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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Chairman Wayne Sagraera presiding.

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

Secretary Dwight Landreneau was also present.

Commissioner Terry Denmon was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Sagraera called for a motion for approval of the **August 4, 2005 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Samanie and seconded by Commissioner Miller. The motion passed with no opposition.

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

**Report on Efforts and Impacts from Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita** began with Secretary Landreneau stating the Department was the lead agency in search and rescue according to the Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) on water covered areas. Two days prior to the storm, staff was present at OEP so that they could be staged and respond properly. The day of the storm, Enforcement boats were staged in Baton Rouge as well as other points throughout the state. Governor Blanco gave authority to the Department Heads to get the jobs done without having to deal with "red tape". Around 1 p.m. the day of the storm, 60 Enforcement boats assembled and followed State Police and DOTD to New Orleans. At 3:30 or 4:00 that afternoon, boats were on the water at Causeway Boulevard and I-10, Elysian Fields and I-10 and along the North Shore area for evacuation purposes. The next day, Office of Wildlife and Office of Fisheries boats joined with Enforcement and headed to the affected areas. The Department's boats were the first to respond in St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes. This effort was coordinated with the National Guard, Coast Guard and the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Unit. Secretary Landreneau stated he was very proud of what the Department did with the assets that were available. The Department was called to work with the Department of Agriculture to bring feed and resources to stranded livestock. Also, the Department worked with private industries especially the utility

and phone companies to bring food and water to stranded people and equipment to restore communication services to the area. Staff were very innovative, due to lack of communication services, by working with USGS and color coded quadrangle maps from the 911 calls. After efforts for Hurricane Katrina were completed, along came Hurricane Rita. This hurricane presented different challenges to the Department as far as search and rescue went. Around 5 AM the day of the storm, 60 boats were deployed from Baton Rouge and another 60 left from Woodworth. The strong winds from Hurricane Rita slowed the Department's progress in getting onto the waters. In this effort, the Department worked with Department of Agriculture, local Sheriff's Department, local OEP from Terrebonne Parish to Calcasieu Parish. Again, Secretary Landreneau noted the Department did an outstanding job. Then he asked Enforcement to give a report, followed by John Roussel, then Parke Moore and Janice Lansing.

Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze presented a video of Enforcement's efforts which was prepared by the Public Information Section. Following the video, Lt. Col. LaCaze stated it was truly an honor to go out and work. He then added that on Monday afternoon following Hurricane Katrina, agents made their way into the New Orleans area on Causeway Boulevard and I-10. Upon getting out of their trucks, help was requested. Then they got word of an evacuation need at a Nursing Home on Power Boulevard. The remaining personnel ended up in the New Orleans East area around Louisa Street, St. Bernard Avenue and Elysian Fields. Agents remained on scene throughout the night and into Tuesday. On Wednesday, they moved into Tulane Medical Center and Charity Hospital and began evacuating patients. Lt. Col. LaCaze felt the staff at the hospitals were truly dedicated employees by worrying about the patients before themselves. He then read an e-mail from Ms. Janet Schneider from Tulane University that was very appreciative of the efforts by the agents. On Saturday, Ms. Joy Barnett, LSU Health Care, made contact with the LSU Shreveport Medical Center to get 300 vials of inoculation. Mrs. Jeanne Landreneau Butler and 4 co-workers went to a staging area and gave shots to all those involved in search and rescue. Another important highlight was the Department of Agriculture's assistance in getting fuel on a regular basis for the equipment. Snack packs were assembled by other Department employees that were distributed to the agents to help them keep going. Lt. Col. LaCaze praised the efforts of all of the agents. Texas Parks and Wildlife sent 50 officers the day after the storm to help evacuate the hospitals and another 50 came several days later. Commissioner Miller stated he happened to see an agent on national television and felt his presentation and behavior was very professional. Commissioner Mouton stated he was told by the Sheriff of St. Bernard that had it not been for the Department, a lot more lives would have been lost. Commissioner Miller asked, in addition to Texas Parks and Wildlife, what other state wildlife agencies pitched in to help. Lt. Col. LaCaze stated Michigan, Minnesota, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina,

Ohio, Illinois and Missouri. Secretary Landreneau added that assistance came from local fire departments and Sheriff office's by providing their first response teams that could help if medical needs occurred. Commissioner Sagrera commented that they did not see any other presence except Department and Sheriff's personnel until that Tuesday or Wednesday following Hurricane Rita. Commissioner Morrow stated he was proud of the Department and knew they had been well trained. He then personally wished to thank each member of the Department for their assisting the citizens of Louisiana.

Mr. John Roussel, Office of Fisheries, began his presentation commenting that the search and rescue effort was a Department-wide response and he stated he was extremely proud of those non-enforcement personnel that did not hesitate to assist in the efforts. Then he added that the coastal area is home of some premiere commercial and recreational fishing in the Nation. This importance is significant economically and culturally to the State. This area has taken a hard hit and it will take a lot of work to rebuild. Mr. Roussel felt the resource would come back, but there was a need to get the people back into the infrastructure in order to utilize the resource. He then asked the two divisions to give a presentation on the information they have collected.

Mr. Jim Hanifen, Assistant Administrator, Marine Fisheries Division, stated that the 2 storms affected the entire Louisiana coast and this caused a substantial impact to the commercial and recreational fisheries. Hurricane Katrina affected all of the parishes east of Lafourche and Hurricane Rita impacted the rest of the coast. The division was involved in search and rescue efforts, evaluating the impact to the facilities, collecting samples in the field, participating in aerial and ground surveys to look at damage and developing economic analysis, and looking at the damage to infrastructures such as fleets, docks, plants and boats. Also, a TED exemption was obtained for shrimpers immediately following Hurricane Katrina. Staff has also been involved in water quality and seafood safety investigations with other agencies. Between the 2 storms, over half of the wholesale/retail dealers in the state, over 3/4 of the commercial fishers, over 80 percent of the fishing vessels and potentially 100 percent of the charter fleet were affected. Commercial fishing impact, when converted to retail levels amounted to over \$2 billion. Recreational fisheries impact amounted to \$367,000 at the retail level. Assuming 100 percent of the charterboat fleet was impacted by the storms, Mr. Hanifen reported that \$30 million would be needed to replace the vessels. Habitat loss included marsh loss, debris displacement, sedimentation over oyster reefs, contaminants washed out of areas, and organic materials caused problems with dissolved oxygen. Marine Fisheries facilities impacted included destroying the Slidell facility, access has been lost to the New Orleans office, the Point-a-la-Hache facility was destroyed, the Marine Lab was heavily damaged, the Bourg, New Iberia and Lake Charles offices had

some damage. Getting the sampling programs up and running, re-establishing facilities, assisting the re-establishment of the commercial and recreational fisheries and continuing with coastal restoration efforts were all part of the recovery plan. Commissioner Miller asked if the flood waters from New Orleans into Lake Pontchartrain and the Gulf of Mexico has been assessed with regard to the fisheries. Mr. Hanifen stated a number of agencies were working on that question. He added a lot of the material was organic and that the capacity to receive that water will be good in getting it oxidized and to a non-hazardous level. The Food and Drug Administration was looking at tissue levels of contaminants in fish, shrimp, crabs and oysters. Commissioner Miller then asked if consideration was being given to opening the Bonnet Carre to flush Lake Pontchartrain. Mr. Roussel added that the seafood safety issue was being worked on by multiple agencies. There was an oyster closure in place. Standard practice in Louisiana was to close shellfish beds prior to a hurricane making landfall. Those waters are reopened only after water samples are conducted and the agencies feel those beds are safe for harvest. Prior to Hurricane Katrina, there was a closure from Vermilion Parish eastward to Mississippi and it stayed in place until just prior to Hurricane Rita. Now, there was a total oyster closure. But as far as other seafood not consumed raw, there have been no advisories or closures issued. Sampling is continuing to look for other contaminants in tissues of various seafood. Areas this sampling is occurring are the Gulf of Mexico, the Sound, the Bays, the Estuaries, inside of the City of New Orleans and directly in the outfall areas. On the Bonnet Carre question, Mr. Roussel stated they contacted the Corps of Engineers immediately after Hurricane Katrina to explore the option of flowing water in order to minimize the possibility of fish kills but the stage of the river was not high enough to divert water. Commissioner Samanie stated he received an e-mail from NOAA fisheries that indicated no significant increases of hydrocarbons were found in their seafood samples.

Mr. Joe Shepard, Inland Fisheries Division, stated they were looking at a plan to assess the impacts of Hurricane Katrina on freshwater systems. The first phase was to conduct an initial assessment by visiting the impacted areas and talking with the public. Phase 2 was to go into the field in areas as they become accessible to collect water quality information (oxygen and salinity levels). Mr. Shepard stated there are still areas closed such as the mouth of the River and places to the west which means those are still at phase 1. Once data was collected from those accessible areas, staff will begin pursuing options to improve those impacted conditions. The next step will be to get the sampling gear to determine what species are left after the hurricanes. Then a recovery plan would be developed to rehabilitate the fishery. Mr. Shepard then commented that Plaquemines Parish was totally devastated by Hurricane Katrina and the freshwater resources that could not escape the saltwater intrusion were lost. As the hurricane went north, the storm surge

went into Lake Pontchartrain, through Pass Manchac, into Lake Maurepas and swamps and rivers. Fish kills were reported in the Tickfaw River, the Diversion Canal and Blind River. On the Tchefuncte River, the stream flow was not moving at all around 9 AM on August 29, but within 2 hours, the water started flowing backwards at a rate of 4' per second north. This resulted in low oxygen conditions and damages to the fish populations. In the Lakes Des Allemands, Salvador and Cataouatche areas, the surge was about 1' and this only caused a few minor fish kills. Moving to Hurricane Rita, Mr. Shepard reported that the strong easterly wind pushed as much water if not more into Pass Manchac. Storm surge also occurred in the southern portion of the Atchafalaya Basin. Salinity readings in the Basin at Amelia are usually at 0 ppt, but the hurricane caused it to reach 9 ppt. Extensive water quality sampling occurred in the lower Atchafalaya Basin. The option of introducing water into the Basin is being sought with the Corps of Engineers by opening the locks at Port Allen in order to flush the system of the oxygen depleted waters. Preliminary resource assessment on the rivers and bayous leading to Lake Maurepas and Lake Pontchartrain indicate there may be extensive loss of freshwater resources and the recovery may take years. The Pearl River's recovery time will be months. The Freshwater Diversion to the mouth of the Mississippi River has not been looked at yet, but staff assumed that there are extensive losses of freshwater resources and habitat and the recovery will be in terms of years. Lakes Des Allemands and Salvador suffered minimum loss of freshwater resources and recovery was immediate. The Atchafalaya Basin may still have fish kills occur and this may result in significant to extensive loss of resources and recovery may be from months to years depending on conditions within the next several months. Staff has not been in the Grand Lake-White Lake area, but they know there will be an extensive loss of resources and habitat and recovery will be in terms of years. Minimum loss may have occurred in the Calcasieu and Sabine Rivers for freshwater resources and recovery should be in terms of months. For central and north Louisiana, there were minimum loss of freshwater resources and recovery should be immediate. With respect to the Basin, a question has been asked on how do these storms rank with Hurricane Andrew. Observations indicate that it was not as extensive and there should not be the devastation that was suffered with Hurricane Andrew. Commissioner Mouton asked about the saltwater intrusion and its effects on hydrilla in the Basin. Commissioner Miller asked for the differences between the Grand Lake-White Lake area and the Calcasieu-Sabine River area. Mr. Shepard stated there was not as much freshwater habitat in the Calcasieu-Sabine area whereas Grand Lake-White Lake had more freshwater species in there. Also, the overtopping of the levees in Grand Lake-White Lake with saltwater was making it more difficult to get that saltwater out of the areas.

Next, Mr. Parke Moore, Office of Wildlife, began his presentation stating that all employees within the Office were totally

supportive in the efforts following the hurricanes. As these efforts continue, staff will document for posterity and reference purposes, extent and energies and what made these hurricanes so different from previous ones. Also, staff has assessed those things that were done right and those not quite right. Hurricane Katrina impacted the eastern coast of Louisiana and forested areas inland into the piney woods. Impacts were seen at Biloxi, Pass-a-Loutre, Wisner, Pointe-aux-Chenes, and Salvador WMAs which totaled in excess of 300,000 acres of marsh properties. In the Wildlife Division, impacts occurred on 50,000 acres, especially on Pearl River, Bens Creek, Lake Ramsay and Sandy Hollow WMAs. Tuesday following Hurricane Katrina, Office of Wildlife employees met with Enforcement at I-10 at Causeway to help with search and rescue efforts in the Lower 9<sup>th</sup> Ward and Arabi areas. Several slides were shown with a before and after shot of the Perch Lake Road on Pearl River WMA. These shots showed that there will be a very dynamic recovery for this area. Mr. Dave Moreland added that on Pearl River WMA last year there were 500 hunters on opening weekend of squirrel season and this year there were 81 hunters. The next slide was also from Pearl River WMA and it showed the browning of the leaf and grassy vegetation due to physical damage and salt scalding. The Crawford Landing facility at Pearl River WMA came through unscathed and the water gauge at the facility showed the water was about 4' above normal. Another slide showed a breach in the levee in an area south of Highway 90 on the West Pearl River. This change in the West Pearl River area will present new opportunities and challenges. Timber loss on Pearl River totaled \$27 million. Mr. Phil Bowman noted that in Washington Parish, as much as 60 percent of the timber was on the ground following the hurricane. A before and after shot of the Rigolets showed an enormous amount of debris piles. An issue in the southwestern portion of the state was trying to dewater farms and pasture lands and helping to salvage cattle. Pass-a-Loutre WMA suffered the loss of several buildings and the other buildings had water damage. The deer herds on Pass-a-Loutre and the delta refuge just to the north served as a stocking source for about 50 percent of the state in the early 1960's. Mr. Moreland hoped that the deer herd had not been lost. Also on Pass-a-Loutre, there was a lot of browning of the marsh, wind damage and saltwater scalding. Mr. Bowman stated that prior to Hurricane Katrina there was a tremendous amount of submerged aquatic vegetation and duck potato for the upcoming waterfowl season. The submerged aquatic vegetation has been uprooted and was no longer there but the duck potato was still available. This change in the area will not provide the quality of waterfowl habitat that was expected. Queen Bess Island, home to the brown pelican, also fared the storm fairly well. Discussions then turned to the impacts from Hurricane Rita. This storm paralleled the Louisiana coast and pushed water in especially from the central portion to the southwest. Substantial damage was suffered from Pointe-aux-Chenes through to Rockefeller Refuge. Damage also occurred on State Wildlife, Marsh Island, Atchafalaya Delta, and Sabine Island, which suffered a lot of timber damage.

All employees did okay as far as life and health from the storms, but about 30 received extensive damage to their homes. The next series of slides showed the facilities at Rockefeller Refuge and the damage they incurred. Mr. Moore reported there was an extensive nutria kill from this storm as well as some deer and alligator. State Wildlife was probably ruined as far as habit and utility from the force of the water. Marsh Island's facility sustained little damage. White Lake did fine with no flooding, but there was overtopping and breaching of levees. The Lake Charles office's boat shed and equipment area were totally demolished but the building itself sustained a little water damage. The duration of flooding in southwest Louisiana will be a cause for concern. Pointe-aux-Chenes sustained flooding damage and the Grand Bayou water management unit on the area suffered a levee breach. Mr. Moore then expressed his thoughts that all of the employees in the Department were ready to help at any time when requested. Commissioner Mouton asked if it would be possible to close the lower Iberia and lower St. Mary Parishes for deer and small game. Mr. Moreland stated his staff was above the Intracoastal Canal the day before the meeting and there would be another closure statement coming out that would include Highway 14 in Iberia Parish and hitting Highway 90 through St. Mary Parish. Commissioner King asked when would the closure statement be released and Mr. Moore hoped it would get out that day. Then Commissioner King asked if there was a ball park figure on the extractions made following the storms. Mr. Moore reminded them that Secretary Landreneau indicated there was about 21,000 just from Hurricane Katrina and hundreds more from Hurricane Rita. Commissioner Mouton asked if the closure had to have a 24 or 72 hour notice. Mr. Don Puckett stated it could be closed immediately upon promulgation by the Secretary. Commissioner Miller stated he was receiving a number of calls from northwest Louisiana residents with waterfowl camps in south Louisiana. He was wanting to know what to tell those people they can expect with the freshwater marshes, the dying grasses and the overtopping of the levees. Mr. Robert Helm stated the freshwater and intermediate marshes are the most productive habitat for waterfowl and they have been impacted more by Hurricane Rita. This resulted in high salinity readings. The freshwater vegetation in coastal Louisiana was dying, according to Mr. Helm, and the food resource cover are severely impacted. With that, there may not be enough time for the plants to recover and the needs of the wintering waterfowl will not be met. Commissioner Miller asked how long will it take for the freshwater marshes to recover. If there is normal rainfall patterns and this gets the saltwater off quickly, you possibly may see a quick recovery. By next summer and fall, recovery should be quite substantial, commented Mr. Helm. Commissioner Miller asked Mr. Helm if he foresaw any problems with mottled ducks and the black-bellied whistlers that have shown up along the coast. Mr. Helm felt direct impacts on waterfowl will be minimum. But the more direct and indirect effect will be how they respond next spring when they begin nesting. Mr. Helm felt the waterfowl will be here but for shorter time periods and fewer in

numbers along the coast. He hoped for a wet winter with a lot of backwater flooding throughout the lower Mississippi Valley that would provide habitat base for the birds. Commissioner Miller asked when was the next scheduled census flight. Mr. Helm stated it would be on November 7 and added that these flights need to be extremely high priority to record the response of waterfowl to the unique situation on the coast. Mr. Moore summarized stating they ended up on assessment which was now the new beginning point by meeting with a number of federal and state agencies as well as non-governmental agencies. A comprehensive project was ongoing which will document both wildlife and fisheries impacts including the physical pre-existing conditions, to observations of impacts, to those economic impacts. Chairman Sagrera stated the most calls he has received was on the waterfowl season. He then stated the Commission will not close the waterfowl season.

Mrs. Janice Lansing, Undersecretary, stated the activities within the Office of Management and Finance acted as support for the rest of the Department. Their role during the hurricanes was to serve as a command post so those in the field could do their jobs. Mrs. Lansing also commented that all of the staff came together in a family attitude way and they needed to be commended. The media coverage was vast and the Press Secretary and those in the Public Information Section did an outstanding job in answering the numerous requests that came into the Department. Mrs. Lansing noted her office would be handling the "administrative aftermath" which related to FEMA, Risk Management claims, budget impacts, getting facilities back online with data communications, and dealing with employees that have been displaced. A Department Employee Relief Fund has been established and these funds would be distributed to displaced employees. Commissioner Miller asked if there was anything other than money that was needed for the Employee Relief Fund. Mrs. Lansing stated that would be based on each individual's needs. Commissioner Miller then asked Mrs. Lansing to let him know when she knew of any physical items that may be needed. Secretary Landreneau stated the Department has put in a request for 40 mobile homes from FEMA and have already designated the locations for those homes. He commented to Commissioner Miller that when this occurs, that would be when the physical items would be known and requested. With respect to a request for a shower, Secretary Landreneau acknowledged the agriculture counterparts in Jennings and BB Flying Service which provided a 2700 gallon water truck.

Commissioner Morrow felt one thing that has been lost in the discussion was that many agents/employees lost everything but they were the same people that were on the front line from day one. He thought those employees should be commended. Commissioner Morrow urged the public to consider that fact when they decide where their donations should go. Commissioner Miller added that the best selling point was there was no administrative loathe on the program. Commissioner King asked Mr. Joe Macaluso, with The

Advocate, to give the Department coverage on the Employee Relief Fund. Commissioner Morrow then noted the Commission had a Resolution that should be considered commending all of the employees for their untiring and valiant efforts during both hurricanes. Chairman Sagrera asked Commissioner Morrow to read the Resolution. Commissioner Miller made a motion to adopt the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner King. Commissioner Mouton asked that a copy of the Resolution be sent to each employee. Hearing no further comment, the motion passed with no opposition.

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

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

October 6, 2005

- WHEREAS, on August 29, 2005 Hurricane Katrina, one of the most powerful and catastrophic storms to ever strike the North American continent, struck the Louisiana and Mississippi Coast.
- WHEREAS, the impacts of this storm were devastating, both in terms of loss of life, human suffering, and destruction of property.
- WHEREAS, it is the intention of this Commission to commend the administration and staff of this Department for a job well done, as more specifically set out below:
- WHEREAS, the department administration and staff took timely and prudent action to evacuate from threatened coastal areas and to protect, to the maximum extent possible, department property, including trailerable boats and computers containing valuable data.
- WHEREAS, the staff took prudent and timely steps to secure our remote facilities, and to establish staging areas for personnel and necessary equipment at headquarters and other strategic sites within the state, placing themselves in the most effective position to be able to offer response and assistance immediately following the passage of the storm.
- WHEREAS, immediately after the passage of the storm, department administration from all divisions dispatched boats and personnel to the Greater New Orleans area to begin search and rescue operations.

