

## NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Pursuant to the authority of Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 56, Sections 6(25)(a), 325(c) and 326.3, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to modify the current crappie regulations on Eagle Lake, Madison Parish, Louisiana. The new daily take and size regulations will be 30 fish per person with an 11 inch minimum length limit.

### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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

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

#### §xxx. Crappie Regulations - Eagle Lake

A. The recreational daily limit and total length limit for black crappie (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*) and white crappie (*Pomoxis annularis*) on Eagle Lake located east of the Mississippi River in Madison Parish, Louisiana shall be as follows:

- (1) The recreational daily creel limit shall be thirty (30) fish, in the aggregate.
- (2) The minimum total length limit shall be eleven (11) inches.

B. This rule shall become effective October 1, 2015 provided identical minimum total length limit and daily creel regulations by the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Commission are implemented.

C. This rule will expire four (4) years from its effective date or if Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Commission fails to maintain identical regulations for Eagle Lake at anytime during the 4 year period.

D. Upon completion of the 4 year period, a crappie population stock assessment and crappie angler opinion survey will be conducted to allow for a comprehensive evaluation of the regulation for future management recommendations.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 41: xxx (xxx 2015).

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.

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).

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to Randy Myers, Director, Inland Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to xxxxxx 2015.

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