Of Red Drum</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Take Or Possess Gamefish Illegally</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Contributing To The Delinquency Of A Juvenile</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Alligator Closed Season</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Fish W/O Resident Pole License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Violate Crab Trap Escape Ring Requirements</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On Refuge</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Remove Unserviceable Traps</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Use Crab Traps W/O Required Marking</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Intentionally Discard Crab Traps In Navigable Waters</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Set Crab Traps In A Manner Unsafe For Navigation</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take/Possess Undersized Black Drum</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take/Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License</b>

<b>5</b>	<b>Angling W/O Non-Resident License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Mark/Tag Nets</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Take Illegal Size Black Bass</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Overlimit Of Freshwater Gamefish</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possession Of Wild Quadruped Or Wild Birds W/O Permit</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angling W/O Saltwater License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Violate Recreational Gear License Requirements</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Sell Fish W/O Retail Seafood License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Maintain Records</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take/Possess Spoonbill Catfish</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Expired Federal Swordfish Permit</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunt Or Take Deer Closed Season</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL 47</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Angling W/O License</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>1 .22 rifle, 2 deer, 1 spoonbill catfish, 6 redfish, 4 speckled trout, 1 rifle, 2 headlights, 1 spotlight, 1 alligator, 31 crab traps, 7 black drum, 5 rod and reels, 13 black bass, 1 castnet, 1 spotted fawn, 2 spotted seatrout, 1 commercial fisherman license, 1 vessel license, 1 gear license, 1 bag of redfish filets, 1 bag of trigger fish filets, 50 red snapper filets, 1 gallon red snapper filets, 1 quart red snapper filets, 3 triggerfish, 2 king mackerel, 32 red snapper filets, 3 sac-a-lait, 6 bream, 1 cast net, 4 crab trap tags, 1 red drum, 1 truck, 3 suspect deer meat, blood and hair samples, 3 documents.</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>85</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>85</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>47</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 7:BATON ROUGE****22 Agent positions**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>186</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>91</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>62</b>	<b>Fishing Without Resident License</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Fishing Without Non-Resident License</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Fishing Without Saltwater License Non-Resident</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Fishing Without Pole License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Use Gear Without Recreational Gear License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Gear License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Vessel License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possess Oysters Without Commercial Fishing License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Trawling In Closed Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Violate Crab Trap Escape Ring Requirements</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Commission Rules And Regs.</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Deer In Closed Season</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Fail To Comply With Rules And Regs. Scenic River</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL 14</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Fishing W/O Res. License</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>1-spotted fawn, 1 crab trap, 1 trawl, 1-15" red snapper.</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>91</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>82</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 8:NEW ORLEANS**  
**18 Agent positions**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>162</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>56</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Angling W/O A Non-Resident License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Violate Recreational Gear Lic. Req.</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Angling W/O A Saltwater License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take/Poss. O/L Red Drum (On Water)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Poss. O/L of Red Drum In Excess of 27" (Recreational)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take/Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take/Poss. Undersized Black Drum</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Commission Rules and Regs. Shark(Recreational)</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Commission Rules (Rec.) Finfish</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel Lic.</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Sell and/or Buy fish without a Retail Seafood Dealers License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Buy Commercial Fish From UN-Lic Fisherman</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Destroy Legal Crab Traps</b>

4	<b>Allow Another to Use Commercial License</b>
1	<b>Allow Unlicensed fisherman use CML Vessel Lic.</b>
1	<b>Allow Unlicensed fisherman use CML Gear Lic.</b>
2	<b>Tending Crab Traps Illegal Hours</b>
1	<b>Possess over 20% Undersize Crabs</b>
2	<b>Trawling in Closed Season</b>
1	<b>Trawl in Restricted Areas</b>
3	<b>Butterflying in Closed Season</b>
4	<b>Use Skimmers in Closed Season</b>
2	<b>Failure to Have Written Permission</b>
2	<b>Take Oysters Illegal Hours</b>
1	<b>Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License</b>
3	<b>Lake Pontchartrain (Restricted Area)</b>
1	<b>Failure to Abide By Commission Rules</b>
1	<b>Fail to Tag Alligator Upon Taking</b>
1	<b>Take Alligators W/O License</b>
1	<b>Taking or Possessing Alligators Closed Season</b>
1	<b>Illegal Poss. Of Alligators</b>
1	<b>Operating A Vessel While Intoxicated</b>
5	<b>Littering</b>

1	Endangered Species Act
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**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

TOTAL 26	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
6	Angling W/O A License
1	Angling W/O Saltwater Lic.
19	Boating

**CONFISCATIONS:**

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
<p>Returned to Water.... Crabs (68 lbs.)...Amberjack(3)...Black Tip Sharks(2)...Frogs(8)...Oyster Sacks(4)  Sold @ Bid.... 59 lbs of shrimp at \$82.60 383lbs. of shrimp at \$603.40....25 lbs of Shrimp at \$66.25...38 lbs of shrimp at \$72.20...105 lbs of shrimp at \$147.00  Donated.... Sheepshead (1)...Croaker (10)...Spotted Sea Trout (67)...Black Drum (5)...Brown Shrimp (181 lbs.)...Turtle(1)...Black Bass(2)...Alligator(3)  Hardware Confiscated.... Crab Traps (21)...Turtle (1)...Blake Bass (2)...Oyster Dredges (2)... Comm Oyster Dredges (2).Comm Lic(1)...Vessel(2)...Rod and Reel(5)...Skimmer Net(6)...Cans(12)...Trawl(3)...Basket(1)...Cups(5)...Plates(8)...Plastic Bag(1)...Ice Chest(1)</p>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
35	Boating
40	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
5	Littering
2	Miscellaneous
75	Recreational Fishing
5	State Hunting/Trapping

<b>26</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>
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**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 9: SCHRIEVER**

25 Agent positions

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>212</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
82	Boating
34	Angling W/O A License
6	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
9	Angling W/O Saltwater License
3	Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident
1	Taking U/S Freshwater Gamefish (Catfish)
2	Take O/L Of Red Drum (On Water)
1	Not Abiding By Commission Rules And Regulations Shark Violation O/L
1	Commission Rules And Regulations (U/S Grouper)
2	Possess O/L Of Red Drum In Excess Of 27 Inches (Recreational)
4	Take U/S Red Drum
8	Take U/S Black Drum (Recreational)
2	Take O/L Black Drum (Recreational)
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License

<b>3</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Fail To Maintain Records</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Trawling In Closed Season (Inside Waters)</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Trawling Inside Waters W/Oversized Double Rigs</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Use Skimmers C/S</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Use Oversize Skimmers</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Use Illegal Skimmers</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Oysters Closed Season</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Fail To Mark Oyster Lease While Harvesting</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Resisting An Officer</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Obtain License By Fraud</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Take Federal Controlled Fish In Closed Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Violate Interstate Commerce Data Regulations</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL 46</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Angling W/O A Saltwater License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>Boating</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>7 sacks oysters, 2446 lbs shrimp sold \$3375.14, 1 gag grouper, 28 red drum, 4 sharks, 1 speckle trout, 25 black drum, 81 catfish, 200 lbs crabs, 2 skimmer nets, 3 crab traps, 1 rod and reel, 1 basic license, 4 trawls nets, 1 set commercial records, 3 vessels (paper seizures).</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>82</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>47</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>73</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>46</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**OYSTER STRIKE FORCE**  
**3 Agent positions**

**COASTAL WATERS**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Oysters From Private Lease Without Written Permission</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Unlawfully Take Oysters From Private Lease</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Oysters From Unmarked Private Lease</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Oysters Illegal Hours</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Failure To Cover Oysters With Vessel Tarp</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Oysters Without Oyster Harvester License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Sell Oysters Without A Commercial Fisherman's License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Oysters Without A Valid Gear License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Buy Oysters From An Unlicensed Commercial Fisherman</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Commercial Vessel</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Gear License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angling Without A Basic Fishing License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fishing Without A Saltwater License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angling Without A Non-Resident License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angling Without A Non-Resident Saltwater License</b>

<b>1</b>	<b>Failure To Abide By Rules And Regulations For Shark</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Failure To Abide By Commission Rules And Regulations For Red Drum</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL 0</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>0</b>	

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>2 red drum, 3 sharpnose shark, 45 sacks of oysters, 2 oyster dredges, 1 commercial gear license, 1 commercial vessel license.</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER STRIKE FORCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT****STATEWIDE****8 Agent positions**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Buy/Sell Fish W/O A Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealer's License</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>Fail To Maintain Records</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Transport W/O Required License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Sell And/Or Purchase Game Fish</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Possess Or Sell Undersize Crabs 10-19%</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Possess Over 20% Undersize Crabs</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Violate Interstate Commerce Regulations</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Federal-Remove Fins And Discard Shark</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Federal-Have Disproportionate Sharks Per Fin</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL 0</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>0</b>	

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>3,500 lbs. of crabs, 3,174 lbs. of shark sold for \$1,269.60, 127 lbs. of shark fins sold for \$50.00, 100.46 lbs. of blue marlin.</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>68</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

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

**COASTAL WATERS**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Butterfly During Closed Season</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Use Skimmers During Closed Season</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Use Trawls Exceeding Size Requirements Off Shore Waters</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License In Possession</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>No Commercial License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>No Vessel License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>No Gear License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Keep Saltwater Fish Intact</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Possess Commercial Fish In State Waters By Longline</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Trawling During Closed Season</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Possess Red Drum In Federal Waters (Closed Season)</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Fail To Keep Federally Controlled Fish Intact</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Alligator W/O A License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Discharge Firearm From Public Road</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL 0</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>0</b>	

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>2,575 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$6,953.85, 22 red drum filets, 1 red drum 41 inches, 3,828 lbs. of shark sold for \$1339.88, 137 lbs. of shark fins sold for \$1,046.07, 1 alligator and 12 trawls.</b>

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

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REFUGE PATROL**  
**8 Agent positions**

**MARSH ISLAND,**  
**ROCKEFELLER, STATE**  
**WILDLIFE**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angling Without A Saltwater License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Or Possess Undersize Black Drum</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Or Possess Undersize Red Snapper</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Take Or Possess Overlimit Of Shark</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possess Undersize Crabs (10-19%)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possess Over 20% Undersize Crabs</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Set Crab Traps In Navigable Channel And Unsafe Manner For Navigation</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angling Without A License Non-Resident</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

<b>TOTAL 14</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Fail To Comply With Visual Distress Signals</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Improper Or No Fire Extinguisher</b>

<b>1</b>	<b>Improper Or No Sound Producing Device</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Fail To Comply With P.F. D. Requirements</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Expired Boat Registration Certificate</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>No Boat Registration Certificate In Possession</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>	
<b>1 rod and reel, 110 crab traps, 3 boxes of crabs returned-to-water, 11 black tip sharks, and 4 red snapper.</b>	

