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MARCH 4, 1999

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, March 4, 1999

Chairman Bill Busbice presiding.

Tom Gattle
Danny Babin
Tom Kelly
Norman McCall
Jerald Hanchey
Glynn Carver

Secretary James Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Chairman Busbice stated the approval of the **February 4, 1999 Commission Minutes** should be postponed until the April meeting since the Commissioners just received their copy of the Minutes. A motion to postpone the approval was made by Commissioner Babin and seconded by Commissioner Gattle. The motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Phil Bowman began stating this was the time of year for the presentation of a **Notice of Intent - 1999-2000 Resident Game Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits** and a **Notice of Intent - General and WMA Hunting Rules and Regulations**. The proposal is a Department recommendation with input from the Commission's Hunting Regulations Committee. This year, the regulations have been formatted into a Word Perfect document and there still may be errors which will be corrected as the process proceeds. Mr. Bowman expressed his appreciation to Col. Winton Vidrine, Lt. Col. Charlie Clark, Major Keith LaCaze and Major Brian Spillman within the Enforcement Division; Mr. Tommy Prickett, Mr. Dave Morrison and Mr. Mike Olinde in the Wildlife Division; and Mr. Brandt Savoie and Mr. Dave Arnoldi in the Fur & Refuge Division for their work in putting the recommendations together. The procedure for this year is different with there being two Resolutions and Notices of Intent, but the end result will be the same. A number of changes were made in the Wildlife Management Area systems and these would be explained when Mr. Mike Olinde makes his presentation. The dates

and times for a series of public hearings were announced by Mr. Bowman. These are: Ruston on March 8; Alexandria on March 15; Lake Charles on March 16; and New Orleans on March 18, all beginning at 7 PM and concluding by 10 PM. Mr. Bowman then asked that a public comments section be allowed at each Commission Meeting until July 1999 to accept input from the audience. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Bowman for a copy of the public hearing dates.

Chairman Busbice then recognized Mr. Hugh Bateman, an employee having over 30 years with the Department and was attending his last Commission Meeting since he would soon be retiring. He then asked Mr. Bateman to come up and say a few words. Mr. Bateman stated he would be retiring on March 31, 1999 and feels he is a story of endurance and good fortune. He feels this is due to the very talented and professional people he has worked with throughout the state. Mr. Bateman then stated he would be going back to work with Ducks Unlimited on May 1st and would be able to stay involved in the wetlands conservation field. He thanked the Commission for the professional job they do in protecting the resource and allowing for a professional, management approach towards conservation. On a personal note, Mr. Bateman stated Mr. Dave Morrison is considered a real trooper within the Wildlife Division. He has handled the Duck Stamp Program since its inception in a very professional and effective way. The program has allowed the State to do \$5 million of wetlands work that may not have been possible. Mr. Bateman then presented Mr. Morrison a framed 10th Anniversary Duck Stamp Print.

Mr. Mike Olinde stated his presentation involved two Notices of Intent, but they would be made as one. Calendar adjustments were made on the small game season dates with squirrel and rabbit seasons opening the first weekend of October, quail and pheasant opens mid-November. Calendar adjustments were made for the archery and muzzleloader seasons as well. The schedule for farm-raised exotics is the same schedule as previously acted upon. Mr. Olinde then went over several general pamphlet changes; which included prohibiting shotgun slugs during small game hunting, changing the wording of rimfire rifle to rimfire firearm for raccoon hunting, emphasizing inline muzzleloaders are legal, including the farm-raised exotics and deer regulations in the pamphlet and changing the location of attaching DMAP tags to the hock only. A map of the different deer areas in the State was shown. Changes in deer Areas 1, 2 and 6 included adding two days to either-sex hunting, moving the split between still hunting and with or without dogs up one week and moving the dog hunting season back one week. A presentation will be made at the next Commission Meeting on a new

still hunting area proposed for Washington Parish. A change for Area 2 was setting the opening date for the first Saturday in November. Changes for Areas 3 and 7 were based on a calendar adjustment and a recommendation of two extra days of either-sex hunting. Area 4 change involved extending the gun season by two weeks. The season dates for either-sex deer hunting were then read by Mr. Olinde. Changes on the WMAs consisted of: making hunters be out of the woods from two hours after sunset until two hours before legal shooting hours and restricting the use of ATVs on roads and trails during these hours; operational waste disposal systems be used in the camping areas; deer hunters using guns wear a hunter orange hat in addition to the 400 square inches; designating mooring areas and limiting these to recreational boats only; prohibiting use of guns for deer hunting along any of the ATV trails or roads; and access to Cut Off Canal on Pointe-au-Chien WMA be denied to commercial shrimping activities. Also included in the package are season dates for Kisatchie National Forest, Corps of Engineers property, Barksdale Air Force Base and changes were mainly calendar adjustments. Indian Bayou will attempt a Quality Deer Management program this year.

Commissioner Babin asked if there has been a problem in allowing shrimpers to use Cut Off Canal? Mr. Brandt Savoie stated there was an enforcement problem and it was decided to stop allowing access. Chairman Busbice thanked Mr. Olinde for his presentation and asked if there were any other questions. Commissioner Gattle asked why is Area 2 closing on the 14th which is a Friday? Mr. Olinde stated muzzleloader season would begin the next day. Mr. Dave Moreland stated the recommendation was to keep the number of days the same. Commissioner Gattle then asked about a change in Area 4 on the special doe days in East Carroll Parish? Mr. Moreland stated there is a higher population of deer in the area inside the levee, so the staff is recommending more days for hunting. Chairman Busbice asked about the farm-raised deer season dates? Mr. Olinde stated the dates were not included in the season packets, but would be added before the Notice of Intent was sent for publishing. Chairman Busbice asked if the season dates for Kisatchie were shortened because of the deer population? Mr. Olinde stated the season is shorter than the outside season, but is longer than when it was initially shortened. Mr. Olinde read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the general and WMA regulations Resolution. Commissioner Gattle made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Carver seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Then Mr. Olinde read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution for the hunting season dates.

Commissioner Gattle again made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. This motion also passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolutions and Notices of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
March 4, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, March 4, 1999.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as a Notice of Intent.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

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 promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 1999-2000 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25: .

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 1999-2000

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov. 13-Feb. 29	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 2-Feb. 29	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 2-Feb. 13	8	16

Pheasant	Nov. 13-Jan. 31	2 (Cock Only)	4
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6

C. Deer Hunting Schedule

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 24-Jan.30	Nov.20-Dec. 5 Jan.10-Jan.23	Dec.11-Jan.9
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 30-Nov. 5 Jan. 15-Jan. 21	Nov. 6-Dec.10	Dec.11-Jan.14
3	Sept.18- Jan.18	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Dec. 13-Dec. 17	Oct.16-Dec.12 Dec.18-Jan. 2	
4	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan.15-Jan.21	Nov.20-Jan.14	
5	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan.15-Jan.21 (Bucks Only)	Nov.20-Nov.28	
6	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 24-Jan. 30	Nov. 20-Dec.5	Dec.11-Jan.23
7	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Jan. 17-Jan. 23	Oct.16-Oct.31 Nov. 20-Dec.5	Dec.11-Jan.16

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Area	Basic Season Dates	Total Days	Exceptions (Those portions of the following parishes)
1	Nov.20-21, 26-28 Dec.4-5, 11-12, 18- 19	11	Nov.20-21, 26-28 (Franklin, Catahoula, LaSalle, Caldwell) Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.11-12 (Avoyelles, Grant, Rapides)
2	Nov.6-7, 13-14, 20- 21, 26-28, Dec. 4- 5, 11-12	13	Nov.6-7, Nov.26-28 (Caldwell, LaSalle) Nov. 6-7, Nov.26-28, Dec.11-12 (Avoyelles)

3	Oct.16-17, 23-24, Oct.30-31, Nov.6-7, 20-21, 26-28	13	Oct.16-17, Nov. 20-21, Nov.26-28 (St. Landry)
4	Nov.20-21, 26-28 (except East Carroll)	5	Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.4-5, 11-12 (East Carroll--That portion between the Mississippi River Levee and the Mississippi River)
5	None		
6	Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.4-5, 11-12, 18- 19	11	Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.11-12 (Avoyelles, Rapides, St. Landry)
7	Oct.16-17, Nov.20- 21, 26-28, Dec.11- 12, 18-19	11	

E. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer on Supplemented Shooting Preserves

Archery	Modern Firearm	Either Sex	Muzzleloader
Oct. 1-Jan. 31 (Either Sex)	Nov. 1-Dec. 6 Dec. 21-23 Dec. 26-Jan.31	Nov. 1-3 Dec. 21-23 Dec. 26-30	Dec. 7-20 (Either Sex)

F. Exotics on Supplemented Shooting Preserves: Either Sex, no closed season.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25: .

Public hearings will be held at regularly scheduled Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meetings from April through July. Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until May 21, 1999 to Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
March 4, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, March 4, 1999.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting rules and regulations for the State and WMAs, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish regulations that govern public and private lands is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all information pertinent to the rule and regulations governing hunting, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules and regulations affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as a Notice of Intent.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

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 promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Seasons

§111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Sections 115 and 116 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

2. Pursuant to Section 40.1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

B. Resident Game Birds and Animals

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

C. Other Season Dates

1. Turkey. Please refer to separate pamphlet.

2. Raccoon and Opossum. No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire, muzzleloader rifle .36 caliber or smaller or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Blackbirds and crows. ALL blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles and crows are considered crop depredators in Louisiana and may therefore be taken year round during legal shooting hours with no limit. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

4. Pheasant

a. Bag limit - 2 (males only). Possession limit - 4.

b. Pheasant season restricted to the following portion of Calcasieu and Cameron parishes: That portion west of Choupique Bayou south of Hwy. 90 and La. 27, west of La. 27 to north boundary of Sabine NWR, north of Sabine NWR north boundary to Sabine River, east of Sabine River to Intracoastal waterway, south of Intracoastal waterway to Gum Cove, east of Gum Cove Road to La. 108, north and east of La. 108 from Gum Cove Road to Hwy. 90, and south of Hwy. 90 from Vinton to Choupique Bayou.

5. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species except turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations EXCEPT squirrels may be taken by licensed falconers until the last day of February. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific Falconry Rules.

6. Licensed Hunting Preserve. October 1 - April 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific Hunting Preserve Rules.

7. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Land enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and 5¢/acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked to antlerless deer (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow and muzzleloader) through the hock in a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is moved from the site of the kill. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in immediate cancellation of the program on those lands involved. Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP Rules.

8. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer and Exotics on Licensed Supplemented Shooting Preserves

a. Definitions

i. Exotics: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the family Bovidae (except the Tribe Bovini [cattle]) or Cervidae which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve. Exotics shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.

ii. Hunting: In its different tenses and for purposes of this rule means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

iii. Same as Outside: For purposes of this rule means hunting on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC).

iv. Supplemented Hunting Preserve: For purposes of this rule means any enclosure for which a current Farm-Raising License has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

v. White-tailed Deer: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the species Odocoileus virginianus which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve.

b. Seasons

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Consult the regulations pamphlet

ii. Exotics: year round.

c. Methods of Take

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside

ii. Exotics: Exotics may be taken with longbow (including compound bow) and arrow; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber centerfire; or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only.

d. Shooting Hours

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

e. Bag Limit

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No limit.

f. Hunting Licenses

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No person shall hunt any exotic without possessing a valid basic and big game hunting license.

g. Tagging. White-tailed Deer and Exotics: Each animal shall be tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill with a tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

D. Hunting-General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

2. No person born on or after September 1, 1969 shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct and immediate supervision of a person 18 years of age or older.

3. A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer or turkey. A separate wild turkey stamp is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

4. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

5. Methods of taking resident game birds and quadrupeds

a. Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey and migratory game birds. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than .36 caliber. During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with

slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

b. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

6. Nuisance animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means EXCEPT that nutria and beaver cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required during open trapping season to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken.

7. Threatened and endangered species - Louisiana black bear, Louisiana pearl shell (mussel), sea turtles, gopher tortoise, ringed sawback turtle, brown pelican, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, whooping crane, Eskimo curlew, piping plover, interior least tern, ivory-billed woodpecker, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, West Indian manatee, Florida panther, pallid sturgeon, Gulf sturgeon, Attwater's greater prairie chicken, whales and red wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

8. Unregulated quadrupeds. Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to "chase only" during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only season for deer. Foxes and bobcats are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" permitted by licensed hunters.

9. Hunting and/or discharging firearms on public roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game

birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or public road right of way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights of way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.

10. Tags. Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil, on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material, which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with bow and muzzleloader and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill.

11. Sex identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or on all turkeys taken on any special gobbler season (unless properly divided and tagged), so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is en route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. One antlered and one antlerless (when legal) deer per day EXCEPT on Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

2. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited except where specifically permitted.

3. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise permitted.

4. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

5. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.

6. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

7. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is permitted in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. Use of dogs to trail wounded deer is expressly prohibited in still hunting areas.

8. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

9. Muzzleloader Segment: (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) Still hunt only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive. Either sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT Area 5 and as specified on Public Areas. It is unlawful to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special muzzleloader segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

a. Legal Muzzleloader Firearms For Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only,

take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets and be fitted only with iron sights or non-magnifying scopes. This includes those muzzleloaders known as "inline" muzzleloaders.

10. Archery Segment: Consult regulations pamphlet. WMA seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. Archery license required for bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive. Persons 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, archer's must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Pass-a-Loutre and Point-au-Chien WMAs (SEE SCHEDULE).

a. Bow and arrow regulations: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

(a). to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season EXCEPT it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot) only.

(b). to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except that hand held releases are lawful.

(c). to hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.

11. Hunter orange. Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season including muzzleloader season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a cap or a hat that is completely covered with hunter orange material in lieu of the 400 square

inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not permitted by agreement of the landowner or lessee. WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".

12. Special Handicapped either-sex deer season on private land. See regulations pamphlet for dates. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

F. Description of Areas

1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes are open: Catahoula, East Feliciana, St. Helena, Concordia, Franklin, Tensas, East Baton Rouge, Madison, Washington.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - North of La. 1.

ii. Caldwell - East of U.S. 165.

iii. Grant - East of U.S. 165 and south of La.

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iv. LaSalle - Portion south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.

v. Livingston - North of I-12.

vi. Rapides - East of U.S. 165 and north of Red River.

vii. St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

viii. Tangipahoa - North of I-12.

ix. West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion known as Raccourci and Turnbull Island.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Avoyelles - That portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by La. 451 and on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville, southward to its juncture with La. 451.

ii. Catahoula - South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.

iii. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge - East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi line to La. 10. North of La. 10 from Thompson Creek to La. 67 at Clinton, west of La. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi line. South of Mississippi line from La. 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of La. 67 from La. 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from La. 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to La. 64, north of La. 64 to La. 37 at Magnolia, east of La. 37 northward to La. 64 at Indian Mound, north of La. 64 from Indian Mound to La. 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of La. 67 from parish line north to La. 959, south of La. 959 east to La. 63, west of La. 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River, southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to La. 67.

iv. Franklin - All

v. St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpelier.

vi. Tangipahoa - That portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River to La. 1061 at Wilmer, east of La. 1061 to La. 440 at Bolivar, south of La. 440 to

the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from La. 440 southward to La. 10.

vii. Washington and St. Tammany - East of La. 21 from the Mississippi line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi line, south of the Mississippi line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also that portion of St. Tammany Parish north of La. 22 from U.S. 190 to La. 1077, east of La. 1077 northward to junction with U.S. 190, south and west of U.S. 190 from La. 1077 to junction with La. 22. Also, that portion of Washington Parish south of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River, eastward to the Bogue Chitto River, west of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 10 southward to St. Tammany Parish. Also that portion of Washington Parish west of La. 25 from the Mississippi state line southward to La. 38, then west to the Tangipahoa parish line, north along the parish line to the Mississippi state line then east to La. 25.

viii. West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of U.S. 61 and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville, Jackson, Union, Bossier, Lincoln, Webster, Caddo, Natchitoches, Winn, Claiborne, Red River, DeSoto, Sabine.

ii. EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District described in Area 2 description shall be still hunting only.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - North of U.S. 190 east of Reeves and east of La. 113.

ii. Avoyelles - That portion west of I-49.

iii. Beauregard - East of La. 113. Also, west of La. 27 north to DeRidder and south and east of U.S. 190 west of DeRidder to Texas line.

iv. Calcasieu - West of La. 27 north of Sulphur and north of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

v. Caldwell - West of U.S. 165.

vi. Evangeline - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

vii. Grant - All EXCEPT that portion south of La. 8 and east of U.S. 165.

viii. Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.

ix. LaSalle - All EXCEPT south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.

x. Morehouse - West of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, west of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, west and south of La. 593 to Collinston, west of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and north of La. 134 to Ouachita line.

xi. Ouachita - All EXCEPT south of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.

xii. Rapides - All EXCEPT north of Red River and east of U.S. 165. South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121,

west of La. 121 and La. 113 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

xiii. Vernon - East and south of La. 113, north and east of La. 465, west of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and north of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Claiborne and Webster - Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).

ii. Ouachita - East of Ouachita River.

iii. Rapides - West of U.S. 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 northward to U.S. 167 at Alexandria. North of La. 465 from Vernon Parish line to La. 121, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to La. 8, south and east of La. 8 to La. 118 (Mora Road), south and west of La. 118 to Natchitoches Parish line.

iv. Vernon - East of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to La. 465, east and north of La. 465 to Rapides Parish line.

3. Area 3

a. All of Acadia, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - South of U.S. 190 and west of La. 113.

ii. Beauregard - West of La. 113. ALSO east of La. 27 north to DeRidder and north and west of U.S. 190 west of DeRidder to Texas line.

iii. Calcasieu - East of La. 27 north of Sulphur and south of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

iv. Iberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La. 14.

v. Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of U.S. 190.

vi. Lafayette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

vii. Rapides - South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.

viii. St. Landry - West of U.S. 167.

ix. Vernon - West and north of La. 113, south of La. 465, east of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

4. Area 4

a. All of East Carroll and Richland parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Morehouse - East of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, east and north of La. 593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and south of La. 134 to Ouachita line.

ii. Ouachita - South of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.

5. Area 5

a. All of West Carroll Parish is open.

i. All deer hunting is for bucks only including muzzleloader season.

6. Area 6

a. All of Orleans Parish is closed to all forms of deer hunting.

b. All of the following parishes are open: Ascension, Plaquemines, St. John, Assumption, Pointe Coupee, St. Martin, Iberville, St. Bernard, Jefferson, St. Charles, Lafourche, St. James, West Baton Rouge.

c. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - South of La. 1 and also that portion east of I-49.

ii. Evangeline - That portion east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

iii. Iberia - East of U.S. 90.

iv. Lafayette - East of I-49 and U.S. 90.

v. Livingston - South of I-12.

vi. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

vii. St. Landry - East of U.S. 167.

viii. St. Mary - North of U.S. 90.

ix. St. Tammany - That portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

x. Tangipahoa - South of I-12.

xi. West Feliciana - West of Mississippi River, known as Raccourci and Turnbull Islands.

d. Still hunting only in all of the following parishes:

i. Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi River.

ii. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

iii. St. Bernard - All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.

iv. St. John - South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.

v. St. Landry - Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La. 10, and south by La. 103.

7. Area 7

a. The following Parish is open: Terrebonne.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open: Iberia and St. Mary Parishes - South of La. 14 and west U.S. Hwy. 90.

G. Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. General

a. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to

comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

b. Citizens are cautioned that by entering upon a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

c. Wildlife management area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

e. Lands within WMA boundaries will have the same seasons and regulations as the management area with which they are associated EXCEPT as specified by state law.

f. Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs except in designated locations is prohibited.

g. Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

h. Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval or unless otherwise specified.

i. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.) and wild plants is prohibited without prior approval. Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day. Persons engaged in commercial activities must obtain a permit from the Region Office.

j. Burning of marshes is prohibited.

k. Nature trails. Access to trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

1. Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

m. Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations, includes both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

n. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, EXCEPT that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and State Seed Grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

2. Permits

a. Daily. Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA. Hunters must retain permit in possession while hunting. Hunters may enter the area no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must checkout daily and exit the area not later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

b. Self Clearing Permits. On WMAs where Self Clearing Permits are required, all hunters must obtain a WMA Self Clearing Permit from an Information Station. The CHECK IN portion MUST be completed and put in a permit box BEFORE each day's hunt on the day of the hunt. The CHECK OUT portion must be carried by each hunter while hunting and MUST be completed and put in a permit box AFTER each day's hunt on the day of the hunt unless otherwise specified. A vehicle tag will also be associated with the Self Clearing Permit and must be displayed in the vehicle while on the WMA.

c. Wild Louisiana Stamp. Persons using WMAs or other department administered lands for purposes other than hunting and fishing, such as camping, shooting on rifle ranges, berry picking, hiking, photography, bird-watching and the like, shall be required to possess one of the following: a Wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement.

3. Special Seasons

a. Youth deer hunt. Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed EXCEPT Handicapped Seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate district office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts.

b. Handicapped Season. For physically challenged permitted hunters only. Participants must possess a physically challenged hunter program permit. Contact district office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering Handicapped Seasons.

c. Deer Lottery Hunts. Hunt restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. A non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact district offices for applications. Consult regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery hunts.

d. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. All turkeys must be reported at Self Clearing station. Contact District Offices for more details. Consult separate Turkey Hunting Regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery hunts.

e. Trapping. Permits to take fur bearers from WMAs may be obtained at district offices when required. Consult Annual Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required, each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the District Office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days at district offices. Hunter orange required

when a deer gun season is in progress. A permit is required to carry a firearm outside of the normal hunting season and is available at the Region Office.

f. Raccoon hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAS. NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL - Season dates for specific WMAS are for nighttime raccoon hunting and permits may be required. There will be no bag limit for raccoons at night unless specified in the annual regulations pamphlet. Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the district office for WMAS where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of hunting privileges on WMAS. Permits, when required, may be obtained at district offices only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

g. Commercial fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAS. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines permitted on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-Au-Chien WMAS EXCEPT shrimping allowed on Pointe-Au-Chien in Wonder Lake during daytime only. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges. Commercial and recreational crawfishing on Sherburne WMA, South Farms, is by permit only. Permits available from the Opelousas Office or Sherburne WMA Headquarters. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAS. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

h. Sport fishing. Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are permitted on WMAS when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT nighttime frogging prohibited on Salvador/Timken and Pointe-Au-Chien.

i. Additional Department Lands. The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in Rapides, Vernon, Evangeline and St. Helena parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. Contact the appropriate

Wildlife and Fisheries District Office for specific information and any additional season dates.

4. Firearms

a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, ATCs or in camping areas on WMAS. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas.

b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not permitted on WMAs during closed hunting seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping. Bows and broadhead arrows are not permitted on WMAs EXCEPT during regular archery season, turkey season or EXCEPT as permitted for bowfishing.

c. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists EXCEPT as specified under Wildlife Management Area listing.

d. Loaded firearms are not permitted near WMA check stations.

e. Centerfire rifles and handguns, arms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during deer season.

f. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

g. Discharging of firearms on or hunting from designated roads and trails or their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearm and muzzleloader deer season.

5. Methods of Taking Game

a. Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized Drivers and standers, Drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

b. On Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day, six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

c. Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included). Unmarked hogs may be taken on some WMAs by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Consult the specific WMA for additional information. Proper licenses and permits are required for hunting.

d. Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have deer checked at the check station on same day of kill.

e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed.

g. On Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges, all deer stands must be removed from the area no later than two hours after sunset each day.

h. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after sunset. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal, poles, wire, mesh, webbing or any materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after sunset. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

i. It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

j. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are also prohibited.

k. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

l. Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue birds or animals from moving vehicles on any WMA. No person shall take birds or animals from or by any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased.

m. Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAS.

n. The use of horses and mules is prohibited for hunting or trapping on WMAs EXCEPT for quail hunting or EXCEPT as otherwise specified. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and turkey and EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials on Sandy Hollow WMA.

o. All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Quail and woodcock hunters as well as hunters participating during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. ALSO all non-hunters afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

p. Archery season for deer. The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open to either sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAS. Archery season restricted or closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or handicapped hunters are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

q. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

r. Muzzleloader season for deer. See WMA deer schedule.

6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is permitted only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. At the end of the 16 day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

b. Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA and Pass-a-Loutre, houseboats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the hunting season. At all other times of the year, mooring period is limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for camping and overnight mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre. Houseboat mooring permits are required for Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Area. Permits may be obtained from headquarters on respective WMAs or from the New Iberia office (318) 373-0032 for Atchafalaya Delta WMA.

c. Anyone camping on WMAs is required to have an operational waste disposal system attached to the camper, trailer or other unit or a portable waste disposal unit to remove all human waste upon leaving the WMA camping area. Discharge of human waste on a WMA is prohibited. Additionally it is against both Federal and State law to discharge human waste into the waterways of Louisiana.

d. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

e. Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

f. Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.

g. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.

h. Swimming prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

7. Restricted Areas

a. All oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or hunting in restricted areas or refuges.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting and bird dog training when allowed, having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAS. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be held liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are permitted for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

9. Vehicles

a. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

b. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within wildlife management areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

c. Tractor implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles. ATV tires are restricted to those with maximum allowable tire pressure of 5 psi, as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

d. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and Refuges. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. Personal water craft allowed on designated areas of Alexandria State Forest WMA.

e. No internal combustion engines permitted in certain Greentree reservoir.

f. Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

g. Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

h. Motorized vehicles, including ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads and ATV trails as indicated on WMA maps, except on Atchafalaya Delta WMA where ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles are prohibited. WMA maps available at all district offices. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

i. Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps. Persons 70 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also permitted to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Handicapped persons should make application for a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit with the Department.

j. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to handicapped-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Routes of all trails are as indicated on WMA maps. Deviation from the trails indicated on the map constitutes a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

k. Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition or construction.

1. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. All roads including trails and roads designated as ATV Only shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through September 15 and from two hours after sunset to two hours before legal shooting hours unless otherwise specified. ATV off-road travel is prohibited.

m. CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

10. Wildlife Management Areas Basic Season Structure. For season dates, bag limits, shooting hours, special seasons and other information consult the annual regulations pamphlet for specific details.

11. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit and quail). Consult regulations pamphlet.

12. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet.

13. Migratory Birds (dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Consult regulations pamphlet.

14. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

15. Hogs. Consult regulations pamphlet.

16. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet.

17. Wildlife Management Areas Hunting Schedule and Regulations

a. Alexander State Forest. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

b. Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at any time. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited.

c. Attakapas. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

d. Bayou Macon. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

e. Bayou Pierre. No ATVs or ATCs allowed on the area. Motorized vehicles are allowed only on parish roads and roads marked on WMA map.

f. Bens Creek. All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. No hunting in restricted areas. (See WMA Map). Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and during the spring turkey season.

g. Big Colewa Bayou. All vehicles, including ATVs prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited.

h. Big Lake. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

i. Biloxi

j. Bodcau

k. Boeuf. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

l. Boise-Vernon. Road travel and hunting restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicle travel.

m. Buckhorn. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

n. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self Clearing permit required once per year. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. All game harvested must be reported.

o. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day. Roads may be closed during wet weather conditions.

p. Elm Hall. No ATVs allowed.

q. Fort Polk. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Special regulations apply to ATV users.

r. Georgia-Pacific. EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.

s. Grassy Lake. Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas District Office. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. No hunting in restricted area.

t. Jackson-Bienville. ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management roads and trails. However, all ATVs/ATCs prohibited March 1 through September 15.

u. Joyce. Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

v. Lake Boeuf

w. Lake Ramsay. Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

x. Little River. Roads may be closed during wet conditions.

y. Loggy Bayou

z. Manchac. Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

aa. Ouachita. Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during waterfowl season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight. Commercial Fishing: Closed. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

ab. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay and

Northshore Bay oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map.

ac. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 PM - 4:30 AM to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet except waterfowl hunting below Hwy. 90. No hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a fee.

ad. Peason Ridge. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users.

ae. Pointe-au-Chien. Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for DOVE hunting as specified below. Point Farm: Gate will be open during opening weekend of the second split of dove season and all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. prohibited in the Montegue and Grand Bayou marsh management units. Vehicles prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by the department.

af. Pomme de Terre. Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday, EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas District Office or Spring Bayou headquarters. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted after 2 p.m. only during

waterfowl season. Crawfish: April 1 - July 31, 100 lbs. per person per day limit. No traps or nets left overnight. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

ag. Red River. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. Crawfishing prohibited on Wetland Restoration Areas.

ah. Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

ai. Sabine

aj. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

ak. Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the game management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 H.P. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes - "Baie Des Chactas" and Baie du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Operation of the above described internal combustion engines in interior ditches is prohibited. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is

prohibited. Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenasses). Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact New Orleans District Office-Fur and Refuge Division.

al. Sandy Hollow. Bird Dog Training: Consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited). Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge District Office. Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas. No motorized vehicles allowed off designated roads. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

am. Sherburne. Crawfishing: permits required, for South Farms from Area Headquarters. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River Basin levee road within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office. No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges. Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area. No commercial activity on ANWR, except trapping.

an. Sicily Island Hills. Firearms and any game harvested cannot be transported through the area except during the corresponding open season on area. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

ao. Soda Lake. Entire area is walk-in only - no motorized vehicles allowed. Access into the area is allowed only from south end of the area off of Hwy. 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer. All activities prohibited from 2 hours after sunset until 2 hours before sunrise.

ap. Spring Bayou. Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas District Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Crawfish: 100 lbs. per person per day limit.

Permit required from area supervisor. No hunting allowed in headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this camp site. Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

aq. Thistlethwaite. No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map). All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through main gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

ar. Three Rivers. Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.

as. Tunica Hills. All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATV's restricted to designated trails. Driving on food plots prohibited. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map. Camping prohibited on area.

at. Union. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

au. West Bay. Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

av. Wisner

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25: .

Part III. State Game and Fish Preserves and Sanctuaries

Chapter 3. Particular Game and Fish Preserves and Commissions

§311. Atchafalaya Delta WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:101 (February 1989), repealed LR 25: .

§312. Pointe-au-Chien WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:102 (February 1989), repealed LR 25: .

