

**HUNTING AND FISHING ADVISORY EDUCATION COUNCIL**

**REPORT**

**March 12, 2013**

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CHAIRMAN**

**BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**

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**AGENDA**  
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1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of October 16, 2012
3. Welcome and Opening Comments, *Woody Crews, Chairman*
4. Office of Fisheries Report: Red Snapper Management, *Randy Pausina*
5. Enforcement Division Report, Major Jubal Marceaux
6. Office of Management and Finance Report FY 2013-2014 Budget, *Cathy Lockett*
7. Office of Wildlife Report, Proposed Deer Season Changes, *Michael Perot*
8. Pre-Session, Legislative Update, *Cole Garrett*
9. Set Next Meeting Date
10. Receive Public Comments
11. Adjournment

REPORT OF THE MEETING  
OF  
HUNTING AND FISHING ADVISORY EDUCATION COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Chairman Woody Crews presiding

Warren Singer  
Nelson Roth  
Daryl Carpenter  
Mike Windham  
Lyle Johnson  
Stephen Pellessier  
Steven Babcock for Jeff DeBlieux

Council members Mike Rainwater, Alexander Perret, Donald Reed, Samuel Smith, and David Rousseau were absent from the meeting. A quorum was present. The following constitutes a brief report of what was heard.

The **minutes of the October 16, 2012** meeting were deemed approved by the Chairman in the absence of objection.

Mr. Randy Pausina provided the **Office of Fisheries Report: Red Snapper Management** – There is a huge disagreement between the state of Louisiana and the Federal Government on Red Snapper Fisheries and Management. Gulf Council wants to operate the Red Snapper species with a “one size fits all” Regional Management Concept which is not conducive. Louisiana built a conceptual workable Regional Management program and offered a three year pilot study program paid for by Louisiana. There were no votes for this pilot study at the recent Gulf Council meeting. LDWF Fisheries Officials are having meetings with Texas and Florida. There were multiple side table discussions that took place after Mr. Pausina’s appearance.

Major Jubal Marceaux provided the **Enforcement Division report**  
(Report is attached and is made a part of the record)

The next agenda item, **Office of Management and Finance Report: FY 2013-2014 Budget** was presented by Cathy Lockett –

Ms. Lockett stated that they were not predicting any shortfalls or budget cuts. The Session is to begin on April 8, 2013. Anticipating Excise Tax on gun and ammunition sales to exceed three quarter million dollars.

All funds are self-generated and federally funded. No state general dollar funds are used. Funds come from Hunting and Fishing License sales and Mineral reserve funds. Ms. Lockett presented two (2) charts representing the number of licenses sold and Recreational Hunting and Fishing License Revenue

(Charts are attached and made part of the record)

The next item, **Office of Wildlife: Proposed Deer Season Changes** was provided by Mr. Michael Perot. Mr. Perot presented a PowerPoint presentation with the "Proposed" Deer Hunting Areas for 2013-2015.

- New Area 4
  - Florida Parishes, East Feliciana and eastern West Feliciana
  - Maintain Area 1 season framework for antlered deer; establish doe days
  - 19 Modern either sex days (-46)
  - 14 primitive (-4) = 33 total
- Area 6
  - Only a boundary change
  - High Productivity Area
  - Added more West Feliciana west of US61
    - Late breeding
- Area 7
  - St. Mary, Lower Iberia
  - Issues: Coastal Marsh and low hardwoods vulnerable to hurricanes, flooding
  - Same season framework for antlered deer; establish doe days
  - 9 modern either sex days (-54)
  - 7 primitive (-7) = 16 total
- New Area 9
  - Atchafalaya Basin, Swamp and river parishes, SE coastal zone
  - Maintain Area 6 season framework for antlered deer; establish doe days
  - 9 modern either sex days (-56)
  - 7 primitive (-11) = 16 total
  - Issues: Sugar cane lands, Spanish land grant shapes, declining wetland forests, low often easily flooded areas, lower bottomland hardwood, coastal marshes vulnerable to hurricanes and flooding
- New Area 10
  - SW coastal zone
  - Issues: Rice lands, coastal marsh vulnerable to hurricanes and flooding, hogs (relatively new), median land owner 200 acres
  - Maintain Area 3 season framework for antlered deer; established doe days
  - 9 modern either sex days (-65)
  - 7 primitive (-7) = 16 total

- Area 5
  - West Carroll
  - 2013-2014 no change
  - 2014-2015
  - Add 2 weeks to end of the season (bucks only)
  - Add another weekend of either sex

The next agenda item, **Pre-Session Legislative Update** was presented by Cole Garrett – Mr. Garrett began by stating this is a fiscal session, pertaining mostly to state government.

- HB14
  - Prohibits a former legislator from being appointed to or employed in any position in state government for a period of two years following the termination of his service as a legislator
- HB19
  - Provides relative to records of the office of the governor to be transferred to state archives
- HB32
  - Dedicates a portion of mineral income from False River to operations, management, and improvements including aquatic weed management in the lake
- HB73
  - Provides for a 10% reduction of all state professional, personal, and consulting service contracts
- HB81
  - Provides relative to licenses required by Purple Heart recipients participating in certain hunting and fishing activities
- HB85
  - Prohibits discrimination in state employment based on sexual identification
- HB92
  - Provides for authorized positions in the executive budget and appropriations bills
- HB94
  - Constitutional Amendment to dedicate to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill penalty monies received by the state under the RESTORE Act

The Council set the **Next Meeting Date** for July 9, 2013

There were no **Public Comments** heard

Chairman Crews stated that the Bayou Bow Hunters no longer exist and a discussion should take place at the next meeting to find a new representative for the table, perhaps a “Deer Hunting Association or group”. Research should be done to determine the best group for the table.

Chairman Crews **Adjourned** the meeting