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REFUGE PATROL**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**TOTAL CASES**

**-1429**

**NOTE: WRITTEN WARNINGS =209**

**ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT**  
**AUGUST, 2001**

**185-Amph. - 61092**  
**Hrs. - 2.5**

**185-Float - 9667Q**  
**Hrs. - 42.7**

**210 - 9467Y**  
**Hrs. - 12.7**

**Enforcement Hours - 49.2**

**Other Divisions - 8.7**

**Total Plane Use - 57.9**

HUNTER EDUCATION COURSES  
AUGUST 2001

	Hunter Ed. Taught By Volunteer	Hunter Ed. Taught By Coord.	Total Hunter Ed. Cert.	Bowhunter Courses	Total Bowhunter Ed. Cert.
Region 1	12	01	386		
Region 2	10	02	392		
Region 3	07	00	300		
Region 5	07	00	239		
Region 6	11	01	359		
Region 7	08	01	337		
Region 8	05	00	119		
Region 9	05	00	155		
TOTAL	65	05	2287	07	230

Dist	City	Parish	InstType	InstNum	ClassDate	Cert	NotCert	White	Black	Other	Total	Hours
1	BOSSIER CITY	Bossier	V	1087	08/04/01	32	0	30	2	0	32	56
1	VIVIAN	Caddo	S	0002	08/09/01	33	5	32	1	0	38	0
1	SHREVEPORT	Caddo	V	5762	08/11/01	25	0	25	0	0	25	28
1	HOMER	Claiborne	V	3492	08/11/01	18	0	17	1	0	18	40
1	BLANCHARD	Caddo	V	5742	08/11/01	20	0	18	1	1	20	50.5
1	STONEWALL	Desoto	V	5739	08/11/01	22	0	21	1	0	22	33.5
1	BOSSIER CITY	Bossier	V	0887	08/11/01	25	3	25	0	0	28	55
1	COUSHATTA	Red River	V	1606	08/15/01	13	0	13	0	0	13	71.5
1	SHREVEPORT	Caddo	V	4663	08/18/01	85	0	81	3	1	85	108
1	LOGANSPOUR	Desoto	V	3779	08/18/01	21	0	19	2	0	21	23
1	DAYLINE	Webster	V	5498	08/19/01	20	1	21	0	0	21	25
1	MINDEN	Webster	V	1539	08/23/01	41	8	48	1	0	49	11.5
1	CASTOR	Bienville	V	5788	08/23/01	31	2	31	2	0	33	40.5

**TOTALS**      386    19                    381    14    2            405    542.5

**TOTAL CLASSES TAUGHT**    13  
**STAFF TAUGHT**                    1  
**VOLUNTERS TAUGHT**            12

Dist	City	Parish	InstType	InstNum	ClassDate	Cert	NotCert	White	Black	Other	Total	Hours
2	MONROE	Ouachita	S	4030	08/01/01	30	0	0	0	0	30	25
2	RUSTON	Lincoln	V	3746	08/08/01	45	0	45	0	0	45	40.5
2	LAKE PROVIDENC	Carroll	C	4607	08/09/01	14	2	7	8	0	16	30
2	MONROE	Ouachita	S	0587	08/11/01	28	2	0	0	0	30	0
2	WISNER	Franklin	T	4051	08/11/01	60	0	60	0	0	60	47.5
2	COLUMBIA	Caldwell	V	4176	08/18/01	30	7	37	0	0	37	47
2	FARMERVILLE	Union	V	3478	08/18/01	41	0	40	1	0	41	25
2	STERLINGTON	Ouachita	V	1519	08/18/01	37	0	0	0	0	37	30
2	HHODGE	Jackson	V	5774	08/18/01	29	0	28	0	0	29	18
2	CLAYTON	Tensas	C	0491	08/18/01	20	0	0	0	0	20	16
2	RUSTON	Lincoln	V	3746	08/23/01	40	2	42	0	0	42	42
2	COLUMBIA	Caldwell	V	5626	08/25/01	18	1	0	0	0	19	24

**TOTALS**      392   14                      259   9      0                      406   345

**TOTAL CLASSES TAUGHT**      12  
**STAFF TAUGHT**                      2  
**VOLUNTERS TAUGHT**                10

Dist	City	Parish	InstType	InstNum	ClassDate	Cert	NotCert	White	Black	Other	Total	Hours
3	MANSURA	Avoyelles	T	1166	08/01/01	25	7	0	0	0	32	17
3	POLLOCK	Grant	C	0874	08/02/01	46	2	45	3	0	48	34
3	JONESVILLE	Catahoula	V	3283	08/02/01	33	0	0	0	0	33	43
3	POLLOCK	Grant	V	5576	08/09/01	43	5	44	5	1	48	22
3	NATCHITOCHES	Natchitoches	V	0046	08/17/01	26	0	23	4	0	26	21
3	PINEVILLE	Rapides	V	5204	08/18/01	91	6	86	2	3	97	33
3	JENA	00	V	5188	08/18/01	36	2	37	0	1	38	91.5

TOTALS 300 22 235 14 5 322 261.5

TOTAL CLASSES TAUGHT 7

STAFF TAUGHT 0

VOLUNTERS TAUGHT 7

Dist	City	Parish	InstType	InstNum	ClassDate	Cert	NotCert	White	Black	Other	Total	Hours
5	STARKS	Calcasieu	V	5337	08/10/01	24	1	0	0	0	25	30
5	KINDER	Allen	V	3552	08/10/01	35	1	35	1	0	36	36
5	SULPHUR	Calcasieu	V	5368	08/10/01	37	0	37	0	0	37	26.5
5	OBERLIN	Allen	T	3941	08/11/01	21	0	21	0	0	21	13
5	CROWLEY	Acadia	T	3748	08/15/01	45	0	45	0	0	45	80
5	ABBEVILLE	Vermillion	V	0642	08/15/01	64	10	64	0	0	74	33
5	DRY CREEK	Beauregard	T	3748	08/18/01	13	0	13	0	10	13	49

**TOTALS**    239   12            215   1       10       251   267.5

**TOTAL CLASSES TAUGHT**    7  
**STAFF TAUGHT**                    0  
**VOLUNTERS TAUGHT**               7

Dist	City	Parish	InstType	InstNum	ClassDate	Cert	NotCert	White	Black	Other	Total	Hours
6	LAFAYETTE	Lafayette	V	4184	08/01/01	46	5	49	2	0	51	20
6	BROUSSARD	Lafayette	V	4439	08/04/01	36	0	35	0	1	36	21
6	SHERBURNE	Pointe Coupee	V	0867	08/04/01	30	0	30	0	0	30	22
6	BEAVER	Evangeline	V	5250	08/04/01	8	3	8	0	0	11	45
6	HENDERSON	St Martin	V	0693	08/05/01	25	0	25	0	0	25	19
6	EUNICE	St Landry	V	4955	08/10/01	42	2	43	1	0	44	79
6	PALMETTO CITY H	St Landry	V	0650	08/11/01	9	2	5	4	0	11	14
6	VILLE PLATTE	Evangeline	V	3798	08/18/01	54	12	66	0	0	66	68
6	HENDERSON	St Martin	V	0693	08/19/01	19	0	17	2	0	19	20
6	BASILE	Evangeline	V	5356	08/23/01	25	0	21	4	0	25	11.5
6	OPELOUSAS	St Landry	S	3451	08/25/01	56	0	0	0	0	56	8
6	BUTTE LAROSE	St Martin	T	0789	08/25/01	9	3	16	0	0	12	19

**TOTALS**      359   27            315   13   1       386   346.5

**TOTAL CLASSES TAUGHT**      12

**STAFF TAUGHT**                    1

**VOLUNTERS TAUGHT**            11

Dist	City	Parish	InstType	InstNum	ClassDate	Cert	NotCert	White	Black	Other	Total	Hours
7	BATON ROUGE	East Baton Rou	V	3832	08/04/01	23	0	17	5	1	23	46.5
7	HUSSER	Tangipahoa	V	5515	08/07/01	16	0	16	0	0	16	24
7	BATON ROUGE	East Baton Rou	V	5366	08/08/01	85	0	87	7	0	85	44
7	AMITE	Tangipahoa	S	5306	08/12/01	34	0	33	1	0	34	14
7	HAMMOND	Tangipahoa	V	4775	08/18/01	58	0	58	0	0	58	18.5
7	GONZALES	Ascension	V	5750	08/18/01	52	0	50	2	0	52	58
7	GREENSBURG	St Helena	W	4312	08/18/01	15	1	13	1	1	16	17
7	WALKER	Livingston	V	5850	08/25/01	7	57	56	0	0	64	56
7	ST FRANCISVILLE	West Feliciana	V	5795	08/26/01	47	1	47	1	0	48	55

**TOTALS**      337   59      377   17   2      396   333

**TOTAL CLASSES TAUGHT**      9

**STAFF TAUGHT**      1

**VOLUNTERS TAUGHT**      8

Dist	City	Parish	InstType	InstNum	ClassDate	Cert	NotCert	White	Black	Other	Total	Hours
8	FRANKLINTON	Washington	V	5118	08/09/01	37	2	39	0	0	39	29
8	SLIDELL	St Tammany	V	5641	08/10/01	12	2	10	4	0	14	39
8	CHALMETTE	St Bernard	V	4640	08/10/01	38	4	38	0	0	42	84.5
8	NEW ORLRANS	Orleans	V	1398	08/18/01	20	1	20	1	0	21	17
8	ST BERNARD	ST BERNARD	V	4707	08/19/01	12	0	0	0	0	12	25

**TOTALS**      119   9            107   5   0      128   194.5

**TOTAL CLASSES TAUGHT**   5

**STAFF TAUGHT**                0

**VOLUNTERS TAUGHT**         5

Dist	City	Parish	InstType	InstNum	ClassDate	Cert	NotCert	White	Black	Other	Total	Hours
9	CONVENT	St James	V	3469	08/05/01	25	1	26	0	0	26	37
9	HOUMA	Terrebonne	V	5160	08/05/01	65	5	70	0	0	70	63.5
9	CHAVIN	Terrebonne	V	4670	08/12/01	10	0	9	0	1	10	14.5
9	THIBODAUX	LaFourche	V	5174	08/19/01	26	0	26	0	0	26	24
9	GALLIANO	LaFourche	V	4477	08/19/01	29	0	27	0	2	29	18