§313. Salvador WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:103 (February 1989), repealed LR 25: .

§314. Pass-a-Loutre WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:104 (February 1989), repealed LR 25: .

§327. Timken Wildlife Management Area

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq. and 56:109.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22:860 (September 1996), repealed LR 25: .

Public hearings will be held at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from April through July. Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until May 21, 1999 to Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Mr. Paul Jackson presented the next agenda item, **National Fishing Week Resolution**. This resolution declares one week during June to be fishing week and sets aside 2 days for people to enjoy fishing without having to purchase a license has been going on since 1989. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Jackson to read the entire Resolution. Commissioner Babin made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

- WHEREAS,** sportfishing provides recreation for more than sixty million Americans of all ages, giving families a healthy, shared outdoor activity, and
- WHEREAS,** sportfishing, through the payment of millions of dollars annually for licenses, taxes and fees, has provided the funding for federal and state programs that contributes significantly to the preservation and protection of our natural environment, and
- WHEREAS,** the estimated 898,000 plus sportfishermen in Louisiana spend in excess of one billion dollars annually, and
- WHEREAS,** Act 301 of the 1987 Louisiana Legislature authorizes the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to declare no more than two free recreational fishing days each year, and

WHEREAS, Free Fishing Days during National Fishing Week would provide an excellent opportunity to introduce additional individuals to the wholesome outdoor activity of fishing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we the undersigned members of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission do hereby officially declare the week of June 5-13, 1999 as

FISHING WEEK

in the State of Louisiana, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 12 & 13, 1999 are hereby declared free recreational fishing days, during which residents and non-residents may exercise the privileges of a licensed recreational fisherman without purchase of any otherwise necessary recreational fishing license.

Date: March 4, 1999

Bill Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Thomas Gattle, Jr.
Vice-Chairman

Daniel Babin

Thomas Kelly

Norman McCall

Glynn Carver

Jerald Hanchey

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary

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

Region I - Minden - 77 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 59 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 78 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 93 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 156 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 149 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 111 citations. In Region 7A, 44 warning citations were issued.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 227 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 287 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 45 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 80 citations.

SWEP - 29 citations.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 31 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of February was 1,237.

The aviation report for February 1999 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 75.0 hours for enforcement and 15.3 hours for other divisions.

Commissioner Gattle asked about the precedent for issuing warning citations and in particular the 10 warnings issued for angling without resident fishing license? Major LaCaze stated the agents are making a judgement call when there may be other citations issued for other offenses. Commissioner Kelly asked what did the boating citations include? Major LaCaze stated those included no running lights, bad fire extinguisher, no PFD's, or any registration violations. Commissioner Babin asked about confiscating 13 books of shrimp purchase receipts in Region IX? Major LaCaze felt this was associated with the trip ticket program. Commissioner Babin stated he had never seen a confiscated of 5 1/2 sacks of crawfish and then asked about that.

Chairman Busbice then asked Mr. Robert Helm for the first **Division Report on the Special Snow Goose Hunting Regulations Update**. Mr. Helm began stating this was the fourth Commission Meeting in a row where this topic has been discussed. The final ruling from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was published in the Federal Register on February 16, 1999 and for Louisiana it was too

late. The geese migrated early since the weather was so mild. The hunters in the panhandle of Texas, Nebraska and Kansas are doing well. Mr. Helm stated he received word a lawsuit has been filed against this issue. Four groups filed suit on four issues and these are: approved hunting after March 10, a season length of over 107 days, ross geese were included in the regulations and failure to produce a complete Environmental Impact Statement on the issue. A temporary injunction has been filed with the hopes of stopping the ongoing season immediately. Mr. Helm hoped the full lawsuit would be settled by next fall. Chairman Busbice asked in what court the suit would be heard, Federal Court in Washington, DC? Mr. Helm answered yes. Commissioner Gattle asked when would negotiations begin on next year's season dates for waterfowl? Mr. Helm stated a Flyway Meeting was held recently and it seems the regulations package will be the same as last year with the exception of reducing the bag limit on scaup. Commissioner Gattle asked if there were discussions on the length of the season and the possibility of extending the season to January 31st? Mr. Helm stated the southern region again recommended the 31st with no penalty, but felt the same option as last year will be offered.

Chairman Busbice then announced the next agenda item, **New Exotic Aquatic Plant Invasion, Giant Salvinia** and stated he witnessed this plant in Toledo Bend the day before. Mr. Charles Dugas began the slide series stating giant salvinia was discovered in Toledo Bend last September. Over the last few years, the plant has shown up in various places and has been eradicated in Florida, South Carolina and Virginia. The plant is an aggressive grower capable of doubling its biomass in two to four days and can cover 40 square miles in just three months. It grows best in waters not influenced by the current, in static waters and likes high nutrient waters. A Giant Salvinia Task Force was organized last November and met in Houston to discuss what to do with this plant. The Task Force membership included this Department, Texas Parks & Wildlife, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Geologic Survey, Corps of Engineers, Sabine River Authority and a few others. The members decided to eradicate the plant instead of just controlling it and this decision enables the Department to obtain emergency funds. An action plan is being written and covers the distribution of the plant, introduction into the United States, description of the plant, economic impacts and possible methods of control or eradication. Mr. Dugas explained some of the impacts from this plant. Several methods of eradication or control were discussed and these were herbicide, biocontrol and drawdowns to dry the plant out. Reward or Diquat is the herbicide of choice and works well on

the common salvinia which has been in Louisiana since 1982 and preliminary testing indicates it works well on this plant. The biocontrol version would be to introduce a weevil that feeds on the plant. Drying the plant through a drawdown is also effective in controlling giant salvinia. The action hopefully to be taken is to establish a population of the weevil to get most of the plants and then use a herbicide to kill the remaining plants. Mr. Dugas commented the giant salvinia has not gone through a growing season in this country yet since it was just discovered in the fall. The plant population was reduced during the winter, but if a plan is not implemented by the end of the summer, there could be severe problems on Toledo Bend. Part of the action plan is to educate the public on cleaning their boats and prevent moving the plant from one lake to another. Commissioner McCall asked how fast does the plant grow? Mr. Dugas added the giant salvinia can survive in brackish water, but will not colonize. Chairman Busbice asked if the entire plant or just a fragment is needed to move the plant to another area? Mr. Dugas stated a fragment would grow. Commissioner Carver asked Mr. Dugas how long he thought it has been in Toledo Bend? It was verified in September 1998, and was probably there a month before that. Commissioner Carver asked if any growth rate studies have been done or are any possible? Mr. Dugas stated the staff would be monitoring the growth as they try to eradicate it. Commissioner Carver stated the Sabine River which leads from Toledo Bend south is filled with giant salvinia and could show up in a lot of places. Personally, Commissioner Carver felt the plant could not be eradicated from Toledo Bend, but may can be controlled. Chairman Busbice asked if a plant dried on a boat trailer, should it be dead? Mr. Dugas stated with the wet carpet on the trailer, he did not know how long it would survive. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Dugas to keep the Commission updated.

The final Division Report, **Caney Lake Update - Artificial Reef Project** started with Chairman Busbice stating he witnessed the placing of artificial reefs on the lake and it was an amazing site. Mr. Mike Wood began his presentation showing an aerial shot of Caney Lake, a very wide open lake with a small watershed. Caney became notable for producing large bass. The control of hydrilla was very limited with drawdowns not being an option, herbicide application was unsuccessful and abandoned, and then stocking grass carp. Since the stocking of grass carp as well as other factors, the hydrilla and other aquatic plants are down to about 8 percent. Results from the loss of submerged vegetation has reduced young-of-the-year fish and reduced angler success. The Department initiated construction of artificial reefs to allow fish and fishermen to

come together. Nine reefs, composed of 3 palate reefs, 3 brush and tree reefs and 3 tire reefs were constructed and placed in the lake. Caney's Lake Commission has been very helpful in allowing the use of boat ramps for storing the palates. The palates are put out in triangle configuration and requires a tremendous amount of weight to sink. Twenty tons of weight, concrete cylinders, were used to sink the 1200 palates. An application has been made to DEQ for funding of this project from the \$2 fee paid when tires are bought. Temporary buoys are in place now, but nicer buoys are planned as well as maps marking the reefs. Mr. Wood concluded his presentation stating they will continue removing carp from the lake until they see an increase in aquatic vegetation. Chairman Busbice felt Caney and Toledo Bend will do well with growth of large fish, it was just a matter of getting anglers in there and catching them. Commissioner McCall asked if the palates are new or old and used? Mr. Wood stated the palates are used and still in good condition. Commissioner McCall asked if they are clean? Mr. Wood answered yes. Commissioner McCall asked what will happen when the palates fall to pieces and why were palates chosen over junk cars or something like that? Mr. Wood stated the Department does not have the equipment to put cars or things of that nature in the water. Commissioner Babin asked if special permission was needed from DEQ or EPA to use the tires? Mr. Wood commented both agencies encouraged the use of tires. Commissioner Gattle asked what was used to tie the materials together? Mr. Wood stated they were using #72 nylon string.

After several minutes of discussion, the Commissioners agreed to hold the **July 1999 Meeting** on Thursday, July 8, 1999 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Busbice then asked if there were any **Public Comments**. Mr. John Wiltz from Lafayette asked if there would be any discussion on the banning of corn? Chairman Busbice stated it may be included on an agenda in the future just to hear what the public thinks. Then Mr. Wiltz asked, if corn was banned, what would be an alternative? Commissioner Carver stated this was discussed last year only because of the aflatoxin problem. Commissioner Babin stated the Commission requested hunters not use corn last year because of the problem, but there was no clear cut ban. Commissioner Gattle stated there have been polls taken with the DMAP clubs on the artificial baiting of deer. He then asked that the results of the polls be presented at the next Commission Meeting. Commissioner Babin asked if the Department has enough information from their polls, would a Notice of Intent be

established? Chairman Busbice felt the Commission should hear the results first and then maybe make a decision. Commissioner Carver felt the issue was over and should be left alone. Mr. Dave Moreland stated he has some results on the DMAP survey. Figures indicated 75 percent of the DMAP clubs put out bait, 70 percent hunt over bait and 67 percent would not support a ban on hunting over bait.

Commissioner Gattle asked about the progress on the Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery. Mr. Arthur Williams stated the hatchery has produced and stocked 300,000 Florida bass, and there are 1.5 million paddlefish eggs still at the hatchery. The ponds are still not fixed, commented Mr. Williams. An expansion joint has been added, but the problem with water under the liners still has not been resolved. Fish Pro wants an additional \$16,000 to do more studies. Mr. Williams felt the water was coming down through the tops of the levees and he would move in that direction to correct that. Commissioner Gattle asked if the levees could be capped to see if this resolves the problem? Mr. Williams stated the Department was not going to spend another penny on the hatchery. Chairman Busbice asked who was paying Fish Pro? Commissioner Babin asked how much would it cost to cap one levee and see what the results would be? Mr. Williams stated it would cost between \$4 and \$6 per square yard to soil cement the levee. Secretary Jenkins agreed water is seeping through the levees and coming under the liners. He then stated he was going to suggest to Division of Administration to stop funding all the different studies, fix the problem and then let the courts decide who was wrong. Commissioner Gattle stated the least that should be done is fix some of the ponds and see if it corrects the problem. Chairman Busbice felt something would have to be done with the traveling occurring on the levees. Commissioner Babin asked Secretary Jenkins, to get to the point he was speaking of, would Commission or Department action be needed? Secretary Jenkins stated any formal action would have to come from Division of Administration. Commissioner Gattle stated he would like to see things move forward and try to cap the levees to see if it works. Commissioner McCall asked if the Commission had any authority to tell someone to cap the levees? Secretary Jenkins answered no. Commissioner Babin also wanted to get the ball rolling again. Mr. Williams stated Division of Administration is working with the Department and they do not have any money either. Chairman Busbice asked if the 300,000 Florida bass were fingerlings or fry and is production over for this year? Mr. Williams stated they were fry and production was just beginning.

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



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, March 4, 1999

Chairman Bill Busbice presiding.

Tom Gattle
Danny Babin
Tom Kelly
Norman McCall
Jerald Hanchey
Glynn Carver

Secretary James Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Chairman Busbice stated the approval of the **February 4, 1999 Commission Minutes** should be postponed until the April meeting since the Commissioners just received their copy of the Minutes. A motion to postpone the approval was made by Commissioner Babin and seconded by Commissioner Gattle. The motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Phil Bowman began stating this was the time of year for the presentation of a **Notice of Intent - 1999-2000 Resident Game Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits** and a **Notice of Intent - General and WMA Hunting Rules and Regulations**. The proposal is a Department recommendation with input from the Commission's Hunting Regulations Committee. This year, the regulations have been formatted into a Word Perfect document and there still may be errors which will be corrected as the process proceeds. Mr. Bowman expressed his appreciation to Col. Winton Vidrine, Lt. Col. Charlie Clark, Major Keith LaCaze and Major Brian Spillman within the Enforcement Division; Mr. Tommy Prickett, Mr. Dave Morrison and Mr. Mike Olinde in the Wildlife Division; and Mr. Brandt Savoie and Mr. Dave Arnoldi in the Fur & Refuge Division for their work in putting the recommendations together. The procedure for this year is different with there being two Resolutions and Notices of Intent, but the end result will be the same. A number of changes were made in the Wildlife Management Area systems and these would be explained when Mr. Mike Olinde makes his presentation. The dates and times for a series of public hearings were announced by Mr. Bowman. These are: Ruston on March 8; Alexandria on March 15; Lake Charles on March 16; and New Orleans on March 18, all beginning at 7 PM and concluding by 10 PM. Mr. Bowman then asked that a public comments section be allowed at each Commission Meeting until July 1999 to accept input from the audience. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Bowman for a copy of the public hearing dates.

Chairman Busbice then recognized Mr. Hugh Bateman, an employee having over 30 years with the Department and was attending his last Commission Meeting since he would soon be retiring. He then asked Mr. Bateman to come up and say a few words. Mr. Bateman stated he would be retiring on March 31, 1999 and feels he is a story of endurance and good fortune. He feels this is due to the very talented and professional people he has worked with throughout the state. Mr. Bateman then stated he would be going back to work with Ducks Unlimited on May 1st and would be able to stay involved in the wetlands conservation field. He thanked the Commission for the professional job they do in protecting the resource and allowing for a professional, management approach towards conservation. On a personal note, Mr. Bateman stated Mr. Dave Morrison is considered a real trooper within the Wildlife Division. He has handled the Duck Stamp Program since its inception in a very professional and effective way. The program has allowed the State to do \$5 million of wetlands work that may not have been possible. Mr. Bateman then presented Mr. Morrison a framed 10th Anniversary Duck Stamp Print.

Mr. Mike Olinde stated his presentation involved two Notices of Intent, but they would be made as one. Calendar adjustments were made on the small game season dates with squirrel and rabbit seasons opening the first weekend of October, quail and pheasant opens mid-November. Calendar adjustments were made for the archery and muzzleloader seasons as well. The schedule for farm-raised exotics is the same schedule as previously acted upon. Mr. Olinde then went over several general pamphlet changes; which included prohibiting shotgun slugs during small game hunting, changing the wording of rimfire rifle to rimfire firearm for raccoon hunting, emphasizing inline muzzleloaders are legal, including the farm-raised exotics and deer regulations in the pamphlet and changing the location of attaching DMAP tags to the hock only. A map of the different deer areas in the State was shown. Changes in deer Areas 1, 2 and 6 included adding two days to either-sex hunting, moving the split between still hunting and with or without dogs up one week and moving the dog hunting season back one week. A presentation will be made at the next Commission Meeting on a new still hunting area proposed for Washington Parish. A change for Area 2 was setting the opening date for the first Saturday in November. Changes for Areas 3 and 7 were based on a calendar adjustment and a recommendation of two extra days of either-sex hunting. Area 4 change involved extending the gun season by two weeks. The season dates for either-sex deer hunting were then read by Mr. Olinde. Changes on the WMAs consisted of: making hunters be out of the woods from two hours after sunset until two hours before legal shooting hours and restricting the use of ATVs on roads and trails during these hours; operational waste disposal systems be used in the camping areas; deer hunters using guns wear a hunter orange hat in addition to the 400 square inches; designating mooring areas and limiting these to recreational boats only; prohibiting use of guns for deer hunting along any of the ATV trails or roads; and access to Cut Off Canal on Pointe-au-Chien WMA

be denied to commercial shrimping activities. Also included in the package are season dates for Kisatchie National Forest, Corps of Engineers property, Barksdale Air Force Base and changes were mainly calendar adjustments. Indian Bayou will attempt a Quality Deer Management program this year.

Commissioner Babin asked if there has been a problem in allowing shrimpers to use Cut Off Canal? Mr. Brandt Savoie stated there was an enforcement problem and it was decided to stop allowing access. Chairman Busbice thanked Mr. Olinde for his presentation and asked if there were any other questions. Commissioner Gattle asked why is Area 2 closing on the 14th which is a Friday? Mr. Olinde stated muzzleloader season would begin the next day. Mr. Dave Moreland stated the recommendation was to keep the number of days the same. Commissioner Gattle then asked about a change in Area 4 on the special doe days in East Carroll Parish? Mr. Moreland stated there is a higher population of deer in the area inside the levee, so the staff is recommending more days for hunting. Chairman Busbice asked about the farm-raised deer season dates? Mr. Olinde stated the dates were not included in the season packets, but would be added before the Notice of Intent was sent for publishing. Chairman Busbice asked if the season dates for Kisatchie were shortened because of the deer population? Mr. Olinde stated the season is shorter than the outside season, but is longer than when it was initially shortened. Mr. Olinde read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the general and WMA regulations Resolution. Commissioner Gattle made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Carver seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Then Mr. Olinde read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution for the hunting season dates. Commissioner Gattle again made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. This motion also passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolutions and Notices of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
March 4, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, March 4, 1999.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as a Notice of Intent.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

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 promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 1999-2000 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.
HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July

1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25: .

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 1999-2000

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov. 13-Feb. 29	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 2-Feb. 29	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 2-Feb. 13	8	16
Pheasant	Nov. 13-Jan. 31	2 (Cock Only)	4
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6

C. Deer Hunting Schedule

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 24-Jan.30	Nov.20-Dec. 5 Jan.10-Jan.23	Dec.11-Jan.9
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 30-Nov. 5 Jan. 15-Jan. 21	Nov. 6-Dec.10	Dec.11-Jan.14
3	Sept.18- Jan.18	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Dec. 13-Dec. 17	Oct.16-Dec.12 Dec.18-Jan. 2	
4	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan.15-Jan.21	Nov.20-Jan.14	
5	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan.15-Jan.21 (Bucks Only)	Nov.20-Nov.28	
6	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 24-Jan. 30	Nov. 20-Dec.5	Dec.11-Jan.23
7	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Jan. 17-Jan. 23	Oct.16-Oct.31 Nov. 20-Dec.5	Dec.11-Jan.16

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Area	Basic Season Dates	Total Days	Exceptions (Those portions of the following parishes)
1	Nov.20-21, 26-28 Dec.4-5, 11-12, 18-19	11	Nov.20-21, 26-28 (Franklin, Catahoula, LaSalle, Caldwell) Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.11-12 (Avoyelles, Grant, Rapides)
2	Nov.6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12	13	Nov.6-7, Nov.26-28 (Caldwell, LaSalle) Nov. 6-7, Nov.26-28, Dec.11-12 (Avoyelles)
3	Oct.16-17, 23-24, Oct.30-31, Nov.6-7, 20-21, 26-28	13	Oct.16-17, Nov. 20-21, Nov.26-28 (St. Landry)
4	Nov.20-21, 26-28 (except East Carroll)	5	Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.4-5, 11-12 (East Carroll--That portion between the Mississippi River Levee and the Mississippi River)
5	None		
6	Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.4-5, 11-12, 18-19	11	Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.11-12 (Avoyelles, Rapides, St. Landry)
7	Oct.16-17, Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.11-12, 18-19	11	

E. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer on Supplemented Shooting Preserves

Archery	Modern Firearm	Either Sex	Muzzleloader
Oct. 1-Jan. 31 (Either Sex)	Nov. 1-Dec. 6 Dec. 21-23 Dec. 26-Jan.31	Nov. 1-3 Dec. 21-23 Dec. 26-30	Dec. 7-20 (Either Sex)

F. Exotics on Supplemented Shooting Preserves: Either Sex, no closed season.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.
HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25: .

Public hearings will be held at regularly scheduled Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meetings from April through July. Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until May 21, 1999 to Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
March 4, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, March 4, 1999.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting rules and regulations for the State and WMAs, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish regulations that govern public and private lands is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all information pertinent to the rule and regulations governing hunting, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules and regulations affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as a Notice of Intent.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

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 promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Seasons

§111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Sections 115 and 116 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

2. Pursuant to Section 40.1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

B. Resident Game Birds and Animals

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

C. Other Season Dates

1. Turkey. Please refer to separate pamphlet.

2. Raccoon and Opossum. No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire, muzzleloader rifle

.36 caliber or smaller or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Blackbirds and crows. ALL blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles and crows are considered crop depredators in Louisiana and may therefore be taken year round during legal shooting hours with no limit. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

4. Pheasant

a. Bag limit - 2 (males only). Possession limit - 4.

b. Pheasant season restricted to the following portion of Calcasieu and Cameron parishes: That portion west of Choupique Bayou south of Hwy. 90 and La. 27, west of La. 27 to north boundary of Sabine NWR, north of Sabine NWR north boundary to Sabine River, east of Sabine River to Intracoastal waterway, south of Intracoastal waterway to Gum Cove, east of Gum Cove Road to La. 108, north and east of La. 108 from Gum Cove Road to Hwy. 90, and south of Hwy. 90 from Vinton to Choupique Bayou.

5. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species except turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations EXCEPT squirrels may be taken by licensed falconers until the last day of February. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific Falconry Rules.

6. Licensed Hunting Preserve. October 1 - April 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific Hunting Preserve Rules.

7. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Land enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and 5¢/acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked to antlerless deer (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow and muzzleloader) through the hock in a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is moved from the site of the kill. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in immediate cancellation of the program on

those lands involved. Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP Rules.

8. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer and Exotics on Licensed Supplemented Shooting Preserves

a. Definitions

i. Exotics: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the family Bovidae (except the Tribe Bovini [cattle]) or Cervidae which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve. Exotics shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.

ii. Hunting: In its different tenses and for purposes of this rule means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

iii. Same as Outside: For purposes of this rule means hunting on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC).

iv. Supplemented Hunting Preserve: For purposes of this rule means any enclosure for which a current Farm-Raising License has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

v. White-tailed Deer: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the species Odocoileus virginianus which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve.

b. Seasons

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Consult the regulations pamphlet

ii. Exotics: year round.

c. Methods of Take

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside

ii. Exotics: Exotics may be taken with longbow (including compound bow) and arrow; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber centerfire; or muzzleloading rifles or

pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only.

d. Shooting Hours

- i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.
- ii. Exotics: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

e. Bag Limit

- i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.
- ii. Exotics: No limit.

f. Hunting Licenses

- i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.
- ii. Exotics: No person shall hunt any exotic without possessing a valid basic and big game hunting license.

g. Tagging. White-tailed Deer and Exotics: Each animal shall be tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill with a tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

D. Hunting-General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

2. No person born on or after September 1, 1969 shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct and immediate supervision of a person 18 years of age or older.

3. A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer or turkey. A separate wild turkey stamp is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game

license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

4. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

5. Methods of taking resident game birds and quadrupeds

a. Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey and migratory game birds. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than .36 caliber. During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

b. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

6. Nuisance animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means EXCEPT that nutria and beaver cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required during open trapping season to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken.

7. Threatened and endangered species - Louisiana black bear, Louisiana pearl shell (mussel), sea turtles, gopher tortoise, ringed sawback turtle, brown pelican, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, whooping crane, Eskimo curlew, piping plover, interior least tern, ivory-billed woodpecker, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, West Indian manatee, Florida panther, pallid sturgeon, Gulf sturgeon, Attwater's greater prairie chicken, whales and red wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

8. Unregulated quadrupeds. Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to "chase only" during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only season for deer. Foxes and bobcats are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" permitted by licensed hunters.

9. Hunting and/or discharging firearms on public roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or public road right of way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights of way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.

10. Tags. Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil, on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material, which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with bow and muzzleloader and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill.

11. Sex identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or on all turkeys taken on any special gobbler season (unless properly divided and tagged), so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is en route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. One antlered and one antlerless (when legal) deer per day EXCEPT on Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

2. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited except where specifically permitted.

3. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise permitted.

4. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

5. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.

6. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

7. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is permitted in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. Use of dogs to trail wounded deer is expressly prohibited in still hunting areas.

8. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

9. Muzzleloader Segment: (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) Still hunt only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive. Either sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT Area 5 and as specified on Public Areas. It is unlawful to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special muzzleloader segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

a. Legal Muzzleloader Firearms For Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets and

be fitted only with iron sights or non-magnifying scopes. This includes those muzzleloaders known as "inline" muzzleloaders.

10. Archery Segment: Consult regulations pamphlet. WMA seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. Archery license required for bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive. Persons 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, archer's must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Pass-a-Loutre and Point-au-Chien WMAs (SEE SCHEDULE).

a. Bow and arrow regulations: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

(a). to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season EXCEPT it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot) only.

(b). to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except that hand held releases are lawful.

(c). to hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.

11. Hunter orange. Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season including muzzleloader season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a cap or a hat that is completely covered with hunter orange material in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not permitted by agreement of the landowner or lessee. WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".

12. Special Handicapped either-sex deer season on private land. See regulations pamphlet for dates. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

F. Description of Areas

1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes are open: Catahoula, East Feliciana, St. Helena, Concordia, Franklin, Tensas, East Baton Rouge, Madison, Washington.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - North of La. 1.

ii. Caldwell - East of U.S. 165.

iii. Grant - East of U.S. 165 and south of La.

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iv. LaSalle - Portion south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.

v. Livingston - North of I-12.

vi. Rapides - East of U.S. 165 and north of Red River.

vii. St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

viii. Tangipahoa - North of I-12.

ix. West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion known as Raccourci and Turnbull Island.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Avoyelles - That portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by La. 451 and on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville, southward to its juncture with La. 451.

ii. Catahoula - South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.

iii. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge - East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi line to La. 10. North of La. 10 from Thompson Creek to La. 67 at Clinton, west of La. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi line. South of Mississippi line from La. 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of La. 67 from La. 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from La. 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to La. 64, north of La. 64 to La. 37 at Magnolia, east of La. 37 northward to La. 64 at Indian Mound, north of La. 64 from Indian Mound to La. 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of La. 67 from parish line north to La. 959, south of La. 959 east to La. 63, west of La. 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River, southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to La. 67.

iv. Franklin - All

v. St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpelier.

vi. Tangipahoa - That portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River to La. 1061 at Wilmer, east of La. 1061 to La. 440 at Bolivar, south of La. 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from La. 440 southward to La. 10.

vii. Washington and St. Tammany - East of La. 21 from the Mississippi line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi line, south of the Mississippi line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also that portion of St. Tammany Parish north of La. 22 from U.S. 190 to La. 1077, east of La. 1077 northward to junction with U.S. 190, south and west of U.S. 190 from La. 1077 to junction with La. 22. Also, that portion of Washington Parish south of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River, eastward to the Bogue Chitto River, west of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 10 southward to St. Tammany Parish. Also that portion of Washington Parish west of La. 25 from the Mississippi state line southward to La. 38, then west to the Tangipahoa parish line, north

along the parish line to the Mississippi state line then east to La. 25.

viii. West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of U.S. 61 and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville, Jackson, Union, Bossier, Lincoln, Webster, Caddo, Natchitoches, Winn, Claiborne, Red River, DeSoto, Sabine.

ii. EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District described in Area 2 description shall be still hunting only.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - North of U.S. 190 east of Reeves and east of La. 113.

ii. Avoyelles - That portion west of I-49.

iii. Beauregard - East of La. 113. Also, west of La. 27 north to DeRidder and south and east of U.S. 190 west of DeRidder to Texas line.

iv. Calcasieu - West of La. 27 north of Sulphur and north of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

v. Caldwell - West of U.S. 165.

vi. Evangeline - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

vii. Grant - All EXCEPT that portion south of La. 8 and east of U.S. 165.

viii. Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.

ix. LaSalle - All EXCEPT south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.

x. Morehouse - West of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, west of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, west and south of La. 593 to Collinston, west of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and north of La. 134 to Ouachita line.

xi. Ouachita - All EXCEPT south of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.

xii. Rapides - All EXCEPT north of Red River and east of U.S. 165. South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 113 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

xiii. Vernon - East and south of La. 113, north and east of La. 465, west of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and north of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Claiborne and Webster - Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).

ii. Ouachita - East of Ouachita River.

iii. Rapides - West of U.S. 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 northward to U.S. 167 at Alexandria. North of La. 465 from Vernon Parish line to La. 121, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to La. 8, south and east of La. 8 to La. 118 (Mora Road), south and west of La. 118 to Natchitoches Parish line.

iv. Vernon - East of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to La. 465, east and north of La. 465 to Rapides Parish line.

3. Area 3

a. All of Acadia, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - South of U.S. 190 and west of La. 113.

ii. Beauregard - West of La. 113. ALSO east of La. 27 north to DeRidder and north and west of U.S. 190 west of DeRidder to Texas line.

iii. Calcasieu - East of La. 27 north of Sulphur and south of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

iv. Iberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La. 14.

v. Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of U.S. 190.

vi. Lafayette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

vii. Rapides - South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.

viii. St. Landry - West of U.S. 167.

ix. Vernon - West and north of La. 113, south of La. 465, east of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

4. Area 4

a. All of East Carroll and Richland parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Morehouse - East of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, east and north of La. 593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and south of La. 134 to Ouachita line.

ii. Ouachita - South of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.

5. Area 5

a. All of West Carroll Parish is open.

i. All deer hunting is for bucks only including muzzleloader season.