WHEREAS, those department employees performing search and rescue worked tirelessly in extraordinarily adverse conditions and at risk to their own life, health, and safety to come to the aid of their fellow Louisianans.

WHEREAS, those department employees not directly involved in search and rescue each assisted in their own way in supplying support and backup to the search and rescue personnel, in the form of providing food and water, deliveries, manning department emergency phone lines and Office of Emergency Preparedness phone lines, and in general performing whatever tasks needed to be performed to assist in response to this emergency situation.

WHEREAS, the department personnel have to date accounted for more than 21,000 persons rescued, and have continued to perform search and rescue and recovery missions, as well as other law enforcement functions in the Greater New Orleans area.

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2005 Hurricane Rita made landfall in southwest Louisiana, causing extreme destruction to homes, businesses, and property and displacement of citizens.

WHEREAS, as with Hurricane Katrina, the department's administration and staff acted timely and prudently to evacuate personnel, protect department property, and secure department facilities to the maximum extent possible.

WHEREAS, as with Hurricane Katrina, department personnel established staging areas and manned command posts, which enabled them to go immediately into the storm-stricken areas to perform search and rescue and other law enforcement missions.

WHEREAS, some department employees are now displaced having received extensive damage to their homes or completely losing their homes. Many of these employees returned to work despite their loss and have continued to assist in any way possible with the search and rescue and recovery efforts.

WHEREAS, the efforts of department administration and staff, throughout this ordeal, have been consistently recognized by all as a very positive and shining example of Louisiana's response to these disastrous storms.

WHEREAS, these efforts have been a source of pride for the Commission, who now wishes to recognize them.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this Commission does wish to recognize the excellent job performed by the department administration and staff, and hereby extends to them its highest commendation.

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

**Enforcement & Aviation Reports/August & September** were given by Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze. For the month of August, 792 citations and 101 written warnings were issued which primarily dealt with boating. There were several closed season dove hunting cases and 15 boating under the influence arrests made from the Region 7 area. Eleven boating accidents were reported with 9 injuries and 1 fatality. For September, most of the response was on hurricane activities, but 294 citations and 31 written warnings were issued. Significant cases were one hunting deer at night and 2 fish shocking cases. September boating accidents were 2 with 1 fatality. Agents were back to their traditional enforcement duties at the beginning of October with squirrel, rabbit and archery seasons opening.

**Russell Sage WMA Proclamation** was the first of two items for Mr. Randy Myers. He began by introducing Mr. Kenny Lang a recently hired employee that would take over the land acquisition duties. Mr. Lang stated he looked forward to working with the Commission in the future. The Russell Sage WMA Proclamation was just to make sure that the properties were properly described and included in a Resolution approved by the Commission and proclaimed by the Governor. This WMA is located in northeast Louisiana near Monroe, encompasses nearly 17,644 acres consisting primarily of bottomland hardwoods. It was originally established in 1975 and has been updated. Once approved, all of the lands that are bound by the legal description would officially become parts of Russell Sage WMA. Commissioner Miller asked if the action was an expansion or contraction of the existing WMA. Mr. Myers explained that this was just making sure that what was in the legal description was properly proclaimed by the Governor. Hearing no further comments, Mr. Myers read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Morrow made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Mouton seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

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

#### RESOLUTION

Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area

adopted by the  
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

October 6, 2005

WHEREAS, Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area was established by a Proclamation of the Governor dated September 23, 1975,

WHEREAS, this property contains valuable wildlife habitat, the protection and proper management of which is critical to the State's conservation and wildlife management efforts,

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, that in order to enhance wildlife habitat in the State and to provide for public use and recreational opportunities on these lands, that these lands and water bottoms remain selected as a wildlife management area and are included in the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area,

WHEREAS, it is the further recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission confirm and reaffirm that all state-owned lands including water bottoms, as described in "Exhibit A" have been selected, established, and are included in the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in accordance with the laws of the state of Louisiana, particularly Title 56, Section 109 and Section 781 et seq. of the Revised Statutes of 1954, does hereby confirm and reaffirm that all state-owned lands as described in "Exhibit A," comprised of 17,644 acres, more or less, including water bottoms, were previously selected and established as the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, on behalf of the Commission, to take all actions necessary in furtherance of this Resolution.

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Wayne J. Sagrera, Chairman

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

EXHIBIT A

The following described property composed of 17,644 acres, more or less, including State-owned lands and water bottoms, situated in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana:

Township 17 North, Range 4 East

- Section 24 All
- Section 25 All East  $\frac{1}{2}$ , East  $\frac{1}{4}$  of West  $\frac{1}{2}$ , Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$
- Section 13 Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  less Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$

Township 17 North, Range 5 East

- Sections 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 29, 30 All
- Section 3 All less Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$
- Section 1 North  $\frac{1}{2}$  of North  $\frac{1}{2}$
- Section 4 All less and except 9.957, more particularly described in that Act of Cash Sale and recorded at COB 1635, Page 213, Entry 1142078, official records of the Clerk and Recorder for Ouachita Parish
- Section 14 All West  $\frac{1}{2}$  of West  $\frac{1}{2}$  north of Richland Parish Drainage Canal W-38, known as the Brimberry Canal
- Section 28 All north and west of Bayou Lafourche, Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$
- Section 12 West  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$

Township 18 North, Range 5 East

- Sections 25,35 All
- Section 23 East  $\frac{1}{2}$
- Section 11 South  $\frac{1}{2}$  west of Blackwater Ditch, Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$
- Section 13 All West of Blackwater Ditch
- Section 14 East  $\frac{1}{2}$  west of Blackwater Ditch, Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 36 West ½ and that portion of the East ½ north and west of Lafourche Channel Improvement

Section 26 All less South ½ of Northeast 1/4

Section 24 All South and West of Bayou Lafourche

Township 18 North, Range 4 East

Section 5 Southwest 1/4 of Southwest 1/4

Section 6 Southeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4, Lot 11

Section 7 Lots 1, 2, 3

Section 8 Southwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4, North ½ of Northwest 1/4, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, Less and except the following: The East Half (E/2) of Section 23, Township 19 North, Range 4 East; AND the Southwest Quarter (SE/4), West Half of Northwest Quarter (W/2 of NW/4), South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S/2 of SE/4) and West Half of Southeast Quarter (W/2 of SE/4), less and except ten (10) acres off of the east side thereof and further less and except that 50.447 acres tract being the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4 of SE/4) and a portion of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W/2 of SE/4) as described in Conveyance Book 1296, page 785, records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, all in Section Thirteen (13), Township 19 North, Range 4 East.

AND,

All right, title and interest which the owner has in the following described tracts:

Tract A:

Right-of-way grant from O. B. M. J., Inc. to International Paper Company dated July 25, 1997 as recorded in COB 1707, page 785 registry number 1205679 records of the Clerk and Recorder of Mortgages for Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, more fully described as follows:

A certain 60 foot wide proposed road situated in the SE/4 Section 13, T19N, R4E, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana and being more particularly described as commencing at the southeast corner of said SE/4, said corner lying in the right-of-way of La. Highway No. 134; thence N 0°12'W along the East line SE/4 and along Hwy. #134, a distance of 634.24 ft. to the intersection of the East line of said SE/4 and the Southerly line of said proposed 60 ft. wide road

and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S84°29'W, a distance of 345.64 ft.; thence N82°32'W, a distance of 209.34 ft.; thence N73°08'15"W, a distance of 126.78 ft.; thence S87°37' W a distance of 111.45 ft.; thence S86°54'W, a distance of 754.36ft.; thence N2°02'20"W, a distance of 60.01 ft.; thence N86°54'E, a distance of 753.62 ft.; thence N87°37'E, a distance of 122.01 ft.; thence S73°08'15"E, a distance of 118.70 ft.; thence S82°31'E, a distance of 210.46 ft.; thence N84°29'E, a distance of 344.39 ft.; to the East line of said SE/4, said point lying in the right-of-way of La. Hwy. No. 134; thence S0°12'E along the East line of said SE/4 and along La. Hwy. No. 134, a distance of 60.26 ft. to the POINT OF BEGINNING and being subject to the right-of-way of La. Hwy. No. 134 and all other rights-of-way, easements and Servitudes of Record or of use.

Tract B:

Right-of-way grant from O. B. McCaa, Jr. to International Paper Company dated July 25, 1997 as recorded in CB 1707 page 790 registry number 1205680 records of the Clerk and Recorder of Mortgages for Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

And,

Less and except a certain tract or parcel of ground containing 13.7 acres more or less, situated in Section Eight (8), Township Eighteen (18) North, Range Four (4) East, and being more particularly described as beginning at the Northeast (NE) corner of Southeast One-Quarter of Northeast One-Quarter (SE 1/4 of NE 1/4) of said Section Eight (8), Township Eighteen (18) North, Range four (4) East, thence South 0° 05' West along the East line of said Section Eight (8) a distance of 760.65 feet; thence North 80° 55' West a distance of 791.34 feet; thence South 8° 55' West 1057.0 feet; thence North 81° 43' West a distance of 25 feet (plus or minus) to the Easterly right-of-way of U.S. Highway No. 165, thence Northeasterly along the Easterly right-of-way of U.S. Highway No. 165, a distance of 1680 feet (plus or minus) to the North line of the Southeast One-Quarter of Northeast One-Quarter (SE 1/4 of NE 1/4) of Section Eight (8), Township Eighteen (18) North, Range Four (4) East; thence North 89° 46' East a distance of 755 feet (plus or minus) to the Point of Beginning.

And,

A tract of land in Lot 2 Section 43, T-18-N, R-4-E, commencing at the SW corner of Lot 13 of the Northgate Business Park; thence, N 82° 12' 34" W a distance of 379.27 feet to a point on the west line of Section 43; thence, N 09° 15' 26" E along the west line of Section 43 a distance of 2533.74 feet, more or less, to the northwest corner of Section 43; thence S 82° 35' 57" E along the north line of Section 43 a distance of 274.43 feet to a point, thence, S 07° 47' 26" W a distance of 1,134.82 feet to a point; thence, S 82° 12' 34" E a distance of 75.00 feet to the NW corner

of Lot 26 of Northgate Business Park; thence, along the following courses along the west line of the Business Park, S 07° 47' 26" W a distance of 600.00 feet back to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 19.50 acres, more or less, all in Lot 2 of Section 43, T-18-N, R-4-E, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

Then Mr. Randy Myers presented the **Maurepas Swamp WMA Proclamation**. This Resolution would add property to an existing WMA. Maurepas Swamp WMA is located in southeast Louisiana just along the south shore of Lake Maurepas in St. John, St. James and Ascension Parishes. On August 25, 2005, the Department entered into a lease agreement with The Conservation Fund to add 7,403 acres to the WMA. Mr. Myers hoped to bring the additional property which was under lease into the Department's fee title ownership within the next year. He then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner King made a motion to adopt the Resolution, it was seconded by Commissioner Morrow and unanimously approved. As an added note, Mr. Myers stated that by adding the additional 7,403 acres to the WMA, the total acreage was almost 70,000.

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

#### RESOLUTION

Adding Certain Leased Property to the  
Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area

adopted by the  
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

October 6, 2005

WHEREAS, the State, through the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, entered into a lease agreement dated August 25, 2005 with The Conservation Fund for 7,403 acres, more or less, located in St. John Parish, and adjacent to Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area,

WHEREAS, this property contains valuable wildlife habitat, the protection and proper management of which is critical to the State's conservation and wildlife management efforts,

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

WHEREAS, it is the further recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission select all state owned lands, including water bottoms, located within the property leased August 25, 2005 and all adjacent state owned water bottoms, be established as a wildlife management area and included in the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, particularly Title 56, Section 109 and Section 781 et seq. of the Revised Statutes of 1954, select all lands, including water bottoms, located within the above described property, including adjacent water bottoms, and establish such lands, including water bottoms, as a wildlife management area to be added to and included in the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area, so that all land, including water bottoms described in Attachment A hereto, and identified on the attached map, including water bottoms, are included in the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, on behalf of the Commission, to take all actions necessary in furtherance of this resolution.

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Wayne J. Sagrera, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

ATTACHMENT A.

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE OR PORTION OF GROUND, Consisting of approximately 7,403 acres, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, means, privileges, servitudes and appurtenances thereunto belonging or anywise appertaining, situated in St. John Parish, Louisiana, and being more fully described as follows:

Township 9 South, Range 8 East

Section 17  
Section 20

Section 21, West of I-55  
Section 28, West of I-55  
Section 29  
Section 30  
Section 31  
Section 32, West of I-55  
Section 33, West of I-55

Township 10 South, Range 7 East

Section 1, less and except 44.64 acres out of South half  
Section 11  
Section 12  
Section 13  
Section 14  
Section 23, East half  
Section 24  
Section 25, West of I-55  
Section 26, East half

Township 10 South, Range 8 East

Section 5, less and except 101.98 acres out of South half,  
West of I-55  
Section 6, less and except 160 acres out of South half  
Section 7, West of I-55  
Section 18, West of I-55  
Section 19, North half, West of I-55  
Section 30, Portion of South half, West of I-55

Those properties less and excepted out of Section 1 Township 10 South, Range 7 East, Sections 5 and 6, Township 10 South, Range 8 East mentioned above are further described in a Sale from Dudley Lunt, Receiver of Ruddock Orleans Cypress Corp. to Eleanor McCarthy Richter dated September 29, 1947 and registered November 12, 1947 in COB 14, folio 67.

Chairman Sagrera then asked if there were any **2006 Turkey Season Public Comments** and none were heard. But Mr. Dave Moreland stated that Mr. Wayne Blackwell, a disabled wheelchair confined hunter, came to the Commission in August requesting a disabled hunt weekend. Staff had no objections to the proposal and recommended the disabled weekend occur the same time as the youth hunt on March 18 and 19. The hunt would be restricted to those with a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit in the wheelchair confined category. The Department has an agreement with the Wheelin Sportsmen group of the National Wild Turkey Federation and it was hoped they would become active in providing opportunities on private lands for disabled hunters.

**Ratification of Alligator Tag Declarations of Emergency** was handled by Mr. Phil Bowman. A rule within the Alligator Regulations prohibits anyone that loses their alligator tags from getting replacement tags. But given the impacts from the two hurricanes, the Department felt that the two Declarations of Emergency would allow people who have lost their tags be able to apply for replacement tags and extend the alligator season to October 30. This action hopefully would provide some much needed income for those individuals. Mr. Bowman then asked for a motion and second to ratify both Declarations of Emergency. Chairman Sagrera stated he has talked to several individuals who were happy to see this action occur and it would give them the opportunity to still harvest alligators. Hearing no further questions, Commissioner Samanie made a motion to ratify the Declarations of Emergency. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Declarations of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

#### DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and pursuant to LSA R.S. 56:8 and 251 et seq. and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby amend that portion of LAC 76:V.701.A.11.b.ii., which states that "Lost or stolen tags will not be replaced", to provide as follows: Alligator hunters who have lost their assigned alligator harvest tags and alligator hunting licenses due to the impacts of Hurricane Katrina can apply in writing to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for replacement tags and licenses.

Affected alligator hunters must apply to the New Iberia Office at 2415 Darnall Road, New Iberia, LA 70560. The application can be in letter form and must confirm that the tags and licenses were lost due to the impacts of Hurricane Katrina. Once replacement alligator harvest tags are issued, the original harvest tags cannot be used, and use of those tags will constitute a Class 2 violation. Further, all lost or stolen tags must be reported to the Department. All unused tags must be returned to the Department within 15 days following the close of the season. The 2005 wild alligator harvest season will close on October 13, 2005.

Hurricane Katrina struck southeast Louisiana on August 29, 2005 resulting in catastrophic damage. Many alligator hunters in Katrina's path have suffered damage to their homes and personal

belongings, including loss of their previously issued alligator harvest tags and licenses. Income for the annual wild alligator harvest often provides significant economic relief to these coastal residents. Therefore, the Department is acting to suspend the rule effective September 21, 2005 that would normally prohibit the replacement of lost alligator tags for those individuals thus impacted by Hurricane Katrina. This Declaration of Emergency shall expire on October 13, 2005.

Dwight Landreneau  
Secretary

#### DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 49:953B of the Administrative Procedure Act and LAC 76:V.701.A.7.a.i., the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby extend the closing date of the 2005 wild alligator harvest season as set out below.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita struck Louisiana resulting in catastrophic damage. This catastrophe has severely impacted over a million residents, flooded thousands of homes, and millions of acres of coastal marshes. Alligator populations in affected areas have been displaced and suffered some degree of direct mortality. Assessment of these impacts is ongoing. Additionally, many alligator hunters in the affected areas are displaced and have had their harvest efforts delayed due to the hurricanes. Income for the annual wild alligator harvest often provides significant economic relief to these coastal residences. Therefore, the closing date of the 2005 wild alligator season will be extended to close statewide on Sunday, October 30, 2005. Alligators taken from the wild may be removed from hook and line and taken with other legal capture devices only during daylight hours between official sunrise and official sunset. Hunters are reminded to coordinate their harvest activity with their local alligator buyer or processor as they may have been affected by the hurricane as well.

Also, pursuant to LSA R.S. 56:8 and 251 et seq. and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby amend that portion of LAC 76:V.701.A.11.b.ii., which states that "Lost or stolen tags will not be replaced", to provide as follows: Alligator hunters who have lost their assigned alligator harvest tags and alligator hunting licenses due to the impacts of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita can apply in writing to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for replacement tags and licenses.

Affected alligator hunters must apply to the New Iberia Office at 2415 Darnall Road, New Iberia, Louisiana, 70560. The application can be in letter form and must confirm that the tags and licenses were lost due to the impacts of Hurricanes Katrina and/or Rita. Once replacement alligator harvest tags are issued, the original harvest tags cannot be used, and use of those tags will constitute a Class 2 violation. Further, all lost or stolen tags must be reported to the Department. All unused tags must be returned to the Department within 15 days following the close of the season. The 2005 wild alligator harvest season will close on October 30, 2005. Therefore, effective September 30, 2005, the Department is acting to suspend the rule that would normally prohibit the replacement of lost alligator tags for those individuals thus impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

This Declaration of Emergency shall expire on October 30, 2005.

Dwight Landreneau  
Secretary

**Resolution and Notice of Intent - Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program, 2006** was handled by Mr. Vince Guillory. In 2004 and 2005, there were four crab trap closures and a total of 11,517 traps were recovered. The duties of the Commission for the program include designating the area of the trap closure, who can pick up the traps, where the abandoned traps are to be placed for disposal and the dates of the closure. Two windows of opportunity are provided for the closures: a 16 day winter closure which can run between February 1 and March 31; and a 14 day spring closure which would run in conjunction with the opening of the spring inshore shrimp season. The recommendation for the 2006 closure would be in a portion of Terrebonne Bay Estuary from 6 a.m., Saturday, March 4 until 6 a.m., Monday, March 13. Other regulations are that any traps left in the closure area during that time are considered abandoned; the traps can be removed from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset; traps cannot be possessed outside of the closure area; and the Secretary will be authorized to designate a disposal site. Next, Mr. Guillory showed a map of the closure area and described it further as southwest of Houma in Terrebonne Parish with the boundaries on the east being Bayou Grand Caillou and Bayou Dularge and on the west Pointe-au-Fer Island and Oyster Bayou. Funding for the 2006 program will include a \$5,000 grant from the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program and \$5 resident trap license and \$20 non-resident trap license fees. Chairman Sagrera asked Mr. Guillory to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner King asked how many derelict crab traps were still left after the storms. Mr. Guillory felt there were "untold thousands". Hearing no further questions, Commissioner Miller made a motion to accept the

Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Morrow. The motion passed with opposition from Commissioner King.