**TOTALS**      155   6            158   0    3        161   157

**TOTAL CLASSES TAUGHT**      5

**STAFF TAUGHT**                    0

**VOLUNTERS TAUGHT**              5

**BOWHUNTER EDUCATION**

District	City	Parish	Type	Inst. ID	ClassDate	Cert.	Not Cert.	White	Black	Other	Total	Hours
2	RUSTON	LINCOLN	W	6505	08/15/01	29	1	30	0	0	30	33.5
3	NATCHITOCHE	NATCHITOCHE	W	9086	08/07/01	13	0	12	0	1	13	13
3	MARKSVILLE	AVOUELLES	W	9265	08/11/01	60	0	58	1	1	60	37
5	LAKE CHARLES	CALCASIEU	W	75	08/11/01	19	0	19	0	0	19	41
6	LAFAYETTE	LAFAYETTE	W	70	08/04/01	22	0	0	0	0	22	10
6	THISTLEWAITE	ST LANDRY	W	45	08/17/01	25	0	25	0	0	25	75.5
9	HOUMA	TERREBONNE	W	9098	08/11/01	86	0	86	0	0	86	34

TOTALS 254 1 230 1 2 255 244

TOTAL CLASSES TAUGHT 7

STAFF TAUGHT 0

VOLUNTERS TAUGHT 7

Dist	City	Parish	InstType	InstNum	ClassDate	Cert	NotCert	White	Black	Other	Total	Hours
1	BOSSIER CITY	Bossier	V	1087	08/04/01	32	0	30	2	0	32	56
1	VIVIAN	Caddo	S	0002	08/09/01	33	5	32	1	0	38	0
1	SHREVEPORT	Caddo	V	5762	08/11/01	25	0	25	0	0	25	28
1	HOMER	Claiborne	V	3492	08/11/01	18	0	17	1	0	18	40
1	BLANCHARD	Caddo	V	5742	08/11/01	20	0	18	1	1	20	50.5
1	STONEWALL	Desoto	V	5739	08/11/01	22	0	21	1	0	22	33.5
1	BOSSIER CITY	Bossier	V	0887	08/11/01	25	3	25	0	0	28	55
1	COUSHATTA	Red River	V	1606	08/15/01	13	0	13	0	0	13	71.5
1	SHREVEPORT	Caddo	V	4663	08/18/01	85	0	81	3	1	85	108
1	LOGANSPORT	Desoto	V	3779	08/18/01	21	0	19	2	0	21	23
1	DAYLINE	Webster	V	5498	08/19/01	20	1	21	0	0	21	25
1	MINDEN	Webster	V	1539	08/23/01	41	8	48	1	0	49	11.5
1	CASTOR	Bienville	V	5788	08/23/01	31	2	31	2	0	33	40.5
2	MONROE	Ouachita	S	4030	08/01/01	30	0	0	0	0	30	25
2	RUSTON	Lincoln	V	3746	08/08/01	45	0	45	0	0	45	40.5
2	LAKE PROVIDENCE	Carroll	C	4607	08/09/01	14	2	7	8	0	16	30
2	MONROE	Ouachita	S	0587	08/11/01	28	2	0	0	0	30	0
2	WISNER	Franklin	T	4051	08/11/01	60	0	60	0	0	60	47.5
2	COLUMBIA	Caldwell	V	4176	08/18/01	30	7	37	0	0	37	47
2	FARMERVILLE	Union	V	3478	08/18/01	41	0	40	1	0	41	25
2	STERLINGTON	Ouachita	V	1519	08/18/01	37	0	0	0	0	37	30
2	HHODGE	Jackson	V	5774	08/18/01	29	0	28	0	0	29	18
2	CLAYTON	Tensas	C	0491	08/18/01	20	0	0	0	0	20	16
2	RUSTON	Lincoln	V	3746	08/23/01	40	2	42	0	0	42	42
2	COLUMBIA	Caldwell	V	5626	08/25/01	18	1	0	0	0	19	24
3	MANSURA	Avoyelles	T	1166	08/01/01	25	7	0	0	0	32	17
3	POLLOCK	Grant	C	0874	08/02/01	46	2	45	3	0	48	34
3	JONESVILLE	Catahoula	V	3283	08/02/01	33	0	0	0	0	33	43
3	POLLOCK	Grant	V	5576	08/09/01	43	5	44	5	1	48	22
3	NATCHITOCHE	Natchitoches	V	0046	08/17/01	26	0	23	4	0	26	21
3	PINEVILLE	Rapides	V	5204	08/18/01	91	6	86	2	3	97	33
3	JENA	00	V	5188	08/18/01	36	2	37	0	1	38	91.5
5	STARKE	Calcasieu	V	5337	08/10/01	24	1	0	0	0	25	30
5	KINDER	Allen	V	3552	08/10/01	35	1	35	1	0	36	36
5	SULPHUR	Calcasieu	V	5368	08/10/01	37	0	37	0	0	37	26.5
5	BERLIN	Allen	T	3941	08/11/01	21	0	21	0	0	21	13
5	CROWLEY	Acadia	T	3748	08/15/01	45	0	45	0	0	45	80
5	ABBEVILLE	Vermillion	V	0642	08/15/01	64	10	64	0	0	74	33
5	DRY CREEK	Beauregard	T	3748	08/18/01	13	0	13	0	10	13	49
6	LAFAYETTE	Lafayette	V	4184	08/01/01	46	5	49	2	0	51	20
6	BROUSSARD	Lafayette	V	4439	08/04/01	36	0	35	0	1	36	21
6	SHERBURNE	Pointe Coupee	V	0867	08/04/01	30	0	30	0	0	30	22
6	BEAVER	Evangeline	V	5250	08/04/01	8	3	8	0	0	11	45
6	HENDERSON	St Martin	V	0693	08/05/01	25	0	25	0	0	25	19
6	EUNICE	St Landry	V	4955	08/10/01	42	2	43	1	0	44	79
6	PALMETTO CITY HALL	St Landry	V	0650	08/11/01	9	2	5	4	0	11	14
6	VILLE PLATTE	Evangeline	V	3798	08/18/01	54	12	66	0	0	66	68
6	HENDERSON	St Martin	V	0693	08/19/01	19	0	17	2	0	19	20
6	BASILE	Evangeline	V	5356	08/23/01	25	0	21	4	0	25	11.5
6	OPELOUSAS	St Landry	S	3451	08/25/01	56	0	0	0	0	56	8
6	BUTTE LAROSE	St Martin	T	0789	08/25/01	9	3	16	0	0	12	19
7	BATON ROUGE	East Baton Rouge	V	3832	08/04/01	23	0	17	5	1	23	46.5
7	HUSSER	Tangipahoa	V	5515	08/07/01	16	0	16	0	0	16	24
7	BATON ROUGE	East Baton Rouge	V	5366	08/08/01	85	0	87	7	0	85	44
7	AMITE	Tangipahoa	S	5306	08/12/01	34	0	33	1	0	34	14
7	HAMMOND	Tangipahoa	V	4775	08/18/01	58	0	58	0	0	58	18.5
7	GONZALES	Ascension	V	5750	08/18/01	52	0	50	2	0	52	58

Dist	City	Parish	InstType	InstNum	ClassDate	Cert	NotCert	White	Black	Other	Total	Hours
7	GREENSBURG	St Helena	W	4312	08/18/01	15	1	13	1	1	16	17
7	WALKER	Livingston	V	5850	08/25/01	7	57	56	0	0	64	56
7	ST FRANCISVILLE	West Feliciana	V	5795	08/26/01	47	1	47	1	0	48	55
8	FRANKLINTON	Washington	V	5118	08/09/01	37	2	39	0	0	39	29
8	SLIDELL	St Tammany	V	5641	08/10/01	12	2	10	4	0	14	39
8	CHALMETTE	St Bernard	V	4640	08/10/01	38	4	38	0	0	42	84.5
8	NEW ORLRANS	Orleans	V	1398	08/18/01	20	1	20	1	0	21	17
8	ST BERNARD	ST BERNARD	V	4707	08/19/01	12	0	0	0	0	12	25
9	CONVENT	St James	V	3469	08/05/01	25	1	26	0	0	26	37
9	HOUMA	Terrebonne	V	5160	08/05/01	65	5	70	0	0	70	63.5
9	CHAVIN	Terrebonne	V	4670	08/12/01	10	0	9	0	1	10	14.5
9	THIBODAUX	LaFourche	V	5174	08/19/01	26	0	26	0	0	26	24
9	GALLIANO	LaFourche	V	4477	08/19/01	29	0	27	0	2	29	18

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TOTAL CLASSES TAUGHT 70

STAFF TAUGHT 5

VOLUNTERS TAUGHT 65

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
September 6, 2001

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, September 6, 2001

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

**WHEREAS,** the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

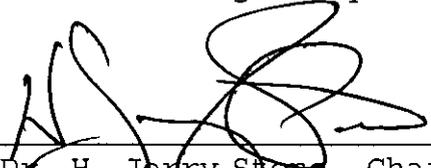
**WHEREAS,** rules and regulations governing waterfowl season framework have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

**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 the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours for ducks, geese and coots by Declaration of Emergency, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these dates have been forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as Louisiana's 2001-2002 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.

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

  
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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.

The hunting season for ducks, coots and geese during the 2001-2002 hunting season shall be as follows:

#### **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      Dec. 8 (Sat.) - Jan. 20 (Sun.) (44 days)

Lake)

**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**

<b>West Zone:</b> (86 days)	Nov. 3 (Sat.) - Dec. 2 (Sun.) (30 days)
	Dec. 15 (Sat.) - Feb. 8 (Fri.) (56 days)
<b>East Zone:</b> (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 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.

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. H. Jerry Stone

Chairman

# Turkey Hunting Season Opening Dates

## Using Last Full Weekend in March

Range: March 24 – 30

Year	Opening Date
2002	March 30
2003	March 29
2004	March 27
2005	March 26
2006	March 25
2007	March 24
2008	March 29
2009	March 28

## Using Fourth Weekend in March

Range: March 22 – 28

Year	Opening Date
2002	March 23
2003	March 22
2004	March 27
2005	March 26
2006	March 25
2007	March 24
2008	March 22
2009	March 28

**RESOLUTION**

**2001-2002 Fur Trapping Season  
adopted by the  
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:259(A) authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set the open season for the taking of nongame quadrupeds and allows the Commission to extend, curtail or prohibit trapping in any area of the state each year, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act allows the Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has historically lead the nation in the production of wild fur with value to the trappers as high as \$24 million in some seasons, and

WHEREAS, the harvest of this renewable resource is important in providing supplemental income to citizens of the state while furnishing an essential management tool to reduce nuisance wildlife problems, property damage, the impact of prey species, the incident of density dependent disease and provide a measure of population health and general condition, and

WHEREAS, regulated trapping provides the only practical control of muskrat and nutria populations, an essential part of any effort to protect or enhance coastal wetlands. The role of such trapping cannot be overstated because of the rate of wetland loss and the impact that these wetland grazers are having in southeastern parishes, and

WHEREAS, the increased commercial harvest of beaver can play a major role in assisting in the reduction of damage to timber, agriculture, drainage, and wildlife habitat, and

WHEREAS, historical and current information collected by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have indicated that the optimum time frame for the harvest of furbearers is between November and March each year, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2001-2002 fur harvest season, statewide from November 20, 2001 through March 31, 2002.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to extend or shorten the trapping season in any area of the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2001-2002 fur harvest season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.