6. Area 6

a. All of Orleans Parish is closed to all forms of deer hunting.

b. All of the following parishes are open: Ascension, Plaquemines, St. John, Assumption, Pointe Coupee, St. Martin, Iberville, St. Bernard, Jefferson, St. Charles, Lafourche, St. James, West Baton Rouge.

c. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - South of La. 1 and also that portion east of I-49.

ii. Evangeline - That portion east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

iii. Iberia - East of U.S. 90.

iv. Lafayette - East of I-49 and U.S. 90.

v. Livingston - South of I-12.

vi. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

vii. St. Landry - East of U.S. 167.

viii. St. Mary - North of U.S. 90.

ix. St. Tammany - That portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

x. Tangipahoa - South of I-12.

xi. West Feliciana - West of Mississippi River, known as Raccourci and Turnbull Islands.

d. Still hunting only in all of the following parishes:

i. Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi River.

ii. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

iii. St. Bernard - All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.

iv. St. John - South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.

v. St. Landry - Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La. 10, and south by La. 103.

7. Area 7

a. The following Parish is open: Terrebonne.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open: Iberia and St. Mary Parishes - South of La. 14 and west U.S. Hwy. 90.

G. Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. General

a. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

b. Citizens are cautioned that by entering upon a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

c. Wildlife management area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

e. Lands within WMA boundaries will have the same seasons and regulations as the management area with which they are associated EXCEPT as specified by state law.

f. Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs except in designated locations is prohibited.

g. Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

h. Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval or unless otherwise specified.

i. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.) and wild plants is prohibited without prior approval. Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day. Persons engaged in commercial activities must obtain a permit from the Region Office.

j. Burning of marshes is prohibited.

k. Nature trails. Access to trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

l. Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

m. Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations, includes both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

n. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, EXCEPT that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and State Seed Grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

2. Permits

a. Daily. Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA. Hunters must retain permit in possession while hunting. Hunters may enter the area no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time unless

otherwise specified. Hunters must checkout daily and exit the area not later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

b. Self Clearing Permits. On WMAs where Self Clearing Permits are required, all hunters must obtain a WMA Self Clearing Permit from an Information Station. The CHECK IN portion MUST be completed and put in a permit box BEFORE each day's hunt on the day of the hunt. The CHECK OUT portion must be carried by each hunter while hunting and MUST be completed and put in a permit box AFTER each day's hunt on the day of the hunt unless otherwise specified. A vehicle tag will also be associated with the Self Clearing Permit and must be displayed in the vehicle while on the WMA.

c. Wild Louisiana Stamp. Persons using WMAs or other department administered lands for purposes other than hunting and fishing, such as camping, shooting on rifle ranges, berry picking, hiking, photography, bird-watching and the like, shall be required to possess one of the following: a Wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement.

3. Special Seasons

a. Youth deer hunt. Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed EXCEPT Handicapped Seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate district office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts.

b. Handicapped Season. For physically challenged permitted hunters only. Participants must possess a physically challenged hunter program permit. Contact district office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering Handicapped Seasons.

c. Deer Lottery Hunts. Hunt restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. A non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact district

offices for applications. Consult regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery hunts.

d. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. All turkeys must be reported at Self Clearing station. Contact District Offices for more details. Consult separate Turkey Hunting Regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery hunts.

e. Trapping. Permits to take fur bearers from WMAs may be obtained at district offices when required. Consult Annual Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required, each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the District Office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days at district offices. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress. A permit is required to carry a firearm outside of the normal hunting season and is available at the Region Office.

f. Raccoon hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs. NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL - Season dates for specific WMAs are for nighttime raccoon hunting and permits may be required. There will be no bag limit for raccoons at night unless specified in the annual regulations pamphlet. Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the district office for WMAs where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of hunting privileges on WMAs. Permits, when required, may be obtained at district offices only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

g. Commercial fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines permitted on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-Au-Chien WMAs EXCEPT shrimping allowed on Pointe-Au-Chien in Wonder Lake during daytime only. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges. Commercial and recreational crawfishing on Sherburne WMA, South Farms, is by permit only. Permits available from the Opelousas Office or Sherburne WMA Headquarters. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

h. Sport fishing. Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are permitted on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT nighttime frogging prohibited on Salvador /Timken and Pointe-Au-Chien.

i. Additional Department Lands. The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in Rapides, Vernon, Evangeline and St. Helena parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries District Office for specific information and any additional season dates.

4. Firearms

a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, ATCs or in camping areas on WMAS. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas.

b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not permitted on WMAs during closed hunting seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping. Bows and broadhead arrows are not permitted on WMAs EXCEPT during regular archery season, turkey season or EXCEPT as permitted for bowfishing.

c. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists EXCEPT as specified under Wildlife Management Area listing.

d. Loaded firearms are not permitted near WMA check stations.

e. Centerfire rifles and handguns, arms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during deer season.

f. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

g. Discharging of firearms on or hunting from designated roads and trails or their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearm and muzzleloader deer season.

5. Methods of Taking Game

a. Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized Drivers and standers, Drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

b. On Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day, six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

c. Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included). Unmarked hogs may be taken on some WMAs by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Consult the specific WMA for additional information. Proper licenses and permits are required for hunting.

d. Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have deer checked at the check station on same day of kill.

e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed.

g. On Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges, all deer stands must be removed from the area no later than two hours after sunset each day.

h. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after sunset. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal, poles, wire, mesh, webbing or any materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after sunset. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

i. It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

j. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are also prohibited.

k. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

1. Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue birds or animals from moving vehicles on any WMA. No person shall take birds or animals from or by any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased.

m. Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAS.

n. The use of horses and mules is prohibited for hunting or trapping on WMAs EXCEPT for quail hunting or EXCEPT as otherwise specified. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and turkey and EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials on Sandy Hollow WMA.

o. All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Quail and woodcock hunters as well as hunters participating during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. ALSO all non-hunters afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

p. Archery season for deer. The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open to either sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted or closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or handicapped hunters are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

q. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

r. Muzzleloader season for deer. See WMA deer schedule.

6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is permitted only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. At the end of the 16 day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

b. Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA and Pass-a-Loutre, houseboats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the hunting season. At all other times of the year, mooring period is limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for camping and overnight mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre. Houseboat mooring permits are required for Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Area. Permits may be obtained from headquarters on respective WMAs or from the New Iberia office (318) 373-0032 for Atchafalaya Delta WMA.

c. Anyone camping on WMAs is required to have an operational waste disposal system attached to the camper, trailer or other unit or a portable waste disposal unit to remove all human waste upon leaving the WMA camping area. Discharge of human waste on a WMA is prohibited. Additionally it is against both Federal and State law to discharge human waste into the waterways of Louisiana.

d. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

e. Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

f. Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.

g. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.

h. Swimming prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

7. Restricted Areas

a. All oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or hunting in restricted areas or refuges.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting and bird dog training when allowed, having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited. Dogs running at large are

prohibited on WMAS. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be held liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are permitted for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

9. Vehicles

a. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

b. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within wildlife management areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

c. Tractor implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles. ATV tires are restricted to those with maximum allowable tire pressure of 5 psi, as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

d. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and Refuges. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. Personal water craft allowed on designated areas of Alexandria State Forest WMA.

e. No internal combustion engines permitted in certain Greentree reservoir.

f. Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

g. Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

h. Motorized vehicles, including ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads and ATV trails as indicated on WMA maps, except on Atchafalaya Delta WMA where ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles are prohibited. WMA maps available at all district offices. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

i. Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees.

Handicapped ATV permittees restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps. Persons 70 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also permitted to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Handicapped persons should make application for a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit with the Department.

j. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to handicapped-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Routes of all trails are as indicated on WMA maps. Deviation from the trails indicated on the map constitutes a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

k. Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition or construction.

l. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. All roads including trails and roads designated as ATV Only shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through September 15 and from two hours after sunset to two hours before legal shooting hours unless otherwise specified. ATV off-road travel is prohibited.

m. CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

10. Wildlife Management Areas Basic Season Structure. For season dates, bag limits, shooting hours, special seasons and other information consult the annual regulations pamphlet for specific details.

11. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit and quail). Consult regulations pamphlet.

12. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet.

13. Migratory Birds (dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Consult regulations pamphlet.

14. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

15. Hogs. Consult regulations pamphlet.

16. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet.

17. Wildlife Management Areas Hunting Schedule and Regulations

a. Alexander State Forest. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

b. Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at any time. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited.

c. Attakapas. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

d. Bayou Macon. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

e. Bayou Pierre. No ATVs or ATCs allowed on the area. Motorized vehicles are allowed only on parish roads and roads marked on WMA map.

f. Bens Creek. All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. No hunting in restricted areas. (See WMA Map). Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and during the spring turkey season.

g. Big Colewa Bayou. All vehicles, including ATVs prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited.

h. Big Lake. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

i. Biloxi

j. Bodcau

k. Boeuf. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

l. Boise-Vernon. Road travel and hunting restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicle travel.

m. Buckhorn. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

n. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self Clearing permit required once per year. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. All game harvested must be reported.

o. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day. Roads may be closed during wet weather conditions.

p. Elm Hall. No ATVs allowed.

q. Fort Polk. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Special regulations apply to ATV users.

r. Georgia-Pacific. EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.

s. Grassy Lake. Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas District Office. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. No hunting in restricted area.

t. Jackson-Bienville. ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management roads and trails. However, all ATVs/ATCs prohibited March 1 through September 15.

u. Joyce. Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

v. Lake Boeuf

w. Lake Ramsay. Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

x. Little River. Roads may be closed during wet conditions.

y. Loggy Bayou

z. Manchac. Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

aa. Ouachita. Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during waterfowl season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight. Commercial Fishing: Closed. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

ab. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay and Northshore Bay oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map.

ac. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 PM - 4:30 AM to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet except waterfowl hunting below Hwy. 90. No hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a fee.

ad. Peason Ridge. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users.

ae. Pointe-au-Chien. Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for DOVE hunting as specified below. Point Farm: Gate will be open during opening weekend of the second split of dove season and all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. prohibited in the Montegue and Grand Bayou marsh management units. Vehicles prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by the department.

af. Pomme de Terre. Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday, EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas District Office or Spring Bayou headquarters. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season. Crawfish: April 1 - July 31, 100 lbs. per person per day limit. No traps or nets left overnight. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

ag. Red River. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. Crawfishing prohibited on Wetland Restoration Areas.

ah. Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin

Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

ai. Sabine

aj. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

ak. Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the game management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 H.P. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes - "Baie Des Chactas" and Baie du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Operation of the above described internal combustion engines in interior ditches is prohibited. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited. Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenasses). Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact New Orleans District Office-Fur and Refuge Division.

al. Sandy Hollow. Bird Dog Training: Consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited). Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge District Office. Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas. No motorized vehicles allowed off designated roads. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

am. Sherburne. Crawfishing: permits required, for South Farms from Area Headquarters. Free-ranging livestock

prohibited. Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River Basin levee road within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office. No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges. Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area. No commercial activity on ANWR, except trapping.

an. Sicily Island Hills. Firearms and any game harvested cannot be transported through the area except during the corresponding open season on area. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

ao. Soda Lake. Entire area is walk-in only - no motorized vehicles allowed. Access into the area is allowed only from south end of the area off of Hwy. 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer. All activities prohibited from 2 hours after sunset until 2 hours before sunrise.

ap. Spring Bayou. Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas District Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Crawfish: 100 lbs. per person per day limit. Permit required from area supervisor. No hunting allowed in headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this camp site. Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

aq. Thistlethwaite. No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map). All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through main gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

ar. Three Rivers. Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.

as. Tunica Hills. All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATV's restricted to designated trails. Driving on food plots prohibited. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map. Camping prohibited on area.

at. Union. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

au. West Bay. Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated

roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

av. Wisner

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25: .

Part III. State Game and Fish Preserves and Sanctuaries

Chapter 3. Particular Game and Fish Preserves and Commissions

§311. Atchafalaya Delta WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:101 (February 1989), repealed LR 25: .

§312. Pointe-au-Chien WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:102 (February 1989), repealed LR 25: .

§313. Salvador WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:103 (February 1989), repealed LR 25: .

§314. Pass-a-Loutre WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:104 (February 1989), repealed LR 25: .

§327. Timken Wildlife Management Area

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq. and 56:109.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22:860 (September 1996), repealed LR 25: .

Public hearings will be held at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from April through July. Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until May 21, 1999 to Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Mr. Paul Jackson presented the next agenda item, **National Fishing Week Resolution**. This resolution declares one week during June to be fishing week and sets aside 2 days for people to enjoy fishing without having to purchase a license has been going on since 1989. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Jackson to read the entire Resolution. Commissioner Babin made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

WHEREAS, sportfishing provides recreation for more than sixty million Americans of all ages, giving families a healthy, shared outdoor activity, and

WHEREAS, sportfishing, through the payment of millions of dollars annually for licenses, taxes and fees, has provided the funding for federal and state programs that contributes significantly to the preservation and protection of our natural environment, and

WHEREAS, the estimated 898,000 plus sportfishermen in Louisiana spend in excess of one billion dollars annually, and

WHEREAS, Act 301 of the 1987 Louisiana Legislature authorizes the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to declare no more than two free recreational fishing days each year, and

WHEREAS, Free Fishing Days during National Fishing Week would provide an excellent opportunity to introduce additional individuals to the wholesome outdoor activity of fishing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we the undersigned members of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission do hereby officially declare the week of June 5-13, 1999 as

FISHING WEEK

in the State of Louisiana, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 12 & 13, 1999 are hereby declared free recreational fishing days, during which residents and non-residents may exercise the privileges of a licensed recreational fisherman without purchase of any otherwise necessary recreational fishing license.

Date: March 4, 1999

Bill Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Thomas Gattle, Jr.
Vice-Chairman

Daniel Babin

Thomas Kelly

Norman McCall

Glynn Carver

Jerald Hanchey

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary

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

Region I - Minden - 77 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 59 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 78 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 93 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 156 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 149 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 111 citations. In Region 7A, 44 warning citations were issued.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 227 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 287 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 45 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 80 citations.

SWEP - 29 citations.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 31 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of February was 1,237.

The aviation report for February 1999 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 75.0 hours for enforcement and 15.3 hours for other divisions.

Commissioner Gattle asked about the precedent for issuing warning citations and in particular the 10 warnings issued for angling without resident fishing license? Major LaCaze stated the agents are making a judgement call when there may be other citations issued for other offenses. Commissioner Kelly asked what did the boating citations include? Major LaCaze stated those included no running lights, bad fire extinguisher, no PFD's, or any registration violations. Commissioner Babin asked about confiscating 13 books of shrimp purchase receipts in Region IX? Major LaCaze felt this was associated with the trip ticket program. Commissioner Babin stated he had never seen a confiscated of 5 1/2 sacks of crawfish and then asked about that.

Chairman Busbice then asked Mr. Robert Helm for the first **Division Report on the Special Snow Goose Hunting Regulations Update**. Mr. Helm began stating this was the fourth Commission Meeting in a row where this topic has been discussed. The final ruling from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was published in the Federal Register on February 16, 1999 and for Louisiana it was too late. The geese migrated early since the weather was so mild. The hunters in the panhandle of Texas, Nebraska and Kansas are doing well. Mr. Helm stated he received word a lawsuit has been filed against this issue. Four groups filed suit on four issues and these are: approved hunting after March 10, a season length of over 107 days, ross geese were included in the regulations and failure to produce a complete Environmental Impact Statement on the issue. A temporary injunction has been filed with the hopes of stopping the ongoing season immediately. Mr. Helm hoped the full lawsuit

would be settled by next fall. Chairman Busbice asked in what court the suit would be heard, Federal Court in Washington, DC? Mr. Helm answered yes. Commissioner Gattle asked when would negotiations begin on next year's season dates for waterfowl? Mr. Helm stated a Flyway Meeting was held recently and it seems the regulations package will be the same as last year with the exception of reducing the bag limit on scaup. Commissioner Gattle asked if there were discussions on the length of the season and the possibility of extending the season to January 31st? Mr. Helm stated the southern region again recommended the 31st with no penalty, but felt the same option as last year will be offered.

Chairman Busbice then announced the next agenda item, **New Exotic Aquatic Plant Invasion, Giant Salvinia** and stated he witnessed this plant in Toledo Bend the day before. Mr. Charles Dugas began the slide series stating giant salvinia was discovered in Toledo Bend last September. Over the last few years, the plant has shown up in various places and has been eradicated in Florida, South Carolina and Virginia. The plant is an aggressive grower capable of doubling its biomass in two to four days and can cover 40 square miles in just three months. It grows best in waters not influenced by the current, in static waters and likes high nutrient waters. A Giant Salvinia Task Force was organized last November and met in Houston to discuss what to do with this plant. The Task Force membership included this Department, Texas Parks & Wildlife, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Geologic Survey, Corps of Engineers, Sabine River Authority and a few others. The members decided to eradicate the plant instead of just controlling it and this decision enables the Department to obtain emergency funds. An action plan is being written and covers the distribution of the plant, introduction into the United States, description of the plant, economic impacts and possible methods of control or eradication. Mr. Dugas explained some of the impacts from this plant. Several methods of eradication or control were discussed and these were herbicide, biocontrol and drawdowns to dry the plant out. Reward or Diquat is the herbicide of choice and works well on the common salvinia which has been in Louisiana since 1982 and preliminary testing indicates it works well on this plant. The biocontrol version would be to introduce a weevil that feeds on the plant. Drying the plant through a drawdown is also effective in controlling giant salvinia. The action hopefully to be taken is to establish a population of the weevil to get most of the plants and then use a herbicide to kill the remaining plants. Mr. Dugas commented the giant salvinia has not gone through a growing season in this country yet since it was just discovered in the fall. The plant population was reduced during the winter, but if a plan is not implemented by the end of the summer, there could be severe problems on Toledo Bend. Part of the action plan is to educate the public on cleaning their boats and prevent moving the plant from one lake to another. Commissioner McCall asked how fast does the plant grow? Mr. Dugas added the giant salvinia can survive in brackish water, but will not colonize. Chairman Busbice asked if

the entire plant or just a fragment is needed to move the plant to another area? Mr. Dugas stated a fragment would grow. Commissioner Carver asked Mr. Dugas how long he thought it has been in Toledo Bend? It was verified in September 1998, and was probably there a month before that. Commissioner Carver asked if any growth rate studies have been done or are any possible? Mr. Dugas stated the staff would be monitoring the growth as they try to eradicate it. Commissioner Carver stated the Sabine River which leads from Toledo Bend south is filled with giant salvinia and could show up in a lot of places. Personally, Commissioner Carver felt the plant could not be eradicated from Toledo Bend, but may can be controlled. Chairman Busbice asked if a plant dried on a boat trailer, should it be dead? Mr. Dugas stated with the wet carpet on the trailer, he did not know how long it would survive. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Dugas to keep the Commission updated.

The final Division Report, **Caney Lake Update - Artificial Reef Project** started with Chairman Busbice stating he witnessed the placing of artificial reefs on the lake and it was an amazing site. Mr. Mike Wood began his presentation showing an aerial shot of Caney Lake, a very wide open lake with a small watershed. Caney became notable for producing large bass. The control of hydrilla was very limited with drawdowns not being an option, herbicide application was unsuccessful and abandoned, and then stocking grass carp. Since the stocking of grass carp as well as other factors, the hydrilla and other aquatic plants are down to about 8 percent. Results from the loss of submerged vegetation has reduced young-of-the-year fish and reduced angler success. The Department initiated construction of artificial reefs to allow fish and fishermen to come together. Nine reefs, composed of 3 palate reefs, 3 brush and tree reefs and 3 tire reefs were constructed and placed in the lake. Caney's Lake Commission has been very helpful in allowing the use of boat ramps for storing the palates. The palates are put out in triangle configuration and requires a tremendous amount of weight to sink. Twenty tons of weight, concrete cylinders, were used to sink the 1200 palates. An application has been made to DEQ for funding of this project from the \$2 fee paid when tires are bought. Temporary buoys are in place now, but nicer buoys are planned as well as maps marking the reefs. Mr. Wood concluded his presentation stating they will continue removing carp from the lake until they see an increase in aquatic vegetation. Chairman Busbice felt Caney and Toledo Bend will do well with growth of large fish, it was just a matter of getting anglers in there and catching them. Commissioner McCall asked if the palates are new or old and used? Mr. Wood stated the palates are used and still in good condition. Commissioner McCall asked if they are clean? Mr. Wood answered yes. Commissioner McCall asked what will happen when the palates fall to pieces and why were palates chosen over junk cars or something like that? Mr. Wood stated the Department does not have the equipment to put cars or things of that nature in the water. Commissioner Babin asked if special permission was needed from DEQ or EPA to use the tires? Mr. Wood commented both agencies

encouraged the use of tires. Commissioner Gattle asked what was used to tie the materials together? Mr. Wood stated they were using #72 nylon string.

After several minutes of discussion, the Commissioners agreed to hold the **July 1999 Meeting** on Thursday, July 8, 1999 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Busbice then asked if there were any **Public Comments**. Mr. John Wiltz from Lafayette asked if there would be any discussion on the banning of corn? Chairman Busbice stated it may be included on an agenda in the future just to hear what the public thinks. Then Mr. Wiltz asked, if corn was banned, what would be an alternative? Commissioner Carver stated this was discussed last year only because of the aflatoxin problem. Commissioner Babin stated the Commission requested hunters not use corn last year because of the problem, but there was no clear cut ban. Commissioner Gattle stated there have been polls taken with the DMAP clubs on the artificial baiting of deer. He then asked that the results of the polls be presented at the next Commission Meeting. Commissioner Babin asked if the Department has enough information from their polls, would a Notice of Intent be established? Chairman Busbice felt the Commission should hear the results first and then maybe make a decision. Commissioner Carver felt the issue was over and should be left alone. Mr. Dave Moreland stated he has some results on the DMAP survey. Figures indicated 75 percent of the DMAP clubs put out bait, 70 percent hunt over bait and 67 percent would not support a ban on hunting over bait.

Commissioner Gattle asked about the progress on the Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery. Mr. Arthur Williams stated the hatchery has produced and stocked 300,000 Florida bass, and there are 1.5 million paddlefish eggs still at the hatchery. The ponds are still not fixed, commented Mr. Williams. An expansion joint has been added, but the problem with water under the liners still has not been resolved. Fish Pro wants an additional \$16,000 to do more studies. Mr. Williams felt the water was coming down through the tops of the levees and he would move in that direction to correct that. Commissioner Gattle asked if the levees could be capped to see if this resolves the problem? Mr. Williams stated the Department was not going to spend another penny on the hatchery. Chairman Busbice asked who was paying Fish Pro? Commissioner Babin asked how much would it cost to cap one levee and see what the results would be? Mr. Williams stated it would cost between \$4 and \$6 per square yard to soil cement the levee. Secretary Jenkins agreed water is seeping through the levees and coming under the liners. He then stated he was going to suggest to Division of Administration to stop funding all the different studies, fix the problem and then let the courts decide who was wrong. Commissioner Gattle stated the least that should be done is fix some of the ponds and see if it corrects the problem. Chairman Busbice felt

something would have to be done with the traveling occurring on the levees. Commissioner Babin asked Secretary Jenkins, to get to the point he was speaking of, would Commission or Department action be needed? Secretary Jenkins stated any formal action would have to come from Division of Administration. Commissioner Gattle stated he would like to see things move forward and try to cap the levees to see if it works. Commissioner McCall asked if the Commission had any authority to tell someone to cap the levees? Secretary Jenkins answered no. Commissioner Babin also wanted to get the ball rolling again. Mr. Williams stated Division of Administration is working with the Department and they do not have any money either. Chairman Busbice asked if the 300,000 Florida bass were fingerlings or fry and is production over for this year? Mr. Williams stated they were fry and production was just beginning.

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

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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OUTDOORS/WORLD TRACK & FIELD

Area deer hunters may get extra days

By JOE MACALUSO
Advocate outdoors writer

Capital City-area hunters would have two additional "either-sex" days and hunters using the state's wildlife management areas would face increased regulations under the proposed 1999-2000 resident game hunting seasons presented to the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at Thursday's meeting.

By adding the either-sex days — hunters call them "doe days" — state wildlife managers hope to control Louisiana's ever-growing whitetail deer population, which, according to charts, has grown four-fold over the last 40 years. Current estimates are that there are more than 1 million whitetail deer in the state.

Hunters in the state's Deer Areas 1, 2, 3 and 6 would get the additional days. Baton Rouge, all of the Florida Parishes and eight parishes along the Mississippi River north of Baton Rouge are in Area 1. Area 6 includes parishes to the west and south of Baton Rouge.

Area 6 hunters would also face a much-revised schedule than last season. Wildlife Division managers want to merge the area's two "with or without dogs" periods from last year into one continuous Dec. 11-Jan. 23 period and keep the still-

hunt only period in its usual late November to early December run. Instead of getting 36 dog-hunting days, Area 6 hunters would have 44 days when they could use dogs in the coming season.

All dates and limits outlined Thursday are proposed dates, and the commission and the Wildlife Division will take public comment through June. Final ratification of the resident game seasons for deer, squirrel, rabbit, quail and pheasant is scheduled for the commission's July 8 meeting at the Louisiana Room of the Wildlife and Fisheries headquarters in Baton Rouge.

The other major date change would be for Area 2, which takes in most parishes in north-central and northwest parishes. The start of the modern firearms season in Area 2 would be pushed back nearly two weeks from its traditional late October start, but the season would be extended 10 days later than its usual first Sunday in January closing date. The proposed season would run from Nov. 6-Jan. 14.

State wildlife manager Mike Olinde said there would be no geographical changes in the state's deer hunting areas. It's the first time in four years the areas would remain the same as the previous hunting season.

The wildlife management areas, hunting regulations would undergo major revisions. Olinde said the changes would further standardize regulations on the state's 11-million-acre WMA system.

Topping that list is a regulation that would limit hunters' time on WMA areas. Hunters would have to exit the area no later than two hours after sunset and could enter an area no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time, which is one-half hour before sunrise. ATV use would also be prohibited during that time.

Other WMA rules would mandate hunters wearing hunter orange hats along with 400 square inches of hunter orange on their chests and backs; prohibit the use of personal watercraft (jet skis) in

WMA's except for Alexander State Forest; prohibit the use of internal combustion engines on "greentree" reservoirs; mandate the use of personal waste-disposal systems in WMA land and water camping areas; and prohibit the overnight mooring of commercial lodging/hunting or fishing-for-hire boats in WMA's.

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PROPOSED 1999-2000 HUNTING SEASONS

Proposed 1999-2000 hunting seasons for resident game presented to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Thursday. Public comment will be accepted by the Wildlife Division and the commission through June. Final ratification of these seasons and bag limits is set for July 8. All seasons and bag limits are statewide except for deer. The state is broken into seven areas for deer hunting.

Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset for these species.



Quail: Nov. 19-Feb. 29; Daily limit 10. Possession limit 20.	Area 3 — Archery: Sept. 18-Jan. 18; Muzzleloader only: Oct. 9-15, Dec. 13-17; Still-hunt only: Oct. 16-Dec. 12, Dec. 18-Jan. 2
Rabbit: Oct. 2-Feb. 29; Daily limit 8. Possession limit 16.	Area 4 — Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31; Muzzleloader only: Nov. 13-19, Jan. 15-21; Still-hunt only: Nov. 20-Jan. 14
Squirrel: Oct. 2-Feb. 13; Daily limit 8. Possession limit 16.	Area 5 — Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31; Muzzleloader only: Nov. 13-19, Jan. 15-21 (bucks only); Still-hunt only: Nov. 20-28
Pheasant: Nov. 13-Jan. 31 (cocks only). Daily limit 2. Possession limit 4.	Area 6 — Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31; Muzzleloader only: Nov. 13-19, Jan. 24-30; Still-hunt only: Nov. 20-Dec. 5; With or without dogs: Dec. 11-Jan. 23
Area 1 — Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31; Muzzleloader only: Nov. 13-19, Jan. 24-30; Still-hunt only: Nov. 20-Dec. 5; Jan. 10-Jan. 25; With or without dogs: Dec. 11-Jan. 9	Area 7 — Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31; Muzzleloader only: Oct. 9-15, Jan. 17-23; Still-hunt only: Oct. 16-31, Nov. 20-Dec. 5; With or without dogs: Dec. 11-Jan. 16
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Advocate graphic

The commission also heard reports on a new non-native plant invading the state.

Charles Dugas said a plan is being developed by Louisiana and Texas to eradicate the plant from the 186,000-acre reservoir that borders the two states.