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

RESOLUTION  
2006 ABANDONED CRAB TRAP REMOVAL PROGRAM  
October 6, 2005

WHEREAS, Act 48 of the 2003 Regular Legislative Session, R.S. 56:332(N), authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a program for the removal of abandoned crab traps from state-owned lake and river beds and other water bottoms of the state, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:332(N) authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to provide for a prohibition on the use of crab traps and for removal of abandoned traps and their disposal, and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall specify the beginning and ending dates for the prohibition on the use of crab traps, shall specify the geographical area within which the use of crab traps shall be prohibited and shall specify who is authorized to remove the abandoned traps, and

WHEREAS, the abandoned crab trap removal program was highly successful in 2004 and 2005, with 11,517 abandoned crab traps removed from Louisiana waters, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt a notice of intent to implement a rule for the 2006 abandoned crab trap removal program for one crab trap closure which is attached to and made a part of this resolution and which will become effective upon promulgation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to designate the locations where removed and abandoned traps are to be placed for disposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the notice

of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

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Wayne J. Sagrera, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend a rule, LAC 76:VII.367, which provides for an abandoned crab trap removal program. Authority to establish these regulations is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:332(N). Said rule is attached and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§367. Removal of Abandoned Crab Traps

A. The use of crab traps shall be prohibited from 6:00 a.m., March 4, 2006 through 6:00 a.m. March 13, 2006 within that portion of Terrebonne Parish as described below:

1. From a point originating from the intersection of the eastern shoreline of Bayou Dularge and the northern shoreline of Falgout Canal; thence westward along the northern shoreline of Falgout Canal to Lake Decade; thence westward and then southward along the northern and western shoreline of Lake Decade to the mouth of Bayou Decade; thence southwesterly along the northern shoreline of Bayou Decade to Lost Lake; thence westward along the northern shoreline of Lost Lake to the mouth of an unnamed bayou originating from Big Carencro Bayou; thence northward along the eastern shoreline of the unnamed bayou to Big Carencro Bayou; thence northward and then westward along the northern shoreline of Big Carencro Bayou to the eastern shoreline of Four League Bay; thence southwesterly to the northernmost point of land on Pointe Au Fer Island at Mosquito Pass; thence southward along the eastern shoreline of Pointe Au Fer Island to the mouth of Oyster Bayou; thence southward along the western shoreline of Oyster Bayou to a point along the inside-outside shrimp line as defined in R.S. 56:495; thence eastward along the inside-outside shrimp line to the eastern shoreline of Bayou Grand Caillou; thence northward to the first red channel marker (No. 10) in Bayou Grand Caillou; thence

northward along the red channel markers in Bayou Grand Caillou to channel marker No. 40; thence due eastward to the eastern shoreline of Bayou Grand Caillou; thence northward along the eastern shoreline of Bayou Grand Caillou to the Tennessee Gas Pipeline canal; thence westward along the northern shoreline of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline canal to Bayou Dularge; thence northward along the eastern shoreline of Bayou Dularge and terminating at the intersection of Falgout Canal and Bayou Dularge.

B. All crab traps remaining in the closed area during the specified period shall be considered abandoned. These trap removal regulations do not provide authorization for access to private property; authorization to access private property can only be provided by individual landowners. Crab traps may be removed only between one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Anyone is authorized to remove these abandoned crab traps within the closed area. No person removing crab traps from the designated closed area shall possess these traps outside of the closed area. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to designate disposal sites.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:332(N).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 30:101 (January 2004), amended LR 31:108 (January 2005), LR .

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

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to Vincent Guillory, Marine Fisheries Biologist Manager, Marine Fisheries Division, P.O. Box 189, Bourg, LA 70343, prior to Tuesday, December 6, 2005.

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

Wayne J. Sagrera  
Chairman

Chairman Sagrera asked for a motion so the meeting could go into Executive Session to discuss **Maurepas Swamp WMA Camp Site Lawsuit (St. John the Baptist Parish et al. v. State of Louisiana et al. #45016B, 40<sup>th</sup> JDC), Status Report; Consideration of Appeal.** Commissioner Miller made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Morrow and unanimously approved. Returning from Executive Session, Mr. Don Puckett asked for a motion to reconvene the meeting. Commissioner Miller made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Samanie. The motion passed with no opposition. Mr. Puckett then stated a ruling was made on the lawsuit with the plaintiffs prevailing. He then requested the Commission to approve, with an oral motion, to proceed with an appeal. Commissioner Mouton made this motion. Commissioner King seconded the motion and it also passed with no opposition.

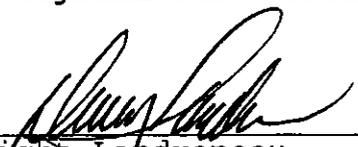
The Commissioners agreed to hold the **January and February 2006 Meetings** on Thursday, January 5, 2006 and Thursday, February 2, 2006, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Sagrera asked for **Public Comments**. Mr. Charlie Smith, Executive Director, Louisiana Charterboat Association, stated the recreational saltwater fishing industry was in total disarray. The guides have lost their camps, baits, boats, tackle and equipment which puts them out of business. He felt there were only about 50 out of 600 charter captains in operation and those were mostly in Fourchon. Mr. Smith noted to a legislative committee that the fishing industry was a high tourist dollar industry and the state should do what it can to bring it back. He asked for help with a package for the upcoming legislative session to build public boat ramps. He then asked the Commission to form a subcommittee to develop ideas to help the charterboat industry, to oppose the relaxation of any environmental laws and to have leniency with charter captains on their renewals. Mr. Smith noted that shrimpers, crabbers, menhaden industry and oyster fishermen are included in the recovery packet, but the charterboat fishermen are not. He then thanked Secretary Landreneau and Assistant Secretary John Roussel for their help in locating charterboat captains, figuring out who is available and for what. Mr. Roussel commented that the Department has been active in trying to develop recovery plans and identify funding needs for the recovery of all wildlife and fisheries. He stated they have identified a need for dollars to build infrastructure for all of the fisheries which includes boat ramps. Also, a special request for appropriations has been added for the charterboat industry. The fisheries total for the package request amounts to about \$460 million and will be considered in the context as a state as a whole request. Mr. Roussel felt the fisheries portion of the request would remain intact but the numbers would probably change. One of the biggest needs, from a fisheries perspective, was the rebuilding of the infrastructures-boat ramps, docks, access to fuel on the water and ice plants. Mr. Roussel hoped the levels of fisheries resources

would be back to what they were in the past within 12 to 24 months. He added that he would continue to work with Mr. Smith. Commissioner Miller noted he was in Hackberry and assured them that the recreational fishing industry on Big Lake was in total disarray. Also he stated that there was no infrastructure in Cameron. Then Commissioner Miller noted a letter addressed to the Commission from Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) of Louisiana offered any assistance in working through the problems. At this point, a motion was made by Commissioner Miller to have the letter from CCA included in the Minutes of the Meeting (Attachment A). Commissioner Mouton seconded the motion. Secretary Landreneau added that along with the request for financial assistance through legislation, there will be an accountability part attached. The accountability was how they arrived at the figures and how would those dollars be spent. Mr. Roussel mentioned the request he spoke on was specific to Hurricane Katrina; staff was working on a similar request for Hurricane Rita. Mr. Smith stated he talked with the owner of 2 menhaden boats that were on Highway 23 and he had a plan to get them removed. Then he got an e-mail from Hackberry Rod and Gun which stated they were wiped out. Commissioner Miller felt it would be a miracle if Hackberry Rod and Gun were operating by spring fishing. Mr. Smith thought it was important to the state to get the industry up and running. Hearing no further comments, the motion passed with no opposition. Chairman Sagrera mentioned he was still not in his house and one-third of his operation was still under water. But the one bright point was that his cattle pen had a shrimp boat in it.

Ms. Robin Young stated she graduated with a degree in Animal Behavior and during her school years she worked extensively with many exotic animals, particularly primates. She hoped to follow her dream of creating an educational program teaching children about exotic animals. But Ms. Young found that a permit she would need to acquire would not be allowed once a rule was adopted by the Commission on non-human primates in Louisiana. She was asking the Commission to appeal the proposed action. Chairman Sagrera stated to Ms. Young that her request would be considered.

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

  
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Dwight Landreneau  
Secretary

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# CCA Louisiana

Coastal Conservation Association

September 28, 2005

## HAND DELIVER

Mr. Wayne Sagrera, Chairman  
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission  
2000 Quail Drive  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808

Dear Chairman Sagrera:

We are greatly distressed by the loss of life; the human suffering, and the damage and loss of property so many of our citizens have endured over the past month. We pledge to continue to do our part to help rebuild our state in every way we can.

As the state's largest volunteer organization dedicated to conservation of our marine resources, the Coastal Conservation Association of Louisiana is concerned about the impact Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita have had on our coastal fisheries. Much of the media focus on the damage the storms inflicted has centered on commercial fishing industries. It is equally important to keep in mind that the recreational fishing industries are also decimated. Recreational fishing is a \$1.6 billion business in Louisiana. Before the hurricanes, almost 17,000 Louisianians were employed by businesses that depend on recreational fishing. Many of those businesses in the impacted areas were destroyed. The recreational fishing industry also generates \$59 million in sales and income taxes.

Our request to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is that you stand firm on the marine conservation laws and regulations that are currently in effect. We invite discussions with the Commission on any emergency measures affecting our marine resources, including perhaps strengthening laws and regulations that affect creel limits and game fish status for certain species.

We fully support and are prepared to work with the Commission, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Legislature and others in productive efforts to reestablish our vital recreational and commercial fishing industries. We also want to ensure that as we move forward with these efforts, the fisheries resource on which we all depend is not further damaged. We will be pleased to meet with you to further discuss our request.

Sincerely,

Jeff Angers  
Executive Director/CEO

cc: Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco  
LDWF Secretary Dwight Landreneau  
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Chairman Wayne Sagrera presiding.

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

Secretary Dwight Landreneau was also present.

Commissioner Terry Denmon was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Sagrera called for a motion for approval of the **August 4, 2005 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Samanie and seconded by Commissioner Miller. The motion passed with no opposition.

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

**Report on Efforts and Impacts from Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita** began with Secretary Landreneau stating the Department was the lead agency in search and rescue according to the Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) on water covered areas. Two days prior to the storm, staff was present at OEP so that they could be staged and respond properly. The day of the storm, Enforcement boats were staged in Baton Rouge as well as other points throughout the state. Governor Blanco gave authority to the Department Heads to get the jobs done without having to deal with "red tape". Around 1 p.m. the day of the storm, 60 Enforcement boats assembled and followed State Police and DOTD to New Orleans. At 3:30 or 4:00 that afternoon, boats were on the water at Causeway Boulevard and I-10, Elysian Fields and I-10 and along the North Shore area for evacuation purposes. The next day, Office of Wildlife and Office of Fisheries boats joined with Enforcement and headed to the affected areas. The Department's boats were the first to respond in St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes. This effort was coordinated with the National Guard, Coast Guard and the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Unit. Secretary Landreneau stated he was very proud of what the Department did with the assets that were available. The Department was called to work with the Department of Agriculture to bring feed and resources to stranded livestock. Also, the Department worked with private industries especially the utility

and phone companies to bring food and water to stranded people and equipment to restore communication services to the area. Staff were very innovative, due to lack of communication services, by working with USGS and color coded quadrangle maps from the 911 calls. After efforts for Hurricane Katrina were completed, along came Hurricane Rita. This hurricane presented different challenges to the Department as far as search and rescue went. Around 5 AM the day of the storm, 60 boats were deployed from Baton Rouge and another 60 left from Woodworth. The strong winds from Hurricane Rita slowed the Department's progress in getting onto the waters. In this effort, the Department worked with Department of Agriculture, local Sheriff's Department, local OEP from Terrebonne Parish to Calcasieu Parish. Again, Secretary Landreneau noted the Department did an outstanding job. Then he asked Enforcement to give a report, followed by John Roussel, then Parke Moore and Janice Lansing.

Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze presented a video of Enforcement's efforts which was prepared by the Public Information Section. Following the video, Lt. Col. LaCaze stated it was truly an honor to go out and work. He then added that on Monday afternoon following Hurricane Katrina, agents made their way into the New Orleans area on Causeway Boulevard and I-10. Upon getting out of their trucks, help was requested. Then they got word of an evacuation need at a Nursing Home on Power Boulevard. The remaining personnel ended up in the New Orleans East area around Louisa Street, St. Bernard Avenue and Elysian Fields. Agents remained on scene throughout the night and into Tuesday. On Wednesday, they moved into Tulane Medical Center and Charity Hospital and began evacuating patients. Lt. Col. LaCaze felt the staff at the hospitals were truly dedicated employees by worrying about the patients before themselves. He then read an e-mail from Ms. Janet Schneider from Tulane University that was very appreciative of the efforts by the agents. On Saturday, Ms. Joy Barnett, LSU Health Care, made contact with the LSU Shreveport Medical Center to get 300 vials of inoculation. Mrs. Jeanne Landreneau Butler and 4 co-workers went to a staging area and gave shots to all those involved in search and rescue. Another important highlight was the Department of Agriculture's assistance in getting fuel on a regular basis for the equipment. Snack packs were assembled by other Department employees that were distributed to the agents to help them keep going. Lt. Col. LaCaze praised the efforts of all of the agents. Texas Parks and Wildlife sent 50 officers the day after the storm to help evacuate the hospitals and another 50 came several days later. Commissioner Miller stated he happened to see an agent on national television and felt his presentation and behavior was very professional. Commissioner Mouton stated he was told by the Sheriff of St. Bernard that had it not been for the Department, a lot more lives would have been lost. Commissioner Miller asked, in addition to Texas Parks and Wildlife, what other state wildlife agencies pitched in to help. Lt. Col. LaCaze stated Michigan, Minnesota, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina,

Ohio, Illinois and Missouri. Secretary Landreneau added that assistance came from local fire departments and Sheriff office's by providing their first response teams that could help if medical needs occurred. Commissioner Sagraera commented that they did not see any other presence except Department and Sheriff's personnel until that Tuesday or Wednesday following Hurricane Rita. Commissioner Morrow stated he was proud of the Department and knew they had been well trained. He then personally wished to thank each member of the Department for their assisting the citizens of Louisiana.

Mr. John Roussel, Office of Fisheries, began his presentation commenting that the search and rescue effort was a Department-wide response and he stated he was extremely proud of those non-enforcement personnel that did not hesitate to assist in the efforts. Then he added that the coastal area is home of some premiere commercial and recreational fishing in the Nation. This importance is significant economically and culturally to the State. This area has taken a hard hit and it will take a lot of work to rebuild. Mr. Roussel felt the resource would come back, but there was a need to get the people back into the infrastructure in order to utilize the resource. He then asked the two divisions to give a presentation on the information they have collected.

Mr. Jim Hanifen, Assistant Administrator, Marine Fisheries Division, stated that the 2 storms affected the entire Louisiana coast and this caused a substantial impact to the commercial and recreational fisheries. Hurricane Katrina affected all of the parishes east of Lafourche and Hurricane Rita impacted the rest of the coast. The division was involved in search and rescue efforts, evaluating the impact to the facilities, collecting samples in the field, participating in aerial and ground surveys to look at damage and developing economic analysis, and looking at the damage to infrastructures such as fleets, docks, plants and boats. Also, a TED exemption was obtained for shrimpers immediately following Hurricane Katrina. Staff has also been involved in water quality and seafood safety investigations with other agencies. Between the 2 storms, over half of the wholesale/retail dealers in the state, over 3/4 of the commercial fishers, over 80 percent of the fishing vessels and potentially 100 percent of the charter fleet were affected. Commercial fishing impact, when converted to retail levels amounted to over \$2 billion. Recreational fisheries impact amounted to \$367,000 at the retail level. Assuming 100 percent of the charterboat fleet was impacted by the storms, Mr. Hanifen reported that \$30 million would be needed to replace the vessels. Habitat loss included marsh loss, debris displacement, sedimentation over oyster reefs, contaminants washed out of areas, and organic materials caused problems with dissolved oxygen. Marine Fisheries facilities impacted included destroying the Slidell facility, access has been lost to the New Orleans office, the Point-a-la-Hache facility was destroyed, the Marine Lab was heavily damaged, the Bourg, New Iberia and Lake Charles offices had

some damage. Getting the sampling programs up and running, re-establishing facilities, assisting the re-establishment of the commercial and recreational fisheries and continuing with coastal restoration efforts were all part of the recovery plan. Commissioner Miller asked if the flood waters from New Orleans into Lake Pontchartrain and the Gulf of Mexico has been assessed with regard to the fisheries. Mr. Hanifen stated a number of agencies were working on that question. He added a lot of the material was organic and that the capacity to receive that water will be good in getting it oxidized and to a non-hazardous level. The Food and Drug Administration was looking at tissue levels of contaminants in fish, shrimp, crabs and oysters. Commissioner Miller then asked if consideration was being given to opening the Bonnet Carre to flush Lake Pontchartrain. Mr. Roussel added that the seafood safety issue was being worked on by multiple agencies. There was an oyster closure in place. Standard practice in Louisiana was to close shellfish beds prior to a hurricane making landfall. Those waters are reopened only after water samples are conducted and the agencies feel those beds are safe for harvest. Prior to Hurricane Katrina, there was a closure from Vermilion Parish eastward to Mississippi and it stayed in place until just prior to Hurricane Rita. Now, there was a total oyster closure. But as far as other seafood not consumed raw, there have been no advisories or closures issued. Sampling is continuing to look for other contaminants in tissues of various seafood. Areas this sampling is occurring are the Gulf of Mexico, the Sound, the Bays, the Estuaries, inside of the City of New Orleans and directly in the outfall areas. On the Bonnet Carre question, Mr. Roussel stated they contacted the Corps of Engineers immediately after Hurricane Katrina to explore the option of flowing water in order to minimize the possibility of fish kills but the stage of the river was not high enough to divert water. Commissioner Samanie stated he received an e-mail from NOAA fisheries that indicated no significant increases of hydrocarbons were found in their seafood samples.

Mr. Joe Shepard, Inland Fisheries Division, stated they were looking at a plan to assess the impacts of Hurricane Katrina on freshwater systems. The first phase was to conduct an initial assessment by visiting the impacted areas and talking with the public. Phase 2 was to go into the field in areas as they become accessible to collect water quality information (oxygen and salinity levels). Mr. Shepard stated there are still areas closed such as the mouth of the River and places to the west which means those are still at phase 1. Once data was collected from those accessible areas, staff will begin pursuing options to improve those impacted conditions. The next step will be to get the sampling gear to determine what species are left after the hurricanes. Then a recovery plan would be developed to rehabilitate the fishery. Mr. Shepard then commented that Plaquemines Parish was totally devastated by Hurricane Katrina and the freshwater resources that could not escape the saltwater intrusion were lost. As the hurricane went north, the storm surge

went into Lake Pontchartrain, through Pass Manchac, into Lake Maurepas and swamps and rivers. Fish kills were reported in the Tickfaw River, the Diversion Canal and Blind River. On the Tchefuncte River, the stream flow was not moving at all around 9 AM on August 29, but within 2 hours, the water started flowing backwards at a rate of 4' per second north. This resulted in low oxygen conditions and damages to the fish populations. In the Lakes Des Allemands, Salvador and Cataouatche areas, the surge was about 1' and this only caused a few minor fish kills. Moving to Hurricane Rita, Mr. Shepard reported that the strong easterly wind pushed as much water if not more into Pass Manchac. Storm surge also occurred in the southern portion of the Atchafalaya Basin. Salinity readings in the Basin at Amelia are usually at 0 ppt, but the hurricane caused it to reach 9 ppt. Extensive water quality sampling occurred in the lower Atchafalaya Basin. The option of introducing water into the Basin is being sought with the Corps of Engineers by opening the locks at Port Allen in order to flush the system of the oxygen depleted waters. Preliminary resource assessment on the rivers and bayous leading to Lake Maurepas and Lake Pontchartrain indicate there may be extensive loss of freshwater resources and the recovery may take years. The Pearl River's recovery time will be months. The Freshwater Diversion to the mouth of the Mississippi River has not been looked at yet, but staff assumed that there are extensive losses of freshwater resources and habitat and the recovery will be in terms of years. Lakes Des Allemands and Salvador suffered minimum loss of freshwater resources and recovery was immediate. The Atchafalaya Basin may still have fish kills occur and this may result in significant to extensive loss of resources and recovery may be from months to years depending on conditions within the next several months. Staff has not been in the Grand Lake-White Lake area, but they know there will be an extensive loss of resources and habitat and recovery will be in terms of years. Minimum loss may have occurred in the Calcasieu and Sabine Rivers for freshwater resources and recovery should be in terms of months. For central and north Louisiana, there were minimum loss of freshwater resources and recovery should be immediate. With respect to the Basin, a question has been asked on how do these storms rank with Hurricane Andrew. Observations indicate that it was not as extensive and there should not be the devastation that was suffered with Hurricane Andrew. Commissioner Mouton asked about the saltwater intrusion and its effects on hydrilla in the Basin. Commissioner Miller asked for the differences between the Grand Lake-White Lake area and the Calcasieu-Sabine River area. Mr. Shepard stated there was not as much freshwater habitat in the Calcasieu-Sabine area whereas Grand Lake-White Lake had more freshwater species in there. Also, the overtopping of the levees in Grand Lake-White Lake with saltwater was making it more difficult to get that saltwater out of the areas.