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



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

## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:259(A) which authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set the open season for the taking of non-game quadrupeds and allows the Commission to extend, curtail or prohibit trapping in any area of the state each year and in accordance with emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act, which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2001-2002 fur harvest season, statewide from November 20, 2001 through March 31, 2002. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby also authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to extend or shorten the adopted season.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone

Chairman

# State of Louisiana



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M.J. "Mike" Foster  
Governor

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Brandt Savoie  
Bob Love

**FROM:** Greg Linscombe

**DATE:** August 22, 2001

**RE:** Results of the 2000-2001 Trapping Season and  
Recommendations for 2001-2002 Trapping Season

### Results of the 2000-2001 Trapping Season

Records available from the License Section indicate a total of 987 trapping licenses were sold during the 2000-2001 trapping season. These figures show a drop of 37 in trapping licenses sold last season when compared to the previous season. The trend of low numbers of trapping licenses sold is directly related to the continued low prices paid for major furs (nutria and raccoon). Attached is a copy of trapping license sales from 1989-90 through 2000-2001.

Attached is a copy of the 2000-2001 Comparative Take. The total of 57,446 pelts harvested (all species) was up 17,475 pelts from the previous season's total of 39,971. The total value of the 2000-2001 fur harvest to the state's trappers was estimated at \$315,428. This was up \$108,026 from the previous season. The harvests during the past three seasons are by far the lowest since records have been maintained (early 1920's). Declines in the number of trappers, harvest level and fur prices are directly related to a continuing very soft market for most wild furs, not only in Louisiana, but throughout the world.

### Nutria Harvest

The nutria harvest (29,544) increased by 9,434 from the previous season total of 20,110 pelts. The average nutria pelt price paid to trappers during this past season was \$2.18, an increase of only \$.08 from the previous year (\$2.10). The total value of the nutria harvest increased from \$42,334 to \$64,525. The eastern nutria harvest (20,680), with a price of \$1.92, was up 5,415 from the previous season and made up 70% of the 2000-2001 harvest. The western nutria harvest (8,864) with a price of \$2.80 was up 4,019 pelts from the previous season. The decreased income to coastal trappers is detrimental to maintaining numbers of trappers, which

are essential in reducing vegetative damage to coastal wetlands. Winter conditions were improved for trapping over the previous season, but continued low prices discouraged trapper effort.

### **Nutria Damage**

Division staff conducted a coastwide nutria vegetation damage survey this past spring. Data from the survey is still being compiled and analyzed, however the amount of vegetative damage appeared to still be high but down in total acreage from the previous surveys. The 2000 survey showed 100,000 acres impacted coastwide. An increase in the nutria harvest is the only practical way to help reduce damage, but any recovery of damaged marsh will require time for vegetative re-growth.

The extended drought may have concentrated nutria in some areas making them more vulnerable to predation by alligators. This concentration of nutria may have also resulted in lower reproduction.

### **Fur Marketing**

During this past year the Fur and Refuge Division staff continued to work closely with the Fur and Alligator Advisory Council (FAAC) on marketing programs for fur and alligators. Last year's efforts for fur concentrated on developing new contacts in Russia.

Last year the FAAC concentrated on marketing programs built around the development of new products. La. nutria and raccoon pelts have been changed through processing to create a finished skin and garment completely different in appearance. The Council continued to contract with a Montreal consultant to work with designers and manufacturers to demonstrate how to use these new furs in today's fashionable garments. During the Spring two large manufacturers began ordering plates of nutria with the new processing (grooved and patterned) to make coats for their stores in Russia. Obviously the objective is increased demand resulting in higher prices to trappers and a larger harvest of nutria and other furs. The task of finding new markets for the state's furs is difficult, but the alternative is coastal vegetative damage from nutria, not to mention the loss of supplemental income to trappers.

### **Raccoon Harvest**

In past years the raccoon harvest was the second most important in terms of value. This past season the harvest has increased from the previous year. The harvest of raccoon increased from 8,413 to 14,443 pelts as a result of an increase in price paid to trappers from \$1.40 to \$2.68. The total value of this harvest increased from \$11,778 to \$39,024. The main buyers of raccoon during recent years have been the Greeks, manufacturing and selling to Russia.

### **River Otter Harvest**

Again this past season the most important fur in terms of price to the trapper was river otter. Harvest increased to 4,593 from 2,812 the previous year. Average price actually dropped from \$37.30 to \$33.00 per pelt, for a total value of \$151,569. Some trappers across the state have switched to otter trapping because of these prices. This is particularly true for upland trappers. This is the one wild fur with strong demand from China. The harvest could be much higher if more trappers were in the field:

### **Beaver Harvest**

Beaver harvest this past season was 6,186 with an average price of \$7.34 paid to trappers. Harvest was up 677 from the previous year and the second year of increased harvest. Harvest of beaver is very beneficial in the control of timber, agricultural and road damage throughout the state.

### **Other Furbearers**

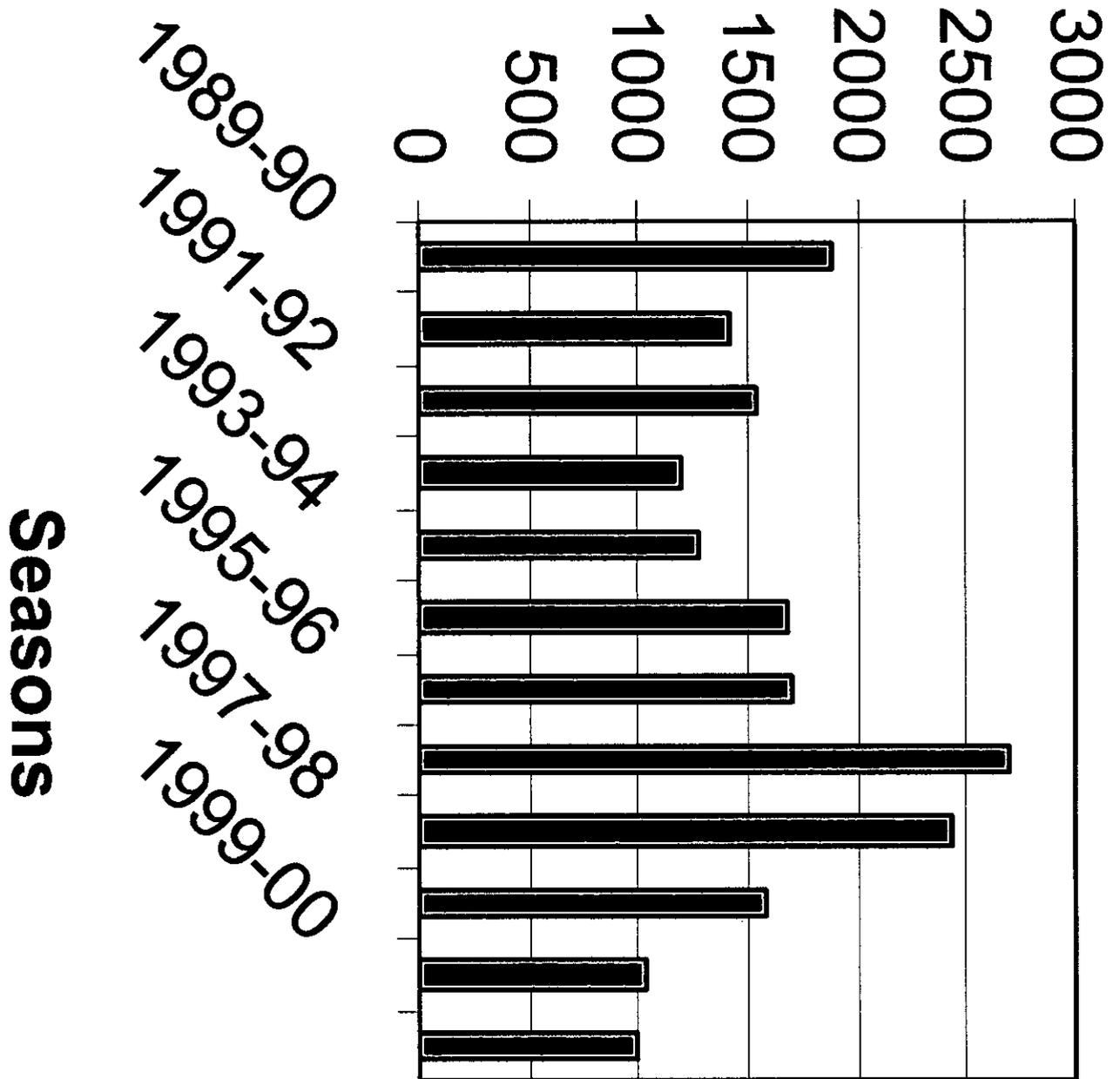
Harvest of muskrat increased only slightly from the previous year's harvest of 275 to 392. Muskrat were harvested in the northeast corner of the state. Muskrat populations are down across most of the coast and were held down by a continuation of the drought through last fall. This is beneficial for coastal vegetation since prices are low, (\$1.00) and very few good muskrat trappers are left. Other furbearers are listed on the 2000-2001 Comparative Fur Take.

### **Recommendations for the 2000-2001 Trapping season**

**Last year's season dates (statewide) were November 20, 2000 March 31, 2001.** These dates were discussed on August 21<sup>st</sup> with the Fur and Alligator Advisory Council. A motion was adopted by the Council accepting these recommendations. These dates allow trappers to start when various furbearers become prime and fur buyers start buying when they believe furs are prime. Trappers can continue to trap if they believe prime furbearers are abundant and they can sell fur at a reasonable price. Our objective is to allow the maximum possible trapping opportunity to increase harvest, especially of nutria, beaver, and raccoon.

**The 2001-2002 Trapping Season dates recommended for this year are: November 20, 2001 - March 31, 2002; Statewide.** Bobcat and river otter tagging requirements will remain unchanged. Federal approval to export bobcat and river otter from the United States requires that the Department insure that only Louisiana bobcat and river otter are tagged with Louisiana CITES export tags. This requires that all bobcat and river otter pelts be accompanied by completed State Possession Tags once purchased from a trapper and that these tags be kept with the pelts until they are submitted to the Department in exchange for CITES export tags. The recommended trapping season dates on WMA's will be listed in the 2001-2002 Trapping Season Pamphlet.