Brazil, that can double its mass every 2-4 days, has been found in

British IOC member explains panel's actions to Parliament

By The Associated Press
LONDON — British IOC member

"But that's an accusation the IOC must take on board and must deal with," he said. "With hindsight, they

Greene is set to go



COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Thursday, March 4, 1999
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Bill Busbice (Chairman)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Kelly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Daniel Babin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glynn Carver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Gattle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jerald Hanchey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Norman McCall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Mr. Chairman:

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

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BATON ROUGE, LA
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Changes for 1999-2000

General: Basically clarifications to existing language

- Shotgun slugs specifically listed as type of ammunition prohibited while small game hunting outside of deer season
- Rimfire rifles changed to rimfire firearm relative to raccoon hunting to conform to state law wording
- "Inline" muzzleloaders specifically listed as legal
- Farm-raised Deer and Exotic Hunting Regulations
- DMAP regulations require tags attached only to the hock

Small Game and Archery Seasons: Calendar adjustment

Muzzleloader: Calendar adjustments or adjustments necessary to have seasons immediately prior to and after modern firearm seasons

Deer:

Area 1: Calendar adjustments except as noted

- Two additional days of either-sex deer hunting added to most parishes
- Split between still and dog seasons occurs during first week of December (1 week earlier)
- With/out dog hunting moved one week to correspond to Area 2
- New still hunting area designated within Washington Parish (this was brought to the Commission's attention last year by local residents and hunters)

Area 2:

- Still season opening moved to 1st full weekend in November instead of last full weekend in October
- Muzzleloader season adjusted to immediately before still season
- With/out dog hunting opening adjusted week later (second weekend of Dec.)
- Two additional days of either-sex hunting added to most parishes
- Still hunting and with/out dog hunting portions each 35 days

Area 3: Calendar adjustments except as noted

- Two additional days of either-sex hunting added to most parishes
- Note: Calendar adjustments moved the season back about 1 week
 - Early muzzleloader season opens on a Saturday instead of a Monday

Area 4: Calendar adjustments except as noted

- Additional 10 days added to end of season
 - Results in same closing date as Area 2
 - Results in last muzzleloader segment same as Area 2

Area 5: Calendar adjustments except as noted

- Last muzzleloader segment moved later to be the same as Area 2 and 4 except still hunt only

Area 6: Calendar adjustments except as noted—basic changes identical to and align with Area 1

- Two additional days of either-sex deer hunting added to most parishes
- Split between still and dog seasons occurs during first week of December (1 week earlier)
- Opening of dog season moved one week later to correspond with dog season in Area 2 and Area 1

Area 7: Calendar adjustments except as noted

- Note: Calendar adjustments moved the season back about 1 week
 - Early muzzleloader season opens on a Saturday instead of a Monday with early season same as Area 3

Wildlife Management Areas

General:

- Hunters must exit the area no later than 2 hours after sunset and can enter no more than 2 hours before legal shooting time
- Prohibited hunting from and on designated roads and trails during gun deer seasons
- Prohibited the use of ATVs from 2 hours after sunset until 2 hours before legal shooting time
- Language to be added concerning the disposal of human waste in camping areas and houseboat areas on WMAs
- Added the requirement of a “Hunters Orange” hat for deer hunters on WMAs
- Prohibited the mooring of commercial boats overnight on WMAs
- Self-clearing permits will have a portion that will be displayed in the vehicle to denote that the person has checked in
- Trappers wanting to utilize firearms outside of the normal hunting seasons will be required to have a special permit from the region office to carry firearm
- Burning of marshes on WMAs is specifically prohibited

- Prohibited the use of “Personnel Water craft” on all WMAs except for Alexandra State Forest
- Prohibited the use of “internal combustion engines” on some Greentree Reservoirs

Specific WMAs:

Region 1

- Two days of either-sex hunting added on Bodcau--corresponds to deer season at large
- Two days of either-sex hunting added on Jackson-Bienville--corresponds to deer season at large
- Archery season opened on Bayou Pierre
- Archery season opened on Soda Lake

Region 2

- Big Colewa and associated hunting seasons listed under WMAs

Region 3

- Rabbit season allowing the use of beagles added
- Muzzleloader season on Sabine “isolated” to promote more use

Region 4 No Changes

Region 5 No Changes

Region 6

- Elm Hall and associated hunting seasons listed under WMAs

Region 7

- Special youth and handicapped hunts on Ben’s Creek reduced to one weekend instead of two
- Dove season during the 1st split on Sandy Hollow restricted to opening day and the second weekend
- Muzzleloader season on Tunica Hills moved one week later (Nov 20 – Dec 5) to take advantage of increased deer activity

Fur and Refuge WMAs

- Oystering prohibited on all WMAs

- Changed the rabbit season on Atchafalaya Delta to prohibit use of beagles during the archery deer season
- Mooring regulations on Atchafalaya and Pointe-au-Chien:
 - Permits will be required for mooring houseboats
 - Houseboats will be allowed to moor for longer period
 - Houseboats, etc. prohibited from impeding navigation
- Raccoon hunting restrictions eliminated on Pass-a-Loutre and Pointe-au-Chien
- Added language to Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-au-Chien, and Salvador/Timken for commercial fishing and other topics listed in Title 76
- Commercial shrimping eliminated on that portion of Pointe-au-Chien known as Cut Off Canal
- Established shooting hours for all game (except dove) to 12:00 noon on Pointe-au-Chien
- Established times that the gate will be open and prohibited motorized vessels in the drainage ditches on Point Farm portion of Pointe-au-Chien
- Established shooting hours for all game to 12:00 noon on Salvador/Timken

Other Lands

Other Small Department Tracts, National Wildlife Refuges, Kisatchie National Forest, Corps of Engineers, etc.

- Calendar adjustments with additional archery and small game opportunities on some NWR
- Indian Bayou (COE) to try Quality Deer Management—6pts or better except on either sex day when spikes less than 3 inches legal

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
March 4, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, March 4, 1999.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as a Notice of Intent.



Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

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 promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 1999-2000 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25: .

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 1999-2000

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
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Quail	Nov. 13-Feb. 29	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 2-Feb. 29	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 2-Feb. 13	8	16
Pheasant	Nov. 13-Jan. 31	2 (Cock Only)	4
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6

C. Deer Hunting Schedule

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 24-Jan.30	Nov.20-Dec. 5 Jan.10-Jan.23	Dec.11-Jan.9
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 30-Nov. 5 Jan. 15-Jan. 21	Nov. 6-Dec.10	Dec.11-Jan.14
3	Sept.18- Jan.18	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Dec. 13-Dec. 17	Oct.16-Dec.12 Dec.18-Jan. 2	
4	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan.15-Jan.21	Nov.20-Jan.14	
5	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan.15-Jan.21 (Bucks Only)	Nov.20-Nov.28	
6	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 24-Jan. 30	Nov. 20-Dec.5	Dec.11-Jan.23
7	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Jan. 17-Jan. 23	Oct.16-Oct.31 Nov. 20-Dec.5	Dec.11-Jan.16

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Area	Basic Season Dates	Total Days	Exceptions (Those portions of the following parishes)
1	Nov.20-21, 26-28 Dec.4-5, 11-12, 18-19	11	Nov.20-21, 26-28 (Franklin, Catahoula, LaSalle, Caldwell) Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.11-12 (Avoyelles, Grant, Rapides)
2	Nov.6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12	13	Nov.6-7, Nov.26-28 (Caldwell, LaSalle) Nov. 6-7, Nov.26-28, Dec.11-12 (Avoyelles)

3	Oct.16-17, 23-24, Oct.30-31, Nov.6-7, 20-21, 26-28	13	Oct.16-17, Nov. 20-21, Nov.26-28 (St. Landry)
4	Nov.20-21, 26-28 (except East Carroll)	5	Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.4-5, 11-12 (East Carroll--That portion between the Mississippi River Levee and the Mississippi River)
5	None		
6	Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.4-5, 11-12, 18- 19	11	Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.11-12 (Avoyelles, Rapides, St. Landry)
7	Oct.16-17, Nov.20- 21, 26-28, Dec.11- 12, 18-19	11	

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Public hearings will be held at regularly scheduled Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meetings from April through July. Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until May 21, 1999 to Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

1999-2000 Wildlife Management Area Hunting Seasons

1. ALEXANDER STATE FOREST

Deer: **November 26-28**, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: **November 6-7, 13-14** either sex, Daily Permit.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex muzzleloader hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.
(Certain areas may be closed as posted)

Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

2. ATCHAFALAYA DELTA (Owner-State of Louisiana-137,000 Acres. District 6):

Deer: (Archery Only) **October 1 - October 31** and during the splits between the regular duck season for the west zone and from the day after the regular duck season through January 31. Main Delta only (Wax Lake Delta Closed). No hunting in restricted areas. Self Clearing Permit required from Atchafalaya Delta headquarters.

Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside EXCEPT shooting hours shall be one-half hour before sunrise to 2:00 pm during opening weekends of teal and duck seasons and one-half hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of the season.

Rabbit: **November 1 - February 29**. Beagles permitted except during deer season. No hunting in restricted areas.

Trapping: Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at any time.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited.

3. ATTAKAPAS (Owner-State of Louisiana-26,300 Acres. District 6):

Deer: **November 26-28**, either sex. **December 18 - January 2**, BUCKS ONLY.

Muzzleloader: **January 8-16**, either sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during

either sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29**.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

4. BAYOU MACON (Department Owned-6,940 Acres. District 2):

Deer: **November 20-21**, either sex, hunt restricted to those selected as a result of the preapplication Lottery. Hunters must check in at Hwy. 2 to have permit validated.

Archery: All deer must be reported at Self Clearing station.

Muzzleloader: **December 2-3**, either sex. Self Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Squirrel hunting with dogs **January 17 - February 13**.

Raccoon: Nighttime. **January 17-31**. Self Clearing Permit required.

All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

5. BAYOU PIERRE (Department Owned-1,400 Acres. District 1):

Waterfowl refuge is closed to all hunting, trapping and fishing EXCEPT archery hunting for deer, which is allowed on the entire area. Refuge is marked with "Waterfowl Refuge" signs.

Deer: **October 1 - January 31**. Archery only, either sex. Archery hunting for deer is allowed in the waterfowl refuge.

All Small Game: Same as outside. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**.

Waterfowl: Entire area CLOSED to waterfowl hunting.

No ATVs or ATCs allowed on the area. Motorized vehicles are allowed only on parish roads and roads marked on WMA map.

6. BENS CREEK (Owner-Weyhaeuser Co.-13,500 acres. District 7):

Area Closed: **November 6-7**, to all hunters except Youth and Handicapped Hunters.

Special season for Youth and Handicapped Hunters: **November 6-7**, entire area open to both groups. Permit required for

handicapped hunters must be obtained in advance from District Office. Self Clearing Permit required for youth and handicapped hunters.

Deer: **November 26-27**, either sex, Daily Permit; **November 28 and December 11 - January 2**, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit required.

Archery: All deer killed must be reported at Self Clearing Permit station.

Muzzleloader: **December 4-10 and January 3-16**, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**.

Raccoon: Nighttime, **January 17 - 30**, with dogs. No limit. Self Clearing Permit required.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29**.

All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads.

No hunting in restricted areas. (See WMA Map)

Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and during the spring turkey season.

7. BIG COLEWA BAYOU (Department Owned-910 Acres. District 2):

Deer: Archery only.

Doves: Same as outside. First split only.

Small game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting **January 17 - February 29**.

All vehicles, including ATVs prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited.

8. BIG LAKE (Department Owned-19,221 Acres. District 4):

Deer: **November 26-27**, either sex, Daily Permit; **November 28, and January 1-9**, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: **December 2-3**, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either sex gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted

for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **January 17 - February 13**.

Woodcock: Same as outside.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: Nighttime, **January 17-30**.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29**.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

9. BILOXI (Owner-Biloxi Marsh Land Corporation-39,583 Acres. District 7):

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only during duck season.

Waterfowl & Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside.

10. BODCAU (Owner-U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-32,471 Acres. District 1):

Deer: **November 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, December 4-5, 11-12**, either sex. **November 8-12, 15-19, 22-25** and **November 29 - December 3 and December 6-10**. Bucks only. No permit.

All Small Game: Same as outside. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **January 17 - February 13**.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: Nighttime, **January 17 - February 13**.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29**.

11. BOEUF (Department Owned-47,864 Acres. District 4):

Area Closed: **November 6-7**, to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: **November 6-7**, either sex.

Deer: **November 26-27**, either sex, Daily Permit; **November 28 and January 1-9**, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: **December 2-3**, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **January 17 - February 13**.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. No internal combustion engine permitted in Green Tree Reservoir.

Quail, Dove & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Dove hunting prohibited in unharvested agricultural fields.

Raccoon: Nighttime, **January 17-30**.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29**.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

12. BOISE-VERNON (Boise-Cascade Company-54,269 Acres. District 5):

Area Closed: **October 23-24** to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Hunt: **October 23-24**, either sex.

Deer: **October 30-31**, either sex daily permit required; **November 1-24**, bucks only season permit; **November 26-28**, either sex, Self Clearing Permits.

Muzzleloader: **November 29 - December 5**, either sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **January 8 - February 13**. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: Nighttime, **January 17 - February 13**, permit required from Lake Charles District office.

Road travel and hunting restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicle travel.

13. BUCKHORN (Department Owned-8,955 Acres. District 4):

Deer: **November 26-27**, either sex, hunt restricted to those selected as a result of the preapplication Lottery; **November 28, January 1-9**, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: **December 2-3**, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **January 17 - February 13**.

Quail, Dove & Woodcock: Same as outside. Except closed during either sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Dove hunting, prohibited in unharvested agricultural fields.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: **Nighttime, January 17-30**.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29**.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

14. CAMP BEAUREGARD (Louisiana National Guard-12,500 acres. District 3):

SELF CLEARING PERMIT STATIONS AND MILITARY PERMIT. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users.

Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year at Range Central Building, telephone (318) 641-3355, 641-3365 or LDWF, District III office, telephone (318) 487-5885. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. All game harvested must be recorded on Self Clearing Checkout Permit.

Area closed: **October 16-17** to all EXCEPT youth hunters.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside, EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **January 8 - February 13**. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**.

Deer: **January 1-9**, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit.

Youth Deer Hunt: **October 16-17**, either sex, daily permit required. Permit available from Rifle Range Road station only.

Muzzleloader: **December 2-5**, either sex, Self Clearing.

Fishing: Special regulations to apply on Twin Lakes. Regulations will be posted at entrance to lake.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29**.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

All game harvested must be reported.

15. DEWEY W. WILLS (Formerly Saline) (Department Owned-60,276 Acres. District 3):

Closed Season: **November 6-7** to all hunters except youth and handicapped hunters.

Special Handicapped Season: **November 6-7**. That portion of the area north of the diversion canal shall be open only to handicapped hunters. A special permit shall be required from the District Office. Permit application must be in District Office by **November 1, 1999**.

Youth Deer Hunt: **November 6-7**. That portion of the area south of the diversion canal shall be open to youth hunters only.

Deer: **November 26-27**, either sex, Daily Permit; **November 28 and January 1-9**, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: **December 2-5**, either sex.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29** and squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **January 17 - February 13**.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either sex gun hunts and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: **Nighttime, January 17-30**.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29** in fenced-in areas south and east of Hwy. 28. Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area south and east of Hwy. 28. Also, free-ranging livestock EXCEPT hogs prohibited in fenced-in area north of Hwy. 28.

Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.

Roads may be closed during wet weather conditions.

16. ELM HALL (Department Owned-2,839 Acres, District 6):

Deer: **November 26**, either sex; **November 27-28 and December 11-19**, bucks only.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside except closed during modern firearms either sex hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside except closed during either sex modern firearm deer hunts and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

No ATVs allowed.

17. FORT POLK (Owner-U.S. Army and U.S. Forest Service-109,855 Acres. District 5):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7803, North Fort Polk, telephone 1-888-718-3029 or 318-531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. * **Moving Deer or Hogs on a WMA with organized Drivers and Standers, Drivers or making use of noises or noise-making Devices is prohibited.** Trappers must also register at Building #7803 and use Self Clearing system. Special regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued or at www.jrtcpolk.army.mil/hunting.htm.

Deer: **October 30 - November 24**, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit; **November 26-28**, either sex Daily Permits; **December 6-17**, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit; **December 18-19**, either sex, Self Clearing Permit; **December 20-24**, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit; **December 25-26**, either sex, Self Clearing Permit; **December 27 - January 2**, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit.

Muzzleloader: **December 4-5**, either sex, Self Clearing Permit, Special Permit, Building #7803. A selected portion of the area to be open.

Special archery regulations for Cantonment Areas, check locally at Building #7803. Either sex deer legal **September 18 - January 18**. Remainder of WMA restricted to bucks only when bucks only gun season is in progress.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either sex gun hunts for deer. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Squirrel dogs permitted **January 8 - February 13**.

Unmarked hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **September 18 - February 29**.

Fishing: Special regulations pertaining to fishing are posted at specific lakes.

18. GEORGIA-PACIFIC (Owner-Georgia-Pacific Corporation-25,480 Acres. District 2):

Area Closed: **October 23-24**, to all hunters except youth hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: **October 23-24**, either sex. Self Clearing Permit required.

Deer: **November 6-14**, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit

required; **November 26-28**, either sex, Daily Permit required.

Muzzleloader: **December 4-5**, either sex, Self Clearing permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either sex gun hunts for deer. Dogs permitted for squirrel hunting **January 17 - February 13**. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**.

Raccoon: Nighttime, **January 17-30**. Permit required from Monroe District Office.

EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.

19. GRASSY LAKE (Department Owned-13,297 Acres. District 6):

Deer: **November 26-27**, either sex, Daily Permit required; **November 28 and January 1-9**, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: **January 10-16**, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**.

Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas District Office.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29**.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited. No hunting in restricted area.

20. JACKSON-BIENVILLE (Owner-Willamette Industries, et al-32,000 Acres. District 1):

Self Clearing Permits are required to hunt on Jackson-

Bienville WMA EXCEPT when daily permits are required for the November 6-7 either sex deer hunts.

ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management woods roads and trails. However, all ATVs/ATCs prohibited March 1 through September 15.

Closed Season: **October 23-24**, on designated portions. Closed to all hunters except youth and handicapped hunters.

Special Season for Youth and Handicapped Hunters: **October 23-24** for handicapped and youth hunters only on a portion of Jackson-Bienville WMA. Contact Region office for Handicapped Permits and specific map. Handicapped permit must be obtained in advance from District Office. All deer and hogs killed must be reported at Field Office on North Road.

Note: Daily permits for the November 6 either sex deer hunt will be available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on November 5 at the field office Daily Permit Check Station on North Road, Daily Permit Check Stations will open at 4:30 a.m. Saturday, November 6.

Deer: **November 6-7**, either sex, Daily Permit required; **November 13-14**, **November 20-21**, **November 26-28**, **December 4-5**, **December 11-12**, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required. **November 22-25**, **December 13 - January 2**, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit required.

All deer and hogs harvested November 26-28, December 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, January 1-2 must be brought to the Field Office on North Road to be weighed, inspected, photographed and tagged. Wildlife Division personnel will be at the Field Office from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. on the days listed.

Archery: Same as outside.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed **November 6-7**. Rabbits may be hunted with beagles **January 17 - February 29**. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **January 17 - February 13**. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m.

Quail: **November 13 - February 29**.

Raccoon: Nighttime, **January 17 - February 13**.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29**. All hogs must be reported at Self Clearing Permit Station or Daily Permit Station.

21. JOYCE (Department Owned-15,609 acres. District 7):

Deer: Same as Outside, still hunt only.

Muzzleloader: Same as Outside, still hunt only.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

22. LAKE BOEUF (Department Owned-786 acres. District 8):

Deer: Archery only. Same as outside.

Small Game: Same as outside.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2:00 PM prohibited.

Quail, Dove & Woodcock: Same as outside.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29.**

23. LAKE RAMSAY (Department Owned-800 Acres. District 7):

Deer: Archery only, either sex, **October 1 - January 31.**

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29.**

Quail & Woodcock: Same as outside.

Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

24. LITTLE RIVER (Department Owned-4,164 Acres. District 3):

Deer: **November 6-14**, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: **December 2-5**, either sex.

Raccoon: Nighttime, **January 17-30.**

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **January 8 - February 13.** Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29.**

Roads may be closed during wet conditions.

25. LOGGY BAYOU (Department Owned-4,213 Acres. District 1):

Self Clearing Permit required for all persons hunting on Loggy Bayou WMA EXCEPT when Daily Permits are required during the either sex gun hunts for deer. Daily Permits will be available only from

the check station at the campground.

Area Closed: **October 23-24** to all hunter's except Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: **October 23-24**, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required. Refer to WMA general regulations for Hunt requirements. All other activities CLOSED.

Archery: **October 1 - January 31**, EXCEPT closed **October 23-24** to all but Youth hunters. Either sex.

Deer: **November 26-28**, either sex, Daily Permit required. Daily Permit available at main campground only.

Muzzleloader: **November 29 - December 5**, either sex. Self Clearing Permit required.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during daily permit either sex gun hunts for deer and youth hunts. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**. Dogs permitted for squirrels **January 17 - February 13**.

Waterfowl: Same as outside except hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and closed November 26-28. Self Clearing Permit required.

Raccoon: Nighttime, **January 17 - February 13**, Self Clearing Permit required.

26. MANCHAC (Department Owned-8,325 Acres. District 7):

Deer: Archery only, **October 1 - January 31**, either sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Steel shot required for rails, snipes and gallinules.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29**.

Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

27. QUACHITA (Department Owned-8,745 Acres. District 2):

Area Closed: **October 23-24** to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during waterfowl season.

Youth Deer Hunt: **October 23-24**, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required.

Deer: **November 26-28**, either sex, Daily Permit required; **December 18 - January 2**, bucks only. Self Clearing Permit required.

Waterfowl: South of La. Hwy. 15, same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**.

Raccoon: Nighttime, **October 1-16, October 30 - November 14, January 17 - February 6**. Permit required from Monroe District Office.

Crawfish: **April 1 - May 31**, 100 lbs. per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight.

Commercial Fishing: Closed.

All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

28. PASS-A-LOUTRE (Department Owned-66,000 Acres. District 8):

Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside.

Archery: **Same as outside**-either sex. Special permit required from Pass-a-Loutre headquarters.

Rabbit: Same as outside. Beagles permitted when duck and archery season are closed.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters **October 1 - February 29**.

Commercial Fishing: Same as outside, commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay and Northshore Bay oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map.

29. PEARL RIVER (Department Owned-34,896 Acres. District 7):

Closed Season: **November 6-7** to all hunters except youth hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: **November 6-7**, either sex. All deer and hogs must be reported at Self Clearing Permit station.

Deer: **November 26-27**, either sex, Daily Permit required;

November 28 and December 11 - January 2, bucks only. All deer and hogs killed must be reported at Self Clearing check station.

Muzzleloader: December 4-11, January 3-16, either sex. All deer and hogs must be reported at Self Clearing check station.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits January 17 - February 29. Dogs permitted for squirrels January 17 - February 13.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and EXCEPT no hunting in waterfowl refuge area. Closed north of U.S. Hwy. 90 during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer.

Raccoon: Nighttime, October 2-17 and January 17-30, Self Clearing Permit required.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from October 1 - February 29. All hogs must be reported at Self Clearing Permit station.

All roads closed 8 PM - 4:30 AM to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet except waterfowl hunting below Hwy. 90.

No Hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs.

Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a \$5.00 fee.

30. PEASON RIDGE (Owner-U.S. Army-33,488 Acres. District 5):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7803, North Fort Polk, telephone no. 1-888-718-3029 or 318-531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. * Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized Drivers and Standers Drivers, or making use of noises or noise making-devices is prohibited. Trappers must also register at Building #7803 and use Self Clearing system.

Special federal regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued. (www.irtc-polk.army.mi/hunting.htm).

Deer: October 30 - November 24 bucks only, Self Clearing Permits; November 26-28, either sex, Self Clearing Permits; December 6-17, bucks only, Self Clearing Permits; December 18-19,

either sex, Self Clearing Permits; **December 20-24**, bucks only, Self Clearing Permits; **December 25-26**, either sex Self Clearing Permits; **December 27 - January 2**, bucks only Self Clearing Permits.

Muzzleloader: **December 4-5**, either sex, Self Clearing Permits required. Special Permits, building #7803. A selected portion of the area to be open.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Squirrel dogs permitted **January 8 - February 13**.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29**.

31. POINTE-AU-CHIEN (Department Owned-30,037 Acres. District 8):

Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for DOVE hunting as specified below. Point Farm: Gate will be open during opening weekend of the second split of dove season and all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches.

Deer: **November 26-28 and December 4-12** bucks only, EXCEPT no gun hunting allowed on Point Farm property (archery only).

Archery: Same as outside.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles prohibited during duck and gun hunts for deer. Point Farm property, same as outside EXCEPT beagles prohibited during opening weekends of each dove season segment.

Dove: Shooting hours same as outside season during opening weekends only of each season segment on Point Farms properties, otherwise morning hunting only.

Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 12:00 noon prohibited.

All Other Game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only.

Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait.

Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only.

Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are

allowed per boat or vehicle per day.

Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight.

The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited.

Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. prohibited in the Montegue and Grand Bayou marsh management units.

Vehicles prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by the department.

All nighttime activities prohibited on area from 30 minutes after sunset to one and one-half hours before sunrise.

32. POMME DE TERRE (Department Owned-7,064 Acres. District 6):

Deer: **November 26-27**, either sex, Daily Permit; **November 28** and **January 1-9**, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: either sex, **January 10-16**.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbit **January 17 - February 29**. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **January 17 - February 13**.

Migratory Game Birds & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday, EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas District Office or Spring Bayou headquarters.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29**.

Crawfish: **April 1 - July 31**, 100 lbs. per person per day limit. No traps or nets left overnight.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

33. RED RIVER (Department Owned-24,326 Acres; U.S. Corps Engineers-11,717 Acres. District 4):

Area Closed: **November 6-7** to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: **November 6-7**, either sex.

Deer: **November 26-27**, either sex, Daily Permit; **November 28 and January 1-9**, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: **December 2-3**, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer.

Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunt for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Portions of area (Yahey Farm) restricted to pre-application lottery. Deadline for application is September 24, 1999. Contact district office for details. Waterfowl hunting only allowed during waterfowl season on this portion. Crawfishing prohibited on wetland restoration projects.

Dove: Same as outside EXCEPT no hunting in unharvested agricultural fields and EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters **October 1 - February 29**.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

34. RUSSELL SAGE (Department Owned-17,280 Acres. District 2):

Deer: **November 26-28**, either sex, Daily Permit required; **December 18 - January 2** bucks only. Self Clearing Permit required.

Muzzleloader: **December 2-3**, either sex. Self Clearing Permit required.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**. Dogs permitted for squirrels **January 17 - February 13**.

Snipe & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during waterfowl season.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: Nighttime, **October 1-16, October 30 - November 14**

and **January 17 - February 6.** Permit required from Monroe District Office.

Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit.

Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited.

All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

35. **SABINE** (Owner-International Paper Company, Boise-Cascade Co., et al-14,780 Acres. District 3):

Area Closed: **October 16-17** to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: **October 16-17**, either sex.

Deer: **November 6-7, November 26-28**, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required; **November 8-24**, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: **December 11-12, 18-19**, either sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29** and dogs permitted for squirrels, **January 8 - February 13.** Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: Nighttime, **January 17-30.**

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29.**

36. **SABINE ISLAND** (Owner-State of Louisiana and Calcasieu Parish School Board-8,103 Acres. District 5):

All seasons same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only. Hunting for waterfowl after 2 p.m. prohibited. Dogs permitted for squirrels **January 8 - February 13.**

Deer: Same as Area 2 deer season except still hunt only.

Raccoon: Nighttime, **January 17 - February 13**, permit required from Lake Charles District Office.

Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and

east.

37. SALVADOR/TIMKEN (Department Owned-30,600 Acres. District 8):

Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Sportsmen may enter the area two hours before sunrise and must leave the area no later than 30 minutes after sunset when traveling to or from hunting or fishing locations.

Area Closed: **October 23-24** to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: **October 23-24**, either sex, no permit required, see Youth Deer Hunt regulations.

Deer: **November 26-28**, either sex; **December 7-20**, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: **December. 4-5**, either sex.

Archery: Same as outside.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT beagles prohibited during duck and gun hunts for deer.

All Other Game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only.

Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 12:00 noon prohibited. Steel shot required for gallinule hunting.

Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the game management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited.

Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 H.P. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes - "Baie Des Chactas" and Baie du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Operation of the above described internal combustion engines in interior ditches is prohibited.

Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or

any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited.

Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenasses).

Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact New Orleans District Office-Fur and Refuge Division.

38. SANDY HOLLOW (Department Owned-3,397 Acres. District 7):

Deer: **November 26-27**, either sex. Self Clearing Permit Required; **November 28**, bucks only. Self Clearing Permit Required; **December 11-26**, bucks only. Self Clearing Permit Required.

Archery: All deer killed must be reported at Self Clearing check station.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed **November 26-27**. Beagles permitted for rabbit hunting **January 17 - February 29**.

Quail & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT Quail opens November 15 and closes **January 31** and EXCEPT closed **November 26-27**. Self Clearing Permit required.

Dove: **September 4** and **September 11-12** of first split. Closed the remainder of the first split. Second and third splits same as outside. EXCEPT Youth Hunt on northern tract during the opening day of the first segment (**September 4**). Hunt restricted to youths younger than 16 years of age and supervising adult who must be 18 years of age or older. The supervising adult must maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

Waterfowl: Same as outside season EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Bird Dog Training: **September 7 - November 13** and **February 1 - March 2** EXCEPT restricted to that portion south of LA Hwy. 10 only and EXCEPT blank pistols only. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited).

Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge District Office.

Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited.

Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas.

No motorized vehicles allowed off designated roads.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

39. **SHERBURNE** (Department Owned-11,780 Acres; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-15,220 Acres; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-15,690 Acres. District 6):

Area Closed: **November 6-7**, except to Youth and Handicapped hunters.

Youth and Handicapped: **November 6-7** either sex, ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED.

Deer Hunt: Permits for handicapped hunters must be obtained from District Offices. Youth Permits must be obtained daily from WMA Permit Stations.

Deer: **November 26-28 and December 4-5**, either sex. Daily permit required. **January 1-9**, bucks only. Self Clearing Permit.

Muzzleloader: **January 10-16**, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits, **January 17 - February 29**. Dogs permitted for squirrels, **January 17 - February 13**.

Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail & Gallinules: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited, and EXCEPT no hunting in waterfowl refuge and EXCEPT steel shot only on waterfowl impoundments. That portion of Sherburne WMA known as the South Farm restricted to lottery hunts only. All hunting closed on South Farm complex including the associated woodlots from **November 8 - January 25**. Contact the District Office for details and location of the South Farm Complex.

Woodcock: Same as outside. Except closed during modern firearm either sex gun hunts for deer. Self Clearing Permit required.

Dove: Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either sex, gun hunt for deer.

Raccoon: Nighttime, **January 17-30**, permit required from WMA headquarters or Opelousas office.

Crawfishing: **April 1 - July 31**, permits required for East Farms from Area Headquarters.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River Basin levee road within Sherburne WMA boundaries.

Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by

appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office (225-765-2931).
No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges.

Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

No commercial activity on ANWR, except trapping.

40. SICILY ISLAND HILLS (Department Owned-7,098 Acres. District 4):

Deer: **November 26-27**, either sex, Daily Permit required; **November 28, January 1-9**, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: **December 2-3**, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer.

Quail & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29**.

Firearms and any game harvested cannot be transported through the area except during the corresponding open season on area.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

41. SODA LAKE (Caddo Levee District-1,300 Acres. District 1):

Entire area is Walk-in only - No motorized vehicles allowed. Access into the area is allowed only from south end of the area off of Hwy. 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer.

Deer: **October 1 - January 31** Archery only, either sex walk-in only.