Next, Mr. Parke Moore, Office of Wildlife, began his presentation stating that all employees within the Office were totally

supportive in the efforts following the hurricanes. As these efforts continue, staff will document for posterity and reference purposes, extent and energies and what made these hurricanes so different from previous ones. Also, staff has assessed those things that were done right and those not quite right. Hurricane Katrina impacted the eastern coast of Louisiana and forested areas inland into the piney woods. Impacts were seen at Biloxi, Pass-a-Loutre, Wisner, Pointe-aux-Chenes, and Salvador WMAs which totaled in excess of 300,000 acres of marsh properties. In the Wildlife Division, impacts occurred on 50,000 acres, especially on Pearl River, Bens Creek, Lake Ramsay and Sandy Hollow WMAs. Tuesday following Hurricane Katrina, Office of Wildlife employees met with Enforcement at I-10 at Causeway to help with search and rescue efforts in the Lower 9<sup>th</sup> Ward and Arabi areas. Several slides were shown with a before and after shot of the Perch Lake Road on Pearl River WMA. These shots showed that there will be a very dynamic recovery for this area. Mr. Dave Moreland added that on Pearl River WMA last year there were 500 hunters on opening weekend of squirrel season and this year there were 81 hunters. The next slide was also from Pearl River WMA and it showed the browning of the leaf and grassy vegetation due to physical damage and salt scalding. The Crawford Landing facility at Pearl River WMA came through unscathed and the water gauge at the facility showed the water was about 4' above normal. Another slide showed a breach in the levee in an area south of Highway 90 on the West Pearl River. This change in the West Pearl River area will present new opportunities and challenges. Timber loss on Pearl River totaled \$27 million. Mr. Phil Bowman noted that in Washington Parish, as much as 60 percent of the timber was on the ground following the hurricane. A before and after shot of the Rigolets showed an enormous amount of debris piles. An issue in the southwestern portion of the state was trying to dewater farms and pasture lands and helping to salvage cattle. Pass-a-Loutre WMA suffered the loss of several buildings and the other buildings had water damage. The deer herds on Pass-a-Loutre and the delta refuge just to the north served as a stocking source for about 50 percent of the state in the early 1960's. Mr. Moreland hoped that the deer herd had not been lost. Also on Pass-a-Loutre, there was a lot of browning of the marsh, wind damage and saltwater scalding. Mr. Bowman stated that prior to Hurricane Katrina there was a tremendous amount of submerged aquatic vegetation and duck potato for the upcoming waterfowl season. The submerged aquatic vegetation has been uprooted and was no longer there but the duck potato was still available. This change in the area will not provide the quality of waterfowl habitat that was expected. Queen Bess Island, home to the brown pelican, also faired the storm fairly well. Discussions then turned to the impacts from Hurricane Rita. This storm paralleled the Louisiana coast and pushed water in especially from the central portion to the southwest. Substantial damage was suffered from Pointe-aux-Chenes through to Rockefeller Refuge. Damage also occurred on State Wildlife, Marsh Island, Atchafalaya Delta, and Sabine Island, which suffered a lot of timber damage.

All employees did okay as far as life and health from the storms, but about 30 received extensive damage to their homes. The next series of slides showed the facilities at Rockefeller Refuge and the damage they incurred. Mr. Moore reported there was an extensive nutria kill from this storm as well as some deer and alligator. State Wildlife was probably ruined as far as habit and utility from the force of the water. Marsh Island's facility sustained little damage. White Lake did fine with no flooding, but there was overtopping and breaching of levees. The Lake Charles office's boat shed and equipment area were totally demolished but the building itself sustained a little water damage. The duration of flooding in southwest Louisiana will be a cause for concern. Pointe-aux-Chenes sustained flooding damage and the Grand Bayou water management unit on the area suffered a levee breach. Mr. Moore then expressed his thoughts that all of the employees in the Department were ready to help at any time when requested. Commissioner Mouton asked if it would be possible to close the lower Iberia and lower St. Mary Parishes for deer and small game. Mr. Moreland stated his staff was above the Intracoastal Canal the day before the meeting and there would be another closure statement coming out that would include Highway 14 in Iberia Parish and hitting Highway 90 through St. Mary Parish. Commissioner King asked when would the closure statement be released and Mr. Moore hoped it would get out that day. Then Commissioner King asked if there was a ball park figure on the extractions made following the storms. Mr. Moore reminded them that Secretary Landreneau indicated there was about 21,000 just from Hurricane Katrina and hundreds more from Hurricane Rita. Commissioner Mouton asked if the closure had to have a 24 or 72 hour notice. Mr. Don Puckett stated it could be closed immediately upon promulgation by the Secretary. Commissioner Miller stated he was receiving a number of calls from northwest Louisiana residents with waterfowl camps in south Louisiana. He was wanting to know what to tell those people they can expect with the freshwater marshes, the dying grasses and the overtopping of the levees. Mr. Robert Helm stated the freshwater and intermediate marshes are the most productive habitat for waterfowl and they have been impacted more by Hurricane Rita. This resulted in high salinity readings. The freshwater vegetation in coastal Louisiana was dying, according to Mr. Helm, and the food resource cover are severely impacted. With that, there may not be enough time for the plants to recover and the needs of the wintering waterfowl will not be met. Commissioner Miller asked how long will it take for the freshwater marshes to recover. If there is normal rainfall patterns and this gets the saltwater off quickly, you possibly may see a quick recovery. By next summer and fall, recovery should be quite substantial, commented Mr. Helm. Commissioner Miller asked Mr. Helm if he foresaw any problems with mottled ducks and the black-bellied whistlers that have shown up along the coast. Mr. Helm felt direct impacts on waterfowl will be minimum. But the more direct and indirect effect will be how they respond next spring when they begin nesting. Mr. Helm felt the waterfowl will be here but for shorter time periods and fewer in

numbers along the coast. He hoped for a wet winter with a lot of backwater flooding throughout the lower Mississippi Valley that would provide habitat base for the birds. Commissioner Miller asked when was the next scheduled census flight. Mr. Helm stated it would be on November 7 and added that these flights need to be extremely high priority to record the response of waterfowl to the unique situation on the coast. Mr. Moore summarized stating they ended up on assessment which was now the new beginning point by meeting with a number of federal and state agencies as well as non-governmental agencies. A comprehensive project was ongoing which will document both wildlife and fisheries impacts including the physical pre-existing conditions, to observations of impacts, to those economic impacts. Chairman Sagraera stated the most calls he has received was on the waterfowl season. He then stated the Commission will not close the waterfowl season.

Mrs. Janice Lansing, Undersecretary, stated the activities within the Office of Management and Finance acted as support for the rest of the Department. Their role during the hurricanes was to serve as a command post so those in the field could do their jobs. Mrs. Lansing also commented that all of the staff came together in a family attitude way and they needed to be commended. The media coverage was vast and the Press Secretary and those in the Public Information Section did an outstanding job in answering the numerous requests that came into the Department. Mrs. Lansing noted her office would be handling the "administrative aftermath" which related to FEMA, Risk Management claims, budget impacts, getting facilities back online with data communications, and dealing with employees that have been displaced. A Department Employee Relief Fund has been established and these funds would be distributed to displaced employees. Commissioner Miller asked if there was anything other than money that was needed for the Employee Relief Fund. Mrs. Lansing stated that would be based on each individual's needs. Commissioner Miller then asked Mrs. Lansing to let him know when she knew of any physical items that may be needed. Secretary Landreneau stated the Department has put in a request for 40 mobile homes from FEMA and have already designated the locations for those homes. He commented to Commissioner Miller that when this occurs, that would be when the physical items would be known and requested. With respect to a request for a shower, Secretary Landreneau acknowledged the agriculture counterparts in Jennings and BB Flying Service which provided a 2700 gallon water truck.

Commissioner Morrow felt one thing that has been lost in the discussion was that many agents/employees lost everything but they were the same people that were on the front line from day one. He thought those employees should be commended. Commissioner Morrow urged the public to consider that fact when they decide where their donations should go. Commissioner Miller added that the best selling point was there was no administrative loathe on the program. Commissioner King asked Mr. Joe Macaluso, with The

Advocate, to give the Department coverage on the Employee Relief Fund. Commissioner Morrow then noted the Commission had a Resolution that should be considered commending all of the employees for their untiring and valiant efforts during both hurricanes. Chairman Sagrera asked Commissioner Morrow to read the Resolution. Commissioner Miller made a motion to adopt the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner King. Commissioner Mouton asked that a copy of the Resolution be sent to each employee. Hearing no further comment, the motion passed with no opposition.

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

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

October 6, 2005

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2005 Hurricane Katrina, one of the most powerful and catastrophic storms to ever strike the North American continent, struck the Louisiana and Mississippi Coast.

WHEREAS, the impacts of this storm were devastating, both in terms of loss of life, human suffering, and destruction of property.

WHEREAS, it is the intention of this Commission to commend the administration and staff of this Department for a job well done, as more specifically set out below:

WHEREAS, the department administration and staff took timely and prudent action to evacuate from threatened coastal areas and to protect, to the maximum extent possible, department property, including trailerable boats and computers containing valuable data.

WHEREAS, the staff took prudent and timely steps to secure our remote facilities, and to establish staging areas for personnel and necessary equipment at headquarters and other strategic sites within the state, placing themselves in the most effective position to be able to offer response and assistance immediately following the passage of the storm.

WHEREAS, immediately after the passage of the storm, department administration from all divisions dispatched boats and personnel to the Greater New Orleans area to begin search and rescue operations.

WHEREAS, those department employees performing search and rescue worked tirelessly in extraordinarily adverse conditions and at risk to their own life, health, and safety to come to the aid of their fellow Louisianans.

WHEREAS, those department employees not directly involved in search and rescue each assisted in their own way in supplying support and backup to the search and rescue personnel, in the form of providing food and water, deliveries, manning department emergency phone lines and Office of Emergency Preparedness phone lines, and in general performing whatever tasks needed to be performed to assist in response to this emergency situation.

WHEREAS, the department personnel have to date accounted for more than 21,000 persons rescued, and have continued to perform search and rescue and recovery missions, as well as other law enforcement functions in the Greater New Orleans area.

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2005 Hurricane Rita made landfall in southwest Louisiana, causing extreme destruction to homes, businesses, and property and displacement of citizens.

WHEREAS, as with Hurricane Katrina, the department's administration and staff acted timely and prudently to evacuate personnel, protect department property, and secure department facilities to the maximum extent possible.

WHEREAS, as with Hurricane Katrina, department personnel established staging areas and manned command posts, which enabled them to go immediately into the storm-stricken areas to perform search and rescue and other law enforcement missions.

WHEREAS, some department employees are now displaced having received extensive damage to their homes or completely losing their homes. Many of these employees returned to work despite their loss and have continued to assist in any way possible with the search and rescue and recovery efforts.

WHEREAS, the efforts of department administration and staff, throughout this ordeal, have been consistently recognized by all as a very positive and shining example of Louisiana's response to these disastrous storms.

WHEREAS, these efforts have been a source of pride for the Commission, who now wishes to recognize them.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this Commission does wish to recognize the excellent job performed by the department administration and staff, and hereby extends to them its highest commendation.

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

**Enforcement & Aviation Reports/August & September** were given by Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze. For the month of August, 792 citations and 101 written warnings were issued which primarily dealt with boating. There were several closed season dove hunting cases and 15 boating under the influence arrests made from the Region 7 area. Eleven boating accidents were reported with 9 injuries and 1 fatality. For September, most of the response was on hurricane activities, but 294 citations and 31 written warnings were issued. Significant cases were one hunting deer at night and 2 fish shocking cases. September boating accidents were 2 with 1 fatality. Agents were back to their traditional enforcement duties at the beginning of October with squirrel, rabbit and archery seasons opening.

**Russell Sage WMA Proclamation** was the first of two items for Mr. Randy Myers. He began by introducing Mr. Kenny Lang a recently hired employee that would take over the land acquisition duties. Mr. Lang stated he looked forward to working with the Commission in the future. The Russell Sage WMA Proclamation was just to make sure that the properties were properly described and included in a Resolution approved by the Commission and proclaimed by the Governor. This WMA is located in northeast Louisiana near Monroe, encompasses nearly 17,644 acres consisting primarily of bottomland hardwoods. It was originally established in 1975 and has been updated. Once approved, all of the lands that are bound by the legal description would officially become parts of Russell Sage WMA. Commissioner Miller asked if the action was an expansion or contraction of the existing WMA. Mr. Myers explained that this was just making sure that what was in the legal description was properly proclaimed by the Governor. Hearing no further comments, Mr. Myers read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Morrow made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Mouton seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

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

#### RESOLUTION

Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area

adopted by the  
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

October 6, 2005

WHEREAS, Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area was established by a Proclamation of the Governor dated September 23, 1975,

WHEREAS, this property contains valuable wildlife habitat, the protection and proper management of which is critical to the State's conservation and wildlife management efforts,

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, that in order to enhance wildlife habitat in the State and to provide for public use and recreational opportunities on these lands, that these lands and water bottoms remain selected as a wildlife management area and are included in the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area,

WHEREAS, it is the further recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission confirm and reaffirm that all state-owned lands including water bottoms, as described in "Exhibit A" have been selected, established, and are included in the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in accordance with the laws of the state of Louisiana, particularly Title 56, Section 109 and Section 781 et seq. of the Revised Statutes of 1954, does hereby confirm and reaffirm that all state-owned lands as described in "Exhibit A," comprised of 17,644 acres, more or less, including water bottoms, were previously selected and established as the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, on behalf of the Commission, to take all actions necessary in furtherance of this Resolution.

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Wayne J. Sagrera, Chairman

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

EXHIBIT A

The following described property composed of 17,644 acres, more or less, including State-owned lands and water bottoms, situated in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana:

Township 17 North, Range 4 East,

- Section 24 All
- Section 25 All East  $\frac{1}{2}$ , East  $\frac{1}{2}$  of West  $\frac{1}{2}$ , Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$
- Section 13 Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  less Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$

Township 17 North, Range 5 East

- Sections 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 29, 30 All
- Section 3 All less Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$
- Section 1 North  $\frac{1}{2}$  of North  $\frac{1}{2}$
- Section 4 All less and except 9.957, more particularly described in that Act of Cash Sale and recorded at COB 1635, Page 213, Entry 1142078, official records of the Clerk and Recorder for Ouachita Parish
- Section 14 All West  $\frac{1}{2}$  of West  $\frac{1}{2}$  north of Richland Parish Drainage Canal W-38, known as the Brimberry Canal
- Section 28 All north and west of Bayou Lafourche, Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$
- Section 12 West  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$

Township 18 North, Range 5 East

- Sections 25, 35 All
- Section 23 East  $\frac{1}{2}$
- Section 11 South  $\frac{1}{2}$  west of Blackwater Ditch, Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$
- Section 13 All West of Blackwater Ditch
- Section 14 East  $\frac{1}{2}$  west of Blackwater Ditch, Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 36 West ½ and that portion of the East ½ north and west of Lafourche Channel Improvement

Section 26 All less South ½ of Northeast 1/4

Section 24 All South and West of Bayou Lafourche

Township 18 North, Range 4 East

Section 5 Southwest 1/4 of Southwest 1/4

Section 6 Southeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4, Lot 11

Section 7 Lots 1, 2, 3

Section 8 Southwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4, North ½ of Northwest 1/4, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, Less and except the following: The East Half (E/2) of Section 23, Township 19 North, Range 4 East; AND the Southwest Quarter (SE/4), West Half of Northwest Quarter (W/2 of NW/4), South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S/2 of SE/4) and West Half of Southeast Quarter (W/2 of SE/4), less and except ten (10) acres off of the east side thereof and further less and except that 50.447 acres tract being the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4 of SE/4) and a portion of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W/2 of SE/4) as described in Conveyance Book 1296, page 785, records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, all in Section Thirteen (13), Township 19 North, Range 4 East.

AND,

All right, title and interest which the owner has in the following described tracts:

Tract A:

Right-of-way grant from O. B. M. J., Inc. to International Paper Company dated July 25, 1997 as recorded in COB 1707, page 785 registry number 1205679 records of the Clerk and Recorder of Mortgages for Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, more fully described as follows:

A certain 60 foot wide proposed road situated in the SE/4 Section 13, T19N, R4E, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana and being more particularly described as commencing at the southeast corner of said SE/4, said corner lying in the right-of-way of La. Highway No. 134; thence N 0°12'W along the East line SE/4 and along Hwy. #134, a distance of 634.24 ft. to the intersection of the East line of said SE/4 and the Southerly line of said proposed 60 ft. wide road

and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S84°29'W, a distance of 345.64 ft.; thence N82°32'W, a distance of 209.34 ft.; thence N73°08'15"W, a distance of 126.78 ft.; thence S87°37' W a distance of 111.45 ft.; thence S86°54'W, a distance of 754.36ft.; thence N2°02'20"W, a distance of 60.01 ft.; thence N86°54'E, a distance of 753.62 ft.; thence N87°37'E, a distance of 122.01 ft.; thence S73°08'15"E, a distance of 118.70 ft.; thence S82°31'E, a distance of 210.46 ft.; thence N84°29'E, a distance of 344.39 ft.; to the East line of said SE/4, said point lying in the right-of-way of La. Hwy. No. 134; thence S0°12'E along the East line of said SE/4 and along La. Hwy. No. 134, a distance of 60.26 ft. to the POINT OF BEGINNING and being subject to the right-of-way of La. Hwy. No. 134 and all other rights-of-way, easements and Servitudes of Record or of use.

Tract B:

Right-of-way grant from O. B. McCaa, Jr. to International Paper Company dated July 25, 1997 as recorded in CB 1707 page 790 registry number 1205680 records of the Clerk and Recorder of Mortgages for Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

And,

Less and except a certain tract or parcel of ground containing 13.7 acres more or less, situated in Section Eight (8), Township Eighteen (18) North, Range Four (4) East, and being more particularly described as beginning at the Northeast (NE) corner of Southeast One-Quarter of Northeast One-Quarter (SE 1/4 of NE 1/4) of said Section Eight (8), Township Eighteen (18) North, Range four (4) East, thence South 0° 05' West along the East line of said Section Eight (8) a distance of 760.65 feet; thence North 80° 55' West a distance of 791.34 feet; thence South 8° 55' West 1057.0 feet; thence North 81° 43' West a distance of 25 feet (plus or minus) to the Easterly right-of-way of U.S. Highway No. 165, thence Northeasterly along the Easterly right-of-way of U.S. Highway No. 165, a distance of 1680 feet (plus or minus) to the North line of the Southeast One-Quarter of Northeast One-Quarter (SE 1/4 of NE 1/4) of Section Eight (8), Township Eighteen (18) North, Range Four (4) East; thence North 89° 46' East a distance of 755 feet (plus or minus) to the Point of Beginning.

And,

A tract of land in Lot 2 Section 43, T-18-N, R-4-E, commencing at the SW corner of Lot 13 of the Northgate Business Park; thence, N 82° 12' 34" W a distance of 379.27 feet to a point on the west line of Section 43; thence, N 09° 15' 26" E along the west line of Section 43 a distance of 2533.74 feet, more or less, to the northwest corner of Section 43; thence S 82° 35' 57" E along the north line of Section 43 a distance of 274.43 feet to a point, thence, S 07° 47' 26" W a distance of 1,134.82 feet to a point; thence, S 82° 12' 34" E a distance of 75.00 feet to the NW corner

of Lot 26 of Northgate Business Park; thence, along the following courses along the west line of the Business Park, S 07° 47' 26" W a distance of 600.00 feet back to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 19.50 acres, more or less, all in Lot 2 of Section 43, T-18-N, R-4-E, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

Then Mr. Randy Myers presented the **Maurepas Swamp WMA Proclamation**. This Resolution would add property to an existing WMA. Maurepas Swamp WMA is located in southeast Louisiana just along the south shore of Lake Maurepas in St. John, St. James and Ascension Parishes. On August 25, 2005, the Department entered into a lease agreement with The Conservation Fund to add 7,403 acres to the WMA. Mr. Myers hoped to bring the additional property which was under lease into the Department's fee title ownership within the next year. He then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner King made a motion to adopt the Resolution, it was seconded by Commissioner Morrow and unanimously approved. As an added note, Mr. Myers stated that by adding the additional 7,403 acres to the WMA, the total acreage was almost 70,000.

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

#### RESOLUTION

Adding Certain Leased Property to the  
Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area

adopted by the  
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

October 6, 2005

WHEREAS, the State, through the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, entered into a lease agreement dated August 25, 2005 with The Conservation Fund for 7,403 acres, more or less, located in St. John Parish, and adjacent to Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area,

WHEREAS, this property contains valuable wildlife habitat, the protection and proper management of which is critical to the State's conservation and wildlife management efforts,

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

WHEREAS, it is the further recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission select all state owned lands, including water bottoms, located within the property leased August 25, 2005 and all adjacent state owned water bottoms, be established as a wildlife management area and included in the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, particularly Title 56, Section 109 and Section 781 et seq. of the Revised Statutes of 1954, select all lands, including water bottoms, located within the above described property, including adjacent water bottoms, and establish such lands, including water bottoms, as a wildlife management area to be added to and included in the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area, so that all land, including water bottoms described in Attachment A hereto, and identified on the attached map, including water bottoms, are included in the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, on behalf of the Commission, to take all actions necessary in furtherance of this resolution.

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Wayne J. Sagera, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

ATTACHMENT A.

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE OR PORTION OF GROUND, Consisting of approximately 7,403 acres, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, means, privileges, servitudes and appurtenances thereunto belonging or anywise appertaining, situated in St. John Parish, Louisiana, and being more fully described as follows:

Township 9 South, Range 8 East

Section 17  
Section 20

Section 21, West of I-55  
Section 28, West of I-55  
Section 29  
Section 30  
Section 31  
Section 32, West of I-55  
Section 33, West of I-55

Township 10 South, Range 7 East

Section 1, less and except 44.64 acres out of South half  
Section 11  
Section 12  
Section 13  
Section 14  
Section 23, East half  
Section 24  
Section 25, West of I-55  
Section 26, East half

Township 10 South, Range 8 East

Section 5, less and except 101.98 acres out of South half,  
West of I-55  
Section 6, less and except 160 acres out of South half  
Section 7, West of I-55  
Section 18, West of I-55  
Section 19, North half, West of I-55  
Section 30, Portion of South half, West of I-55

Those properties less and excepted out of Section 1 Township 10 South, Range 7 East, Sections 5 and 6, Township 10 South, Range 8 East mentioned above are further described in a Sale from Dudley Lunt, Receiver of Ruddock Orleans Cypress Corp. to Eleanor McCarthy Richter dated September 29, 1947 and registered November 12, 1947 in COB 14, folio 67.