# No. of Trappers Licensed

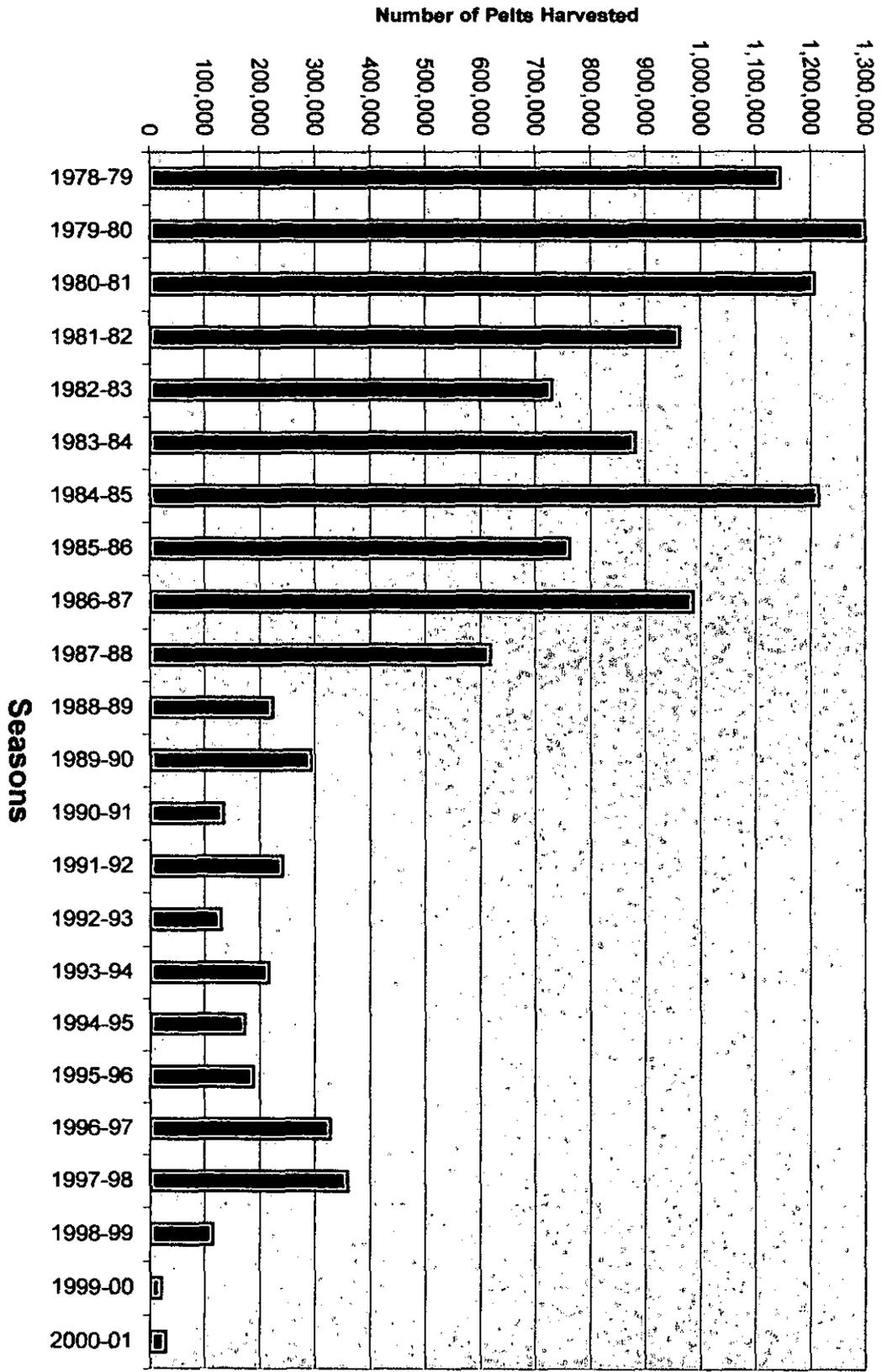


**COMPARATIVE TAKE OF FUR ANIMALS  
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2000-2001**

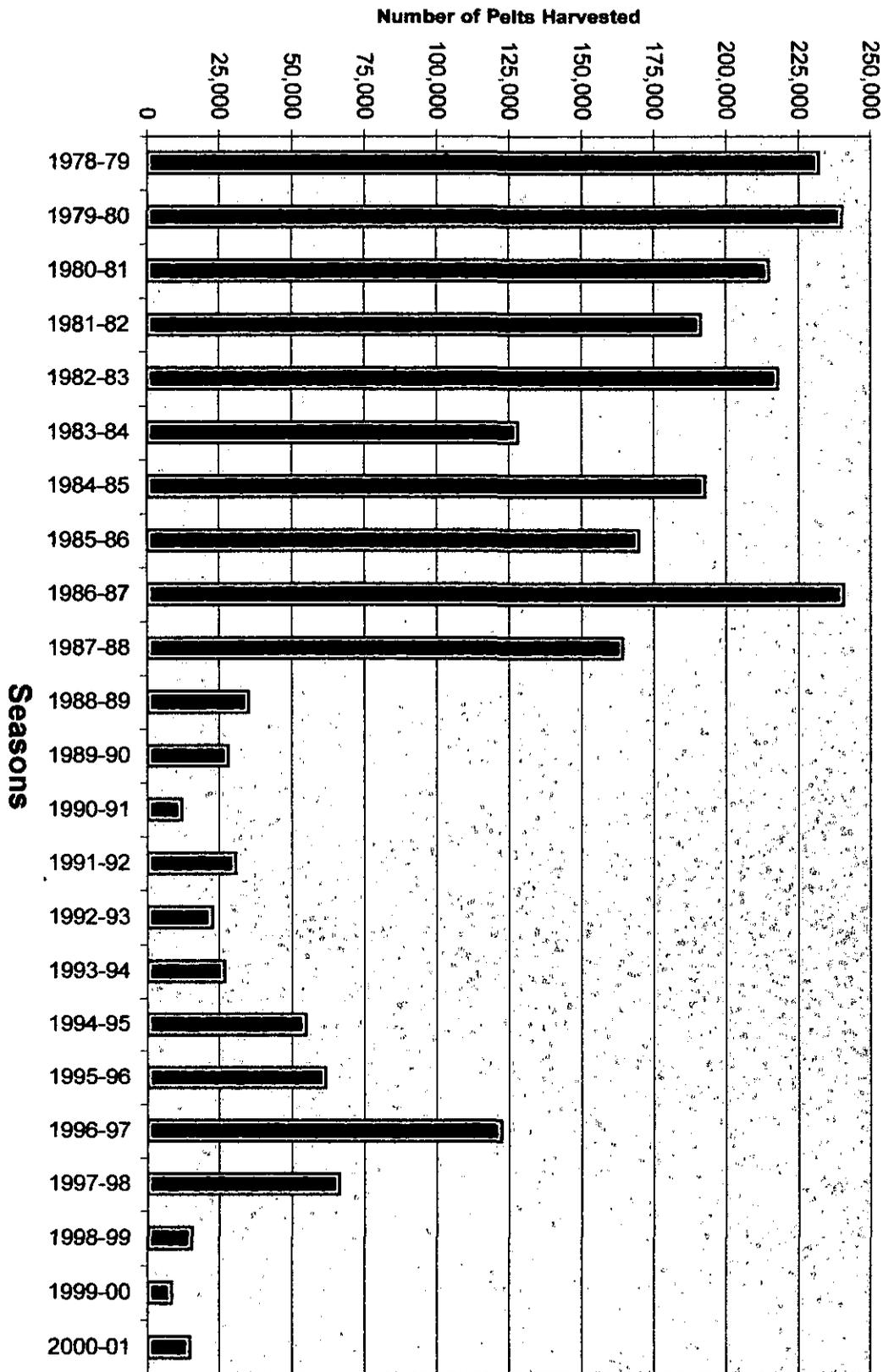
<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PELTS</u>	<u>APPROX. PRICE</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
NUTRIA(Eastern)	20,680	\$ 1.92	\$ 39,706
NUTRIA(Western)	<u>8,864</u>	<u>\$ 2.80</u>	<u>\$ 24,819</u>
	29,544	\$ 2.18	\$ 64,525
MUSKRAT	392	\$ 1.00	\$ 392
RACCOON(upland)	11,692	\$ 2.85	\$ 33,322
RACCOON(coastal)	<u>2,851</u>	<u>\$ 2.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,702</u>
	14,543	\$ 2.68	\$ 39,024
MINK	1,390	\$ 5.90	\$ 8,201
OPOSSUM	162	\$ .50	\$ 81
RIVER OTTER	4,593	\$33.00	\$151,569
RED FOX	39	\$11.21	\$ 437
GRAY FOX	211	\$ 5.40	\$ 1,139
BOBCAT	358	\$12.64	\$ 4,525
BEAVER	6,186	\$ 7.34	\$ 45,405
COYOTE	<u>28</u>	\$ 4.65	<u>\$ 130</u>
TOTAL PELTS	57,446	TOTAL VALUE	\$ 315,428