Sport Fishing: **April 1 - August 31**

42. SPRING BAYOU (Department Owned-12,078 Acres. District 6):

Area Closed: **November 6-7**, except to Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: **November 6-7**, either sex.

Deer: **November 26-27**, either sex, Daily Permit required; **November 28** and **January 1-9**, bucks only. Self Clearing Permit required.

Muzzleloader: **January 10-16**, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits, **January 17 - February 29**.

Woodcock: Same as outside except closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunting for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and EXCEPT no hunting in refuge area during duck season.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas District Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Crawfish: 100 lbs. per person per day limit. Permit required from area supervisor.

No hunting allowed in headquarters area.

Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area.

Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this camp site.

Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

43. THISTLETHWAITE (Thistlethwaite Heirs-11,100 Acres. District 6):

Deer: **November 26-28**, either sex. Daily permit; **December 4-12**, bucks only. Self Clearing Permit required.

Muzzleloader: **December 20-26**, either sex. Self Clearing Permit required.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29.**

No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map).

All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only.

All users must enter and leave through main gate only.

No entry into restricted areas.

44. THREE RIVERS (Department Owned-23,222 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers-1,085 Acres. District 4):

Deer: **November 26-27**, either sex, Daily Permit required; **November 28 and January 1-9**, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: **December 2-3**, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits, **January 17 - February 29.**

Quail, Snipe & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Dove: Same as outside EXCEPT prohibited in unharvested agricultural fields and EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer.

Raccoon: **Nighttime, January 17-30.**

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29.**

Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.

45. TUNICA HILLS (Department Owned-3,366 Acres. District 7):

Muzzleloader: **November 20 - December 5**, either sex. Self Clearing Permit required.

Archery: Same as outside. All deer killed must be reported at Self Clearing Permit station.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed **November 20 - December 5.**

Woodcock: Same as outside except closed during muzzleloader hunts for deer.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29.**

All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATV's restricted to designated trails. Driving on food plots prohibited. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map.

Camping prohibited on area.

46. UNION (Plum Creek Timber Co., La. Correctional Facilities Corp. et al-12,852 Acres. District 2):

Deer: **November 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, and December 4-5, 11-12**, either sex, Daily Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits, **January 17 - February 29.** Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29.**

All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

47. WEST BAY (Boise Cascade Company, Kirby Lumber Co., Quatre-Parish Company, et al-62,115 Acres. District 5):

Area Closed: **October 23-24**, to all hunters EXCEPT youth and handicapped hunters.

Special season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters: **October 23-24** for handicapped and youth hunters only. Permit for handicapped hunters must be obtained in advance from the District Office. Youth Permits must be obtained from the Wolf Bay Camping area permit station on Hwy. 112.

Deer: **November 6-7**, either sex, Daily Permit required; **November 8-24**, bucks only; **November 26-28**, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required.

Muzzleloader: **November 29 - December 5**, either sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits, **January 17 - February 29.** Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted, **January 8 - February 13.** Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: Nighttime, **January 17-30**, permit required from Lake Charles District Office.

Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: **All motorized vehicles**

restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

48. WISNER (Owner-Edward Wisner Donation Advisory Committee-21,621 Acres. District 8):

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during waterfowl season. Beagles permitted EXCEPT during waterfowl season.

Waterfowl & All Other Game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only.

KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST (Except Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District & Caney Ranger District)

Deer: **October 30-31**, either-sex, muzzleloader; **November 6-7**, either-sex, still hunt only; **November 8-15**, bucks only, still hunt only; **November 20-25**, bucks only, still hunt only; **November 26**, either-sex, still hunt only; **November 27-28**, bucks only, still hunt only; **December 11**, either-sex, with or without dogs; **December 12**, bucks only, with or without dogs; **December 26-30**, bucks only, with or without dogs.

National Forest lands within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District, described in still hunt only area shall be still hunt only.

**VERNON UNIT OF THE CALCASIEU RANGER DISTRICT, VERNON PARISH
Excluding Fort Polk WMA**

Deer: **October 30-31**, either-sex, muzzleloader; **November 6-7**, either-sex, still hunt only; **November 8-15**, bucks only, still hunt only; **November 20-25**, bucks only, still hunt only; **November 26**, either-sex, still hunt only; **November 27-28**, bucks only, still hunt only; **December 11-12**, bucks only, still hunt only; **December 26-30**, bucks only, still hunt only.

CANEY RANGER DISTRICT, WEBSTER AND CLAIBORNE PARISHES

Deer: Same as outside (Area 2) EXCEPT still hunt only.

***See Area 2 for either-sex dates in Webster and Claiborne Parishes.**

All Other Game: Same as outside.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters while hunting and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress.

The placing of seed, corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement for any species including hogs is prohibited on National Forest Lands, except by Special Permit issued by the U.S. Forest Service. Hunting over such feed is prohibited on all National Forest lands.

Moving deer or hogs with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noise or noise-making devices is prohibited.

NATIONAL CATAHOULA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE (Owner - Kisatchie National Forest - 36,000 Acres in Grant and Winn Parishes):

Season Permit, additionally, Daily Permits required as indicated below:

Deer: **October 16-17**, either-sex, special youth hunt, Daily Permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically disabled hunters only, Daily Permit. Special Permit must be obtained in advance from Forest Supervisor's Office; **October 30-31**, either-sex, muzzleloader; **November 6-7**, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit; **November 26**, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit; **November 27-28**, bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles permitted for rabbit. **January 17 - February 29** only. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Management Preserve.

Squirrel: Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **January 17 - February 13**.

Raccoon: Nighttime, dogs permitted **January 17-30**.

All Other Game: Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

NATIONAL RED DIRT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE (Owner - Kisatchie National Forest - 38,000 acres in Natchitoches Parish):

Season Permit additionally, Daily Permits required as indicated below:

Deer: **October 16-17**, either-sex special youth hunt, Daily Permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically disabled hunters only, Daily Permit. Special Permit must be obtained in advance from Forest Supervisor's Office; **October 30-31**, either-sex, muzzleloader; **November 6-7**, either sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit; **November 26**, either sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit; **November 27-28**, bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles permitted for rabbit. **January 17 - February 29**, only. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Management Preserve.

Squirrel: Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **January 17 - February 13**.

Raccoon: Nighttime, dogs permitted **January 17-30**.

All Other Game: Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

To obtain permits and information contact: Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360, telephone (318) 473-7160. Office hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS - INDIAN BAYOU AREA (15,006 Acres within St. Landry Parish):

Annual Hunting Permit required. Permits may be obtained from Corps of Engineers Headquarters, 112 Speck Lane, Port Barre, LA 70577, telephone (318) 585-0854 for more information.

All hunting shall be still hunting only, EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

Area Closed: **November 6-7**, EXCEPT to youth and handicapped hunters.

Youth & Handicapped Deer Hunts: **November 6-7**, either-sex. ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED.

All Other Deer Hunting: Self-Clearing Deer Tag Required. Daily Limit-1 Deer; Yearly Limit-4 Deer (2 Does; 2 Bucks, 6-Points or better) EXCEPT spikes less than 3 inches legal on either-sex days ONLY.

Deer: **November 26-28**, either-sex; **December 4-5**, either-sex; **December 18-26**, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: **November 13-19**, either-sex; **January 24-30**, bucks only.

Archery: Same as outside season.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer. Dogs permitted for squirrels **December 29 - January 23**. Dogs permitted for rabbits **January 31 - February 29**.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Dove, Woodcock & Snipe: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer.

Raccoon: Nighttime, same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer. Additional Permit required for night hunting.

Crawfishing: **February 1 - August 31**, Additional Permit required, available **January 1**.

LAKE OPHELIA NWR
PROPOSED HUNTS FOR 1999/2000

SMALL GAME (Squirrel & Rabbit, no Dogs)

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: First Saturday in October through 31 October 1999
and during refuge waterfowl hunt season
(Tues, Thur, Sat, Sun).

Significant Changes: Open during waterfowl season.

SQUIRREL & RABBIT (DOG SEASON)

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: 15 January to 06 February 2000

Significant Changes: Open two weeks earlier and end rabbit &
squirrel on same date.

ARCHERY DEER

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: 01 November 1999 through 31 January 2000 (closed
during refuge youth shotgun and muzzleloader deer
hunts.

Significant Changes: Increase in days from 48 to 83 days.

YOUTH SHOTGUN DEER HUNT

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: 06-07 November 1999

Significant Changes: NONE

MUZZLELOADER

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: 04-05, 07-09, 11-12, December 1999.

Significant Changes: Days opened decreased from nine to seven and
bag limit reduced from one deer per day to
one deer per hunt.

Lottery - 400 permits per hunt

WATERFOWL

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: Tue, Thur, Sat, Sun during the second split of
the state waterfowl season.

Significant Changes: NONE

WOODCOCK & SNIPE

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: 18 December 1999 to 31 January 2000.

Significant Changes: Increased open days from 37 to 50.
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CATAHOULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
Proposed Hunts For 1999-2000

Key Harper
Assistant Manager

Species: Squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and unmarked hog
 Type Hunt: Gun (.22 rifle or shotgun w/non-toxic shot)
 Season: First day of State season through October 31
 Bag Limit: State Regulations
 Significant Changes: None

Species: Deer and unmarked hog (squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon incidental)
 Type Hunt: Archery
 Season: State season
 Bag Limit: State regulation (either-sex)
 Permits: Season permit and daily bag report
 Significant Changes: None

SMALL GAME SEASON

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
Days open	28	29
Visits	365	464
Hours Hunted	835	1187
Squirrels	334	1112
Rabbits	0	5
Raccoons	24	25
Hogs	1	0

ARCHERY DEER SEASON

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
Days open	101*	123
Visits	318	444
Hours Hunted	1183	1480
Deer	8	7
(Sex)	(2D, 6B)	(3D, 4B)
Cripples	0	0
Hogs	4	7

* Season closed 22 days early due to flooding.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Ave. wt.</u>	<u>#</u>
2	½ yr	55 lbs	BB, -
3	2 ½ yr	143 lbs	8, -, -
1	4 ½ yr	210 lbs	8
1	5 ½ yr	225 lbs	9

Note: All ages and weights estimated by hunters sign-out sheets.

**SABINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
1999-00 PROPOSED HUNTING REGULATIONS**

SPECIES:	Early Teal (September)
TYPE HUNT:	General Gun
SEASON:	Morning until noon on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday during Louisiana season for the Western Zone
BAG LIMIT:	Same as State
PERMITS:	Required
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:	None

SPECIES:	Waterfowl (Ducks, Coots, and Geese)
TYPE HUNT:	General Gun
SEASON:	Morning until noon on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday during Louisiana season for the Western Zone
BAG LIMIT:	Same as State
PERMITS:	Required
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:	None

SPECIES:	Waterfowl (Ducks, Coots, and Geese)
TYPE HUNT:	Youth Hunt
SEASON:	Same as State
BAG LIMIT:	Same as State
PERMITS:	Required
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:	None

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Proposed Hunt Dates: Delta NWR 1999-2000

Deer: Archery--October 1-31 (either sex)

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck seasons, includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Rabbit: From the day after the state duck season closes through February 28⁹. Shotguns only, nontoxic shot only.

Hogs: May be taken during the deer archery hunt.

Recommended By: Howard Portwint 2/24/99
Refuge Manager Date

Approved By: _____
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

Concurrence By: DA 2/24/99
Louisiana Department of Wildlife Date
and Fisheries

Proposed Hunt Dates: Bogue Chitto NWR (Louisiana) 1999-2000

Deer: Archery--October 1-31 (either sex), January 1-16 (either sex)

Deer: General Gun Hunt--November 26-27 (either sex), November 20-25, November 28, December 18-26 (Bucks only)

Still hunt only, no dogs permitted during refuge deer hunts.

Squirrel: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Non-toxic shot only.

Rabbit: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Non-toxic shot only.

Raccoon: January 17 - February 29 (with dogs)

Turkey: State season (gobblers only)

Waterfowl: State season until noon

Woodcock: State season. Non-toxic shot only - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Hogs: May be taken only during the refuge deer archery and general gun hunts. Additionally: from January 17 - February 29, hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs during daylight hours only. All hogs must be killed prior to removal from the refuge.

Possession of lead shot during refuge small game hunts is prohibited.

Recommended By: Howard Portwine 2/24/99
Refuge Manager Date

Approved By: _____
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

Concurrence By: ADA 3-2-99
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Date

Proposed Hunt Dates: Big Branch Marsh NWR 1999-2000

Deer: Archery--State season

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck season, includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Squirrel: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Shotguns only, non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.

Rabbit: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Shotguns only, non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.

Snipe: State Season. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Woodcock: State Season. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Hogs: May be taken only during the refuge archery hunt.

Possession of lead shot during all refuge hunts is prohibited.

Recommended By: Howard Portevint 2/24/99
Refuge Manager Date

Approved By: _____
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

Concurrence By: DAW 3-2-99
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Date

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D'ARBONNE AND UPPER OUACHITA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES
PROPOSED SEASONS, 1999-2000* **

Species: Waterfowl
Season: Mornings only during State season
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: Adding geese to list of species

Species: Squirrel, rabbit, quail, woodcock,
Type Hunt: General -- dogs allowed for squirrel
and rabbit hunting after the last
refuge deer gun season
Season: State season
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: None

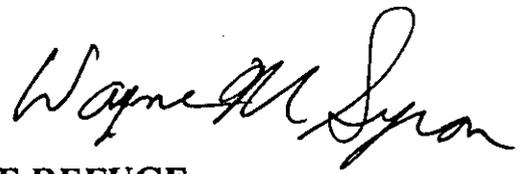
Species: Raccoon and opossum
Type Hunt: General
Season: December only (may also take raccoons and
opossum during rabbit season)
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer
Type Hunt: Archery
Season: State season
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer
Type Hunt: General (gun, archery)
Season: November 13-14, November 26-28/7
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: None

* the refuge hunting brochure serves as the required permit

** beaver, coyote and feral hog may be taken during any of the
above seasons



**LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 1999/2000 SEASON**

Migratory Game Birds

Species: Waterfowl.
Type Hunt: General gun.
Season: Mornings until noon on Wednesday through Sunday during State duck seasons (including early teal and youth hunt) for western zone.
Bag Limit: Same as state bag limits.
Permits: Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.
Significant Changes: None.

Hunting of geese, ducks and coots is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is permitted Wednesday through Sunday.
2. Hunting ends at noon each day.
3. Hunters may not enter the hunting area before 4 am.
4. Hunting is not permitted within 50 yards of a canal or waterway.
5. Hunters must use and be in possession only of shells containing Federally approved non-toxic shot and firearms legal for hunting waterfowl.
6. Only portable blinds are permitted. Blinds must be spaced a minimum of 150 yards apart.
7. Decoys may not be set to attract waterfowl after noon each day.
8. Decoys and blinds must be removed from the refuge by the last day of each season and each split of a split season.
9. Hunting is not permitted during the goose-only portion of the waterfowl season.
10. Motorized boats may be used only in canals and bayous. Access into the marsh and ponds is permitted by walking, poling, paddling or rowing.
11. Hunters may scout in the hunting area from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset during the week prior to each season.

**LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 1999/2000 SEASON**

Big Game

Species:	Deer, either sex.
Type Hunt:	Archery.
Season:	October 1 through 31.
Bag Limit:	One deer of either sex per day.
Permits:	Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.
Significant Changes:	None

Hunting of white-tailed deer is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is permitted from October 1 through October 31.
2. Only archery hunting is permitted.
3. Permanent deer stands not permitted. Portable stands must be removed by October 31.
4. No person may possess or distribute bait or hunt over bait.
5. No firearms allowed.
6. Hunters may scout from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset prior to the season.
7. All boats are prohibited in Lacassine Pool and Unit A after October 15. The following boat access restrictions apply: Lacassine Pool - boats with motors of 25 hsp. or less from Oct. 1 - 15; Unit A - boats without motors from Oct. 1 - 15; Canals and Bayous outside Lacassine Pool - no limitation on motors Oct. 1 - 31; and Marshes outside Lacassine Pool - boats without motors Oct. 1 - 31.

BAYOU COCODRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (Proposed) 1999-2000 HUNT SCHEDULE

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:
Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

RABBIT AND SQUIRREL

General Gun
Oct. 2 - Nov. 5
Jan. 22 - Feb. 6, 2000
State Regulations
General Permits
None

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:
Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

DEER (EITHER SEX)

Archery
Nov. 6 - Nov. 26
Dec. 3 - Jan. 21, 2000
State Regulations
General Permits
None

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:
Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

DEER (EITHER SEX)

General Gun (Youth Hunt)
Nov. 27 - 28
State Regulations
General Permits
None

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:
Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

DEER (EITHER SEX)

Muzzleloader
Nov. 29 - Dec. 2
State Regulations
General Permits
None

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:
Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

WOODCOCK

General Gun
Jan. 22 - Jan. 31, 2000
State Regulations
General Permits
None

3/2/99 Thomas J. Brown, Asst. Refuge Supervisor

**CAMERON PRAIRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
1999 HUNT SEASON**

Species:	Either-sex deer
Type hunt:	Archery
Season:	All dates of October
Bag limit:	State regulations
Permits:	Season permits required
Other requirements:	Must have proof of completion for the International Bowhunters Education Program.
Stands:	Only portable stands may be used And must be removed by October 31 of each year.
Firearms:	None are allowed
Check stations:	All deer harvested must be checked at a self-clearing check station.
Significant changes:	None

Youth Waterfowl Hunt: 1999

Species:	Waterfowl (ducks & geese)
Type hunt:	Limited Youth (up to 2) accompanied by an adult. 5 blinds hunted/day
Season:	Selected Saturdays of Louisiana west zone duck season. Possibly 1 - 2 days during Thanksgiving & Christmas school holidays.
Bag limit:	State regulations
Permits:	One day permits to be issued through lottery drawing.
Other requirements:	All youth and adult participants must have proof of completion of Louisiana hunter education course or accepted state hunter education course.
Firearms:	Shotguns with approved non-toxic shot.
Significant changes:	None

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SPECIAL AREAS FOR COMMISSION ACTION

SEASON FRAMEWORK FOR BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE (BAFB) AND LOUISIANA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT (LAAP)

The following is the regular special hunting season framework for both areas. The seasons are set by their wildlife consultants and the respective base commanders.

Barksdale Air Force Base (BAFB) Bossier Parish - All seasons are to be set within the outside dates EXCEPT: All deer seasons are either-sex.

Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant (LAAP) Bossier and Webster Parish - All seasons are to be set within the outside season dates EXCEPT: All deer seasons are either-sex.

AVERY ISLAND DEER SEASONS

Area 7 season dates but either-sex the entire season.

FMHA TRACTS FOR COMMISSION ACTION

HUTCHISON CREEK WMA/PROPOSED REGULATION 1999-2000

Small Game and Turkey: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only for rabbits.

Deer: Archery only, Oct. 1 - Jan. 31.

No camping area.

HUNTING SEASON ON ELBOW SLOUGH

Dove hunting is allowed the same as outside for the first split only. Steel shot is required since the area is a waterfowl refuge. No other hunting is allowed at this time.

MARSH BAYOU AND WALNUT HILL WMA 1999-2000 HUNTING SEASON

Marsh Bayou and Walnut Hill WMA

Small game - same as State seasons and regulations.

Marsh Bayou WMA

Deer same as Area 2 deer seasons EXCEPT still hunting only

Walnut Hill WMA

Deer same as Area 3 deer seasons.

AVONDALE BOYSCOUT DEERHUNT

The Department requests the Commission approve a special deer season the Camp Avondale Scout Reservation in East Feliciana Parish:

November 6-8, November 13-14, 1999

Purpose of the Scout Hunt

There are 2 primary reasons for the Scout Deer Hunt on the Avondale Boy Scout Reservation:

1. To provide some quality outdoor recreational opportunities for the Scouts, and to promote a close father/son activity.

2. To provide biological control of the deer herd. Without some type of hunting the deer herd will continue to expand beyond the ability of the range to support it. Overpopulation will result in deterioration of the range and decline in herd health.

Background

Most of East Feliciana Parish has a late deer rut occurring from mid-December to early January. When the Scout hunt was first initiated 15 years ago, it was conducted late in the year. The resulting kill was very low despite high deer populations. A number of years later Department Biologist, Dave Moreland discovered and was able to document the deer herd in Avondale area had very early rut similar to that encountered in western Louisiana. It was determined there is a small area near Clinton which exhibits the odd early rut.

For a number of years the Department designated an earlier opening season zone for this small area which enabled hunters to take advantage of the early rut. Several years ago a group of local landowners circulated a petition requesting this deer hunting season area be moved back into the later zone and be similar to that of the rest of the parish. No significant objection was heard from most other landowners in the small zone, and after being warned most of the rut would be over before the season even started, the Department went ahead and moved the small block back into the later Area 1 zone. Special commission approval has been obtained to hold an early hunt on the Scout Reservation ever since.

Need for the Special Season

The purpose of the Avondale Scout Reservation is to provide a place for as much Scouting activity as possible to be conducted. The Scout Office is concerned when a gun hunt is held on the Reservation, as all other Scouting activities must be shut down during the hunt for obvious safety and liability reasons.

Understandably, the Scout office is reluctant to shut the Reservation down any longer than absolutely necessary to adequately control the deer population. Therefore, it is necessary to shoot the deer herd as hard as possible in the shortest period of time. Deer activity and movement is at its highest during the rut. This is why we want to schedule Reservation hunt during the rut when the deer are most active and vulnerable to harvest.

As previously stated, the deer rut on the Avondale Scout Reservation has been documented to occur the first two weeks of November. This is before the Area 1 season opens.

A special commission approved early season allowing the Boy Scout to control the deer herd on Avondale Scout Reservation is requested.

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
March 4, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, March 4, 1999.

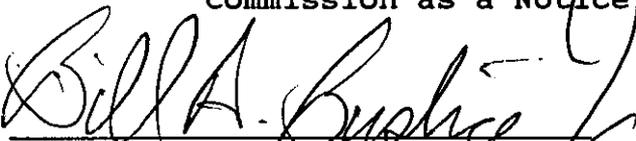
WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting rules and regulations for the State and WMAs, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish regulations that govern public and private lands is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all information pertinent to the rule and regulations governing hunting, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules and regulations affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as a Notice of Intent.



Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

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 promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Seasons

§111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Sections 115 and 116 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

2. Pursuant to Section 40.1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to

reimburse the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

B. Resident Game Birds and Animals

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

C. Other Season Dates

1. Turkey. Please refer to separate pamphlet.

2. Raccoon and Opossum. No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire, muzzleloader rifle .36 caliber or smaller or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Blackbirds and crows. ALL blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles and crows are considered crop depredators in Louisiana and may therefore be taken year round during legal shooting hours with no limit. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

4. Pheasant

a. Bag limit - 2 (males only). Possession limit - 4.

b. Pheasant season restricted to the following portion of Calcasieu and Cameron parishes: That portion west of Choupique Bayou south of Hwy. 90 and La. 27, west of La. 27 to north boundary of Sabine NWR, north of Sabine NWR north boundary to Sabine River, east of Sabine River to Intracoastal waterway, south of Intracoastal waterway to Gum Cove, east of Gum Cove Road to La. 108, north and east of La. 108 from Gum Cove Road to Hwy. 90, and south of Hwy. 90 from Vinton to Choupique Bayou.

5. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species except turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations EXCEPT squirrels may be taken by licensed falconers until the last day of February. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific Falconry Rules.

6. Licensed Hunting Preserve. October 1 - April 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific Hunting Preserve Rules.

7. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Land enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and 5¢/acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked to antlerless deer (including those

taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow and muzzleloader) through the hock in a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is moved from the site of the kill. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in immediate cancellation of the program on those lands involved. Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP Rules.

8. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer and Exotics on Licensed Supplemented Shooting Preserves

a. Definitions

i. Exotics: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the family Bovidae (except the Tribe Bovini [cattle]) or Cervidae which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve. Exotics shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.

ii. Hunting: In its different tenses and for purposes of this rule means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

iii. Same as Outside: For purposes of this rule means hunting on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC).

iv. Supplemented Hunting Preserve: For purposes of this rule means any enclosure for which a current Farm-

Raising License has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

v. White-tailed Deer: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the species Odocoileus virginianus which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve.

b. Seasons

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Consult the regulations pamphlet

ii. Exotics: year round.

c. Methods of Take

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside

ii. Exotics: Exotics may be taken with longbow (including compound bow) and arrow; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber centerfire; or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile, including saboted bullets only.

d. Shooting Hours

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

e. Bag Limit

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Same as

outside.

ii. Exotics: No limit.

f. Hunting Licenses

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No person shall hunt any exotic without possessing a valid basic and big game hunting license.

g. Tagging. White-tailed Deer and Exotics: Each animal shall be tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill with a tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

D. Hunting-General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

2. No person born on or after September 1, 1969 shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct and immediate supervision of a person 18 years of age or older.

3. A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer or turkey. A separate wild turkey stamp is

required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

4. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

5. Methods of taking resident game birds and quadrupeds

a. Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey and migratory game birds. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than .36 caliber. During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

b. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific

restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

6. Nuisance animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means EXCEPT that nutria and beaver cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required during open trapping season to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken.

7. Threatened and endangered species - Louisiana black bear, Louisiana pearl shell (mussel), sea turtles, gopher tortoise, ringed sawback turtle, brown pelican, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, whooping crane, Eskimo curlew, piping plover, interior least tern, ivory-billed woodpecker, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, West Indian manatee, Florida panther, pallid sturgeon, Gulf sturgeon, Attwater's greater prairie chicken, whales and red wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

8. Unregulated quadrupeds. Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to "chase only" during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only season for deer. Foxes and bobcats are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the

year "chase only" permitted by licensed hunters.

9. Hunting and/or discharging firearms on public roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or public road right of way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights of way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.

10. Tags. Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil, on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material, which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with bow and muzzleloader and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill.

11. Sex identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or on all turkeys taken on any special gobbler season (unless properly divided and tagged), so long as such deer or turkey is

kept in camp or field, or is en route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. One antlered and one antlerless (when legal) deer per day EXCEPT on Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

2. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited except where specifically permitted.

3. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise permitted.

4. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

5. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.

6. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

7. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or

hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is permitted in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. Use of dogs to trail wounded deer is expressly prohibited in still hunting areas.

8. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

9. Muzzleloader Segment: (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) Still hunt only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive. Either sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT Area 5 and as specified on Public Areas. It is unlawful to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special muzzleloader segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

a. Legal Muzzleloader Firearms For Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets and be fitted only with iron sights or non-magnifying scopes. This

includes those muzzleloaders known as "inline" muzzleloaders.

10. Archery Segment: Consult regulations pamphlet. WMA seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. Archery license required for bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive. Persons 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, archer's must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Pass-a-Loutre and Point-au-Chien WMAs (SEE SCHEDULE).

a. Bow and arrow regulations: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

(a). to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season EXCEPT it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot) only.

(b). to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except that hand held

releases are lawful.

(c). to hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.

11. Hunter orange. Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season including muzzleloader season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a cap or a hat that is completely covered with hunter orange material in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not permitted by agreement of the landowner or lessee. WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".

12. Special Handicapped either-sex deer season on private land. See regulations pamphlet for dates. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

F. Description of Areas

1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes are open: Catahoula, East Feliciana, St. Helena, Concordia, Franklin, Tensas, East Baton Rouge, Madison, Washington.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - North of La. 1.

ii. Caldwell - East of U.S. 165.

iii. Grant - East of U.S. 165 and south of La.

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iv. LaSalle - Portion south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.

v. Livingston - North of I-12.

vi. Rapides - East of U.S. 165 and north of Red River.

vii. St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

viii. Tangipahoa - North of I-12.

ix. West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion known as Raccourci and Turnbull Island.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Avoyelles - That portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by La. 451 and on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville, southward to its juncture with La. 451.

ii. Catahoula - South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.

iii. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge - East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi line to La. 10. North of La. 10 from Thompson Creek to La. 67 at Clinton, west of La. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi line. South of Mississippi line from La. 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of La. 67 from La. 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from La. 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to La. 64, north of La. 64 to La. 37 at Magnolia, east of La. 37 northward to La. 64 at Indian Mound, north of La. 64 from Indian Mound to La. 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of La. 67 from parish line north to La. 959, south of La. 959 east to La. 63, west of La. 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River, southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to La. 67.

iv. Franklin - All

v. St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpelier.

vi. Tangipahoa - That portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River to La. 1061 at Wilmer, east of La. 1061 to La. 440 at Bolivar, south of La. 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from La. 440 southward to La. 10.

vii. Washington and St. Tammany - East of La.

21 from the Mississippi line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi line, south of the Mississippi line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also that portion of St. Tammany Parish north of La. 22 from U.S. 190 to La. 1077, east of La. 1077 northward to junction with U.S. 190, south and west of U.S. 190 from La. 1077 to junction with La. 22. Also, that portion of Washington Parish south of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River, eastward to the Bogue Chitto River, west of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 10 southward to St. Tammany Parish. Also that portion of Washington Parish west of La. 25 from the Mississippi state line southward to La. 38, then west to the Tangipahoa parish line, north along the parish line to the Mississippi state line then east to La. 25.

viii. West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of U.S. 61 and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville, Jackson, Union, Bossier,

Lincoln, Webster, Caddo, Natchitoches, Winn, Claiborne, Red River, DeSoto, Sabine.

ii. EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District described in Area 2 description shall be still hunting only.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - North of U.S. 190 east of Reeves and east of La. 113.

ii. Avoyelles - That portion west of I-49.

iii. Beauregard - East of La. 113. Also, west of La. 27 north to DeRidder and south and east of U.S. 190 west of DeRidder to Texas line.

iv. Calcasieu - West of La. 27 north of Sulphur and north of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

v. Caldwell - West of U.S. 165.

vi. Evangeline - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

vii. Grant - All EXCEPT that portion south of La. 8 and east of U.S. 165.

viii. Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.

ix. LaSalle - All EXCEPT south of La. 8 from

Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.

x. Morehouse - West of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, west of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, west and south of La. 593 to Collinston, west of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and north of La. 134 to Ouachita line.

xi. Ouachita - All EXCEPT south of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.

xii. Rapides - All EXCEPT north of Red River and east of U.S. 165. South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 113 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

xiii. Vernon - East and south of La. 113, north and east of La. 465, west of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and north of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes

i. Claiborne and Webster - Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).

ii. Ouachita - East of Ouachita River.

iii. Rapides - West of U.S. 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 northward to U.S. 167 at Alexandria. North of La. 465 from Vernon Parish line to La. 121, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to La. 8, south and east of La. 8 to La. 118 (Mora Road), south and west of La. 118 to Natchitoches Parish line.

iv. Vernon - East of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to La. 465, east and north of La. 465 to Rapides Parish line.