Chairman Sagrera then asked if there were any **2006 Turkey Season Public Comments** and none were heard. But Mr. Dave Moreland stated that Mr. Wayne Blackwell, a disabled wheelchair confined hunter, came to the Commission in August requesting a disabled hunt weekend. Staff had no objections to the proposal and recommended the disabled weekend occur the same time as the youth hunt on March 18 and 19. The hunt would be restricted to those with a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit in the wheelchair confined category. The Department has an agreement with the Wheelin Sportsmen group of the National Wild Turkey Federation and it was hoped they would become active in providing opportunities on private lands for disabled hunters.

**Ratification of Alligator Tag Declarations of Emergency** was handled by Mr. Phil Bowman. A rule within the Alligator Regulations prohibits anyone that loses their alligator tags from getting replacement tags. But given the impacts from the two hurricanes, the Department felt that the two Declarations of Emergency would allow people who have lost their tags be able to apply for replacement tags and extend the alligator season to October 30. This action hopefully would provide some much needed income for those individuals. Mr. Bowman then asked for a motion and second to ratify both Declarations of Emergency. Chairman Sagrera stated he has talked to several individuals who were happy to see this action occur and it would give them the opportunity to still harvest alligators. Hearing no further questions, Commissioner Samanie made a motion to ratify the Declarations of Emergency. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Declarations of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

#### DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and pursuant to LSA R.S. 56:8 and 251 et seq. and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby amend that portion of LAC 76:V.701.A.11.b.ii., which states that "Lost or stolen tags will not be replaced", to provide as follows: Alligator hunters who have lost their assigned alligator harvest tags and alligator hunting licenses due to the impacts of Hurricane Katrina can apply in writing to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for replacement tags and licenses.

Affected alligator hunters must apply to the New Iberia Office at 2415 Darnall Road, New Iberia, LA 70560. The application can be in letter form and must confirm that the tags and licenses were lost due to the impacts of Hurricane Katrina. Once replacement alligator harvest tags are issued, the original harvest tags cannot be used, and use of those tags will constitute a Class 2 violation. Further, all lost or stolen tags must be reported to the Department. All unused tags must be returned to the Department within 15 days following the close of the season. The 2005 wild alligator harvest season will close on October 13, 2005.

Hurricane Katrina struck southeast Louisiana on August 29, 2005 resulting in catastrophic damage. Many alligator hunters in Katrina's path have suffered damage to their homes and personal

belongings, including loss of their previously issued alligator harvest tags and licenses. Income for the annual wild alligator harvest often provides significant economic relief to these coastal residents. Therefore, the Department is acting to suspend the rule effective September 21, 2005 that would normally prohibit the replacement of lost alligator tags for those individuals thus impacted by Hurricane Katrina. This Declaration of Emergency shall expire on October 13, 2005.

Dwight Landreneau  
Secretary

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY.

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 49:953B of the Administrative Procedure Act and LAC 76:V.701.A.7.a.i., the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby extend the closing date of the 2005 wild alligator harvest season as set out below.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita struck Louisiana resulting in catastrophic damage. This catastrophe has severely impacted over a million residents, flooded thousands of homes, and millions of acres of coastal marshes. Alligator populations in affected areas have been displaced and suffered some degree of direct mortality. Assessment of these impacts is ongoing. Additionally, many alligator hunters in the affected areas are displaced and have had their harvest efforts delayed due to the hurricanes. Income for the annual wild alligator harvest often provides significant economic relief to these coastal residences. Therefore, the closing date of the 2005 wild alligator season will be extended to close statewide on Sunday, October 30, 2005. Alligators taken from the wild may be removed from hook and line and taken with other legal capture devices only during daylight hours between official sunrise and official sunset. Hunters are reminded to coordinate their harvest activity with their local alligator buyer or processor as they may have been affected by the hurricane as well.

Also, pursuant to LSA R.S. 56:8 and 251 et seq. and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby amend that portion of LAC 76:V.701.A.11.b.ii., which states that "Lost or stolen tags will not be replaced", to provide as follows: Alligator hunters who have lost their assigned alligator harvest tags and alligator hunting licenses due to the impacts of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita can apply in writing to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for replacement tags and licenses.

Affected alligator hunters must apply to the New Iberia Office at 2415 Darnall Road, New Iberia, Louisiana, 70560. The application can be in letter form and must confirm that the tags and licenses were lost due to the impacts of Hurricanes Katrina and/or Rita. Once replacement alligator harvest tags are issued, the original harvest tags cannot be used, and use of those tags will constitute a Class 2 violation. Further, all lost or stolen tags must be reported to the Department. All unused tags must be returned to the Department within 15 days following the close of the season. The 2005 wild alligator harvest season will close on October 30, 2005. Therefore, effective September 30, 2005, the Department is acting to suspend the rule that would normally prohibit the replacement of lost alligator tags for those individuals thus impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

This Declaration of Emergency shall expire on October 30, 2005.

Dwight Landreneau  
Secretary

**Resolution and Notice of Intent - Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program, 2006** was handled by Mr. Vince Guillory. In 2004 and 2005, there were four crab trap closures and a total of 11,517 traps were recovered. The duties of the Commission for the program include designating the area of the trap closure, who can pick up the traps, where the abandoned traps are to be placed for disposal and the dates of the closure. Two windows of opportunity are provided for the closures: a 16 day winter closure which can run between February 1 and March 31; and a 14 day spring closure which would run in conjunction with the opening of the spring inshore shrimp season. The recommendation for the 2006 closure would be in a portion of Terrebonne Bay Estuary from 6 a.m., Saturday, March 4 until 6 a.m., Monday, March 13. Other regulations are that any traps left in the closure area during that time are considered abandoned; the traps can be removed from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset; traps cannot be possessed outside of the closure area; and the Secretary will be authorized to designate a disposal site. Next, Mr. Guillory showed a map of the closure area and described it further as southwest of Houma in Terrebonne Parish with the boundaries on the east being Bayou Grand Caillou and Bayou Dularge and on the west Pointe-au-Fer Island and Oyster Bayou. Funding for the 2006 program will include a \$5,000 grant from the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program and \$5 resident trap license and \$20 non-resident trap license fees. Chairman Sagrera asked Mr. Guillory to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner King asked how many derelict crab traps were still left after the storms. Mr. Guillory felt there were "untold thousands". Hearing no further questions, Commissioner Miller made a motion to accept the

Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Morrow. The motion passed with opposition from Commissioner King.

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

RESOLUTION  
2006 ABANDONED CRAB TRAP REMOVAL PROGRAM  
October 6, 2005

WHEREAS, Act 48 of the 2003 Regular Legislative Session, R.S. 56:332(N), authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a program for the removal of abandoned crab traps from state-owned lake and river beds and other water bottoms of the state, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:332(N) authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to provide for a prohibition on the use of crab traps and for removal of abandoned traps and their disposal, and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall specify the beginning and ending dates for the prohibition on the use of crab traps, shall specify the geographical area within which the use of crab traps shall be prohibited and shall specify who is authorized to remove the abandoned traps, and

WHEREAS, the abandoned crab trap removal program was highly successful in 2004 and 2005, with 11,517 abandoned crab traps removed from Louisiana waters, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt a notice of intent to implement a rule for the 2006 abandoned crab trap removal program for one crab trap closure which is attached to and made a part of this resolution and which will become effective upon promulgation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to designate the locations where removed and abandoned traps are to be placed for disposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the notice

of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

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Wayne J. Sagrera, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend a rule, LAC 76:VII.367, which provides for an abandoned crab trap removal program. Authority to establish these regulations is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:332(N). Said rule is attached and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

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

**Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery**

**§367. Removal of Abandoned Crab Traps**

A. The use of crab traps shall be prohibited from 6:00 a.m., March 4, 2006 through 6:00 a.m. March 13, 2006 within that portion of Terrebonne Parish as described below:

1. From a point originating from the intersection of the eastern shoreline of Bayou Dularge and the northern shoreline of Falgout Canal; thence westward along the northern shoreline of Falgout Canal to Lake Decade; thence westward and then southward along the northern and western shoreline of Lake Decade to the mouth of Bayou Decade; thence southwesterly along the northern shoreline of Bayou Decade to Lost Lake; thence westward along the northern shoreline of Lost Lake to the mouth of an unnamed bayou originating from Big Carencro Bayou; thence northward along the eastern shoreline of the unnamed bayou to Big Carencro Bayou; thence northward and then westward along the northern shoreline of Big Carencro Bayou to the eastern shoreline of Four League Bay; thence southwesterly to the northernmost point of land on Pointe Au Fer Island at Mosquito Pass; thence southward along the eastern shoreline of Pointe Au Fer Island to the mouth of Oyster Bayou; thence southward along the western shoreline of Oyster Bayou to a point along the inside-outside shrimp line as defined in R.S. 56:495; thence eastward along the inside-outside shrimp line to the eastern shoreline of Bayou Grand Caillou; thence northward to the first red channel marker (No. 10) in Bayou Grand Caillou; thence

northward along the red channel markers in Bayou Grand Caillou to channel marker No. 40; thence due eastward to the eastern shoreline of Bayou Grand Caillou; thence northward along the eastern shoreline of Bayou Grand Caillou to the Tennessee Gas Pipeline canal; thence westward along the northern shoreline of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline canal to Bayou Dularge; thence northward along the eastern shoreline of Bayou Dularge and terminating at the intersection of Falgout Canal and Bayou Dularge.

B. All crab traps remaining in the closed area during the specified period shall be considered abandoned. These trap removal regulations do not provide authorization for access to private property; authorization to access private property can only be provided by individual landowners. Crab traps may be removed only between one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Anyone is authorized to remove these abandoned crab traps within the closed area. No person removing crab traps from the designated closed area shall possess these traps outside of the closed area. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to designate disposal sites.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:332(N).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 30:101 (January 2004), amended LR 31:108 (January 2005), LR .

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

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to Vincent Guillory, Marine Fisheries Biologist Manager, Marine Fisheries Division, P.O. Box 189, Bourg, LA 70343, prior to Tuesday, December 6, 2005.

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

Wayne J. Sagrera  
Chairman

Chairman Sagrera asked for a motion so the meeting could go into Executive Session to discuss **Maurepas Swamp WMA Camp Site Lawsuit (St. John the Baptist Parish et al. v. State of Louisiana et al. #45016B, 40<sup>th</sup> JDC), Status Report; Consideration of Appeal.** Commissioner Miller made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Morrow and unanimously approved. Returning from Executive Session, Mr. Don Puckett asked for a motion to reconvene the meeting. Commissioner Miller made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Samanie. The motion passed with no opposition. Mr. Puckett then stated a ruling was made on the lawsuit with the plaintiffs prevailing. He then requested the Commission to approve, with an oral motion, to proceed with an appeal. Commissioner Mouton made this motion. Commissioner King seconded the motion and it also passed with no opposition.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **January and February 2006 Meetings** on Thursday, January 5, 2006 and Thursday, February 2, 2006, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Sagrera asked for **Public Comments**. Mr. Charlie Smith, Executive Director, Louisiana Charterboat Association, stated the recreational saltwater fishing industry was in total disarray. The guides have lost their camps, baits, boats, tackle and equipment which puts them out of business. He felt there were only about 50 out of 600 charter captains in operation and those were mostly in Fourchon. Mr. Smith noted to a legislative committee that the fishing industry was a high tourist dollar industry and the state should do what it can to bring it back. He asked for help with a package for the upcoming legislative session to build public boat ramps. He then asked the Commission to form a subcommittee to develop ideas to help the charterboat industry, to oppose the relaxation of any environmental laws and to have leniency with charter captains on their renewals. Mr. Smith noted that shrimpers, crabbers, menhaden industry and oyster fishermen are included in the recovery packet, but the charterboat fishermen are not. He then thanked Secretary Landreneau and Assistant Secretary John Roussel for their help in locating charterboat captains, figuring out who is available and for what. Mr. Roussel commented that the Department has been active in trying to develop recovery plans and identify funding needs for the recovery of all wildlife and fisheries. He stated they have identified a need for dollars to build infrastructure for all of the fisheries which includes boat ramps. Also, a special request for appropriations has been added for the charterboat industry. The fisheries total for the package request amounts to about \$460 million and will be considered in the context as a state as a whole request. Mr. Roussel felt the fisheries portion of the request would remain intact but the numbers would probably change. One of the biggest needs, from a fisheries perspective, was the rebuilding of the infrastructures-boat ramps, docks, access to fuel on the water and ice plants. Mr. Roussel hoped the levels of fisheries resources

would be back to what they were in the past within 12 to 24 months. He added that he would continue to work with Mr. Smith. Commissioner Miller noted he was in Hackberry and assured them that the recreational fishing industry on Big Lake was in total disarray. Also he stated that there was no infrastructure in Cameron. Then Commissioner Miller noted a letter addressed to the Commission from Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) of Louisiana offered any assistance in working through the problems. At this point, a motion was made by Commissioner Miller to have the letter from CCA included in the Minutes of the Meeting (Attachment A). Commissioner Mouton seconded the motion. Secretary Landreneau added that along with the request for financial assistance through legislation, there will be an accountability part attached. The accountability was how they arrived at the figures and how would those dollars be spent. Mr. Roussel mentioned the request he spoke on was specific to Hurricane Katrina; staff was working on a similar request for Hurricane Rita. Mr. Smith stated he talked with the owner of 2 menhaden boats that were on Highway 23 and he had a plan to get them removed. Then he got an e-mail from Hackberry Rod and Gun which stated they were wiped out. Commissioner Miller felt it would be a miracle if Hackberry Rod and Gun were operating by spring fishing. Mr. Smith thought it was important to the state to get the industry up and running. Hearing no further comments, the motion passed with no opposition. Chairman Sagrera mentioned he was still not in his house and one-third of his operation was still under water. But the one bright point was that his cattle pen had a shrimp boat in it.

Ms. Robin Young stated she graduated with a degree in Animal Behavior and during her school years she worked extensively with many exotic animals, particularly primates. She hoped to follow her dream of creating an educational program teaching children about exotic animals. But Ms. Young found that a permit she would need to acquire would not be allowed once a rule was adopted by the Commission on non-human primates in Louisiana. She was asking the Commission to appeal the proposed action. Chairman Sagrera stated to Ms. Young that her request would be considered.

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

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Dwight Landreneau  
Secretary

DL:scf



## Storms gave us lots of new heroes

By **JOE MACALUSO**

Advocate outdoors writer

Remember the New York firefighters during 9-11? Remember their heroism?

Lots of us do.

Today, we don't have to look for heroes thousands of miles away: They're living among us.

Two months ago, they were trying to keep our waterways safe, monitoring the fall shrimp season, planting fields for wildlife, smiling about the lushness of the marshes for the upcoming waterfowl season and all the other routines the near 800 folks in the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries do.

Like lots of Louisianians, August's last weekend held their last "normal" days for what looks like a long, long time.

By that late-August Sunday afternoon, Enforcement Division agents across the state had staged more than 100 vehicles and boats at key south Louisiana spots. Designated first responders, they were ready move as soon as Hurricane Katrina allowed. They were ready to respond, but, like some said two weeks later, not ready for what they were to see.

Ready, too, were New Orleans District agents, biologists and other field personnel from Chalmette and other St. Bernard Parish communities.

Katrina passed that Monday morning and the LDWF crews were caught in the eye of a storm they thought they had dodged.

Within 24 hours they had rescued more than 2,000 in the New Orleans area.

"I ordered them to come out, and they told me they couldn't. They said there were too many people needing their help," Enforcement chief Winton Vidrine said last week. "These people went 36 hours straight."

More agents, their numbers bolstered by biologists, managers and field personnel joined the effort Tuesday and Wednesday, when attention shifted to evacuating two New Orleans hospitals. Help came from wildlife agents from 10 other states, Texas among them.

Some 10 days later, 21,000 had been rescued by these teams.

All the while, LDWF office workers stayed after hours in Baton Rouge to stuff day packs with water, energy bars and other needed items to keep the rescue teams in the field.

Their individual stories would fill this Sunday newspaper.

In the last days of rescue operations, I went with a crew of six agents, five of them from St. Bernard Parish. Brian Clark, born and raised in St. Bernard, dispatched them to rescue locations. These six men, Clark, Jason Garnados, Adam Young, Gary Pierce, Mike Garrity and Roy Pier had lost darned near everything in storm and flood. You've seen pictures of St. Bernard. You know what happened there. Yes, their families were safe, but virtually all belongings were underwater. Yet, they were on the job.

They are heroes, but will never get the kind of recognition the 9-11 heroes did.

Those six men are among some 30 LDWF folks who lost homes and more to Katrina. More department employees suffered the same fate during Rita's sweep through the southwestern parishes.

We can't and never will be able to heap enough praise on these men and women.

There is something you can do: The Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation set up a fund at Hibernia Bank, and the money will assist displaced employees and their families. Send your contribution to LWF Foundation, P.O. Box 2471, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, Attn: John Campbell and note the donation is for the "LDWF Employee Relief Fund."

If you need information, call Sandy Trahan (225) 765-2938 or Ruth Rigg (225) 765-2850.

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## Officials continue to assess habitat, animal survival in hurricane areas

By **JOE MACALUSO**

Advocate outdoors writer

David Moreland's been neck deep in tragedy since Aug. 29.

As the state's Wildlife Division administrator, his work since Hurricane Katrina has taken him on search-and-rescue missions in New Orleans and St. Bernard Parish. By the second week of September, he's been tending to his regular duties, albeit highly irregular these days.

"There are places in our state that will never be the same in my lifetime," Moreland said leafing through one of the post-hurricane reports piled on his desk at Wildlife and Fisheries state headquarters.

"There's so much damage across the southern parishes that it's difficult to know where to start," he said. "And there's damage to the wildlife and to the hunters."

It's the hunters Moreland deals with daily, especially after the LDWF closed all or parts of 15 parishes -- they cover the entire coast -- during the past three weeks.

He said "When?" dominates conversations.

"Most hunters understand the threat to the wildlife from the floods and storms, and understand that when we make a decision like this we're going to think about the wildlife first," Moreland said. "We're going to do what's best for the survivability of the animals."

That's why the deer and rabbit seasons were closed in 11 parishes. the LDWF closed deer, rabbit and squirrel seasons in the Maurepas and McElroy swamps (parts of Ascension, Livingston, St. James and St. John the Baptist parishes) because of flooding.

For the biologist, the closed seasons underwrite survivability: "This gives us a little more time to get on the ground -- that's been a difficult proposition in places like Plaquemines and St. Bernard parishes -- and do our surveys to find out how many animals survived. That will determine when some of the seasons will reopen."

Moreland said his main concern is rabbits, because of their inability to reach high ground quickly, though he knows numbers of whitetail deer were killed by storm and flood.

At the same time, he said, rabbits are prolific and can rebound quickly as long as there is enough quality food and shelter.

That's why, he said, the biologists and game managers are devoting more and more time studying habitat in the affected parishes.

"You have to have quality habitat to have the animals. When you do, they will be able to take care of themselves," Moreland said. "Some people ask us to put food out, but that's not the right approach. If you give them the right habitat, the animals will take care of repopulating these areas."

Quality habitat is scarce: Moreland said teams are finding vast areas burned by saltwater carried by storm surges.

"We've seen a lot of (salt) scalding in the marshes and along the levees and spoil banks, but in most areas, the water didn't stay long and these areas can still produce the berries and other food sources for deer and rabbits," Moreland said. "What we need to find is how much damage was done to the root stock of these plants. If the roots are good, then the browse these species need will come back. And we think the root stock survived in most places."

Moreland said survey teams are finding evidence of deer survival in upper reaches Plaquemines Parish's west bank, along the ridges in Terrebonne and St. Mary parishes and in cattle-grazing fields in Cameron Parish.

"It just might be that we can open those areas later this year," Moreland said, cautioning against that being a promise. "It's possible."

And "possible" is lots more than hunters had three weeks ago.

Moreland said the first area to open will be the Maurepas/McElroy swamp. North winds dropped water levels late last week and seasons should open by Saturday.

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## Damage extent still uncertain

**LDWF: Waterfowl seasons not on chopping block**

**By JOE MACALUSO**

Advocate outdoors writer

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries secretary Dwight Landreneau hopes he quieted a persistent rumor that's run rampant for two weeks.

"We are not closing the waterfowl season," Landreneau said Friday.

Following the closure of deer and rabbit season in coastal Louisiana, Landreneau said, LDWF personnel have fielded several calls a day asking about closure of waterfowl seasons.

State Fur and Refuge administrator Phil Bowman said the coastal marshes have sustained massive damage to the submerged aquatic vegetation migrating ducks and geese need to thrive during their overwinter stay in the state.