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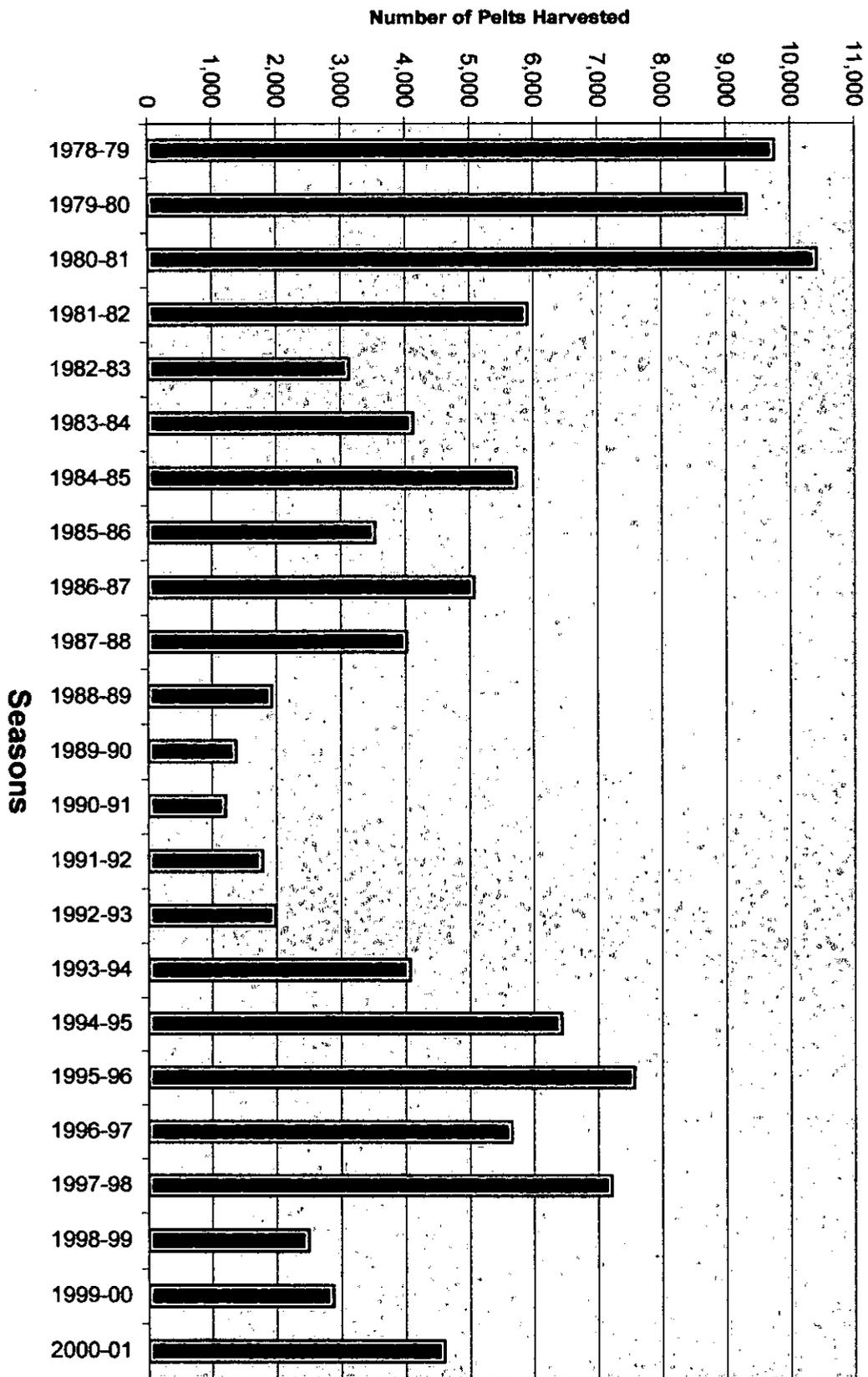
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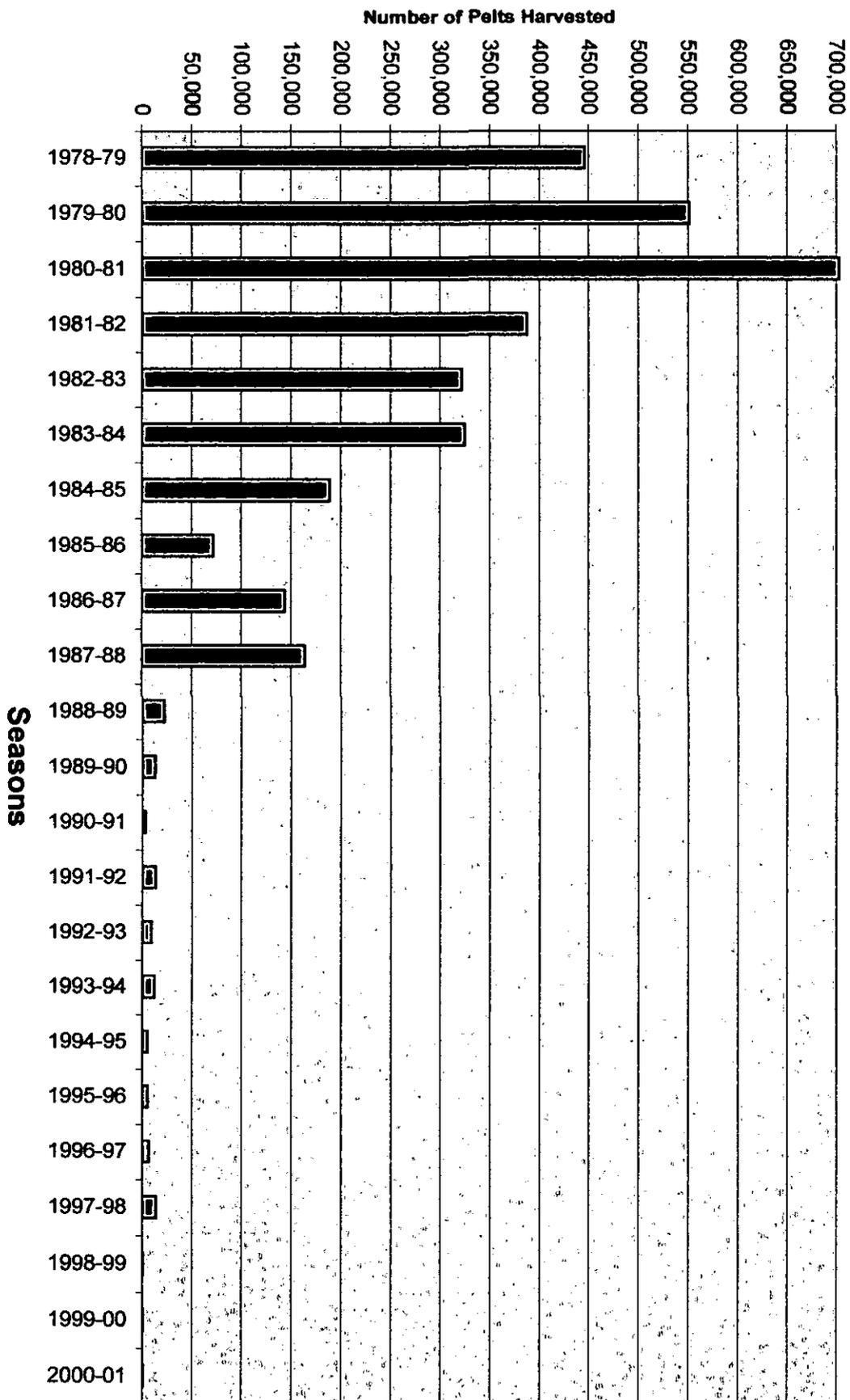
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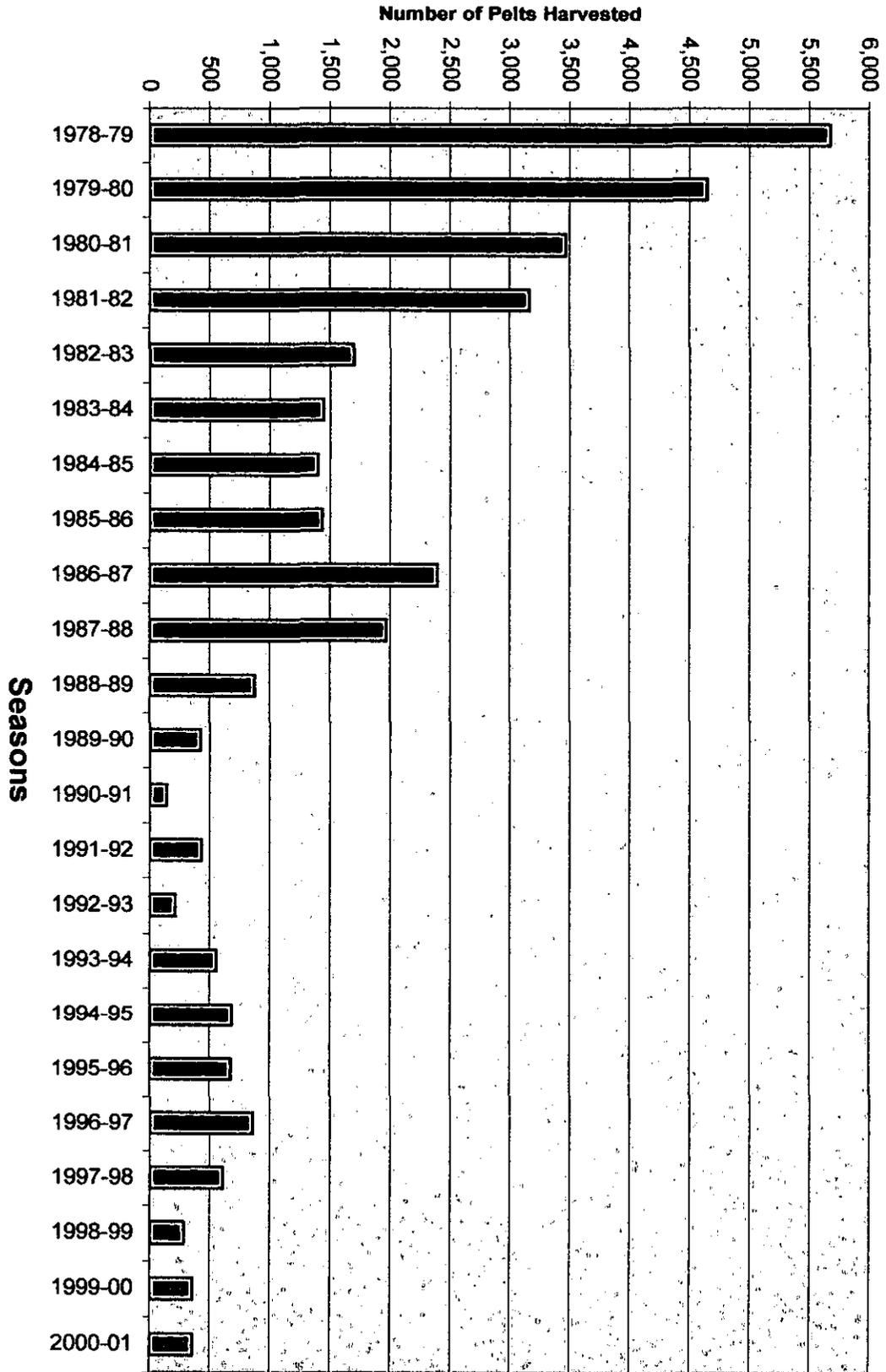
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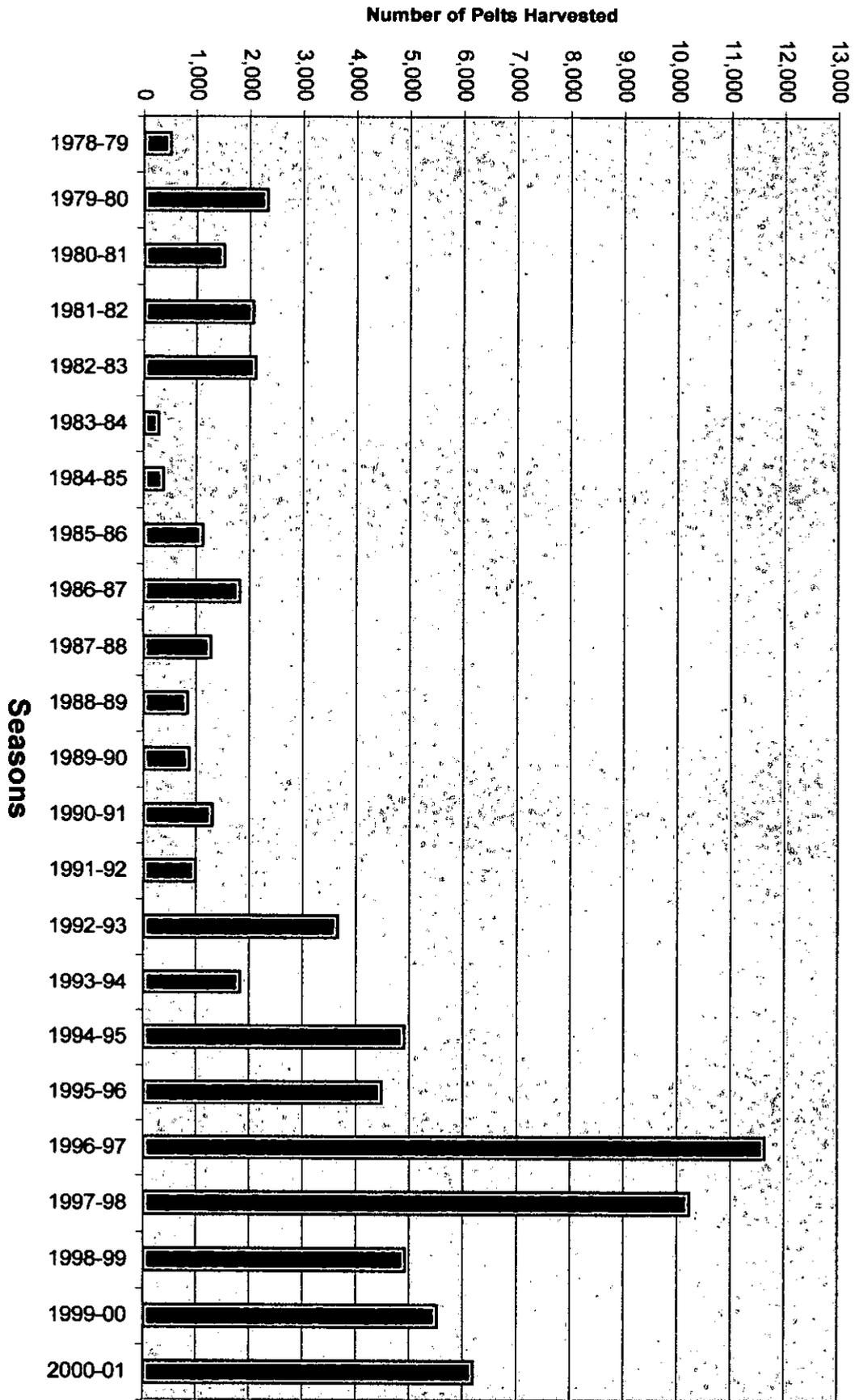
# MUSKRAT HARVEST 1978-2000