3. Area 3

a. All of Acadia, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - South of U.S. 190 and west of La. 113.

ii. Beauregard - West of La. 113. ALSO east of La. 27 north to DeRidder and north and west of U.S. 190 west of DeRidder to Texas line.

iii. Calcasieu - East of La. 27 north of Sulphur and south of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

iv. Iberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La. 14.

v. Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of U.S.

190.

vi. Lafayette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

vii. Rapides - South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.

viii. St. Landry - West of U.S. 167.

ix. Vernon - West and north of La. 113, south of La. 465, east of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

4. Area 4

a. All of East Carroll and Richland parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Morehouse - East of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, east and north of La. 593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and south of La. 134 to Ouachita line.

ii. Ouachita - South of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.

5. Area 5

a. All of West Carroll Parish is open.

i. All deer hunting is for bucks only including muzzleloader season.

6. Area 6

a. All of Orleans Parish is closed to all forms of deer hunting.

b. All of the following parishes are open: Ascension, Plaquemines, St. John, Assumption, Pointe Coupee, St. Martin, Iberville, St. Bernard, Jefferson, St. Charles, Lafourche, St. James, West Baton Rouge.

c. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - South of La. 1 and also that portion east of I-49.

ii. Evangeline - That portion east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

iii. Iberia - East of U.S. 90.

iv. Lafayette - East of I-49 and U.S. 90.

v. Livingston - South of I-12.

vi. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

vii. St. Landry - East of U.S. 167.

viii. St. Mary - North of U.S. 90.

ix. St. Tammany - That portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

x. Tangipahoa - South of I-12.

xi. West Feliciana - West of Mississippi River, known as Raccourci and Turnbull Islands.

d. Still hunting only in all of the following parishes

i. Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi River.

ii. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

iii. St. Bernard - All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.

iv. St. John - South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.

v. St. Landry - Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La. 10, and south by La. 103.

7. Area 7

a. The following Parish is open: Terrebonne.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open: Iberia and St. Mary Parishes - South of La. 14 and west U.S. Hwy. 90.

G. Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. General

a. The following rules and regulations concerning

the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

b. Citizens are cautioned that by entering upon a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

c. Wildlife management area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

e. Lands within WMA boundaries will have the same seasons and regulations as the management area with which they are associated EXCEPT as specified by state law.

f. Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs except in designated locations is prohibited.

g. Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

h. Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval or unless otherwise specified.

i. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.) and wild plants is prohibited without prior approval. Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day. Persons engaged in commercial activities must obtain a permit from the Region Office.

j. Burning of marshes is prohibited.

k. Nature trails. Access to trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

l. Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

m. Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations, includes both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

n. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, EXCEPT that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and State Seed Grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

2. Permits

a. Daily. Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA. Hunters must retain permit in possession while hunting. Hunters may enter the area no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must checkout daily and exit the area

not later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

b. Self Clearing Permits. On WMAs where Self Clearing Permits are required, all hunters must obtain a WMA Self Clearing Permit from an Information Station. The CHECK IN portion MUST be completed and put in a permit box BEFORE each day's hunt on the day of the hunt. The CHECK OUT portion must be carried by each hunter while hunting and MUST be completed and put in a permit box AFTER each day's hunt on the day of the hunt unless otherwise specified. A vehicle tag will also be associated with the Self Clearing Permit and must be displayed in the vehicle while on the WMA.

c. Wild Louisiana Stamp. Persons using WMAs or other department administered lands for purposes other than hunting and fishing, such as camping, shooting on rifle ranges, berry picking, hiking, photography, bird-watching and the like, shall be required to possess one of the following: a Wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement.

3. Special Seasons

a. Youth deer hunt. Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed EXCEPT Handicapped Seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the

same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate district office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts.

b. Handicapped Season. For physically challenged permitted hunters only. Participants must possess a physically challenged hunter program permit. Contact district office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering Handicapped Seasons.

c. Deer Lottery Hunts. Hunt restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. A non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact district offices for applications. Consult regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery hunts.

d. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. All turkeys must be reported at Self Clearing station. Contact District Offices for more details. Consult separate Turkey Hunting Regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery hunts.

e. Trapping. Permits to take fur bearers from WMAs may be obtained at district offices when required. Consult

Annual Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required, each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the District Office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on normal working days at district offices. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress. A permit is required to carry a firearm outside of the normal hunting season and is available at the Region Office.

f. Raccoon hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs. NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL - Season dates for specific WMAs are for nighttime raccoon hunting and permits may be required. There will be no bag limit for raccoons at night unless specified in the annual regulations pamphlet. Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the district office for WMAs where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of hunting privileges on WMAs. Permits, when required, may be obtained at district offices only between hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

g. Commercial fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines permitted on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is

prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-Au-Chien WMAs EXCEPT shrimping allowed on Pointe-Au-Chien in Wonder Lake during daytime only. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges. Commercial and recreational crawfishing on Sherburne WMA, South Farms, is by permit only. Permits available from the Opelousas Office or Sherburne WMA Headquarters. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

h. Sport fishing. Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are permitted on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT nighttime frogging prohibited on Salvador /Timken and Pointe-Au-Chien.

i. Additional Department Lands. The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in Rapides, Vernon, Evangeline and St. Helena parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries District Office for specific information and any additional season dates.

4. Firearms

a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs,

ATCs or in camping areas on WMAS. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas.

b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not permitted on WMAS during closed hunting seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping. Bows and broadhead arrows are not permitted on WMAS EXCEPT during regular archery season, turkey season or EXCEPT as permitted for bowfishing.

c. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists EXCEPT as specified under Wildlife Management Area listing.

d. Loaded firearms are not permitted near WMA check stations.

e. Center-fire rifles and handguns, arms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during deer season.

f. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAS EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

g. Discharging of firearms on or hunting from designated roads and trails or their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearm and muzzleloader deer season.

5. Methods of Taking Game

a. Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized Drivers and standers, Drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

b. On Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day, six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

c. Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included). Unmarked hogs may be taken on some WMAs by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Consult the specific WMA for additional information. Proper licenses and permits are required for hunting.

d. Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have deer checked at the check station on same day of kill.

e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed.

g. On Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges, all deer stands must be removed from the area no later than two hours after sunset each day.

h. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after sunset. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal, poles, wire, mesh, webbing or any materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after sunset. Blinds

made solely of natural vegetation may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

i. It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

j. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are also prohibited.

k. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

l. Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue birds or animals from moving vehicles on any WMA. No person shall take birds or animals from or by any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased.

m. Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAS.

n. The use of horses and mules is prohibited for hunting or trapping on WMAs EXCEPT for quail hunting or EXCEPT as otherwise specified. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and turkey and EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials on Sandy Hollow WMA.

o. All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during

open gun season for deer. Quail and woodcock hunters as well as hunters participating during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. ALSO all non-hunters afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

p. Archery season for deer. The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open to either sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted or closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or handicapped hunters are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

q. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

r. Muzzleloader season for deer. See WMA deer schedule.

6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is permitted only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. At the end of the 16 day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

b. Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA and Pass-a-Loutre, houseboats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the hunting season. At all other times of the year, mooring period is limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for camping and overnight mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre. Houseboat mooring permits are required for Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Area. Permits may be obtained from headquarters on respective WMAs or from the New Iberia office (318) 373-0032 for Atchafalaya Delta WMA.

c. Anyone camping on WMAs is required to have an operational waste disposal system attached to the camper, trailer or other unit or a portable waste disposal unit to remove all human waste upon leaving the WMA camping area. Discharge of human waste on a WMA is prohibited. Additionally it is against both Federal and State law to discharge human waste into the waterways of Louisiana.

d. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

e. Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

f. Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.

g. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.

h. Swimming prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

7. Restricted Areas

a. All oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or hunting in restricted areas or refuges.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting and bird dog training when allowed, having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be held liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are permitted for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

9. Vehicles

a. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

b. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within wildlife

management areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

c. Tractor implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles. ATV tires are restricted to those with maximum allowable tire pressure of 5 psi, as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

d. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and Refuges. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. Personal water craft allowed on designated areas of Alexandria State Forest WMA.

e. No internal combustion engines permitted in certain Greentree reservoir.

f. Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

g. Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

h. Motorized vehicles, including ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads and ATV trails as indicated on WMA maps, except on Atchafalaya Delta WMA where ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles are prohibited. WMA maps available at all district offices. This restriction does not apply

to bicycles.

i. Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps. Persons 70 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also permitted to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Handicapped persons should make application for a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit with the Department.

j. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to handicapped-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Routes of all trails are as indicated on WMA maps. Deviation from the trails indicated on the map constitutes a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

k. Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition or construction.

l. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. All roads including trails and roads designated as ATV Only shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through September 15 and from two hours after sunset to two hours before legal shooting hours unless otherwise specified. ATV off-road travel is prohibited.

m. CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

10. Wildlife Management Areas Basic Season Structure.

For season dates, bag limits, shooting hours, special seasons and other information consult the annual regulations pamphlet for specific details.

11. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit and quail). Consult regulations pamphlet.

12. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet.

13. Migratory Birds (dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Consult regulations pamphlet.

14. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

15. Hogs. Consult regulations pamphlet.

16. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet.

17. Wildlife Management Areas Hunting Schedule and Regulations

a. Alexander State Forest. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

b. Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at any time. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited.

c. Attakapas. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

d. Bayou Macon. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

e. Bayou Pierre. No ATVs or ATCs allowed on the area. Motorized vehicles are allowed only on parish roads and

roads marked on WMA map.

f. Bens Creek. All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. No hunting in restricted areas. (See WMA Map). Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and during the spring turkey season.

g. Big Colewa Bayou. All vehicles, including ATVs prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited.

h. Big Lake. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

i. Biloxi

j. Bodcau

k. Boeuf. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

l. Boise-Vernon. Road travel and hunting restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicle travel.

m. Buckhorn. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

n. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self Clearing permit required once per year. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. All game harvested must be reported.

o. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day. Roads may be closed during wet weather conditions.

p. Elm Hall. No ATVs allowed.

q. Fort Polk. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Special regulations apply to ATV users.

r. Georgia-Pacific. EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.

s. Grassy Lake. Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas District Office. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. No hunting in restricted area.

t. Jackson-Bienville. ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management roads and trails. However, all ATVs/ATCs prohibited March 1 through September 15.

u. Joyce. Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

v. Lake Boeuf

w. Lake Ramsay. Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

x. Little River. Roads may be closed during wet conditions.

y. Loggy Bayou

z. Manchac. Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

aa. Ouachita. Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during waterfowl season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight.

Commercial Fishing: Closed. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

ab. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay and Northshore Bay oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map.

ac. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 PM - 4:30 AM to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet except waterfowl hunting below Hwy. 90. No hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a fee.

ad. Peason Ridge. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users.

ae. Pointe-au-Chien. Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for DOVE hunting as specified below. Point Farm: Gate will be open during opening weekend of the second split of dove season and all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the

inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. prohibited in the Montegue and Grand Bayou marsh management units. Vehicles prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by the department.

af. Pomme de Terre. Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday, EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas District Office or Spring Bayou headquarters. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season. Crawfish: April 1 - July 31, 100 lbs. per person per day limit. No traps or nets left overnight. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

ag. Red River. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. Crawfishing prohibited on Wetland Restoration Areas.

ah. Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on

WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

ai. Sabine

aj. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

ak. Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the game management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 H.P. are permitted only in oil company

access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes - "Baie Des Chactas" and Baie du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Operation of the above described internal combustion engines in interior ditches is prohibited. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited. Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenasses). Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact New Orleans District Office-Fur and Refuge Division.

al. Sandy Hollow. Bird Dog Training: Consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited). Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge District Office. Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas. No motorized vehicles allowed off designated roads. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

am. Sherburne. Crawfishing: permits required, for South Farms from Area Headquarters. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River Basin levee road within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office. No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges. Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area. No commercial activity on ANWR, except trapping.

an. Sicily Island Hills. Firearms and any game harvested cannot be transported through the area except during the corresponding open season on area. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

ao. Soda Lake. Entire area is walk-in only - no motorized vehicles allowed. Access into the area is allowed only from south end of the area off of Hwy. 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer. All activities prohibited from 2 hours after sunset until 2 hours before sunrise.

ap. Spring Bayou. Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas District Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Crawfish: 100 lbs. per person per day limit. Permit required from area supervisor. No hunting allowed in headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this camp site. Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

aq. Thistlethwaite. No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map). All motorized vehicles restricted

to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through main gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

ar. Three Rivers. Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.

as. Tunica Hills. All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATV's restricted to designated trails. Driving on food plots prohibited. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map. Camping prohibited on area.

at. Union. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

au. West Bay. Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

av. Wisner

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25: .

Part III. State Game and Fish Preserves and Sanctuaries
Chapter 3. Particular Game and Fish Preserves and Commissions
§311. Atchafalaya Delta WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:101

(February 1989), repealed LR 25: .

§312. Pointe-au-Chien WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:102 (February 1989), repealed LR 25: .

§313. Salvador WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:103 (February 1989), repealed LR 25: .

§314. Pass-a-Loutre WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:104 (February 1989), repealed LR 25: .

§327. Timken Wildlife Management Area

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq. and 56:109.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife

and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22:860 (September 1996), repealed LR 25: .

Public hearings will be held at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from April through July. Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until May 21, 1999 to Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
March 4, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, March 4, 1999.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as a Notice of Intent.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

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 promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 1999-2000 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25: .

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 1999-2000

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
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Quail	Nov. 13-Feb. 29	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 2-Feb. 29	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 2-Feb. 13	8	16
Pheasant	Nov. 13-Jan. 31	2 (Cock Only)	4
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6

C. Deer Hunting Schedule

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 24-Jan.30	Nov.20-Dec. 5 Jan.10-Jan.23	Dec.11-Jan.9
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 30-Nov. 5 Jan. 15-Jan. 21	Nov. 6-Dec.10	Dec.11-Jan.14
3	Sept.18- Jan.18	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Dec. 13-Dec. 17	Oct.16-Dec.12 Dec.18-Jan. 2	
4	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan.15-Jan.21	Nov.20-Jan.14	
5	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan.15-Jan.21 (Bucks Only)	Nov.20-Nov.28	
6	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 24-Jan. 30	Nov. 20-Dec.5	Dec.11-Jan.23
7	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Jan. 17-Jan. 23	Oct.16-Oct.31 Nov. 20-Dec.5	Dec.11-Jan.16

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Area	Basic Season Dates	Total Days	Exceptions (Those portions of the following parishes)
1	Nov.20-21, 26-28 Dec.4-5, 11-12, 18- 19	11	Nov.20-21, 26-28 (Franklin, Catahoula, LaSalle, Caldwell) Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.11-12 (Avoyelles, Grant, Rapides)
2	Nov.6-7, 13-14, 20- 21, 26-28, Dec. 4- 5, 11-12	13	Nov.6-7, Nov.26-28 (Caldwell, LaSalle) Nov. 6-7, Nov.26-28, Dec.11-12 (Avoyelles)

3	Oct.16-17, 23-24, Oct.30-31, Nov.6-7, 20-21, 26-28	13	Oct.16-17, Nov. 20-21, Nov.26-28 (St. Landry)
4	Nov.20-21, 26-28 (except East Carroll)	5	Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.4-5, 11-12 (East Carroll--That portion between the Mississippi River Levee and the Mississippi River)
5	None		
6	Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.4-5, 11-12, 18- 19	11	Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.11-12 (Avoyelles, Rapides, St. Landry)
7	Oct.16-17, Nov.20- 21, 26-28, Dec.11- 12, 18-19	11	

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Public hearings will be held at regularly scheduled Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meetings from April through July. Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until May 21, 1999 to Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

1999-2000 Wildlife Management Area Hunting Seasons

1. ALEXANDER STATE FOREST

Deer: November 26-28, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: November 6-7, 13-14 either sex, Daily Permit.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex muzzleloader hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. (Certain areas may be closed as posted)

Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

2. ATCHAFALAYA DELTA (Owner-State of Louisiana-137,000 Acres. District 6):

Deer: (Archery Only) October 1 - October 31 and during the splits between the regular duck season for the west zone and from the day after the regular duck season through January 31. Main Delta only (Wax Lake Delta Closed). No hunting in restricted areas. Self Clearing Permit required from Atchafalaya Delta headquarters.

Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside EXCEPT shooting hours shall be one-half hour before sunrise to 2:00 pm during opening weekends of teal and duck seasons and one-half hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of the season.

Rabbit: November 1 - February 29. Beagles permitted except during deer season. No hunting in restricted areas.

Trapping: Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at any time.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited.

3. ATTAKAPAS (Owner-State of Louisiana-26,300 Acres. District 6):

Deer: November 26-28, either sex. December 18 - January 2, BUCKS ONLY.

Muzzleloader: January 8-16, either sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during

either sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29**.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

4. BAYOU MACON (Department Owned-6,940 Acres. District 2):

Deer: **November 20-21**, either sex, hunt restricted to those selected as a result of the preapplication Lottery. Hunters must check in at Hwy. 2 to have permit validated.

Archery: All deer must be reported at Self Clearing station.

Muzzleloader: **December 2-3**, either sex. Self Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Squirrel hunting with dogs **January 17 - February 13**.

Raccoon: Nighttime. **January 17-31**. Self Clearing Permit required.

All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

5. BAYOU PIERRE (Department Owned-1,400 Acres. District 1):

Waterfowl refuge is closed to all hunting, trapping and fishing EXCEPT archery hunting for deer, which is allowed on the entire area. Refuge is marked with "Waterfowl Refuge" signs.

Deer: **October 1 - January 31**. Archery only, either sex. Archery hunting for deer is allowed in the waterfowl refuge.

All Small Game: Same as outside. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**.

Waterfowl: Entire area CLOSED to waterfowl hunting.

No ATVs or ATCs allowed on the area. Motorized vehicles are allowed only on parish roads and roads marked on WMA map.

6. BENS CREEK (Owner-Weyhaeuser Co.-13,500 acres. District 7):

Area Closed: **November 6-7**, to all hunters except Youth and Handicapped Hunters.

Special season for Youth and Handicapped Hunters: **November 6-7**, entire area open to both groups. Permit required for

handicapped hunters must be obtained in advance from District Office. Self Clearing Permit required for youth and handicapped hunters.

Deer: November 26-27, either sex, Daily Permit; November 28 and December 11 - January 2, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit required.

Archery: All deer killed must be reported at Self Clearing Permit station.

Muzzleloader: December 4-10 and January 3-16, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles permitted for rabbits January 17 - February 29.

Raccoon: Nighttime, January 17 - 30, with dogs. No limit. Self Clearing Permit required.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from October 1 - February 29.

All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads.

No hunting in restricted areas. (See WMA Map)

Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and during the spring turkey season.

7. BIG COLEWA BAYOU (Department Owned-910 Acres. District 2):

Deer: Archery only.

Doves: Same as outside. First split only.

Small game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting January 17 - February 29.

All vehicles, including ATVs prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited.

8. BIG LAKE (Department Owned-19,221 Acres. District 4):

Deer: November 26-27, either sex, Daily Permit; November 28, and January 1-9, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: December 2-3, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either sex gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted

for rabbits January 17 - February 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted January 17 - February 13.

Woodcock: Same as outside.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: Nighttime, January 17-30.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from October 1 - February 29.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

9. BILLOXI (Owner-Biloxi Marsh Land Corporation-39,583 Acres. District 7):

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only during duck season.

Waterfowl & Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside.

10. BODCAU (Owner-U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-32,471 Acres. District 1):

Deer: November 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, December 4-5, 11-12, either sex. November 8-12, 15-19, 22-25 and November 29 - December 3 and December 6-10. Bucks only. No permit.

All Small Game: Same as outside. Beagles permitted for rabbits January 17 - February 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted January 17 - February 13.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: Nighttime, January 17 - February 13.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from October 1 - February 29.

11. BOEUF (Department Owned-47,864 Acres. District 4):

Area Closed: November 6-7, to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: November 6-7, either sex.

Deer: November 26-27, either sex, Daily Permit; November 28 and January 1-9, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: December 2-3, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **January 17 - February 13**.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. No internal combustion engine permitted in Green Tree Reservoir.

Quail, Dove & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Dove hunting prohibited in unharvested agricultural fields.

Raccoon: Nighttime, **January 17-30**.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29**.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

12. BOISE-VERNON (Boise-Cascade Company-54,269 Acres. District 5):

Area Closed: **October 23-24** to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Hunt: **October 23-24**, either sex.

Deer: **October 30-31**, either sex daily permit required; **November 1-24**, bucks only season permit; **November 26-28**, either sex, Self Clearing Permits.

Muzzleloader: **November 29 - December 5**, either sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **January 8 - February 13**. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: Nighttime, **January 17 - February 13**, permit required from Lake Charles District office.

Road travel and hunting restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicle travel.

13. BUCKHORN (Department Owned-8,955 Acres. District 4):

Deer: **November 26-27**, either sex, hunt restricted to those selected as a result of the preapplication Lottery; **November 28, January 1-9**, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: December 2-3, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits January 17 - February 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted January 17 - February 13.

Quail, Dove & Woodcock: Same as outside. Except closed during either sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Dove hunting, prohibited in unharvested agricultural fields.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: Nighttime, January 17-30.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from October 1 - February 29.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

14. CAMP BEAUREGARD (Louisiana National Guard-12,500 acres. District 3):

SELF CLEARING PERMIT STATIONS AND MILITARY PERMIT. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users.

Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year at Range Central Building, telephone (318) 641-3355, 641-3365 or LDWF, District III office, telephone (318) 487-5885. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. All game harvested must be recorded on Self Clearing Checkout Permit.

Area closed: October 16-17 to all EXCEPT youth hunters.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside, EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs permitted January 8 - February 13. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles permitted for rabbits January 17 - February 29.

Deer: January 1-9, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit.

Youth Deer Hunt: October 16-17, either sex, daily permit required. Permit available from Rifle Range Road station only.

Muzzleloader: December 2-5, either sex, Self Clearing.

Fishing: Special regulations to apply on Twin Lakes. Regulations will be posted at entrance to lake.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from October 1 - February 29.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

All game harvested must be reported.

15. DEWEY W. WILLIS (Formerly Saline) (Department Owned-60,276 Acres. District 3):

Closed Season: November 6-7 to all hunters except youth and handicapped hunters.

Special Handicapped Season: November 6-7. That portion of the area north of the diversion canal shall be open only to handicapped hunters. A special permit shall be required from the District Office. Permit application must be in District Office by November 1, 1999.

Youth Deer Hunt: November 6-7. That portion of the area south of the diversion canal shall be open to youth hunters only.

Deer: November 26-27, either sex, Daily Permit; November 28 and January 1-9, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: December 2-5, either sex.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits January 17 - February 29 and squirrel hunting with dogs permitted January 17 - February 13.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either sex gun hunts and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: Nighttime, January 17-30.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from October 1 - February 29 in fenced-in areas south and east of Hwy. 28. Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area south and east of Hwy. 28. Also, free-ranging livestock EXCEPT hogs prohibited in fenced-in area north of Hwy. 28.

Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.

Roads may be closed during wet weather conditions.

16. ELM HALL (Department Owned-2,839 Acres, District 6):

Deer: November 26, either sex; November 27-28 and December 11-19, bucks only.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside except closed during modern firearms either sex hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside except closed during either sex modern firearm deer hunts and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

No ATVs allowed.

17. FORT POLK (Owner-U.S. Army and U.S. Forest Service-109,855 Acres. District 5):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7803, North Fort Polk, telephone 1-888-718-3029 or 318-531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. * Moving Deer or Hogs on a WMA with organized Drivers and Standers, Drivers or making use of noises or noise-making Devices is prohibited. Trappers must also register at Building #7803 and use Self Clearing system. Special regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued or at www.jrtcpolk.army.mil/hunting.htm.

Deer: October 30 - November 24, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit; November 26-28, either sex Daily Permits; December 6-17, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit; December 18-19, either sex, Self Clearing Permit; December 20-24, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit; December 25-26, either sex, Self Clearing Permit; December 27 - January 2, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit.

Muzzleloader: December 4-5, either sex, Self Clearing Permit, Special Permit, Building #7803. A selected portion of the area to be open.

Special archery regulations for Cantonment Areas, check locally at Building #7803. Either sex deer legal September 18 - January 18. Remainder of WMA restricted to bucks only when bucks only gun season is in progress.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either sex gun hunts for deer. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Squirrel dogs permitted January 8 - February 13.

Unmarked hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from September 18 - February 29.

Fishing: Special regulations pertaining to fishing are posted at specific lakes.

18. GEORGIA-PACIFIC (Owner-Georgia-Pacific Corporation-25,480 Acres. District 2):

Area Closed: October 23-24, to all hunters except youth hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: October 23-24, either sex. Self Clearing Permit required.

Deer: November 6-14, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit

required; **November 26-28**, either sex, Daily Permit required.

Muzzleloader: **December 4-5**, either sex, Self Clearing permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either sex gun hunts for deer. Dogs permitted for squirrel hunting **January 17 - February 13**. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**.

Raccoon: Nighttime, **January 17-30**. Permit required from Monroe District Office.

EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.

19. GRASSY LAKE (Department Owned-13,297 Acres. District 6):

Deer: **November 26-27**, either sex, Daily Permit required; **November 28 and January 1-9**, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: **January 10-16**, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**.

Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas District Office.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29**.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited. No hunting in restricted area.

20. JACKSON-BIENVILLE (Owner-Willamette Industries, et al-32,000 Acres. District 1):

Self Clearing Permits are required to hunt on Jackson-

Bienville WMA EXCEPT when daily permits are required for the November 6-7 either sex deer hunts.

ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management woods roads and trails. However, all ATVs/ATCs prohibited March 1 through September 15.

Closed Season: October 23-24, on designated portions. Closed to all hunters except youth and handicapped hunters.

Special Season for Youth and Handicapped Hunters: October 23-24 for handicapped and youth hunters only on a portion of Jackson-Bienville WMA. Contact Region office for Handicapped Permits and specific map. Handicapped permit must be obtained in advance from District Office. All deer and hogs killed must be reported at Field Office on North Road.

Note: Daily permits for the November 6 either sex deer hunt will be available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on November 5 at the field office Daily Permit Check Station on North Road, Daily Permit Check Stations will open at 4:30 a.m. Saturday, November 6.

Deer: November 6-7, either sex, Daily Permit required; November 13-14, November 20-21, November 26-28, December 4-5, December 11-12, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required. November 22-25, December 13 - January 2, bucks only, Self Clearing Permit required.

All deer and hogs harvested November 26-28, December 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, January 1-2 must be brought to the Field Office on North Road to be weighed, inspected, photographed and tagged. Wildlife Division personnel will be at the Field Office from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. on the days listed.

Archery: Same as outside.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed November 6-7. Rabbits may be hunted with beagles January 17 - February 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted January 17 - February 13. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m.

Quail: November 13 - February 29.

Raccoon: Nighttime, January 17 - February 13.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from October 1 - February 29. All hogs must be reported at Self Clearing Permit Station or Daily Permit Station.

21. JOYCE (Department Owned-15,609 acres. District 7):

Deer: Same as Outside, still hunt only.

Muzzleloader: Same as Outside, still hunt only.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

22. LAKE BOEUF (Department Owned-786 acres. District 8):

Deer: Archery only. Same as outside.

Small Game: Same as outside.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2:00 PM prohibited.

Quail, Dove & Woodcock: Same as outside.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29.**

23. LAKE RAMSAY (Department Owned-800 Acres. District 7):

Deer: Archery only, either sex, **October 1 - January 31.**

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29.**

Quail & Woodcock: Same as outside.

Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

24. LITTLE RIVER (Department Owned-4,164 Acres. District 3):

Deer: **November 6-14**, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: **December 2-5**, either sex.

Raccoon: Nighttime, **January 17-30.**

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **January 8 - February 13.** Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29.**

Roads may be closed during wet conditions.

25. LOGGY BAYOU (Department Owned-4,213 Acres. District 1):

Self Clearing Permit required for all persons hunting on Loggy Bayou WMA EXCEPT when Daily Permits are required during the either sex gun hunts for deer. Daily Permits will be available only from

the check station at the campground.

Area Closed: October 23-24 to all hunter's except Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: October 23-24, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required. Refer to WMA general regulations for Hunt requirements. All other activities CLOSED.

Archery: October 1 - January 31, EXCEPT closed October 23-24 to all but Youth hunters. Either sex.

Deer: November 26-28, either sex, Daily Permit required. Daily Permit available at main campground only.

Muzzleloader: November 29 - December 5, either sex. Self Clearing Permit required.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during daily permit either sex gun hunts for deer and youth hunts. Beagles permitted for rabbits January 17 - February 29. Dogs permitted for squirrels January 17 - February 13.

Waterfowl: Same as outside except hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and closed November 26-28. Self Clearing Permit required.

Raccoon: Nighttime, January 17 - February 13, Self Clearing Permit required.

26. MANCHAC (Department Owned-8,325 Acres. District 7):

Deer: Archery only, October 1 - January 31, either sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Steel shot required for rails, snipes and gallinules.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from October 1 - February 29.

Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

27. QUACHITA (Department Owned-8,745 Acres. District 2):

Area Closed: October 23-24 to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during waterfowl season.

Youth Deer Hunt: October 23-24, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required.

Deer: **November 26-28**, either sex, Daily Permit required; **December 18 - January 2**, bucks only. Self Clearing Permit required.

Waterfowl: South of La. Hwy. 15, same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**.

Raccoon: Nighttime, **October 1-16, October 30 - November 14, January 17 - February 6**. Permit required from Monroe District Office.

Crawfish: **April 1 - May 31**, 100 lbs. per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight.

