

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Revisions to Basin Area Deer Hunting Seasons

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953 of the Administrative Procedure Act, and R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116, which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set deer hunting seasons, and due to the recent historic flooding of the Mississippi River and subsequent opening of the Morganza spillway on May 14, 2011, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby alter the previously established deer hunting seasons for 2011-12 hunting season, for the specific areas described below:

Sherburne WMA:

Deer:

Archery, bucks only: October 1-15

Archery, either-sex: October 16-February 15

Youth & Physically Challenged, either-sex: October 29-30; **ALL**

OTHER SEASONS CLOSED. Self-clearing permits.

Youth Lottery, either-sex: October 29-30 and December 23, 26, 28
& 30.

Firearms, either-sex: November 25-26, mandatory deer check.

Firearms, bucks only: December 24-January 1

Primitive Firearms, either-sex: January 7-8

All lands within the Morganza floodway, from the Morganza control structure, south to I-10, and from I-10 south, within the protection levees of the Atchafalaya basin.

Archery, bucks only: October 1-15

Archery, either-sex: October 16-February 15

Still Hunt, either-sex: November 19-27

Still Hunt, bucks only: November 28-December 9

With or Without Dogs, either-sex: December 10-11

With or Without Dogs, bucks only: December 12-January 15

Primitive Firearms, bucks only: January 23-29

Attakapas WMA:

Deer:

Primitive Firearms, bucks only: January 23-29

These actions are being taken as a result of significant deer mortality estimated within the flood zone area identified above. The aforementioned 2011-2012 deer hunting seasons will become effective November 28, 2011.

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