He said saltwater and storm surges from the two hurricanes either uprooted or smothered the aquatic and wild seed-producing grasses.

"There is some indication that the (Louisiana) duck potato survived in most areas," Bowman said. "This is a much-needed plant for waterfowl, and it looks like the plants set their tubers before the storms came in."

The effects of saltwater from storm surge on southwestern rice fields has not been measured.

Bowman said if the saltwater was drained off quickly, then damage is minimal. However, electricity was off for several days and pumps might not have started.

"We think when the ducks arrive in our state, they will find whatever food sources they need and that will send them to central and northern parishes," Bowman said.

Joe Macaluso

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## Hurricanes close coastal area to deer, rabbit hunters

By **JOE MACALUSO**

Advocate outdoors writer

Lingering floodwaters and damage from two major storms have closed the entire coastal area to deer and rabbit hunters.

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries biologists said Thursday that areas in Iberia and St. Mary parishes south of La. 14 and U.S. 90 are closed effective today, but left open the Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Area. The plan was announced during LDWF briefings at Thursday's Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting.

The Enforcement Division, Wildlife, Fisheries and Personnel sections accounted for and gave details of the agency's actions and assessments since the Aug. 29 passage of Hurricane Katrina through the southeastern parishes and Hurricane Rita's Sept. 24 sweep through remaining coastal parishes.

- LDWF secretary Dwight Landreneau said department personnel were first responders to search-and-rescue operations in Orleans, St. Bernard and St. Tammany parishes after Katrina, and did the same in the central and southwestern parishes after Rita.
- Enforcement spokesman Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze said agents and other LDWF personnel rescued nearly 21,000 people from southeastern parishes and an estimated "several hundred more" after Rita. The evacuations included working in Tulane and Charity hospitals in New Orleans.
- Assistant secretary John Roussel said the estimated \$1.3 billion in commercial and recreational fishery losses will increase significantly when the initial loss assessments from Rita are added.

Roussel said the state's oyster industry is closed and the storms' total effect on the shrimp, finfish and crab industries will be felt in the months to come. He estimated the state's coastal and near-coast charterboat industry is wiped out.

"I'm confident the resource (fish) will recover, but there's lots of damage along the entire coast. Before we can get the people back, we have to get the infrastructure back ... the launches, ice houses, docks, marinas, homes, lodges so that we can take advantage of the resources," Roussel said.

He said the state's request from federal aid sources is \$19 million for the

charterboat industry from Katrina's damage, and added that "figures will increase substantially when we assess Rita's damage."

Roussel said the LDWF and several federal and state agencies are monitoring water quality, specifically in Lake Pontchartrain.

Roussel explained that a low-water level in the Mississippi River prevents opening the Bonnet Carre Spillway to introduce freshwater into the lake, but added the LDWF will keep open an option to ask the Corps of Engineers to open that spillway through next spring.

Inland Fisheries biologist Joe Shepard said the freshwater fishery in Plaquemines "is totally devastated," and that Katrina's storm surge pushed saltwater into all rivers bordering Maurepas and Lake Pontchartrain. That resulted in fish kills throughout these systems.

He said Rita's effects are still being studied, though he reported a massive fish kill in the marshes south of Amelia and scattered fish kills in the Lake Verret drainage area, the Atchafalaya Spillway, Bayou Teche and other freshwater areas along the coast.

"There is some good news. (Research) teams are finding good water and bass and crappie in the (Atchafalaya) basin," Shepard said, adding that the Corps is releasing Mississippi River water through the Port Allen locks to introduce water into the Verret and Spillway areas.

- Assistant secretary Parke Moore and his staff detailed the storms' effects on the habitat and in the LDWF's wildlife management areas.

Estimates are that the Pearl River sustained \$27 million in timber losses, that 60 percent of the timber in Washington Parish was lost, that the agency suffered severe losses in facilities throughout the coastal area, but there are no plans to close any of the state's WMAs.

Fur & Refuge Section administrator Phil Bowman said there was extensive damage to submerged vegetation along the coast, which reduces food sources for migratory waterfowl.

LDWF bosses said the duck and goose seasons will open and remain open as scheduled.

- Also noted was that as many as 30 department personnel lost homes and personal belongings in the storm, and that the LDWF has set up an Employee Disaster Relief Fund.

In other action, the LWFC approved a plan to extend the alligator season through Oct. 30; the addition of more than 7,000 acres to the 63,000-acre Maurepas Swamp WMA; the completed outline of the Russell Sage WMA; to appeal a verdict that allows several hunting groups to retain their clubs inside the Maurepas Swamp WMA; set Marsh 2006 dates for the Crab Trap

Removal Program; and, set meeting dates for Jan. 5 and Feb. 2 next year.

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## Today's LWFC meeting has added importance

By **JOE MACALUSO**

Advocate outdoors writer

For the first time in more than three decades, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission did not have a monthly meeting.

Hurricane Katrina's passage through the state's southeastern parishes forced cancellation of September's meeting in Baton Rouge.

Today, the LWFC will hear the hard and fast facts about that storm and the late-September run of Hurricane Rita along the state's central and southwestern parishes at its October meeting.

It's set to convene at 9:30 a.m. today in the Louisiana Room of Wildlife and Fisheries headquarters on Quail Drive.

"We're going to start at the beginning," press secretary Bo Boehringer said.

That means the LDWF's Enforcement Division will be first to summarize the agency's immediate search-and-rescue response to Katrina in Orleans, St. Bernard and St. Tammany parishes.

An early estimate was that department personnel was responsible for rescuing 21,000 people from flooded homes and streets.

Other reports will include:

- Effects of the storms on wildlife and the hunting-seasons closures in all or parts of 13 parishes after the two storms by Wildlife Division administrator David Moreland;
- The storm's potential effects on the upcoming waterfowl seasons;
- An assessment of the damage on as many as 15 of the LDWF's owned or managed wildlife management areas and refuges. LDWF Fur and Refuge manager Phil Bowman said last week that aerial and on-the-ground surveys showed as much as \$20 million damage to the timber on the Pearl River WMA;
- LDWF Assistant Secretary John Roussel is expected to expand on his early estimate of a hit between \$1.1-\$1.3 billion to commercial and recreational

fishing interests in the state from Katrina alone. Roussel, who handles fisheries matters for the agency, will present losses not only to finfish, oyster and shrimp industries, but estimates of damage to fishing's infrastructure along the state's coast.

The LWFC will also consider a Notice of Intent to implement the Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program for 2006, take public comment on the proposed 2006 spring turkey season, vote on proclamations for the Russell Sage and Maurepas Swamp wildlife management areas and, in an already announced executive session, consider further legal action in the commission's attempt to remove private hunting clubs from the Maurepas Swamp WMA.

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COMMISSION MEETING  
ROLL CALL

Thursday, October 6, 2005  
Baton Rouge, LA  
Wildlife and Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Wayne Sagrera (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Terry Denmon	<u>—</u>	<u>✓</u>
Fred Miller	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Henry Mouton	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Earl King	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Bobby Samanie	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Patrick Morrow	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>

Mr. Chairman:

There are 6 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.

Secretary Landreneau is also present.

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BATON ROUGE, LA  
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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

October 6, 2005

- WHEREAS, on August 29, 2005 Hurricane Katrina, one of the most powerful and catastrophic storms to ever strike the North American continent, struck the Louisiana and Mississippi Coast.
- WHEREAS, the impacts of this storm were devastating, both in terms of loss of life, human suffering, and destruction of property.
- WHEREAS, it is the intention of this Commission to commend the administration and staff of this Department for a job well done, as more specifically set out below:
- WHEREAS, the department administration and staff took timely and prudent action to evacuate from threatened coastal areas and to protect, to the maximum extent possible, department property, including trailerable boats and computers containing valuable data.
- WHEREAS, the staff took prudent and timely steps to secure our remote facilities, and to establish staging areas for personnel and necessary equipment at headquarters and other strategic sites within the state, placing themselves in the most effective position to be able to offer response and assistance immediately following the passage of the storm.
- WHEREAS, immediately after the passage of the storm, department administration from all divisions dispatched boats and personnel to the Greater New Orleans area to begin search and rescue operations.
- WHEREAS, those department employees performing search and rescue worked tirelessly in extraordinarily adverse conditions and at risk to their own life, health, and safety to come to the aid of their fellow Louisianans.
- WHEREAS, those department employees not directly involved in search and rescue each assisted in their own way in supplying support and backup to the search and rescue personnel, in the form of providing food and water, deliveries, manning department emergency phone lines and Office of Emergency Preparedness phone lines, and in general performing whatever tasks needed to be performed to assist in response to this emergency situation.
- WHEREAS, the department personnel have to date accounted for more than 21,000 persons rescued, and have continued to perform search and rescue and recovery missions, as well as other law enforcement functions in the Greater New Orleans area.

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2005 Hurricane Rita made landfall in southwest Louisiana, causing extreme destruction to homes, businesses, and property and displacement of citizens.

WHEREAS, as with Hurricane Katrina, the department's administration and staff acted timely and prudently to evacuate personnel, protect department property, and secure department facilities to the maximum extent possible.

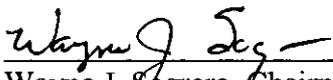
WHEREAS, as with Hurricane Katrina, department personnel established staging areas and manned command posts, which enabled them to go immediately into the storm-stricken areas to perform search and rescue and other law enforcement missions.

WHEREAS, some department employees are now displaced having received extensive damage to their homes or completely losing their homes. Many of these employees returned to work despite their loss and have continued to assist in any way possible with the search and rescue and recovery efforts.

WHEREAS, the efforts of department administration and staff, throughout this ordeal, have been consistently recognized by all as a very positive and shining example of Louisiana's response to these disastrous storms.

WHEREAS, these efforts have been a source of pride for the Commission, who now wishes to recognize them.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this Commission does wish to recognize the excellent job performed by the department administration and staff, and hereby extends to them its highest commendation.

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

# MONTHLY BOATING ACCIDENT REPORT

September 2005

	<u>September</u>	<u>Year to date</u>
<b>Number of Boating Accidents Reported:</b>	2	125
<b>Number of Injuries:</b>	0	71
<b>Number of Fatalities:</b>	1	31

**9/10/05 St. Martin Parish**

**Steering cable broke on a vessel carrying five persons in Bayou Long. All were ejected when the vessel struck a tree. No serious injuries.**

**9/10/05 Acadia Parish**

**Operator apparently fell overboard while frogging in a canal of Hwy. 92 and drowned.**

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

**ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT**  
**SEPTEMBER 2005**

<u>185 – Amph. – 61092</u>	<u>185 – Amph. – 1322R</u>	<u>210 – 9467Y</u>
<u>Hrs. - 0</u>	<u>Hrs. - 26.4</u>	<u>Hrs. - 37.8</u>
<u>Enforcement Hours -</u>	32.1	
<u>Wildlife Hours-</u>	8.2	
<u>Marine Fish Hours-</u>	3.2	
<u>Inland Fish Hours-</u>	4.3	
<u>Fur &amp; Refuge Hours-</u>	8.4	
<u>Office of the Secretary</u>	6.4	
<u>Other State Departments</u>		
<u>Dept. of Environmental Quality</u>	0	
<u>FEMA</u>	1.6	
<u>Total Plane Use -</u>	64.2	

# **ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT**

**SEPTEMBER, 2005**

**REGION 1: MINDEN**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>16</b>
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Boating Safety</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Angling W/O Resident License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fishing W/O Resident Cane Pole License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Transport W/O Required License (Non-Resident)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunting W/O Resident License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Hunt Migratory Game Birds W/O State Stamp</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunt Deer Illegal Hours</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunt Doves Closed Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunt W/O WMA Permit</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Intentional Littering</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Operate ATV on Public Road</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 1**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Boating Safety</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>Two (2) Twelve Gauge Shotguns (Being Held At R-1 Office); 18 Doves (Being Held At R-1 Office)</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 0**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>00</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 2: MONROE**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
7	Boating
2	Taking Fish Illegally (Shocking)
1	Resisting An Officer
1	Angle W/O A Resident License
4	Angle W/O A Non-Resident License
1	Fish W/O A Cane Pole License
1	Hunting Ducks Without A Federal Duck Stamp
1	Violate Non-toxic Shot requirements
5	Hunt Or Take Ducks Other Than Teal During Teal Season
1	Hunt Squirrels Closed Season
1	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
1	Violate Rules And Regulations On WMA

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 5**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
4	Improper Running Lights
1	Angle Without A Resident License

**CONFISCATIONS:**

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
<b>1-Wood Duck Drake; 1-Wood Duck Hen; 2 Shotgun Shells; 3- Spent Hulls; 1-Pintail Hen; One 12 Gauge Shotgun; 1- Squirrel; 1-Box 12 Gauge Shells; 1- Plastic Bag of Marijuana; 1- 14' Duracraft Boat With 25HP Mariner Motor and Boat Trailer; 1- 1983 Ford Bronco With VIN# 1FMDU15Y8DLA4; 2- Electric Fish Shocking Devices; 6- Catfish; 4- Marijuana Cigarettes; 3- Zebco 33 Rod and Reel Combos</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:**

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

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 3,000**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
3,000	<b>Public Assistance (Hurricane Evacuation/Rescue)</b>

**REGION 3: ALEXANDRIA**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Illegal Possession Of Alligator</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Violate MGB Tagging Requirements</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Hunting MGB Over Baited Area</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Placing Bait To Take MGB</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunt MGB W/O State MGB License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Hunt Ducks W/O Federal Stamp</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunt Ducks Other Than Teal During Teal Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possess Rabbits Closed Season</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Hunt W/O Resident License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Fox Illegally</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunting From Moving Vehicle</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Possession Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season While Small Game Hunting</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Hunt On WMA W/O WMA Hunt Permit</b>

1	Improper Lane Usage
1	Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 1**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass

**CONFISCATIONS:**

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
26 Doves, 1 Duck, 1 Rabbit, and 1 Grey Fox.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:**

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

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 6**

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

**REGION 4: FERRIDAY**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Boating Safety Violations</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunt or Take Deer Closed Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunt or Take Deer W/Illegal Weapon</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take or Possess Spotted Fawn</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take or Possess Over Limit of Teal</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules &amp; Regulations On WMA</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 1**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Expired Boat Registration</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>10 Teal; 3 Deer; 1 – 22 Rifle</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Boating</b>

<b>0</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>2</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>5</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 3**

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

**REGION 5: LAKE CHARLES**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Comm. Fish W/o Comm. Gear License – Oyster</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Retail Seafood License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Take Or Poss. Undersize Reddrum (Rec.)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hntg. MGB W/O State MGB License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Take/Poss. Spotted Fawn</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Hunting Or Taking Deer Closed Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Poss. Of Live Alligators W/O Permit</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Wanton Waste Of MGB</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take/Poss. Overlimit Of Ducks (Field Possession)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hntg. MGB From Public Road</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Use WMA W/O License Or Stamp</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road</b>

4	<b>Intentional Littering</b>
5	<b>Gross Littering</b>
5	<b>Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries</b>
2	<b>Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road</b>
2	<b>Failure To Maintain Custody Of MGB</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 15**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
1	<b>Violate Recreational Gear License Request</b>
1	<b>Take Or Poss. Undersize Black Drum (Rec.)</b>
1	<b>Failure To Display Valid Certificate Decal</b>
1	<b>Failure To Comply W/PFD Requirements</b>
4	<b>Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA</b>
4	<b>Use WMA W/O License Or Stamp</b>
3	<b>Illegal Spotighting From Public Road</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>80 Lbs. Of Shrimp – Donated; 3 Crabs Traps; 19 Undersize Reddrum; 9 Teal; 2 Doe Deer; Leg Bones Of Deer; 4 Alligators Returned To Wild; 2 Rifles; 1 Spotlight; 1 Ice Chest; Littering; Prescription Bottles; 18 Cans Of Beer; 1 Fifth Of Vodka; 2 Bottles Of Homemade Wind; Marijuana</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Wildlife Management Areas</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>Not Available</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 6: OPELOUSAS**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Discharge Firearm From Levee Road</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Hunting W/O Resident License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunt With Unplugged Gun</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>Transport W/O Required License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Sell/Buy Fish W/O Wholesale Retail Dealer's License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Maintain Records</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Angling W/O License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish W/O Gear License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Blocking Passage Of Fish</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Intentional Littering</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 1**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angling Without License</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>3 Black Bass</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 2**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 7: BATON ROUGE**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Angling Without License</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Littering</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 1**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Boating</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>None</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>-0-</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>-0-</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Littering</b>

-0-	Miscellaneous
5	Recreational Fishing
-0-	State Hunting/Trapping
-0-	Written Warnings

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 9**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
	Public Assistance 9—Assist Motorists

**REGION 8: NEW ORLEANS**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
	<b>DUE TO HURRICANE RITA INFORMATION UNAVAILABLE</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

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

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:**

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

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

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

**REGION 9: SCHRIEVER**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Angling Without Basic Fishing License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Illegal Size Black Bass</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish Without Vessel License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Oysters Closed Season</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Hunting Without Resident License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Hunt MGB Without State Stamp</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Fail To Tag Alligator Upon Taking</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Take Alligators Without License</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Hunt Alligators At Night With Firearm</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Hunting Ducks Without Federal Stamp</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Hunting Ducks Other Than Teal During Teal Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunting MGB From Moving Motorboat</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunt On WMA Without WMA Hunting Permit</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Not Abiding By WMA Rules And Regulations By Using Airboat</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Not Abiding By WMA Rules And Regulations By Overpowered Motor</b>

1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations By Having Gun In Vessel Underway
1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations By Driving Vehicle On Levee
1	Littering
1	DWI By Boat
5	Possession Of Alcohol By Persons Under 21 Years Of Age

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 5**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Boating
2	Angling Without Basic Fishing License

**CONFISCATIONS:**

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2 Alligators Sold \$223.00; 3 Crates Crabs; 1 Gallinule; 10 Teal; 3 Black Bass; 1 Deer; 7 Wood Ducks; 5 Mottled Duck; 2 Boats And Motors; 1 Boat Trailer; 2 Shotguns; 9 Bottles Beer

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:**

TOTAL 65	DESCRIPTION
10	Boating
3	Commercial Fishing
7	Federal Migratory
1	Littering

<b>12</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 0**

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

**OYSTER STRIKE FORCE****COASTAL WATERS**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Oysters Closed Season</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 1**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Expired Boat Registration Certificate</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>None</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OSF:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>2</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>1</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 0**

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

**SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT**

**STATEWIDE**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
	<b>DUE TO HURRICANE RITA INFORMATION UNAVAILABLE</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

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

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SIU:**

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

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

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

**TOTAL CASES:** 294

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:** 31

**PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:** 3,020

# MONTHLY BOATING ACCIDENT REPORT

August 2005

	<u>August</u>	<u>Year to date</u>
Number of Boating Accidents Reported:	11	123
Number of Injuries:	9	71
Number of Fatalities:	1	30

**8/7/05 Lafourche Parish**

Vessel in Timbalier Bay began taking on water and eventually sunk. No injuries.

**8/11/05 St. Tammany Parish**

Vessel struck a tree on Pearl River Navigation Canal, causing moderate injuries to the operator.

**8/13/05 Jefferson Parish**

Operator lost control of his vessel when he struck a wave at a high rate of speed. Vessel then struck a bulkhead causing injuries to both the operator and his passenger.

**8/13/05 Caddo Parish**

Thirteen year-old female was on a wake board and attempting to pull herself toward the towing vessel by hand when the rope wrapped around her arm. Rope then became taut and severed her right arm.

**8/14/05 Bossier Parish**

Vessel struck a submerged rock jetty in the Red River causing property damage.

**8/14/05 Lafourche Parish**

Personal watercraft operator lost control and struck a houseboat. Operator sustained moderate injuries.

**8/21/05 Iberia Parish**

Passenger tripped and fell out of a boat in Vermilion Bay. He was wearing his life jacket and sustained only minor injuries.

**8/21/05 Acadia Parish**

Operator of a southbound vessel in the Mermentau River crossed between another vessel and the person it was towing on a tube. Tube passenger received minor injuries.