Commercial Fishing: Closed.

All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

28. PASS-A-LOUTRE (Department Owned-66,000 Acres. District 8):

Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside.

Archery: Same as outside-either sex. Special permit required from Pass-a-Loutre headquarters.

Rabbit: Same as outside. Beagles permitted when duck and archery season are closed.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters **October 1 - February 29**.

Commercial Fishing: Same as outside, commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay and Northshore Bay oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map.

29. PEARL RIVER (Department Owned-34,896 Acres. District 7):

Closed Season: **November 6-7** to all hunters except youth hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: **November 6-7**, either sex. All deer and hogs must be reported at Self Clearing Permit station.

Deer: **November 26-27**, either sex, Daily Permit required;

November 28 and December 11 - January 2, bucks only. All deer and hogs killed must be reported at Self Clearing check station.

Muzzleloader: December 4-11, January 3-16, either sex. All deer and hogs must be reported at Self Clearing check station.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits January 17 - February 29. Dogs permitted for squirrels January 17 - February 13.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and EXCEPT no hunting in waterfowl refuge area. Closed north of U.S. Hwy. 90 during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer.

Raccoon: Nighttime, October 2-17 and January 17-30, Self Clearing Permit required.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from October 1 - February 29. All hogs must be reported at Self Clearing Permit station.

All roads closed 8 PM - 4:30 AM to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet except waterfowl hunting below Hwy. 90.

No Hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs.

Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a \$5.00 fee.

30. PEASON RIDGE (Owner-U.S. Army-33,488 Acres. District 5):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7803, North Fort Polk, telephone no. 1-888-718-3029 or 318-531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. * Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized Drivers and Standers Drivers, or making use of noises or noise making-devices is prohibited. Trappers must also register at Building #7803 and use Self Clearing system.

Special federal regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued. (www.irtc-polk.army.mi/hunting.htm).

Deer: October 30 - November 24 bucks only, Self Clearing Permits; November 26-28, either sex, Self Clearing Permits; December 6-17, bucks only, Self Clearing Permits; December 18-19,

either sex, Self Clearing Permits; **December 20-24**, bucks only, Self Clearing Permits; **December 25-26**, either sex Self Clearing Permits; **December 27 - January 2**, bucks only Self Clearing Permits.

Muzzleloader: **December 4-5**, either sex, Self Clearing Permits required. Special Permits, building #7803. A selected portion of the area to be open.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Squirrel dogs permitted **January 8 - February 13**.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29**.

31. POINTE-AU-CHIEN (Department Owned-30,037 Acres. District 8):

Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for DOVE hunting as specified below. Point Farm: Gate will be open during opening weekend of the second split of dove season and all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches.

Deer: **November 26-28 and December 4-12** bucks only, EXCEPT no gun hunting allowed on Point Farm property (archery only).

Archery: Same as outside.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles prohibited during duck and gun hunts for deer. Point Farm property, same as outside EXCEPT beagles prohibited during opening weekends of each dove season segment.

Dove: Shooting hours same as outside season during opening weekends only of each season segment on Point Farms properties, otherwise morning hunting only.

Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 12:00 noon prohibited.

All Other Game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only.

Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait.

Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only.

Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are

allowed per boat or vehicle per day.

Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight.

The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited.

Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. prohibited in the Montegue and Grand Bayou marsh management units.

Vehicles prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by the department.

All nighttime activities prohibited on area from 30 minutes after sunset to one and one-half hours before sunrise.

32. POMME DE TERRE (Department Owned-7,064 Acres. District 6):

Deer: November 26-27, either sex, Daily Permit; November 28 and January 1-9, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: either sex, January 10-16.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbit January 17 - February 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted January 17 - February 13.

Migratory Game Birds & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday, EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas District Office or Spring Bayou headquarters.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from October 1 - February 29.

Crawfish: April 1 - July 31, 100 lbs. per person per day limit. No traps or nets left overnight.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

33. RED RIVER (Department Owned-24,326 Acres; U.S. Corps Engineers-11,717 Acres. District 4):

Area Closed: **November 6-7** to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: **November 6-7**, either sex.

Deer: **November 26-27**, either sex, Daily Permit; **November 28 and January 1-9**, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: **December 2-3**, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer.

Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunt for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Portions of area (Yahey Farm) restricted to pre-application lottery. Deadline for application is September 24, 1999. Contact district office for details. Waterfowl hunting only allowed during waterfowl season on this portion. Crawfishing prohibited on wetland restoration projects.

Dove: Same as outside EXCEPT no hunting in unharvested agricultural fields and EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters **October 1 - February 29**.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

34. RUSSELL SAGE (Department Owned-17,280 Acres. District 2):

Deer: **November 26-28**, either sex, Daily Permit required; **December 18 - January 2** bucks only. Self Clearing Permit required.

Muzzleloader: **December 2-3**, either sex. Self Clearing Permit required.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits **January 17 - February 29**. Dogs permitted for squirrels **January 17 - February 13**.

Snipe & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during waterfowl season.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: Nighttime, **October 1-16, October 30 - November 14**

and January 17 - February 6. Permit required from Monroe District Office.

Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit.

Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited.

All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

35. SABINE (Owner-International Paper Company, Boise-Cascade Co., et al-14,780 Acres. District 3):

Area Closed: October 16-17 to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: October 16-17, either sex.

Deer: November 6-7, November 26-28, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required; November 8-24, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: December 11-12, 18-19, either sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits January 17 - February 29 and dogs permitted for squirrels, January 8 - February 13. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: Nighttime, January 17-30.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from October 1 - February 29.

36. SABINE ISLAND (Owner-State of Louisiana and Calcasieu Parish School Board-8,103 Acres. District 5):

All seasons same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only. Hunting for waterfowl after 2 p.m. prohibited. Dogs permitted for squirrels January 8 - February 13.

Deer: Same as Area 2 deer season except still hunt only.

Raccoon: Nighttime, January 17 - February 13, permit required from Lake Charles District Office.

Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and

east.

37. SALVADOR/TIMKEN (Department Owned-30,600 Acres. District 8):

Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Sportsmen may enter the area two hours before sunrise and must leave the area no later than 30 minutes after sunset when traveling to or from hunting or fishing locations.

Area Closed: October 23-24 to all hunters except Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: October 23-24, either sex, no permit required, see Youth Deer Hunt regulations.

Deer: November 26-28, either sex; December 7-20, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: December. 4-5, either sex.

Archery: Same as outside.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT beagles prohibited during duck and gun hunts for deer.

All Other Game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only.

Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 12:00 noon prohibited. Steel shot required for gallinule hunting.

Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the game management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited.

Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 H.P. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes - "Baie Des Chactas" and Baie du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Operation of the above described internal combustion engines in interior ditches is prohibited.

Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or

any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited.

Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenasses).

Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact New Orleans District Office-Fur and Refuge Division.

38. SANDY HOLLOW (Department Owned-3,397 Acres. District 7):

Deer: **November 26-27**, either sex. Self Clearing Permit Required; **November 28**, bucks only. Self Clearing Permit Required; **December 11-26**, bucks only. Self Clearing Permit Required.

Archery: All deer killed must be reported at Self Clearing check station.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed **November 26-27**. Beagles permitted for rabbit hunting **January 17 - February 29**.

Quail & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT Quail opens **November 15** and closes **January 31** and EXCEPT closed **November 26-27**. Self Clearing Permit required.

Dove: **September 4** and **September 11-12** of first split. Closed the remainder of the first split. Second and third splits same as outside. EXCEPT Youth Hunt on northern tract during the opening day of the first segment (**September 4**). Hunt restricted to youths younger than 16 years of age and supervising adult who must be 18 years of age or older. The supervising adult must maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

Waterfowl: Same as outside season EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Bird Dog Training: **September 7 - November 13 and February 1 - March 2** EXCEPT restricted to that portion south of LA Hwy. 10 only and EXCEPT blank pistols only. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited).

Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge District Office.

Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited.

Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas.

No motorized vehicles allowed off designated roads.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

39. **SHERBURNE** (Department Owned-11,780 Acres; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-15,220 Acres; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-15,690 Acres. District 6):

Area Closed: **November 6-7**, except to Youth and Handicapped hunters.

Youth and Handicapped: **November 6-7** either sex, ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED.

Deer Hunt: Permits for handicapped hunters must be obtained from District Offices. Youth Permits must be obtained daily from WMA Permit Stations.

Deer: **November 26-28 and December 4-5**, either sex. Daily permit required. **January 1-9**, bucks only. Self Clearing Permit.

Muzzleloader: **January 10-16**, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits, **January 17 - February 29**. Dogs permitted for squirrels, **January 17 - February 13**.

Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail & Gallinules: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited, and EXCEPT no hunting in waterfowl refuge and EXCEPT steel shot only on waterfowl impoundments. That portion of Sherburne WMA known as the South Farm restricted to lottery hunts only. All hunting closed on South Farm complex including the associated woodlots from **November 8 - January 25**. Contact the District Office for details and location of the South Farm Complex.

Woodcock: Same as outside. Except closed during modern firearm either sex gun hunts for deer. Self Clearing Permit required.

Dove: Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either sex, gun hunt for deer.

Raccoon: Nighttime, **January 17-30**, permit required from WMA headquarters or Opelousas office.

Crawfishing: **April 1 - July 31**, permits required for East Farms from Area Headquarters.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River Basin levee road within Sherburne WMA boundaries.

Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by

appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office (225-765-2931).
No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges.

Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

No commercial activity on ANWR, except trapping.

40. SICILY ISLAND HILLS (Department Owned-7,098 Acres. District 4):

Deer: November 26-27, either sex, Daily Permit required; November 28, January 1-9, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: December 2-3, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer.

Quail & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from October 1 - February 29.

Firearms and any game harvested cannot be transported through the area except during the corresponding open season on area.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

41. SODA LAKE (Caddo Levee District-1,300 Acres. District 1):

Entire area is Walk-in only - No motorized vehicles allowed. Access into the area is allowed only from south end of the area off of Hwy. 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer.

Deer: October 1 - January 31 Archery only, either sex walk-in only.

Sport Fishing: April 1 - August 31

42. SPRING BAYOU (Department Owned-12,078 Acres. District 6):

Area Closed: November 6-7, except to Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: November 6-7, either sex.

Deer: November 26-27, either sex, Daily Permit required; November 28 and January 1-9, bucks only. Self Clearing Permit required.

Muzzleloader: January 10-16, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits, January 17 - February 29.

Woodcock: Same as outside except closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunting for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and EXCEPT no hunting in refuge area during duck season.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas District Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Crawfish: 100 lbs. per person per day limit. Permit required from area supervisor.

No hunting allowed in headquarters area.

Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area.

Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this camp site.

Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

43. THISTLETHWAITE (Thistlethwaite Heirs-11,100 Acres. District 6):

Deer: November 26-28, either sex. Daily permit; December 4-12, bucks only. Self Clearing Permit required.

Muzzleloader: December 20-26, either sex. Self Clearing Permit required.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29.**

No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map).

All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only.

All users must enter and leave through main gate only.

No entry into restricted areas.

44. THREE RIVERS (Department Owned-23,222 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers-1,085 Acres. District 4):

Deer: **November 26-27**, either sex, Daily Permit required; **November 28 and January 1-9**, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: **December 2-3**, either sex.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits, **January 17 - February 29.**

Quail, Snipe & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Dove: Same as outside EXCEPT prohibited in unharvested agricultural fields and EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer.

Raccoon: **Nighttime, January 17-30.**

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29.**

Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.

45. TUNICA HILLS (Department Owned-3,366 Acres. District 7):

Muzzleloader: **November 20 - December 5**, either sex. Self Clearing Permit required.

Archery: Same as outside. All deer killed must be reported at Self Clearing Permit station.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed **November 20 - December 5.**

Woodcock: Same as outside except closed during muzzleloader hunts for deer.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29.**

All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATV's restricted to designated trails. Driving on food plots prohibited. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map.

Camping prohibited on area.

46. UNION (Plum Creek Timber Co., La. Correctional Facilities Corp. et al-12,852 Acres. District 2):

Deer: **November 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, and December 4-5, 11-12, either sex, Daily Permit required.**

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits, **January 17 - February 29.** Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October 1 - February 29.**

All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

47. WEST BAY (Boise Cascade Company, Kirby Lumber Co., Quatre-Parish Company, et al-62,115 Acres. District 5):

Area Closed: **October 23-24, to all hunters EXCEPT youth and handicapped hunters.**

Special season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters: **October 23-24** for handicapped and youth hunters only. Permit for handicapped hunters must be obtained in advance from the District Office. Youth Permits must be obtained from the Wolf Bay Camping area permit station on Hwy. 112.

Deer: **November 6-7, either sex, Daily Permit required; November 8-24, bucks only; November 26-28, either sex, Self Clearing Permit required.**

Muzzleloader: **November 29 - December 5, either sex.**

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either sex modern firearm gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits, **January 17 - February 29.** Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted, **January 8 - February 13.** Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: Nighttime, **January 17-30, permit required from Lake Charles District Office.**

Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: **All motorized vehicles**

restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

48. WISNER (Owner-Edward Wisner Donation Advisory Committee-21,621 Acres. District 8):

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during waterfowl season. Beagles permitted EXCEPT during waterfowl season.

Waterfowl & All Other Game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only.

KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST (Except Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District & Caney Ranger District)

Deer: October 30-31, either-sex, muzzleloader; November 6-7, either-sex, still hunt only; November 8-15, bucks only, still hunt only; November 20-25, bucks only, still hunt only; November 26, either-sex, still hunt only; November 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only; December 11, either-sex, with or without dogs; December 12, bucks only, with or without dogs; December 26-30, bucks only, with or without dogs.

National Forest lands within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District, described in still hunt only area shall be still hunt only.

**VERNON UNIT OF THE CALCASIEU RANGER DISTRICT, VERNON PARISH
Excluding Fort Polk WMA**

Deer: October 30-31, either-sex, muzzleloader; November 6-7, either-sex, still hunt only; November 8-15, bucks only, still hunt only; November 20-25, bucks only, still hunt only; November 26, either-sex, still hunt only; November 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only; December 11-12, bucks only, still hunt only; December 26-30, bucks only, still hunt only.

CANEY RANGER DISTRICT, WEBSTER AND CLAIBORNE PARISHES

Deer: Same as outside (Area 2) EXCEPT still hunt only.

*See Area 2 for either-sex dates in Webster and Claiborne Parishes.

All Other Game: Same as outside.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters while hunting and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress.

The placing of seed, corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement for any species including hogs is prohibited on National Forest Lands, except by Special Permit issued by the U.S. Forest Service. Hunting over such feed is prohibited on all National Forest lands.

Moving deer or hogs with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noise or noise-making devices is prohibited.

NATIONAL CATAHOULA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE (Owner - Kisatchie National Forest - 36,000 Acres in Grant and Winn Parishes):

Season Permit, additionally, Daily Permits required as indicated below:

Deer: October 16-17, either-sex, special youth hunt, Daily Permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically disabled hunters only, Daily Permit. Special Permit must be obtained in advance from Forest Supervisor's Office; October 30-31, either-sex, muzzleloader; November 6-7, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit; November 26, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit; November 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles permitted for rabbit. January 17 - February 29 only. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Management Preserve.

Squirrel: Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs permitted January 17 - February 13.

Raccoon: Nighttime, dogs permitted January 17-30.

All Other Game: Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

NATIONAL RED DIRT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE (Owner - Kisatchie National Forest - 38,000 acres in Natchitoches Parish):

Season Permit additionally, Daily Permits required as indicated below:

Deer: October 16-17, either-sex special youth hunt, Daily Permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically disabled hunters only, Daily Permit. Special Permit must be obtained in advance from Forest Supervisor's Office; October 30-31, either-sex, muzzleloader; November 6-7, either sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit; November 26, either sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit; November 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles permitted for rabbit. January 17 - February 29, only. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Management Preserve.

Squirrel: Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs permitted January 17 - February 13.

Raccoon: Nighttime, dogs permitted January 17-30.

All Other Game: Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

To obtain permits and information contact: Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360, telephone (318) 473-7160. Office hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS - INDIAN BAYOU AREA (15,006 Acres within St. Landry Parish):

Annual Hunting Permit required. Permits may be obtained from Corps of Engineers Headquarters, 112 Speck Lane, Port Barre, LA 70577, telephone (318) 585-0854 for more information.

All hunting shall be still hunting only, EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

Area Closed: **November 6-7**, EXCEPT to youth and handicapped hunters.

Youth & Handicapped Deer Hunts: **November 6-7**, either-sex. ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED.

All Other Deer Hunting: Self-Clearing Deer Tag Required. Daily Limit-1 Deer; Yearly Limit-4 Deer (2 Does; 2 Bucks, 6-Points or better) EXCEPT spikes less than 3 inches legal on either-sex days ONLY.

Deer: **November 26-28**, either-sex; **December 4-5**, either-sex; **December 18-26**, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: **November 13-19**, either-sex; **January 24-30**, bucks only.

Archery: Same as outside season.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer. Dogs permitted for squirrels **December 29 - January 23**. Dogs permitted for rabbits **January 31 - February 29**.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Dove, Woodcock & Snipe: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer.

Raccoon: Nighttime, same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer. Additional Permit required for night hunting.

Crawfishing: **February 1 - August 31**, Additional Permit required, available **January 1**.

LAKE OPHELIA NWR
PROPOSED HUNTS FOR 1999/2000

SMALL GAME (Squirrel & Rabbit, no Dogs)

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: First Saturday in October through 31 October 1999
and during refuge waterfowl hunt season
(Tues, Thur, Sat, Sun).

Significant Changes: Open during waterfowl season.

SQUIRREL & RABBIT (DOG SEASON)

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: 15 January to 06 February 2000

Significant Changes: Open two weeks earlier and end rabbit &
squirrel on same date.

ARCHERY DEER

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: 01 November 1999 through 31 January 2000 (closed
during refuge youth shotgun and muzzleloader deer
hunts.

Significant Changes: Increase in days from 48 to 83 days.

YOUTH SHOTGUN DEER HUNT

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: 06-07 November 1999

Significant Changes: NONE

MUZZLELOADER

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: 04-05, 07-09, 11-12, December 1999.

Significant Changes: Days opened decreased from nine to seven and
bag limit reduced from one deer per day to
one deer per hunt.

Lottery - 400 permits per hunt

WATERFOWL

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: Tue, Thur, Sat, Sun during the second split of
the state waterfowl season.

Significant Changes: NONE

WOODCOCK & SNIPE

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: 18 December 1999 to 31 January 2000.

Significant Changes: Increased open days from 37 to 50.
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CATAHOULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Proposed Hunts For 1999-2000

Greg Hays
Assistant Manager

Species: Squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and unmarked hog
 Type Hunt: Gun (.22 rifle or shotgun w/non-toxic shot)
 Season: First day of State season through October 31
 Bag Limit: State Regulations
 Significant Changes: None

Species: Deer and unmarked hog (squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon incidental)
 Type Hunt: Archery
 Season: State season
 Bag Limit: State regulation (either-sex)
 Permits: Season permit and daily bag report
 Significant Changes: None

SMALL GAME SEASON

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
Days open	28	29
Visits	365	464
Hours Hunted	835	1187
Squirrels	334	1112
Rabbits	0	5
Raccoons	24	25
Hogs	1	0

ARCHERY DEER SEASON

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
Days open	101*	123
Visits	318	444
Hours Hunted	1183	1480
Deer	8	7
(Sex)	(2D, 6B)	(3D, 4B)
Cripples	0	0
Hogs	4	7

* Season closed 22 days early due to flooding.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Ave. wt.</u>	<u>#</u>
<u>Deer</u>			<u>Points</u>
2	½ yr	55 lbs	BB, -
3	2 ½ yr	143 lbs	8, -, -
1	4 ½ yr	210 lbs	8
1	5 ½ yr	225 lbs	9

Note: All ages and weights estimated by hunters sign-out sheets.

SABINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
1999-00 PROPOSED HUNTING REGULATIONS

SPECIES: Early Teal (September)
TYPE HUNT: General Gun
SEASON: Morning until noon on Wednesday,
Saturday, and Sunday during Louisiana
season for the Western Zone
BAG LIMIT: Same as State
PERMITS: Required
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES: None

SPECIES: Waterfowl (Ducks, Coots, and Geese)
TYPE HUNT: General Gun
SEASON: Morning until noon on Wednesday,
Saturday, and Sunday during Louisiana
season for the Western Zone
BAG LIMIT: Same as State
PERMITS: Required
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES: None

SPECIES: Waterfowl (Ducks, Coots, and Geese)
TYPE HUNT: Youth Hunt
SEASON: Same as State
BAG LIMIT: Same as State
PERMITS: Required
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES: None

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Proposed Hunt Dates: Delta NWR 1999-2000

Deer: Archery--October 1-31 (either sex)

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck seasons, includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Rabbit: From the day after the state duck season closes through February 28⁹. Shotguns only, nontoxic shot only.

Hogs: May be taken during the deer archery hunt.

Recommended By: Howard Pitwini 2/24/99
Refuge Manager Date

Approved By: _____
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

Concurrence By: DA 2/2/99
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Date

Proposed Hunt Dates: Bogue Chitto NWR (Louisiana) 1999-2000

Deer: Archery--October 1-31 (either sex), January 1-16 (either sex)

Deer: General Gun Hunt--November 26-27 (either sex), November 20-25, November 28, December 18-26 (Bucks only)
Still hunt only, no dogs permitted during refuge deer hunts.

Squirrel: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Non-toxic shot only.

Rabbit: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Non-toxic shot only.

Raccoon: January 17 - February 29 (with dogs)

Turkey: State season (gobblers only)

Waterfowl: State season until noon

Woodcock: State season. Non-toxic shot only - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Hogs: May be taken only during the refuge deer archery and general gun hunts. Additionally: from January 17 - February 29, hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs during daylight hours only. All hogs must be killed prior to removal from the refuge.

Possession of lead shot during refuge small game hunts is prohibited.

Recommended By: Howard Pitman 2/24/99
Refuge Manager Date

Approved By: _____
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

Concurrence By: ADW 3-2-97
Louisiana Department of Wildlife Date
and Fisheries

Proposed Hunt Dates: Big Branch Marsh NWR 1999-2000

Deer: Archery--State season

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck season, includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Squirrel: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Shotguns only, non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.

Rabbit: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Shotguns only, non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.

Snipe: State Season. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Woodcock: State Season. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Hogs: May be taken only during the refuge archery hunt.

Possession of lead shot during all refuge hunts is prohibited.

Recommended By: Howard Portwine 2/24/99
Refuge Manager Date

Approved By: _____
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

Concurrence By: DAW 3-2-99
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Date

Lee R. Fulton

D'ARBONNE AND UPPER OUACHITA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES
PROPOSED SEASONS, 1999-2000* **

Species: Waterfowl
Season: Mornings only during State season
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: Adding geese to list of species

Species: Squirrel, rabbit, quail, woodcock,
Type Hunt: General -- dogs allowed for squirrel
and rabbit hunting after the last
refuge deer gun season
Season: State season
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: None

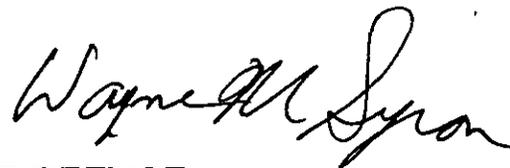
Species: Raccoon and opossum
Type Hunt: General
Season: December only (may also take raccoons and
opossum during rabbit season)
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer
Type Hunt: Archery
Season: State season
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer
Type Hunt: General (gun, archery)
Season: November 13-14, November 26-28/7
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: None

* the refuge hunting brochure serves as the required permit

** beaver, coyote and feral hog may be taken during any of the
above seasons



**LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 1999/2000 SEASON**

Migratory Game Birds

Species: Waterfowl.
Type Hunt: General gun.
Season: Mornings until noon on Wednesday through Sunday during State duck seasons (including early teal and youth hunt) for western zone.
Bag Limit: Same as state bag limits.
Permits: Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.
Significant Changes: None.

Hunting of geese, ducks and coots is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is permitted Wednesday through Sunday.
2. Hunting ends at noon each day.
3. Hunters may not enter the hunting area before 4 am.
4. Hunting is not permitted within 50 yards of a canal or waterway.
5. Hunters must use and be in possession only of shells containing Federally approved non-toxic shot and firearms legal for hunting waterfowl.
6. Only portable blinds are permitted. Blinds must be spaced a minimum of 150 yards apart.
7. Decoys may not be set to attract waterfowl after noon each day.
8. Decoys and blinds must be removed from the refuge by the last day of each season and each split of a split season.
9. Hunting is not permitted during the goose-only portion of the waterfowl season.
10. Motorized boats may be used only in canals and bayous. Access into the marsh and ponds is permitted by walking, poling, paddling or rowing.
11. Hunters may scout in the hunting area from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset during the week prior to each season.

**LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 1999/2000 SEASON**

Big Game

Species:	Deer, either sex.
Type Hunt:	Archery.
Season:	October 1 through 31.
Bag Limit:	One deer of either sex per day.
Permits:	Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.
Significant Changes:	None

Hunting of white-tailed deer is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is permitted from October 1 through October 31.
2. Only archery hunting is permitted.
3. Permanent deer stands not permitted. Portable stands must be removed by October 31.
4. No person may possess or distribute bait or hunt over bait.
5. No firearms allowed.
6. Hunters may scout from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset prior to the season.
7. All boats are prohibited in Lacassine Pool and Unit A after October 15. The following boat access restrictions apply: Lacassine Pool - boats with motors of 25 hsp. or less from Oct. 1 - 15; Unit A - boats without motors from Oct. 1 - 15; Canals and Bayous outside Lacassine Pool - no limitation on motors Oct. 1 - 31; and Marshes outside Lacassine Pool - boats without motors Oct. 1 - 31.

**BAYOU COCODRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
(Proposed) 1999-2000 HUNT SCHEDULE**

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

RABBIT AND SQUIRREL

General Gun

Oct. 2 - Nov. 5

Jan. 22 - Feb. 6, 2000

State Regulations

General Permits

None

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

DEER (EITHER SEX)

Archery

Nov. 6 - Nov. 26

Dec. 3 - Jan. 21, 2000

State Regulations

General Permits

None

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

DEER (EITHER SEX)

General Gun (Youth Hunt)

Nov. 27 - 28

State Regulations

General Permits

None

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

DEER (EITHER SEX)

Muzzleloader

Nov. 29 - Dec. 2

State Regulations

General Permits

None

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

WOODCOCK

General Gun

Jan. 22 - Jan. 31, 2000

State Regulations

General Permits

None

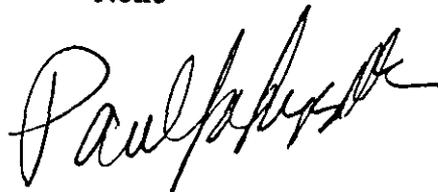
3/2/99 Thomas J. Brown, Asst. Refuge Supervisor

**CAMERON PRAIRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
1999 HUNT SEASON**

Species:	Either-sex deer
Type hunt:	Archery
Season:	All dates of October
Bag limit:	State regulations
Permits:	Season permits required
Other requirements:	Must have proof of completion for the International Bowhunters Education Program.
Stands:	Only portable stands may be used And must be removed by October 31 of each year.
Firearms:	None are allowed
Check stations:	All deer harvested must be checked at a self-clearing check station.
Significant changes:	None

Youth Waterfowl Hunt: 1999

Species:	Waterfowl (ducks & geese)
Type hunt:	Limited Youth (up to 2) accompanied by an adult. 5 blinds hunted/day
Season:	Selected Saturdays of Louisiana west zone duck season. Possibly 1 - 2 days during Thanksgiving & Christmas school holidays.
Bag limit:	State regulations
Permits:	One day permits to be issued through lottery drawing.
Other requirements:	All youth and adult participants must have proof of completion of Louisiana hunter education course or accepted state hunter education course.
Firearms:	Shotguns with approved non-toxic shot.
Significant changes:	None



SPECIAL AREAS FOR COMMISSION ACTION

SEASON FRAMEWORK FOR BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE (BAFB) AND LOUISIANA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT (LAAP)

The following is the regular special hunting season framework for both areas. The seasons are set by their wildlife consultants and the respective base commanders.

Barksdale Air Force Base (BAFB) Bossier Parish - All seasons are to be set within the outside dates EXCEPT: All deer seasons are either-sex.

Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant (LAAP) Bossier and Webster Parish - All seasons are to be set within the outside season dates EXCEPT: All deer seasons are either-sex.

AVERY ISLAND DEER SEASONS

Area 7 season dates but either-sex the entire season.

FMHA TRACTS FOR COMMISSION ACTION

HUTCHISON CREEK WMA/PROPOSED REGULATION 1999-2000

Small Game and Turkey: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only for rabbits.

Deer: Archery only, Oct. 1 - Jan. 31.

No camping area.

HUNTING SEASON ON ELBOW SLOUGH

Dove hunting is allowed the same as outside for the first split only. Steel shot is required since the area is a waterfowl refuge. No other hunting is allowed at this time.

MARSH BAYOU AND WALNUT HILL WMA 1999-2000 HUNTING SEASON

Marsh Bayou and Walnut Hill WMA

Small game - same as State seasons and regulations.

Marsh Bayou WMA

Deer same as Area 2 deer seasons EXCEPT still hunting only

Walnut Hill WMA

Deer same as Area 3 deer seasons.

AVONDALE BOYSCOUT DEERHUNT

The Department requests the Commission approve a special deer season the Camp Avondale Scout Reservation in East Feliciana Parish:

November 6-8, November 13-14, 1999

Purpose of the Scout Hunt

There are 2 primary reasons for the Scout Deer Hunt on the Avondale Boy Scout Reservation:

1. To provide some quality outdoor recreational opportunities for the Scouts, and to promote a close father/son activity.
2. To provide biological control of the deer herd. Without some type of hunting the deer herd will continue to expand beyond the ability of the range to support it. Overpopulation will result in deterioration of the range and decline in herd health.

Background

Most of East Feliciana Parish has a late deer rut occurring from mid-December to early January. When the Scout hunt was first initiated 15 years ago, it was conducted late in the year. The resulting kill was very low despite high deer populations. A number of years later Department Biologist, Dave Moreland discovered and was able to document the deer herd in Avondale area had very early rut similar to that encountered in western Louisiana. It was determined there is a small area near Clinton which exhibits the odd early rut.