**BOBCAT HARVEST 1978-2000**



# BEAVER HARVEST 1978-2000



## RESOLUTION

### Commercial Mullet Season September 6, 2001

- WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has rules in place that regulate the commercial harvest of mullet in LAC 76:VII.343, 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. 56:333 authorizes and requires the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to adopt measures regulating the take of mullet, and
- WHEREAS, mullet are harvested primarily for mature roe and the state of maturity varies greatly by date and location and it is not known until the beginning of the regular mullet season, and
- WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Legislature has established, through adoption of Act 116 of the 2001 Regular Legislative Session, a Mullet Task Force formed to develop a recommendation regarding the most appropriate date to open the mullet season to be presented to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and
- WHEREAS, the mullet task force met on August 31, 2001 discussed, made a motion and adopted a recommendation for the opening date of the commercial mullet season on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in October and extend through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in January.
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate the attached Declaration of emergency to set commercial mullet season to open sunrise Monday October 8, 2001 and close sunset Monday January 21, 2002. For the purpose of determining status of roe for harvest during the period from sunrise Monday October 8, 2001 until sunset Sunday October 14, 2001 there would be a limit of 50 fish per vessel per day with all other commercial mullet harvest statutes and the regulations as presently described in LAC 76:VII.343 applying. Also from sunrise Monday October 15, 2001 through sunset Monday January 21, 2002 commercial mullet harvest regulations will be as presently described in LAC 76:VII.343, 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 such an emergency rule.

## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

### Mullet Season

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, R.S. 56:6(25)(a) which delegates the authority to the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set seasons, based on biological and technical data, and R.S. 56:333 which authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish rules for the harvest of mullet; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby declares the following emergency rule:

The season for the commercial taking of mullet shall begin at sunrise Monday October 8, 2001 and close at sunset Monday January 21, 2002 of the following year. For the purpose of determining status of roe for harvest during the period from sunrise Monday October 8, 2001 until sunset Sunday October 14 there would be a limit of 50 fish per vessel per day with all other commercial mullet harvest statutes and the regulations as presently described in LAC 76:VII.343 applying. From sunrise Monday October 15, 2001 through sunset Monday January 21, 2002 of the following year the commercial mullet harvest regulations will be as presently described in LAC 76:VII.343.

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to amend the following rule on black bass (Micropterus spp.) harvest restrictions on Concordia Lake located east of Ferriday in Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

Title 76

Wildlife and Fisheries

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

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

A. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission establishes a statewide daily take (creel limit) of 10 fish for black bass (Micropterus spp.). The possession limit shall be the same as the daily take on water and twice the daily take off water.

B. In addition, the Commission establishes special size and daily take regulations for black bass on the following water bodies:

1. ~~Concordia Lake (Concordia Parish),~~ and Caney Creek Reservoir (Jackson Parish):

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

b. Daily take: eight fish of which no more than two fish may exceed 19 inches maximum total length.\*

c. Possession limit:

i. On water - Same as daily take.

ii. Off water - Twice the daily take.

2. Black Bayou Lake (Bossier Parish), Chicot Lake (Evangeline Parish), Cross Lake (Caddo Parish), John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir (Red River Parish), Lake Rodemacher (Rapides Parish) and Vernon Lake (Vernon Parish):

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

b. Daily Take: eight fish of which no more than four fish may exceed 17 inches maximum total length.\*

c. Possession limit:

i. On water - Same as daily take.

ii. Off water - Twice the daily take.

3. False River (Pointe Coupee Parish)

a. Size limit: 14 inch minimum size limit.

b. Daily Take: 5 fish.

c. Possession limit:

i. On water - Same as daily take.

ii. Off water - Twice the daily take.

\*Maximum total length - The distance in a straight line from

the tip of the snout to the most posterior point of the depressed caudal fin as measured with mouth closed on a flat surface.

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

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

Interested persons may submit written comments of the amended rule to Bennie Fontenot, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., November 7, 2001.

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

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the

six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Dr. H. Jerry Stone

Chairman

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2002</h1>						
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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%
FICAL YEAR 1998 - 99								
July, 1998	9	\$1,390.43		8	\$1,964.20	\$716.75		
Aug., 1998	10	\$2,240.70		10	\$1,048.28	\$372.47		
Sept., 1998	8	\$2,768.96		11	\$2,000.36	\$1,148.23		
Oct., 1998	22	\$28,704.85		14	\$1,860.17	\$807.48		
Nov., 1998	19	\$9,137.79		11	\$1,765.97	\$1,092.43		
Dec., 1998	23	\$11,959.10		27	\$4,441.02	\$2,040.71		
Jan., 1999	41	\$21,179.55		18	\$6,621.63	\$3,838.22		
Feb., 1999	45	\$26,236.24		41	\$12,119.09	\$6,923.61		
Mar., 1999	15	\$7,549.57		33	\$8,281.77	\$4,138.44		
Apr., 1999	9	\$8,013.54		14	\$3,035.82	\$1,388.41		
May., 1999	5	\$5,161.23		5	\$905.50	\$405.00		
June 1999	7	\$3,719.01		13	\$3,011.06	\$533.83		
Total FY 1999	213	\$128,060.97	\$0.00	205	\$47,054.87	\$23,405.58	55.0%	96.2%
FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000								
July, 1999	5	\$1,556.38		9	\$2,287.53	\$1,198.81		
Aug., 1999	10	\$2,510.83		15	\$2,455.38	\$513.73		
Sept., 1999	6	\$2,032.19	\$5,324.80	28	\$3,563.06	\$475.93		
Oct., 1999	11	\$4,452.31	\$567.75	25	\$2,775.48	\$557.41		
Nov., 1999	14	\$8,634.64		26	\$3,250.96	\$1,322.96		
Dec., 1999	24	\$15,891.96		19	\$3,862.76	\$2,126.27		
Jan., 2000	49	\$27,872.14		28	\$7,952.94	\$3,814.02		
Feb., 2000	21	\$11,039.59		30	\$10,159.24	\$6,216.42		
Mar., 2000	19	\$9,873.21		31	\$6,709.07	\$3,555.40		
Apr., 2000	12	\$7,897.70		17	\$2,932.41	\$1,512.54		
May, 2000	7	\$5,039.46	\$293.60	20	\$7,062.23	\$3,164.00		
June, 2000	16	\$14,566.88		18	\$5,766.59	\$1,852.12		
Total FY 2000	194	\$111,367.29	\$6,186.15	266	\$58,777.65	\$26,309.61	76%	137%
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01								
July, 2000	2	\$865.01		14	\$1,948.03	\$154.01		
Aug., 2000	20	\$15,837.60		17	\$3,302.27	\$1,063.92		
Sept., 2000	12	\$3,562.26		23	\$8,718.21	\$1,351.41		
Oct., 2000	18	\$122,696.24		29	\$7,457.98	\$490.16		
Nov, 2000	13	\$15,851.30		22	\$4,038.50	\$309.30		
Dec., 2000	40	\$30,234.92		24	\$7,189.98	\$462.13		
Jan., 2001	28	\$15,923.38		25	\$7,611.66	\$833.60		
Feb., 2001	35	\$20,181.39		30	\$18,568.12	\$1,917.82		
Mar., 2001	8	\$5,956.83		37	\$15,724.02	\$753.86		
Apr., 2001	20	\$24,145.82		22	\$4,856.39	\$225.93		
May 2001	4	\$1,677.36		20	\$3,700.77	\$313.58		
June 2001	3	\$932.20		31	\$8,433.81	\$346.90		
Total FY 2001	203	\$257,864.31	\$0.00	294	\$91,549.74	\$8,222.62	39%	145%
FISCAL YEAR 2001-02								
July, 2001	4	\$4,290.29		25	\$6,328.36	\$293.54		
Aug., 2001	6	\$9,452.69		18	\$2,984.52			
Sept., 2001								
Oct., 2001								
Nov., 2001								
Dec., 2001								
Jan., 2002								
Feb., 2002								
Mar., 2002								
Apr., 2002								
May, 2002								
June, 2002								
Total FY 2002	10	\$13,742.98	\$0.00	43	\$9,312.88	\$293.54	70%	430%