**8/25/05 St. Martin Parish**

**Bass boat in Little Bayou Pigeon with three occupants struck a cypress tree. Two of the three occupants were treated with moderate injuries.**

**8/27/05 Livingston Parish**

**Two vessel collision on the Amite River. Property damage only.**

**8/28/05 Concordia Parish**

**Operator ejected from vessel and drowned on Lake St. John.**

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

**ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT**  
**AUGUST 2005**

**185 – Amph. – 61092**  
**Hrs. - 0**

**185 – Amph. – 1322R**  
**Hrs. - 26.2**

**210 – 9467Y**  
**Hrs. - 11.9**

**Enforcement Hours -** 23.2

**Wildlife Hours-** 0

**Marine Fish Hours-** 5

**Inland Fish Hours-** 3.2

**Fur & Refuge Hours-** 6.7

**Other State Departments**  
**Dept. of Environmental Quality** 0

**Total Plane Use -** 38.1

# **ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT**

**AUGUST, 2005**

**REGION 1: MINDEN**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Boating Safety</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Angling W/O Resident License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Angling W/O License – Non-Resident</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Fishing W/O Resident Cane Pole License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Sell Fish W/O Wholesale Retail Dealers License – Resident</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Possession Of Spotted Fawn</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules &amp; Regulations On WMA</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Operate Watercraft While Intoxicated</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Littering</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 7**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Boating Safety</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules &amp; Regulations On WMA</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>3 Spotted Fawns – Turned Over To Wildlife Division</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 5**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 2: MONROE**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Angle Without A Resident License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angle Without A Non-Resident License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>D W I -Vessel</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Improper Passing</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunting Doves Closed Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunting MGB Over Boat Or Baited Area</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunt MGB Without A Basic Hunting License</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 1**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Expired Boat Registration Certificate</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
12-Mourning Doves; 1- 12 Gauge Shells; 8 Spent Hulls;

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2 :**

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

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 1,500**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1,500	Public Assistance (Hurricane Evacuation/Rescue)

**REGION 3: ALEXANDRIA**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Angling W/O A Non-Resident License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Sell Fish W/O Retail Seafood License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Sell MGB</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possession Of Live MGB Illegally</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possess Non-Game Birds</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hunt Squirrel Closed Season</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Fail To Abide By Commission Rules</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Eurasian Collared Doves Closed Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Deer Closed Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Gross Littering</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Possession Of Cocaine</b>

2	Possession Of Marijuana
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**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 8**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	Angling W/O A License
4	Boating

**CONFISCATIONS:**

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 Squirrel, 7 Doves, 11 Marijuana Cigs, 2 Bags Of Cocaine, and 1 Deer.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
23	Boating
1	Commercial Fishing
3	Federal Migratory
12	Littering
10	Miscellaneous
29	Recreational Fishing
7	State Hunting/Trapping
8	Written Warnings

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 9**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 4: FERRIDAY**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Boating Safety Violations</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Angling W/O License</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Angling W/O A Non-Resident License</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Fish W/O Pole License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Failure to Mark/Tag Nets (freshwater)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take or Possess Spotted Fawn</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Littering</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 0**

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

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>1 Deer</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 5**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 5: LAKE CHARLES**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>144</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>61</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Angling W/O Saltwater License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Or Poss. O/L of Reddrum (On Water)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Poss. O/L of Reddrum In Excess Of 27" (Recreational)</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take/Poss. Undersize Spotted Sea Trout (Recreational)}</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take/Poss. Undersize Black Drum (Recreational)</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Comm. Rules And Regulations Red Snapper Undersize</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Comply W/Charter Boat Regulations</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Violate Crab Trap Escape Ring Requirements</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Trawling In Closed Season</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Use Illegal Trawl, Butterfly Nets, Seines Or Skimmers</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Poss. Of Illegal Taken Deer Closed Season</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take/Poss. Spotted Fawn</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Or Poss. Alligators Closed Season</b>

<b>13</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On Refuge</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Operate Vessel While Intoxicated</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Intentional Littering</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Gross Littering</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Other Than Wildlife &amp; Fisheries</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Poss./Take Undersized Federal Controlled Fish</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 30**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Improper Running Lights</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Improper Boat Numbers</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Failure To Comply W/PFD Requirements</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Improperly Riding On Decks Or Gunwales</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Failure To Display Valid Certificate Decal</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Expired Boat Registration Cert.</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License Non Res.</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Use WMA W/O License Or Stamp</b>

1	Improper Or No Sound Producing Device
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**CONFISCATIONS:**

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
12 Reddrums; 19 Red Snappers; 12 Speckled Trout; 3 Black Drum RTW; 3 White Trout; 2 Flounders; 6 Crabs RTW; 4 Crab Traps; 2 Trawls; 79 Lbs. Shrimp Donated; 3 Ice Chest; 1-9' Buck Euthanized; 2 Spotted Fawns; 1-7' Alligator; Abundance Of Littering; Marijuana; 119 Cans Of Beer

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
61	Boating
9	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
6	Littering
24	Miscellaneous
38	Recreational Fishing
4	State Hunting/Trapping
30	Written Warnings
2	DWPS

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 13**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
13	Public Assistance

**REGION 6: OPELOUSAS**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>108</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Simple Littering</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Angling W/O Non-Resident License</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>Angling W/O License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take/Possess Undersize Finfish And Undersize Eel Catfish</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Fish W/O Resident Pole License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Operating Vessel While Intoxicated</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Gross Littering</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Operate Vehicle While Intoxicated</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>No Tail Lights</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Improper Equipment</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Expired License Plate</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Resisting Arrest</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>No Driver's License On Person</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Public Intimidation</b>

2	Possess Live Wild Quadruped Without Permit
3	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottom
1	Take/Possess Undersized Red Drum
1	Misrepresentation During Issuance Of A Misdemeanor
1	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On Wma

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 33**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
16	Boating
9	Angling W/O License
1	Hunt W/O Resident License
3	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
3	Use WMA W/O License Or Stamp
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass

**CONFISCATIONS:**

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
4 Rod And Reels, 540 Channel Catfish, Check In The Amount Of \$128.00, Miscellaneous Pieces Of Mail, 2 Live Cages, 2 Cat Squirrels, 27 Sacks Of Oysters, 2 Red Drum

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
43	Boating
40	Sport Fishing
6	Commercial Fishing
14	Miscellaneous
5	Littering
33	Warnings

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 2**

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

**REGION 7: BATON ROUGE**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>231</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>130</b>	<b>Boating (15-DWI's)</b>
<b>74</b>	<b>Angling Without Basic Resident License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Angling Without Non-Resident License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angling Without Non-Resident Salt Water License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Use Recreational Gear Without License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possess Game Fish Illegally</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>1</b>	<b>Violate Rules and Regulations On WMA</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Scenic River Violation</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Littering</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 19**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Angling Without License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA</b>

<b>1</b>	<b>Hunt Without Basic License</b>
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**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>1—Cast Net—Stored At Region VII</b> <b>1—Outboard Motor—Stored At Region VII</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>130</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>-0-</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>80</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 18**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
	<b>Public Assistance</b> <b>9—Assist Motorists</b> <b>9—Assist Boaters</b>

**REGION 8: NEW ORLEANS**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Oyster Closed Season</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Angle W/O Basic License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angle W/O Non-Resident License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Undersize Black Drum</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Sell Non-Catfish As Catfish Species</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Use Skimmers in Closed Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Trawling In Closed Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take/Sell Comm. Fish W/O License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Alligators Closed Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Illegal Possession Of Alligators</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Comply W/Aquaculture Regulations</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Comply W/Shipping Regulations</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Violate Interstate Commerce Regulations</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 1**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Improper Running Lights</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>1-5 Ft. Alligator; 190 Lbs. Of Head On Shrimp Sold For \$304.00; 17 Sacks Of Oysters – Returned To Water; 100 Lbs. Of Crabs – Returned To Water; 3-Fish Filets; 1-Test Trawl; 6-Oyster Dredges; 2-Rod And Reel Combos; 1-Crab Trap</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>21</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>6</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 0**

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

**REGION 9: SCHRIEVER**

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

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
	<b>DUE TO HURRICANE KATRINA INFORMATION UNAVAILABLE</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**

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

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:**

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

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:**

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

**OYSTER STRIKE FORCE**

**COASTAL WATERS**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Unlawfully Take Oysters From Un-leased State Water Bottoms</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Unlawfully Take Oysters From A Private Lease</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Failure To Have Written Permission</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Oysters Closed Season</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Violate Sanitary Code (Logbook)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Removing Contents From Crab Traps</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Use crab traps without required markings</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angling Without A Basic License</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 2**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Angling Without A Basic License</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>281 Sacks Of Oysters</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OSF:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>51</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>1</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:**

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

**SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT**

**STATEWIDE**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Buy/Sell Fish Without Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealer's License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Fail To Maintain Records</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Angling Without A license</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Retail Dealer Buy From Other Than Wholesale Dealer</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Transport Without Required License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Comply With Game Fish Shipping Regulations</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Comply With Aquaculture Fish Regulations</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Buying Or Selling For Resale Untagged Oysters</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possess less Than 10% Untagged Oysters</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Violate Interstate Commerce Regulations (State Lacey)</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Sell Unlabeled Non-Catfish Species</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 0**

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

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>	
<b>6 Fish Fillets</b>	<b>Held as evidence at Headquarters</b>
<b>12 Sacks Oysters</b>	<b>Returned to Water</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SIU:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>13</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>3</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: 0**

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

**TOTAL CASES:** 792

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:** 101

**PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:** 1,552

RESOLUTION

Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area

adopted by the  
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

October 6, 2005

WHEREAS, Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area was established by a Proclamation of the Governor dated September 23, 1975,

WHEREAS, this property contains valuable wildlife habitat, the protection and proper management of which is critical to the State's conservation and wildlife management efforts,

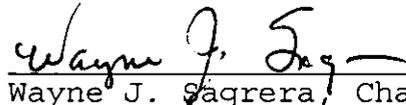
WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, that in order to enhance wildlife habitat in the State and to provide for public use and recreational opportunities on these lands, that these lands and water bottoms remain selected as a wildlife management area and are included in the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area,

WHEREAS, it is the further recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission confirm and reaffirm that all state-owned lands including water bottoms, as described in "Exhibit A" have been selected, established, and are included in the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in accordance with the laws of the state of Louisiana, particularly Title 56, Section 109 and Section 781 et seq. of the Revised Statutes of 1954, does hereby confirm and reaffirm that all state-owned lands as described in "Exhibit A," comprised of 17,644 acres, more or less, including water bottoms, were previously selected and established as the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, on behalf of the Commission, to take all actions necessary in furtherance of this Resolution.



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Wayne J. Sagrera, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

EXHIBIT A

The following described property composed of 17,644 acres, more or less, including State-owned lands and water bottoms, situated in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana:

Township 17 North, Range 4 East

- Section 24 All
- Section 25 All East 1/2, East 1/2 of West 1/2, Northwest 1/4 of Southwest 1/4
- Section 13 Southeast 1/4, Southwest 1/4 of Southwest 1/4, Southeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 less Northeast 1/4

Township 17 North, Range 5 East

- Sections 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 29, 30 All
- Section 3 All less Northwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4
- Section 1 North 1/2 of North 1/2
- Section 4 All less and except 9.957, more particularly described in that Act of Cash Sale and recorded at COB 1635, Page 213, Entry 1142078, official records of the Clerk and Recorder for Ouachita Parish
- Section 14 All West 1/2 of West 1/2 north of Richland Parish Drainage Canal W-38, known as the Brimberry Canal
- Section 28 All north and west of Bayou Lafourche, Northeast 1/4 of Northeast 1/4
- Section 12 West 1/2 of Northwest 1/4, Northwest 1/4 of Southwest 1/4

Township 18 North, Range 5 East

- Sections 25,35 All
- Section 23 East 1/2
- Section 11 South 1/2 west of Blackwater Ditch, Southeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4
- Section 13 All West of Blackwater Ditch
- Section 14 East 1/2 west of Blackwater Ditch, Northwest 1/4

Section 36 West 1/2 and that portion of the East 1/2 north and west of Lafourche Channel Improvement

Section 26 All less South 1/2 of Northeast 1/4

Section 24 All South and West of Bayou Lafourche

Township 18 North, Range 4 East

Section 5 Southwest 1/4 of Southwest 1/4

Section 6 Southeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4, Lot 11

Section 7 Lots 1, 2, 3

Section 8 Southwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4, North 1/2 of Northwest 1/4, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, Less and except the following: The East Half (E/2) of Section 23, Township 19 North, Range 4 East; AND the Southwest Quarter (SE/4), West Half of Northwest Quarter (W/2 of NW/4), South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S/2 of SE/4) and West Half of Southeast Quarter (W/2 of SE/4), less and except ten (10) acres off of the east side thereof and further less and except that 50.447 acres tract being the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4 of SE/4) and a portion of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W/2 of SE/4) as described in Conveyance Book 1296, page 785, records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, all in Section Thirteen (13), Township 19 North, Range 4 East.

AND,

All right, title and interest which the owner has in the following described tracts:

Tract A:

Right-of-way grant from O. B. M. J., Inc. to International Paper Company dated July 25, 1997 as recorded in COB 1707, page 785 registry number 1205679 records of the Clerk and Recorder of Mortgages for Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, more fully described as follows:

A certain 60 foot wide proposed road situated in the SE/4 Section 13, T19N, R4E, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana and being more particularly described as commencing at the southeast corner of said SE/4, said corner lying in the right-of-way of La. Highway No. 134; thence N 0°12'W along the East line SE/4 and along Hwy. #134,

a distance of 634.24 ft. to the intersection of the East line of said SE/4 and the Southerly line of said proposed 60 ft. wide road and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S84°29'W, a distance of 345.64 ft.; thence N82°32'W, a distance of 209.34 ft.; thence N73°08'15"W, a distance of 126.78 ft.; thence S87°37' W a distance of 111.45 ft.; thence S86°54'W, a distance of 754.36ft.; thence N2°02'20"W, a distance of 60.01 ft.; thence N86°54'E, a distance of 753.62 ft.; thence N87°37'E, a distance of 122.01 ft.; thence S73°08'15"E, a distance of 118.70 ft.; thence S82°31'E, a distance of 210.46 ft.; thence N84°29'E, a distance of 344.39 ft.; to the East line of said SE/4, said point lying in the right-of-way of La. Hwy. No. 134; thence S0°12'E along the East line of said SE/4 and along La. Hwy. No. 134, a distance of 60.26 ft. to the POINT OF BEGINNING and being subject to the right-of-way of La. Hwy. No. 134 and all other rights-of-way, easements and Servitudes of Record or of use.

Tract B:

Right-of-way grant from O. B. McCaa, Jr. to International Paper Company dated July 25, 1997 as recorded in CB 1707 page 790 registry number 1205680 records of the Clerk and Recorder of Mortgages for Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

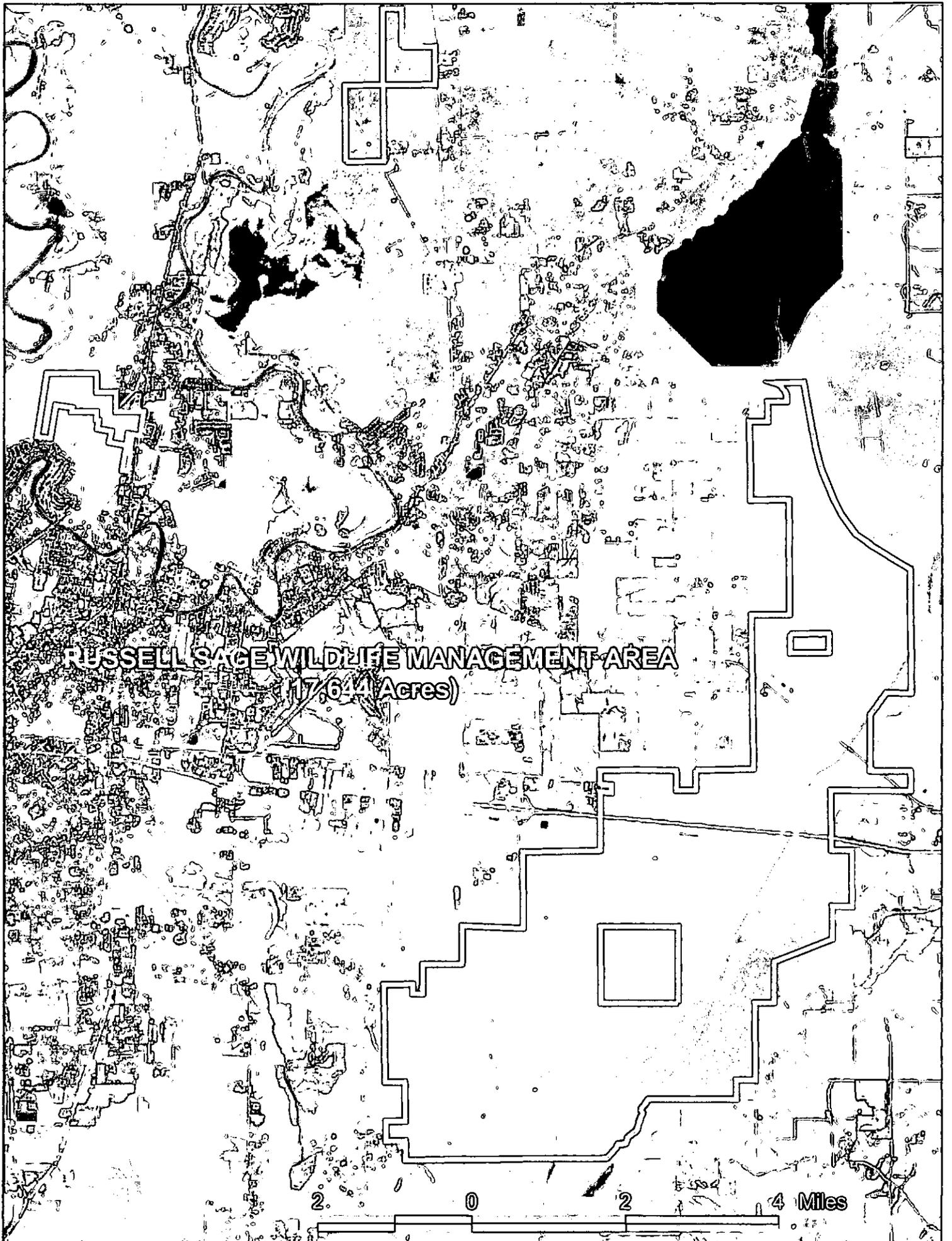
And,

Less and except a certain tract or parcel of ground containing 13.7 acres more or less, situated in Section Eight (8), Township Eighteen (18) North, Range Four (4) East, and being more particularly described as beginning at the Northeast (NE) corner of Southeast One-Quarter of Northeast One-Quarter (SE 1/4 of NE 1/4) of said Section Eight (8), Township Eighteen (18) North, Range four (4) East, thence South 0° 05' West along the East line of said Section Eight (8) a distance of 760.65 feet; thence North 80° 55' West a distance of 791.34 feet; thence South 8° 55' West 1057.0 feet; thence North 81° 43' West a distance of 25 feet (plus or minus) to the Easterly right-of-way of U.S. Highway No. 165, thence Northeasterly along the Easterly right-of-way of U.S. Highway No. 165, a distance of 1680 feet (plus or minus) to the North line of the Southeast One-Quarter of Northeast One-Quarter (SE 1/4 of NE 1/4) of Section Eight (8), Township Eighteen (18) North, Range Four (4) East; thence North 89° 46' East a distance of 755 feet (plus or minus) to the Point of Beginning.

And,

A tract of land in Lot 2 Section 43, T-18-N, R-4-E, commencing at the SW corner of Lot 13 of the Northgate Business Park; thence, N 82° 12' 34" W a distance of 379.27 feet to a point on the west line of Section 43; thence, N 09° 15' 26" E along the west line of Section 43 a distance of 2533.74 feet, more or less, to the

northwest corner of Section 43; thence S 82° 35' 57" E along the north line of Section 43 a distance of 274.43 feet to a point, thence, S 07° 47' 26" W a distance of 1,134.82 feet to a point; thence, S 82° 12' 34" E a distance of 75.00 feet to the NW corner of Lot 26 of Northgate Business Park; thence, along the following courses along the west line of the Business Park, S 07° 47' 26" W a distance of 600.00 feet back to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 19.50 acres, more or less, all in Lot 2 of Section 43, T-18-N, R-4-E, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.



RUSSELL SAGE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA  
(17,644 Acres)

0 2 4 Miles

RESOLUTION  
Adding Certain Leased Property to the  
Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area

adopted by the  
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

October 6, 2005

WHEREAS, the State, through the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, entered into a lease agreement dated August 25, 2005 with The Conservation Fund for 7,403 acres, more or less, located in St. John Parish, and adjacent to Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area,

WHEREAS, this property contains valuable wildlife habitat, the protection and proper management of which is critical to the State's conservation and wildlife management efforts,

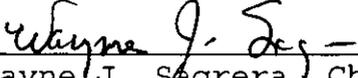
WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that in order to enhance wildlife habitat in the state and provide for public use and recreational opportunities on these lands, including water bottoms, that they be established as a wildlife management area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

WHEREAS, it is the further recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission select all state owned lands, including water bottoms, located within the property leased August 25, 2005 and all adjacent state owned water bottoms, be established as a wildlife management area and included in the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, particularly Title 56, Section 109 and Section 781 et seq. of the Revised Statutes of 1954, select all lands, including water bottoms, located within the above described property, including adjacent water bottoms, and establish such lands, including water bottoms, as a wildlife management area to be added to and included in the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area, so that all land, including water bottoms described in Attachment A hereto, and identified on the attached map, including water bottoms, are included in the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, on behalf of the Commission, to take all actions necessary in furtherance of this resolution.

  
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Wayne J. Segrera, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

ATTACHMENT A.