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT  
 CURRENT MONTH  
 08/01/2001 TO 08/31/2001

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	6	\$9,452.69
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	6	\$9,452.69
PAYMENTS	7	\$896.58-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	1	\$100.00-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	4	\$218.40-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	6	\$1,769.54-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	3	\$100.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	0	\$0.00
OVERPAYMENTS	1	\$0.01
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	1	\$554.12-
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

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 FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT  
 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE  
 07/01/2001 TO 08/31/2001

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	10	\$13,742.98
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	0	\$0.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
=====		
RESTITUTION ASSESSED	10	\$13,742.98
PAYMENTS	21	\$6,341.54-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	4	\$525.00-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	8	\$406.80-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	10	\$2,039.54-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	9	\$250.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	2	\$293.54-
OVERPAYMENTS	2	\$0.47
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	1	\$554.12-
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

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 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  
 08/31/2001

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	4,208	\$2,974,204.20
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	258	\$6,875.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	331	\$269,865.45-
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	148	\$71,951.21
=====		
RESTITUTION ASSESSED	4,208	\$2,783,164.96
PAYMENTS	2,849	\$573,850.16-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	19	\$2,221.70-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	52	\$15,981.31-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	35	\$10,217.14-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	132	\$3,475.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	1,998	\$252,136.11-
OVERPAYMENTS	143	\$3,197.04
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	977	\$1,026,803.42-
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
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** TOTAL OUTSTANDING	344	\$791,257.85

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 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	5	\$5,237.30
31 - 60 DAYS	16	\$19,790.07
61 - 90 DAYS	22	\$36,941.40
91 - 120 DAYS	20	\$20,347.60
121 - 150 DAYS	10	\$3,930.33
151 - 180 DAYS	4	\$1,445.20
181 - 365 DAYS	41	\$31,263.72
OVER ONE YEAR	150	\$114,379.71
OVER TWO YEARS	143	\$88,673.69
OVER THREE YEARS	650	\$457,548.40
		=====
** TOTAL AGING	1,061	\$779,557.42

## AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:		
CAN NOT BE INVOICED	0	\$0.00
CURRENT	6	\$9,452.69
1 - 30 DAYS	3	\$1,668.59
31 - 90 DAYS	4	\$13,758.26
91 - 180 DAYS	22	\$14,243.03
181 - 365 DAYS	37	\$32,198.54
OVER ONE YEAR	194	\$192,357.48
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	76	\$452,813.72
AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:		
1 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	1	\$74,216.00
OVER ONE YEAR	1	\$549.54
		=====
** TOTAL AGING	344	\$791,257.85

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
 CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT  
 CURRENT MONTH  
 08/01/2001-08/31/2001

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	866	\$44,305.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	277	\$6,925.00
CREDITS	4	\$100.00-
		=====
TOTAL DUE		\$51,130.00

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PAID IN FULL	612	\$35,332.50-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	18	\$815.00-
OVERPAYMENTS	8	\$395.00
REFUNDS	5	\$295.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	2	\$100.00
CREDITS	1	\$100.00-
VOIDS	31	\$957.50-
NOT GUILTY	8	\$400.00-

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
 CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT  
 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE  
 07/01/2001-08/31/2001

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	1,727	\$87,860.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	302	\$7,550.00
CREDITS	5	\$125.00-
		=====
TOTAL DUE		\$95,285.00

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PAID IN FULL	1,326	\$74,367.50-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	28	\$1,135.00-
OVERPAYMENTS	11	\$495.00
REFUNDS	7	\$295.00
RETURNED CHECKS	3	\$25.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	3	\$20.00
CREDITS	1	\$0.85-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	6	\$300.00
CREDITS	1	\$100.00-
VOIDS	101	\$3,007.50-
NOT GUILTY	31	\$500.00-

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
 CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT  
 INCEPTION TO DATE  
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	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	91,790	\$4,666,037.07
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	21,331	\$533,577.80
CREDITS	5	\$7,425.00-
		=====
TOTAL DUE		\$5,192,189.87
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PAID IN FULL	52,600	\$2,757,787.10-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	1,384	\$63,060.90-
OVERPAYMENTS	1,053	\$28,261.42
REFUNDS	212	\$10,195.31
RETURNED CHECKS	68	\$3,550.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	68	\$1,105.00
CREDITS	170	\$157.63-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	171	\$9,850.00
CREDITS	22	\$1,250.00-
VOIDS	5,157	\$220,365.23-
NOT GUILTY	1,025	\$51,175.00-
		=====
TOTAL OUTSTANDING		\$2,151,355.74

## AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE

CURRENT	369	\$18,800.00
1 - 30 DAYS	511	\$26,495.00
31 - 90 DAYS	983	\$51,925.00
91 - 180 DAYS	838	\$45,395.00
181 - 365 DAYS	700	\$48,660.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	30,516	\$1,960,080.74
=====		
** TOTAL AGING	33,917	\$2,151,355.74

## AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM HEARING DATE

PREHEARING	1,682	\$86,320.00
0 - 90 DAYS	2,713	\$141,170.00
91 - 180 DAYS	367	\$26,575.00
181 - 270 DAYS	54	\$3,755.00
271 - 365 DAYS	1,049	\$68,955.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	28,052	\$1,824,580.74
=====		
** TOTAL AGING	33,917	\$2,151,355.74

SCHEDULE FOR FINAL RULES TO BE PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER

NOV-01                    RULE - Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program

DEC-01                    RULE - Pompano Permits

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### **Ratification of duck, goose season on tap at meeting**

**By JOE MACALUSO**  
Advocate outdoors writer

Ratification of the proposed duck and goose seasons and setting dates for the state's mullet fishery and fur trapping seasons top the agenda for today's Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting.

The LWFC will take additional comments on the proposed 2001 spring wild turkey seasons and hear proposed changes on black bass regulations at Lake Concordia, one of lakes in the state's Trophy Lakes Program.

Other agenda items include a presentation by Delta Waterfowl, a national organization that works to enhance waterfowl breeding, nesting and overwintering sites in North America, and a report from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' Forestry Section.

The meeting is scheduled to convene at 10 a.m. in the Louisiana Room of LDWF headquarters on Quail Drive.

**RIDCO OUTDOORS:** The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis will benefit from Ridco Outdoors' Team Series Shootout, a bass tournament set Sept. 8 on the Diversion Canal near Head of Island.

There's a \$10,000 guarantee for first place. The registration deadline is Sept. 3. For more information, call 1-888-839-9275 or go to website [www.ridcooutdoors.com](http://www.ridcooutdoors.com).

**DRAWDOWNS:** Lowering the levels in three popular reservoirs are in store for this fall.

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Department of Transportation and Development will begin to lower water levels Sept. 17 in Chicot Lake near Ville Platte to help repair the bridge spanning Walker Branch.

The bridge is in Chicot State Park. The LDWF will close the lake to boat traffic around Oct. 1, and will reopen the lake sometime in mid-January. State biologists said the drawdown will help control the spread of hydrilla.

Park spokesman Bill Roberts said the state park will remain open for day use and overnight camping.

The second affected reservoir is Lake D'Arbonne near Farmerville in the northeast part of the state. The Lake Commission ordered a four-foot drawdown to repair the dam. The launch ramp and the piers at the Lake D'Arbonne State Park will be closed once the desired level has been reached. The lake will remain open for fishing.

State park manager Jerry Dean said the work is expected to be completed in November. Refilling the lake will begin Nov. 30 and Dean said there is an anticipated 30-90 day period before the lake will be at pool stage.

Hydrilla is the target of a planned 9-foot drawdown on Cotile Lake in Rapides Parish. The project began today and calls for a 3-4 inches daily drop in the water level until the lake reaches 96.6-foot mean sea level.

Inland Fisheries Section administrator Bennie Fontenot said since the hydrilla has been found rooted in waters as deep as 11 feet, field personnel will inspect the lake to determine if more water will be needed to control the weed. Plans call for the control structure to be closed Jan. 1, 2002 to allow the lake to refill.

Fontenot said owners of lakefront property can use the lower levels at Cotile and D'Arbonne to make repairs to bulkheads and docks.

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**From:** Foote, Karen  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 30, 2001 10:46 AM  
**To:** Hawkins, Susan; Roussel, John E; Pausina, Randy  
**Subject:** Marine Fisheries Commission agenda item- Sept. 2001

Please revise the agenda item to read:

Declaration of Emergency- Mullet Season: Recommendation from Mullet Task  
Force- Randy Pausina

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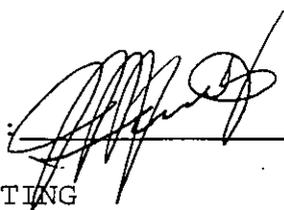
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cc: Jim Patton  
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FAX

**To:** Dr. Stone

**Fax #:** 216-3175

**Subject:** Agenda

**Date:** August 23, 2001

**Pages:** 3, including this cover sheet.

**COMMENTS:**

Please call me after you have had a chance to review the attached agenda for the September 6 Commission Meeting. Thank you.

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

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**From:** Foote, Karen  
**Sent:** Monday, August 20, 2001 12:58 PM  
**To:** Hawkins, Susan; Pausina, Randy  
**Cc:** Roussel, John E; Abbott, Janet  
**Subject:** September Commission meeting- REVISED

Marine Fisheries will handle the following at the September 2001 commission meeting:

Mullet Task Force- Recommendations for opening date of mullet season.  
Randy Pausina

(Susan- In case you are asked this is in compliance with Act 116 of 2001 Session.)

Randy- Please draft a news release ASAP for a MTF meeting at 10 am, August 31, 2001 in the 4th floor conference room, include one statement on the purpose, the act and list the associations that will be members.

Thanks to all.

## Hawkins, Susan

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**From:** Roussel, John E  
**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2001 12:57 PM  
**To:** Foote, Karen  
**Cc:** Hawkins, Susan; Porch, Pat  
**Subject:** RE: Commission meeting

Karen,

I looked over the Mullet task Force legislation and saw that it requires the Task Force to make a recommendation at the September Commission meeting regarding the opening date of the season. It also required the Task Force to meet between July 15 and Aug, 15, which we obviously missed. The act was effective upon signature (5/25/01). We should get this moving ASAP. Is Randy back yet?

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

**From:** Foote, Karen  
**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2001 10:47 AM  
**To:** Roussel, John E  
**Cc:** Hawkins, Susan; Porch, Pat  
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*Resolution and Declaration of  
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*Dear Susan:*

*I have the following items from the Ouland Fisheries Division for the September agenda:*

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**Fax #:** 225-634-7477  
**Subject:** Commission Agenda  
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