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE OR PORTION OF GROUND, Consisting of approximately 7,403 acres, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, means, privileges, servitudes and appurtenances thereunto belonging or anywise appertaining, situated in St. John Parish, Louisiana, and being more fully described as follows:

Township 9 South, Range 8 East

Section 17  
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Section 21, West of I-55  
Section 28, West of I-55  
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Section 32, West of I-55  
Section 33, West of I-55

Township 10 South, Range 7 East

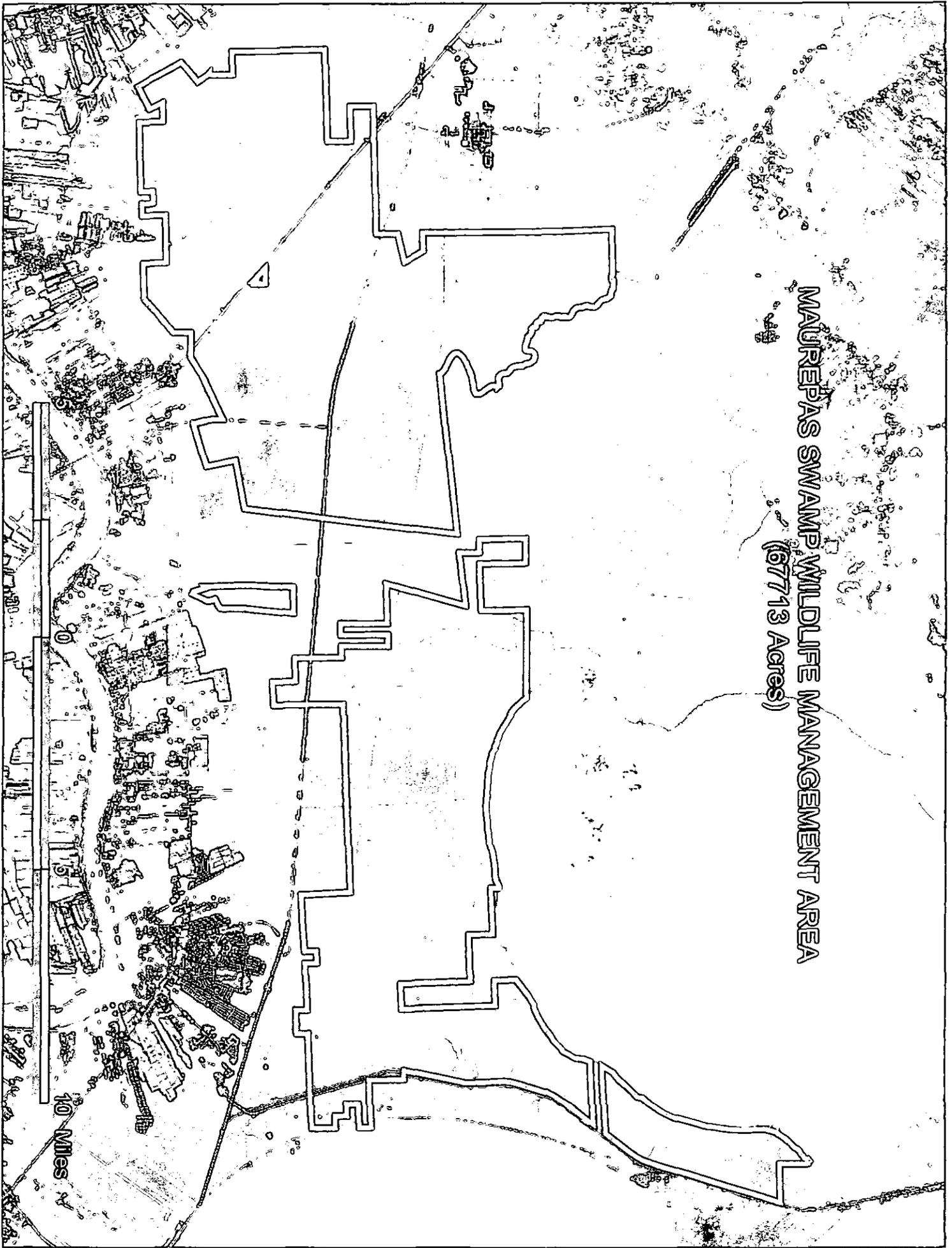
Section 1, less and except 44.64 acres out of South half  
Section 11  
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Section 23, East half  
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Section 25, West of I-55  
Section 26, East half

Township 10 South, Range 8 East

Section 5, less and except 101.98 acres out of South half,  
West of I-55  
Section 6, less and except 160 acres out of South half  
Section 7, West of I-55  
Section 18, West of I-55  
Section 19, North half, West of I-55  
Section 30, Portion of South half, West of I-55

Those properties less and excepted out of Section 1 Township 10 South, Range 7 East, Sections 5 and 6, Township 10 South, Range 8 East mentioned above are further described in a Sale from Dudley Lunt, Receiver of Ruddock Orleans Cypress Corp. to Eleanor McCarthy Richter dated September 29, 1947 and registered November 12, 1947 in COB 14, folio 67.

MAUREPAS SWAMP WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA  
(67713 Acres)



## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

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

In accordance with R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and pursuant to LSA R.S. 56:8 and 251 et seq. and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby amend that portion of LAC 76:V.701.A.11.b.ii., which states that "Lost or stolen tags will not be replaced", to provide as follows: Alligator hunters who have lost their assigned alligator harvest tags and alligator hunting licenses due to the impacts of Hurricane Katrina can apply in writing to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for replacement tags and licenses.

Affected alligator hunters must apply to the New Iberia Office at 2415 Darnall Road, New Iberia, LA 70560. The application can be in letter form and must confirm that the tags and licenses were lost due to the impacts of Hurricane Katrina. Once replacement alligator harvest tags are issued, the original harvest tags cannot be used, and use of those tags will constitute a Class 2 violation. Further, all lost or stolen tags must be reported to the Department. All unused tags must be returned to the Department within 15 days following the close of the season. The 2005 wild alligator harvest season will close on October 13, 2005.

Hurricane Katrina struck southeast Louisiana on August 29, 2005 resulting in catastrophic damage. Many alligator hunters in Katrina's path have suffered damage to their homes and personal

belongings, including loss of their previously issued alligator harvest tags and licenses. Income for the annual wild alligator harvest often provides significant economic relief to these coastal residents. Therefore, the Department is acting to suspend the rule effective September 21, 2005 that would normally prohibit the replacement of lost alligator tags for those individuals thus impacted by Hurricane Katrina. This Declaration of Emergency shall expire on October 13, 2005.

Dwight Landreneau

Secretary

## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

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

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 49:953B of the Administrative Procedure Act and LAC 76:V.701.A.7.a.i., the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby extend the closing date of the 2005 wild alligator harvest season as set out below.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita struck Louisiana resulting in catastrophic damage. This catastrophe has severely impacted over a million residents, flooded thousands of homes, and millions of acres of coastal marshes. Alligator populations in affected areas have been displaced and suffered some degree of direct mortality. Assessment of these impacts is ongoing. Additionally, many alligator hunters in the affected areas are displaced and have had their harvest efforts delayed due to the hurricanes. Income for the annual wild alligator harvest often provides significant economic relief to these coastal residences. Therefore, the closing date of the 2005 wild alligator season will be extended to close statewide on Sunday, October 30, 2005. Alligators taken from the wild may be removed from hook and line and taken with other legal capture devices only during daylight hours between official sunrise and official sunset. Hunters are reminded to coordinate their harvest activity with their local alligator buyer or processor as they may have been affected by the hurricane as well.

Also, pursuant to LSA R.S. 56:8 and 251 et seq. and the rules

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This Declaration of Emergency shall expire on October 30, 2005.

Dwight Landreneau

Secretary

RESOLUTION  
2006 ABANDONED CRAB TRAP REMOVAL PROGRAM  
October 6, 2005

WHEREAS, Act 48 of the 2003 Regular Legislative Session, R.S. 56:332(N), authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a program for the removal of abandoned crab traps from state-owned lake and river beds and other water bottoms of the state, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:332(N) authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to provide for a prohibition on the use of crab traps and for removal of abandoned traps and their disposal, and

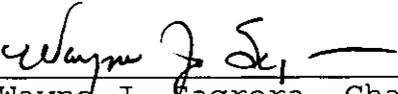
WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall specify the beginning and ending dates for the prohibition on the use of crab traps, shall specify the geographical area within which the use of crab traps shall be prohibited and shall specify who is authorized to remove the abandoned traps, and

WHEREAS, the abandoned crab trap removal program was highly successful in 2004 and 2005, with 11,517 abandoned crab traps removed from Louisiana waters, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt a notice of intent to implement a rule for the 2006 abandoned crab trap removal program for one crab trap closure which is attached to and made a part of this resolution and which will become effective upon promulgation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to designate the locations where removed and abandoned traps are to be placed for disposal.

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

  
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Wayne J. Sagerera, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

## NOTICE OF INTENT

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

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend a rule, LAC 76:VII.367, which provides for an abandoned crab trap removal program. Authority to establish these regulations is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:332(N). Said rule is attached and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

### Title 76

### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

### Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

### Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

### §367. Removal of Abandoned Crab Traps

A. The use of crab traps shall be prohibited from 6:00 a.m., March 4, 2006 through 6:00 a.m. March 13, 2006 within that portion of Terrebonne Parish as described below:

1. From a point originating from the intersection of the eastern shoreline of Bayou Dularge and the northern shoreline of Falgout Canal; thence westward along the northern shoreline of Falgout Canal to Lake Decade; thence westward and then southward along the northern and western shoreline of Lake Decade to the mouth of Bayou Decade; thence southwesterly along the northern shoreline of Bayou Decade to Lost Lake; thence westward along the northern shoreline of Lost Lake to the mouth of an unnamed bayou originating from Big Carencro Bayou; thence northward along the

eastern shoreline of the unnamed bayou to Big Carencro Bayou; thence northward and then westward along the northern shoreline of Big Carencro Bayou to the eastern shoreline of Four League Bay; thence southwesterly to the northernmost point of land on Pointe Au Fer Island at Mosquito Pass; thence southward along the eastern shoreline of Pointe Au Fer Island to the mouth of Oyster Bayou; thence southward along the western shoreline of Oyster Bayou to a point along the inside-outside shrimp line as defined in R.S. 56:495; thence eastward along the inside-outside shrimp line to the eastern shoreline of Bayou Grand Caillou; thence northward to the first red channel marker (No. 10) in Bayou Grand Caillou; thence northward along the red channel markers in Bayou Grand Caillou to channel marker No. 40; thence due eastward to the eastern shoreline of Bayou Grand Caillou; thence northward along the eastern shoreline of Bayou Grand Caillou to the Tennessee Gas Pipeline canal; thence westward along the northern shoreline of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline canal to Bayou Dularge; thence northward along the eastern shoreline of Bayou Dularge and terminating at the intersection of Falgout Canal and Bayou Dularge.

B. All crab traps remaining in the closed area during the specified period shall be considered abandoned. These trap removal regulations do not provide authorization for access to private property; authorization to access private property can only be provided by individual landowners. Crab traps may be removed only between one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Anyone is authorized to remove these abandoned crab traps within the closed areas. No person removing crab traps from the designated closed areas shall possess these traps outside of the closed areas. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to designate disposal sites.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:332(N).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 30:101 (January 2004), amended LR 31:108 (January 2005), amended LR .

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

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to Vincent Guillory, Marine Fisheries Biologist Manager, Marine Fisheries Division, P.O. Box 189, Bourg, LA 70343, prior to Tuesday, December 6, 2005.

In accordance with Act No. 1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding

Notice of Intent. This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Wayne J. Sagrera

Chairman

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**October 6, 2005**

**Members of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission:**

My name is Robin Young and I am a native of Baton Rouge. I am here today to make a brief statement about a matter that will be coming before this commission at a later date. I recently graduated from the University of Miami with a degree in Animal Behavior. During my college career I worked extensively with many exotic animals, particularly primates, and returned home to follow my dream. I want to create an educational program teaching the children of the greater Baton Rouge area about exotic animals.

In an effort to determine all the permitting that would be required for my endeavor, I spoke with Maria Davidson of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. She told me the animals I would hope to acquire will not be allowed by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, after she finalizes the ordinances governing non-human primates. I am here to voice my concerns about this proposed action.

It is my understanding from my discussion with Mrs. Davidson that she intends to ban all private ownership of non-human primates in the state of Louisiana. I was devastated to learn that I may not be able to pursue my dream. Mrs. Davidson told me it would be a waste of my money to buy the primates I have selected, because they would soon be outlawed.

I understand it is my right as a citizen of Louisiana to appear before you to appeal this proposed action. I hope that you will carefully consider the rights of all Louisiana citizens when this ordinance is proposed. Thank you for allowing me to speak to you today.



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September 28, 2005

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## HAND DELIVER

Mr. Wayne Sagraera, Chairman  
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission  
2000 Quail Drive  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808

Dear Chairman Sagraera:

We are greatly distressed by the loss of life; the human suffering, and the damage and loss of property so many of our citizens have endured over the past month. We pledge to continue to do our part to help rebuild our state in every way we can.

As the state's largest volunteer organization dedicated to conservation of our marine resources, the Coastal Conservation Association of Louisiana is concerned about the impact Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita have had on our coastal fisheries. Much of the media focus on the damage the storms inflicted has centered on commercial fishing industries. It is equally important to keep in mind that the recreational fishing industries are also decimated. Recreational fishing is a \$1.6 billion business in Louisiana. Before the hurricanes, almost 17,000 Louisianians were employed by businesses that depend on recreational fishing. Many of those businesses in the impacted areas were destroyed. The recreational fishing industry also generates \$59 million in sales and income taxes.

Our request to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is that you stand firm on the marine conservation laws and regulations that are currently in effect. We invite discussions with the Commission on any emergency measures affecting our marine resources, including perhaps strengthening laws and regulations that affect creel limits and game fish status for certain species.

We fully support and are prepared to work with the Commission, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Legislature and others in productive efforts to reestablish our vital recreational and commercial fishing industries. We also want to ensure that as we move forward with these efforts, the fisheries resource on which we all depend is not further damaged. We will be pleased to meet with you to further discuss our request.

Sincerely,



Jeff Angers  
Executive Director/CEO

- cc: Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco  
LDWF Secretary Dwight Landreneau  
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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
BATON ROUGE, LA  
October 6, 2005  
9:30 AM

GED -

1. Roll Call
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7. Maurepas Swamp WMA Proclamation - Randy Myers
8. 2006 Turkey Season Public Comments
9. Ratification of Alligator Tag Declaration of Emergency - Noel Kinler
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11. Maurepas Swamp WMA Camp Site Lawsuit (St. John the Baptist Parish et al. v. State of Louisiana et al. #45016B, 40<sup>th</sup> JDC) Status Report; Consideration of Appeal (Executive Session) - Don Puckett
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## NEWS RELEASE

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### L.W.F.C. OCTOBER AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has scheduled the next regular public board meeting for **9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005**, at the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Building located at 2000 Quail Drive in Baton Rouge.

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## Falcon, Susan

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**From:** Terry Denmon [tdd@denmon.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2005 8:13 AM  
**To:** Susan Falcon (E-mail)  
**Cc:** Dwight Landreneau (E-mail)  
**Subject:** FW: Wayne Sagera

Susan: Do we know if Wayne will be able to attend Commission meeting next week ? I understand he has water problems form hurricane. Remembering that I will be out of state starting Wednesday, if Wayne cannot attend, could we move meeting to Tuesday ? Or could someone else Chair ?

Terry.

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

**From:** Henry Mouton [mailto:henrymouton@star-service.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 25, 2005 10:09 PM  
**To:** Pat Morrow; Fred Miller; Earl King; Bobby Samanie; Terry Denmon  
**Subject:** Wayne Sagera

Guys, I flew over Mouton Cove where Wayne lives and where his Alligator farm is. He probably has 6' of water in his operation, really, really sad. It was really tough trying to locate some of the highways in Vermilion Parish because of all the Water, hard to believe what I saw. Pecan Island was torn to shreds, lots of Slabs with NO house in sight, Mobile Homes 1 mile into the Marsh. Oak Grove Hunting Camp in Creole, LA is GONE, nothing left, the 2 schools in Lower Cameron Parish, torn up real bad, can be rebuilt. 90% of all homes and buildings severly damaged or destroyed. Hackberry Rod and Gun Club is GONE! Really sad, Lake Charles has NO electricity, looks much better than I thought. God Bless LA

Henry Mouton  
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Thank You

*Earl P. King, Jr.*  
*Member*  
*Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission*  
P.O. Drawer 1100  
Amelia, LA 70340

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August 15, 2005

Mr. Wayne Sagreca  
Chairman, LA Wildlife & Fisheries Commission  
12906 Community Road  
Abbeville, LA 70510

Dear Wayne,

I would like the following items placed on our September Agenda:

1. At the August meeting we set the Oyster date openings across the state including Sister Lake. In December of 2004, oilman James A. Whitman was accused of permit violations and damaging Sister Lake Oyster grounds. We need a synopsis of that rig/barge/tug crossing, and a oyster damage assessment along with what fines were levied for permit violations, how much, and have they been paid.
2. Deer Dog Task Force, we need an overview of where we are in the process.

Sincerely,



Earl P. King, Jr.

September 28, 2005

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_



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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

DWIGHT LANDRENEAU  
SECRETARY

September 28, 2005

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission  
FROM: Dwight Landreneau, Secretary   
SUBJECT: October Commission Meeting Agenda

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### WINTON VIDRINE

6. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/August & September

### OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

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cc: Janice Lansing  
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John Roussel  
Brandt Savoie  
Bo Boehringer  
Don Puckett  
Dennis Kropog  
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Division Administrators  
Marianne Burke  
Stephanie Blanchard

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Dwight Landreneau  
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission  
FROM: Dwight Landreneau, Secretary  
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C O V E R



FAX

S H E E T

**To:** Terry Denmon

**Fax #:** 318-361-5036

**Subject:** Agenda

**Date:** September 26, 2005

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

**COMMENTS:**

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

From the desk of...

Susan Falcon

La. Dept. Of Wildlife & Fisheries  
P. O. Box 98000  
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

225-765-2806  
Fax: 225-765-0948

, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission  
FROM: Dwight Landreneau, Secretary  
SUBJECT: October Commission Meeting Agenda

The next regular Commission Meeting will be held at **9:30 AM on Thursday, October 6, 2005**, in the Louisiana Room at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

The following items will be discussed:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of August 4, 2005
3. Commission Special Announcements
4. Presentation to Joel Courtney by NRCS
5. Report on Efforts and Impacts from Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita

WINTON VIDRINE

6. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/August & September

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7. Russell Sage WMA Proclamation
8. Maurepas Swamp WMA Proclamation
9. 2006 Turkey Season Public Comments

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10. Ratification of Alligator Tag Declaration of Emergency

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11. Resolution and Notice of Intent - Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program, 2006
12. Status Report on Maurepas Swamp WMA Camp Site Lawsuit
13. Set January 2006 and February 2006 Meeting Dates
14. Public Comments

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cc: Janice Lansing  
Parke Moore  
John Roussel  
Brandt Savoie  
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Don Puckett  
Dennis Kropog  
Ewell Smith  
Division Administrators  
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## Falcon, Susan

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**From:** Greeson, Cathy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 06, 2005 10:24 AM  
**To:** Falcon, Susan  
**Subject:** FW: October 6, 2005, Commission Meeting

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

**From:** Landreneau, Dwight  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 28, 2005 7:02 PM  
**To:** Greeson, Cathy  
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**To:** dlandreneau@wlf.louisiana.gov <dlandreneau@wlf.louisiana.gov>  
**Sent:** Thu Aug 25 10:53:02 2005  
**Subject:** October 6, 2005, Commission Meeting

Dwight - This is to confirm our discussion yesterday concerning my visit to the October 6, 2005, Commission meeting. At that meeting, I would like to present Joel Courtney with a token of gratitude on behalf of NRCS. Joel has helped us develop an 8 1/2 minute video that we are using at the White House Conference on Conservation next week in St. Louis.

If time would permit, I would like to show the video to the Commissioners and give a brief update on our conservation programs of which your department plays an important role. I would need no more than 20 minutes to do all of this unless there are questions, discussions, etc.

Please let me know if all of this is possible. Also, I'd appreciate any details concerning time and location of the 10/6 meeting.

I truly appreciate your support and leadership for the conservation, development, and stewardship of habitat throughout Louisiana.

Donald W. Gohmert  
State Conservationist  
USDA-NRCS  
3737 Government Street  
Alexandria, LA 71302  
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- 1) Turkey Season NOI / Public Comment
- 2) WMA proclamation - Randy M.
  - a) Manassas Swamp
  - b) Russell Sage



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*SUSAN - other than a status report on Katrina damage from each Division, I have nothing else.*

*Thanks!*

*[Signature]*

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*Dear Susan:*  
*Ourland Fisheries Division*  
*has no items for the October*  
*commission agenda. I thank you.*

*Bennett*

*C. John Russell*



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*Nothing for Public Info.  
Me: Bob*



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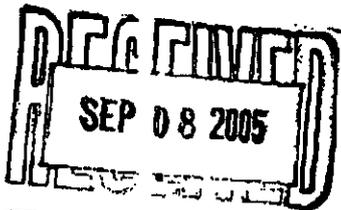
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*No additions*

*Thanks*

*Dan Monahan*

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