For a number of years the Department designated an earlier opening season zone for this small area which enabled hunters to take advantage of the early rut. Several years ago a group of local landowners circulated a petition requesting this deer hunting season area be moved back into the later zone and be similar to that of the rest of the parish. No significant objection was heard from most other landowners in the small zone, and after being warned most of the rut would be over before the season even started, the Department went ahead and moved the small block back into the later Area 1 zone. Special commission approval has been obtained to hold an early hunt on the Scout Reservation ever since.

Need for the Special Season

The purpose of the Avondale Scout Reservation is to provide a place for as much Scouting activity as possible to be conducted. The Scout Office is concerned when a gun hunt is held on the Reservation, as all other Scouting activities must be shut down during the hunt for obvious safety and liability reasons.

Understandably, the Scout office is reluctant to shut the Reservation down any longer than absolutely necessary to adequately control the deer population. Therefore, it is necessary to shoot the deer herd as hard as possible in the shortest period of time. Deer activity and movement is at its highest during the rut. This is why we want to schedule Reservation hunt during the rut when the deer are most active and vulnerable to harvest.

As previously stated, the deer rut on the Avondale Scout Reservation has been documented to occur the first two weeks of November. This is before the Area 1 season opens.

A special commission approved early season allowing the Boy Scout to control the deer herd on Avondale Scout Reservation is requested.

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
March 4, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, March 4, 1999.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting rules and regulations for the State and WMAs, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish regulations that govern public and private lands is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all information pertinent to the rule and regulations governing hunting, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules and regulations affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as a Notice of Intent.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

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 promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Seasons

§111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Sections 115 and 116 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

2. Pursuant to Section 40.1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to

reimburse the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

B. Resident Game Birds and Animals

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

C. Other Season Dates

1. Turkey. Please refer to separate pamphlet.

2. Raccoon and Opossum. No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire, muzzleloader rifle .36 caliber or smaller or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Blackbirds and crows. ALL blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles and crows are considered crop depredators in Louisiana and may therefore be taken year round during legal shooting hours with no limit. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

4. Pheasant

a. Bag limit - 2 (males only). Possession limit - 4.

b. Pheasant season restricted to the following portion of Calcasieu and Cameron parishes: That portion west of Choupique Bayou south of Hwy. 90 and La. 27, west of La. 27 to north boundary of Sabine NWR, north of Sabine NWR north boundary to Sabine River, east of Sabine River to Intracoastal waterway, south of Intracoastal waterway to Gum Cove, east of Gum Cove Road to La. 108, north and east of La. 108 from Gum Cove Road to Hwy. 90, and south of Hwy. 90 from Vinton to Choupique Bayou.

5. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species except turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations EXCEPT squirrels may be taken by licensed falconers until the last day of February. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific Falconry Rules.

6. Licensed Hunting Preserve. October 1 - April 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific Hunting Preserve Rules.

7. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Land enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and 5¢/acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked to antlerless deer (including those

taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow and muzzleloader) through the hock in a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is moved from the site of the kill. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in immediate cancellation of the program on those lands involved. Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP Rules.

8. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer and Exotics on Licensed Supplemented Shooting Preserves

a. Definitions

i. Exotics: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the family Bovidae (except the Tribe Bovini [cattle]) or Cervidae which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve. Exotics shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.

ii. Hunting: In its different tenses and for purposes of this rule means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

iii. Same as Outside: For purposes of this rule means hunting on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC).

iv. Supplemented Hunting Preserve: For purposes of this rule means any enclosure for which a current Farm-

Raising License has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

v. White-tailed Deer: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the species Odocoileus virginianus which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve.

b. Seasons

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Consult the regulations pamphlet

ii. Exotics: year round.

c. Methods of Take

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside

ii. Exotics: Exotics may be taken with longbow (including compound bow) and arrow; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber centerfire; or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only.

d. Shooting Hours

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

e. Bag Limit

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Same as

outside.

ii. Exotics: No limit.

f. Hunting Licenses

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No person shall hunt any exotic without possessing a valid basic and big game hunting license.

g. Tagging. White-tailed Deer and Exotics: Each animal shall be tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill with a tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

D. Hunting-General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

2. No person born on or after September 1, 1969 shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct and immediate supervision of a person 18 years of age or older.

3. A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer or turkey. A separate wild turkey stamp is

required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

4. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

5. Methods of taking resident game birds and quadrupeds

a. Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey and migratory game birds. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than .36 caliber. During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

b. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific

restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

6. Nuisance animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means EXCEPT that nutria and beaver cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required during open trapping season to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken.

7. Threatened and endangered species - Louisiana black bear, Louisiana pearl shell (mussel), sea turtles, gopher tortoise, ringed sawback turtle, brown pelican, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, whooping crane, Eskimo curlew, piping plover, interior least tern, ivory-billed woodpecker, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, West Indian manatee, Florida panther, pallid sturgeon, Gulf sturgeon, Attwater's greater prairie chicken, whales and red wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

8. Unregulated quadrupeds. Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to "chase only" during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only season for deer. Foxes and bobcats are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the

year "chase only" permitted by licensed hunters.

9. Hunting and/or discharging firearms on public roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or public road right of way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights of way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.

10. Tags. Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil, on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material, which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with bow and muzzleloader and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill.

11. Sex identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or on all turkeys taken on any special gobbler season (unless properly divided and tagged), so long as such deer or turkey is

kept in camp or field, or is en route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. One antlered and one antlerless (when legal) deer per day EXCEPT on Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

2. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited except where specifically permitted.

3. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise permitted.

4. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

5. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.

6. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

7. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or

hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is permitted in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. Use of dogs to trail wounded deer is expressly prohibited in still hunting areas.

8. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

9. Muzzleloader Segment: (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) Still hunt only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive. Either sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT Area 5 and as specified on Public Areas. It is unlawful to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special muzzleloader segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

a. Legal Muzzleloader Firearms For Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including saboted bullets and be fitted only with iron sights or non-magnifying scopes. This

includes those muzzleloaders known as "inline" muzzleloaders.

10. Archery Segment: Consult regulations pamphlet. WMA seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. Archery license required for bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive. Persons 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, archer's must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Pass-a-Loutre and Point-au-Chien WMAs (SEE SCHEDULE).

a. Bow and arrow regulations: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

(a). to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season EXCEPT it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot) only.

(b). to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except that hand held

releases are lawful.

(c). to hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.

11. Hunter orange. Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season including muzzleloader season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a cap or a hat that is completely covered with hunter orange material in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not permitted by agreement of the landowner or lessee. WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".

12. Special Handicapped either-sex deer season on private land. See regulations pamphlet for dates. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

F. Description of Areas

1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes are open: Catahoula, East Feliciana, St. Helena, Concordia, Franklin, Tensas, East Baton Rouge, Madison, Washington.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - North of La. 1.

ii. Caldwell - East of U.S. 165.

iii. Grant - East of U.S. 165 and south of La.

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iv. LaSalle - Portion south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.

v. Livingston - North of I-12.

vi. Rapides - East of U.S. 165 and north of Red River.

vii. St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

viii. Tangipahoa - North of I-12.

ix. West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion known as Raccourci and Turnbull Island.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Avoyelles - That portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by La. 451 and on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville, southward to its juncture with La. 451.

ii. Catahoula - South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.

iii. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge - East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi line to La. 10. North of La. 10 from Thompson Creek to La. 67 at Clinton, west of La. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi line. South of Mississippi line from La. 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of La. 67 from La. 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from La. 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to La. 64, north of La. 64 to La. 37 at Magnolia, east of La. 37 northward to La. 64 at Indian Mound, north of La. 64 from Indian Mound to La. 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of La. 67 from parish line north to La. 959, south of La. 959 east to La. 63, west of La. 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River, southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to La. 67.

iv. Franklin - All

v. St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpelier.

vi. Tangipahoa - That portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River to La. 1061 at Wilmer, east of La. 1061 to La. 440 at Bolivar, south of La. 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from La. 440 southward to La. 10.

vii. Washington and St. Tammany - East of La.

21 from the Mississippi line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi line, south of the Mississippi line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also that portion of St. Tammany Parish north of La. 22 from U.S. 190 to La. 1077, east of La. 1077 northward to junction with U.S. 190, south and west of U.S. 190 from La. 1077 to junction with La. 22. Also, that portion of Washington Parish south of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River, eastward to the Bogue Chitto River, west of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 10 southward to St. Tammany Parish. Also that portion of Washington Parish west of La. 25 from the Mississippi state line southward to La. 38, then west to the Tangipahoa parish line, north along the parish line to the Mississippi state line then east to La. 25.

viii. West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of U.S. 61 and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville, Jackson, Union, Bossier,

Lincoln, Webster, Caddo, Natchitoches, Winn, Claiborne, Red River, DeSoto, Sabine.

ii. EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District described in Area 2 description shall be still hunting only.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - North of U.S. 190 east of Reeves and east of La. 113.

ii. Avoyelles - That portion west of I-49.

iii. Beauregard - East of La. 113. Also, west of La. 27 north to DeRidder and south and east of U.S. 190 west of DeRidder to Texas line.

iv. Calcasieu - West of La. 27 north of Sulphur and north of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

v. Caldwell - West of U.S. 165.

vi. Evangeline - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

vii. Grant - All EXCEPT that portion south of La. 8 and east of U.S. 165.

viii. Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.

ix. LaSalle - All EXCEPT south of La. 8 from

Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.

x. Morehouse - West of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, west of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, west and south of La. 593 to Collinston, west of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and north of La. 134 to Ouachita line.

xi. Ouachita - All EXCEPT south of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.

xii. Rapides - All EXCEPT north of Red River and east of U.S. 165. South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 113 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

xiii. Vernon - East and south of La. 113, north and east of La. 465, west of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and north of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes

i. Claiborne and Webster - Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).

ii. Ouachita - East of Ouachita River.

iii. Rapides - West of U.S. 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 northward to U.S. 167 at Alexandria. North of La. 465 from Vernon Parish line to La. 121, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to La. 8, south and east of La. 8 to La. 118 (Mora Road), south and west of La. 118 to Natchitoches Parish line.

iv. Vernon - East of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to La. 465, east and north of La. 465 to Rapides Parish line.

3. Area 3

a. All of Acadia, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - South of U.S. 190 and west of La. 113.

ii. Beauregard - West of La. 113. ALSO east of La. 27 north to DeRidder and north and west of U.S. 190 west of DeRidder to Texas line.

iii. Calcasieu - East of La. 27 north of Sulphur and south of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

iv. Iberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La. 14.

v. Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of U.S.

190.

vi. Lafayette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

vii. Rapides - South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.

viii. St. Landry - West of U.S. 167.

ix. Vernon - West and north of La. 113, south of La. 465, east of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

4. Area 4

a. All of East Carroll and Richland parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Morehouse - East of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, east and north of La. 593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and south of La. 134 to Ouachita line.

ii. Ouachita - South of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.

5. Area 5

a. All of West Carroll Parish is open.

i. All deer hunting is for bucks only including muzzleloader season.

6. Area 6

a. All of Orleans Parish is closed to all forms of deer hunting.

b. All of the following parishes are open: Ascension, Plaquemines, St. John, Assumption, Pointe Coupee, St. Martin, Iberville, St. Bernard, Jefferson, St. Charles, Lafourche, St. James, West Baton Rouge.

c. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - South of La. 1 and also that portion east of I-49.

ii. Evangeline - That portion east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

iii. Iberia - East of U.S. 90.

iv. Lafayette - East of I-49 and U.S. 90.

v. Livingston - South of I-12.

vi. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

vii. St. Landry - East of U.S. 167.

viii. St. Mary - North of U.S. 90.

ix. St. Tammany - That portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

x. Tangipahoa - South of I-12.

xi. West Feliciana - West of Mississippi River, known as Raccourci and Turnbull Islands.

d. Still hunting only in all of the following parishes

i. Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi River.

ii. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

iii. St. Bernard - All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.

iv. St. John - South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.

v. St. Landry - Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La. 10, and south by La. 103.

7. Area 7

a. The following Parish is open: Terrebonne.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open: Iberia and St. Mary Parishes - South of La. 14 and west U.S. Hwy. 90.

G. Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. General

a. The following rules and regulations concerning

the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

b. Citizens are cautioned that by entering upon a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

c. Wildlife management area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

e. Lands within WMA boundaries will have the same seasons and regulations as the management area with which they are associated EXCEPT as specified by state law.

f. Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs except in designated locations is prohibited.

g. Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

h. Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval or unless otherwise specified.

i. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.) and wild plants is prohibited without prior approval. Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day. Persons engaged in commercial activities must obtain a permit from the Region Office.

j. Burning of marshes is prohibited.

k. Nature trails. Access to trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

l. Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

m. Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations, includes both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

n. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, EXCEPT that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and State Seed Grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

2. Permits

a. Daily. Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA. Hunters must retain permit in possession while hunting. Hunters may enter the area no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must checkout daily and exit the area

not later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

b. Self Clearing Permits. On WMAs where Self Clearing Permits are required, all hunters must obtain a WMA Self Clearing Permit from an Information Station. The CHECK IN portion MUST be completed and put in a permit box BEFORE each day's hunt on the day of the hunt. The CHECK OUT portion must be carried by each hunter while hunting and MUST be completed and put in a permit box AFTER each day's hunt on the day of the hunt unless otherwise specified. A vehicle tag will also be associated with the Self Clearing Permit and must be displayed in the vehicle while on the WMA.

c. Wild Louisiana Stamp. Persons using WMAs or other department administered lands for purposes other than hunting and fishing, such as camping, shooting on rifle ranges, berry picking, hiking, photography, bird-watching and the like, shall be required to possess one of the following: a Wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement.

3. Special Seasons

a. Youth deer hunt. Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed EXCEPT Handicapped Seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the

same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate district office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts.

b. Handicapped Season. For physically challenged permitted hunters only. Participants must possess a physically challenged hunter program permit. Contact district office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering Handicapped Seasons.

c. Deer Lottery Hunts. Hunt restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. A non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact district offices for applications. Consult regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery hunts.

d. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. All turkeys must be reported at Self Clearing station. Contact District Offices for more details. Consult separate Turkey Hunting Regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery hunts.

e. Trapping. Permits to take fur bearers from WMAs may be obtained at district offices when required. Consult

Annual Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required, each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the District Office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on normal working days at district offices. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress. A permit is required to carry a firearm outside of the normal hunting season and is available at the Region Office.

f. Raccoon hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAS. NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL - Season dates for specific WMAS are for nighttime raccoon hunting and permits may be required. There will be no bag limit for raccoons at night unless specified in the annual regulations pamphlet. Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the district office for WMAs where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of hunting privileges on WMAs. Permits, when required, may be obtained at district offices only between hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

g. Commercial fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines permitted on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is

prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-Au-Chien WMAs EXCEPT shrimping allowed on Pointe-Au-Chien in Wonder Lake during daytime only. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges. Commercial and recreational crawfishing on Sherburne WMA, South Farms, is by permit only. Permits available from the Opelousas Office or Sherburne WMA Headquarters. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

h. Sport fishing. Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are permitted on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT nighttime frogging prohibited on Salvador /Timken and Pointe-Au-Chien.

i. Additional Department Lands. The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in Rapides, Vernon, Evangeline and St. Helena parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries District Office for specific information and any additional season dates.

4. Firearms

a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs,

ATCs or in camping areas on WMAS. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas.

b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not permitted on WMAS during closed hunting seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping. Bows and broadhead arrows are not permitted on WMAS EXCEPT during regular archery season, turkey season or EXCEPT as permitted for bowfishing.

c. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists EXCEPT as specified under Wildlife Management Area listing.

d. Loaded firearms are not permitted near WMA check stations.

e. Center-fire rifles and handguns, arms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during deer season.

f. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

g. Discharging of firearms on or hunting from designated roads and trails or their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearm and muzzleloader deer season.

5. Methods of Taking Game

a. Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized Drivers and standers, Drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

b. On Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day, six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

c. Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included). Unmarked hogs may be taken on some WMAs by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Consult the specific WMA for additional information. Proper licenses and permits are required for hunting.

d. Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have deer checked at the check station on same day of kill.

e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed.

g. On Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges, all deer stands must be removed from the area no later than two hours after sunset each day.

h. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after sunset. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal, poles, wire, mesh, webbing or any materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after sunset. Blinds

made solely of natural vegetation may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

i. It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

j. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are also prohibited.

k. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

l. Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue birds or animals from moving vehicles on any WMA. No person shall take birds or animals from or by any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased.

m. Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAS.

n. The use of horses and mules is prohibited for hunting or trapping on WMAS EXCEPT for quail hunting or EXCEPT as otherwise specified. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and turkey and EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials on Sandy Hollow WMA.

o. All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAS must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during

open gun season for deer. Quail and woodcock hunters as well as hunters participating during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. ALSO all non-hunters afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

p. Archery season for deer. The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open to either sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted or closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or handicapped hunters are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

q. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

r. Muzzleloader season for deer. See WMA deer schedule.

6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is permitted only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. At the end of the 16 day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

b. Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA and Pass-a-Loutre, houseboats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the hunting season. At all other times of the year, mooring period is limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for camping and overnight mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre. Houseboat mooring permits are required for Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Area. Permits may be obtained from headquarters on respective WMAs or from the New Iberia office (318) 373-0032 for Atchafalaya Delta WMA.

c. Anyone camping on WMAs is required to have an operational waste disposal system attached to the camper, trailer or other unit or a portable waste disposal unit to remove all human waste upon leaving the WMA camping area. Discharge of human waste on a WMA is prohibited. Additionally it is against both Federal and State law to discharge human waste into the waterways of Louisiana.

d. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

e. Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

f. Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.

g. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.

h. Swimming prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

7. Restricted Areas

a. All oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or hunting in restricted areas or refuges.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting and bird dog training when allowed, having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be held liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are permitted for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

9. Vehicles

a. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

b. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within wildlife

management areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

c. Tractor implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles. ATV tires are restricted to those with maximum allowable tire pressure of 5 psi, as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

d. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and Refuges. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. Personal water craft allowed on designated areas of Alexandria State Forest WMA.

e. No internal combustion engines permitted in certain Greentree reservoir.

f. Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

g. Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

h. Motorized vehicles, including ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads and ATV trails as indicated on WMA maps, except on Atchafalaya Delta WMA where ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles are prohibited. WMA maps available at all district offices. This restriction does not apply

to bicycles.

i. Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps. Persons 70 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also permitted to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Handicapped persons should make application for a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit with the Department.

j. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to handicapped-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Routes of all trails are as indicated on WMA maps. Deviation from the trails indicated on the map constitutes a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

k. Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition or construction.

l. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. All roads including trails and roads designated as ATV Only shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through September 15 and from two hours after sunset to two hours before legal shooting hours unless otherwise specified. ATV off-road travel is prohibited.

m. CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

10. Wildlife Management Areas Basic Season Structure.

For season dates, bag limits, shooting hours, special seasons and other information consult the annual regulations pamphlet for specific details.

11. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit and quail). Consult regulations pamphlet.

12. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet.

13. Migratory Birds (dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Consult regulations pamphlet.

14. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

15. Hogs. Consult regulations pamphlet.

16. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet.

17. Wildlife Management Areas Hunting Schedule and Regulations

a. Alexander State Forest. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

b. Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at any time. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited.

c. Attakapas. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

d. Bayou Macon. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

e. Bayou Pierre. No ATVs or ATCs allowed on the area. Motorized vehicles are allowed only on parish roads and

roads marked on WMA map.

f. Bens Creek. All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. No hunting in restricted areas. (See WMA Map). Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and during the spring turkey season.

g. Big Colewa Bayou. All vehicles, including ATVs prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited.

h. Big Lake. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

i. Biloxi

j. Bodcau

k. Boeuf. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

l. Boise-Vernon. Road travel and hunting restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicle travel.

m. Buckhorn. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

n. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self Clearing permit required once per year. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. All game harvested must be reported.

o. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day. Roads may be closed during wet weather conditions.

p. Elm Hall. No ATVs allowed.

q. Fort Polk. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Special regulations apply to ATV users.

r. Georgia-Pacific. EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.

s. Grassy Lake. Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas District Office. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. No hunting in restricted area.

t. Jackson-Bienville. ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management roads and trails. However, all ATVs/ATCs prohibited March 1 through September 15.

u. Joyce. Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

v. Lake Boeuf

w. Lake Ramsay. Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

x. Little River. Roads may be closed during wet conditions.

y. Loggy Bayou

z. Manchac. Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

aa. Ouachita. Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during waterfowl season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight.

Commercial Fishing: Closed. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

ab. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay and Northshore Bay oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map.

ac. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 PM - 4:30 AM to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet except waterfowl hunting below Hwy. 90. No hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a fee.

ad. Peason Ridge. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users.

ae. Pointe-au-Chien. Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for DOVE hunting as specified below. Point Farm: Gate will be open during opening weekend of the second split of dove season and all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the

inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. prohibited in the Montegue and Grand Bayou marsh management units. Vehicles prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by the department.

af. Pomme de Terre. Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday, EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas District Office or Spring Bayou headquarters. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season. Crawfish: April 1 - July 31, 100 lbs. per person per day limit. No traps or nets left overnight. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

ag. Red River. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. Crawfishing prohibited on Wetland Restoration Areas.

ah. Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on

WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

ai. Sabine

aj. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

ak. Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the game management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 H.P. are permitted only in oil company

access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes - "Baie Des Chactas" and Baie du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Operation of the above described internal combustion engines in interior ditches is prohibited. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited. Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenasses). Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact New Orleans District Office-Fur and Refuge Division.

al. Sandy Hollow. Bird Dog Training: Consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited). Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge District Office. Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas. No motorized vehicles allowed off designated roads. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

am. Sherburne. Crawfishing: permits required, for South Farms from Area Headquarters. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River Basin levee road within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office. No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges. Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area. No commercial activity on ANWR, except trapping.

an. Sicily Island Hills. Firearms and any game harvested cannot be transported through the area except during the corresponding open season on area. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

ao. Soda Lake. Entire area is walk-in only - no motorized vehicles allowed. Access into the area is allowed only from south end of the area off of Hwy. 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer. All activities prohibited from 2 hours after sunset until 2 hours before sunrise.

ap. Spring Bayou. Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas District Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Crawfish: 100 lbs. per person per day limit. Permit required from area supervisor. No hunting allowed in headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this camp site. Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

aq. Thistlethwaite. No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map). All motorized vehicles restricted

to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through main gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

ar. Three Rivers. Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.

as. Tunica Hills. All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATV's restricted to designated trails. Driving on food plots prohibited. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map. Camping prohibited on area.

at. Union. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

au. West Bay. Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

av. Wisner

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25: .

Part III. State Game and Fish Preserves and Sanctuaries
Chapter 3. Particular Game and Fish Preserves and Commissions
§311. Atchafalaya Delta WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:101

(February 1989), repealed LR 25: .

§312. Pointe-au-Chien WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:102 (February 1989), repealed LR 25: .

§313. Salvador WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:103 (February 1989), repealed LR 25: .

§314. Pass-a-Loutre WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:104 (February 1989), repealed LR 25: .

§327. Timken Wildlife Management Area

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq. and 56:109.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife

and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22:860 (September 1996), repealed LR 25: .

Public hearings will be held at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from April through July. Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until May 21, 1999 to Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

January 25, 1999

MEMORANDUM

TO: Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division
FROM: Dave Morrison, Programs Manager, Wildlife Division
SUBJECT: Public Hearings

We now have confirmed all sites for the public hearings on the hunting regulations. The sites are as follows:

Ruston	Ruston Civic Center	March 8, 1999
Alexandria	Alexandria Convention Hall	March 15, 1999
Lake Charles	Burton Coliseum	March 16, 1999
New Orleans	East Jefferson Library	March 18, 1999

All meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM and should conclude by 10:00 PM. It appears that all location will have a sound system that will be provided with the room. Each location will seat 200 minimum. If you have any additional questions let me know.

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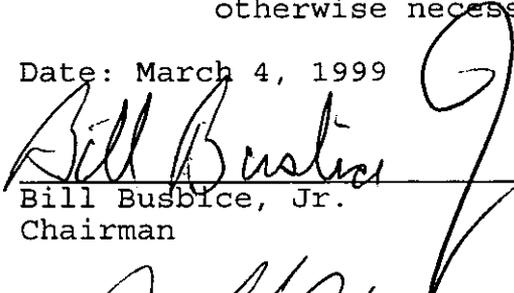
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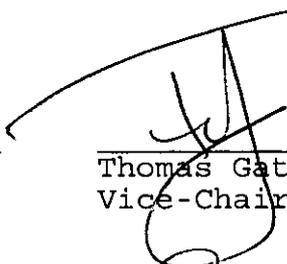
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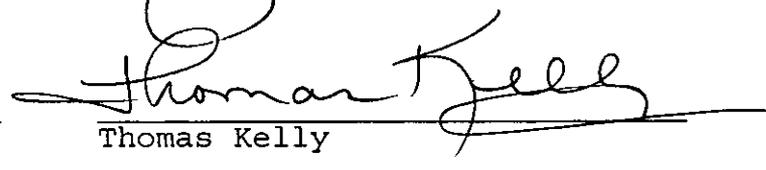
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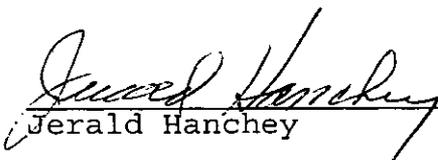
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ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

FEBRUARY 1999

REGION 1:

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

TOTAL CASES	77	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	00
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
20	Boating
18	Angling W/O A License
2	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
25	Fishing W/O Resident Pole License
2	Possession Over Limit Undersize Freshwater Game Fish
4	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Take Commercial Fish W/Non Approved Devices
3	Caddo Lake (Yo-Yo Regs)
1	Hunting W/O Non-Resident License
1	Possession Over Limit Snipe

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
41 Yo-yo's; 14 black bass; 3 slat traps; 107 catfish; 9 snipe

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
20	Boating
00	Commercial Fishing
1	Federal Migratory
00	Littering
00	Miscellaneous
55	Recreational Fishing
1	State Hunting/Trapping
00	WMA Rules and Regulations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
00	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
00	

REGION 2:

PARISHES: E. CARROL, JACKSON,
LINCOLN, MOREHEAD,
QUACHITA, RICHLAND
UNION, W. CARROL

TOTAL CASES	59	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	13

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	No Boat Registration Certificate In Possession
1	Expired Boat Registration
3	Failure To Comply With PFD Requirements
1	Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
21	Angle Without A Resident License
2	Fish Without Resident Pole License
2	Use Recreational Gear W/O License
1	No Running Lights
1	Hunting With Unplugged Gun
2	Failure To Maintain Commercial Fish Records
3	Hunt From Moving Vehicle
1	Hunting Without A Resident License
1	Hunting Without A Resident Big Game License
1	Hunt/Take Deer From Public Road

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Possess Non-game Bird
3	Littering
1	Careless Operation
1	Driving Under Suspension
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
1	Criminal Property Damage
1	Hunt/Take Deer Illegal Hours
1	Hunt Deer Closed Season
1	Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer
1	Criminal Trespass
1	Aiding and Abetting a Juvenile/Using Lead Shot While Hunt MGB
1	Operate ATV On Public Road
1	DWI (On WMA)
1	Driving Without Driver's License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1-12 Gauge shotgun, 7-Buffalo Fish, 4-Catfish, 4-Trammel Nets, 1-Gill net, 4-Hoop Nets, 2- Ice chest, 1- Doe Deer, 1-Remington Rifle, 1-Spotlight, 1-1992 Chevrolet Z-71 Pick-up Truck.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION -2

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
6	Boating
5	Commercial Fishing
2	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
8	Miscellaneous
25	Recreational Fishing
10	State Hunting/Trapping
0	WMA Rules and Regulations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
28	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
10	Russell Sage WMA
3	Ouachita WMA
0	Union WMA
0	Georgia Pacific WMA

REGION 3:

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

TOTAL CASES	78	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	7
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
21	Boating
34	Angling W/O A Resident License In Possession
1	Possess Over Limit Freshwater Game Fish (Black Bass)
2	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
3	Possess Under Size Game Fish (Black Bass)
2	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License In Possession
1	Hunt Deer Illegal Hours
1	Hunt From Moving Vehicle
1	Hunt Deer From Public Road
1	Possess Squirrels Closed Season
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Resident Commercial License
1	Take Bait Species W/O Commercial License (Shad)
1	Buy Commercial Fish From UN-Licensed Fisherman
5	Littering
2	Failure To Abide By Rules & Regulations

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 New England single shot 10 Ga. shotgun, 1 Marlin 2 cal rifle, 1 optronics spotlight, 1 brown paper bag containing napkins and dairy queen cup, 5 beer cans, 3 Miller Lite bottles, 2 fox squirrels, 10 black bass.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
21	Boating
4	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
5	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
42	Recreational Fishing
4	State Hunting/Trapping
2	WMA Rules and Regulations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
1	Camp Beaugard W.M.A.
6	Spring Bayou W.M.A.

REGION 4:

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

TOTAL CASES	93	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	13
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
13	Boating
19	Angling W/O A License
11	Fishing W/O Resident Pole License
3	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
5	Take Or Possess Game Fish Illegally
2	Use Wire Net To Take Undersize Catfish
1	Transport W/O Required License
1	Use Elevated Trotlines
5	Use Illegal Mesh Nets-Freshwater
1	Hunting W/O Resident License
1	Failure To Abide By Commission Rules
5	Hunting From Moving Vehicle
1	Hunting W/Unplugged Gun
4	Hunt Across Public Road Or Right-Of-Way
2	Possession Of Wild Quadrupeds W/O Permit
1	Possession Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Hunt Squirrel Closed Season
3	Hunt Or Take Deer Closed Season
2	Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours Or With Artificial Light
5	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA
1	Criminal Trespass
3	Littering
1	Other Than Wildlife (Possession Of Methamphetamine)

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
1 rifle, 1- 48 qt. ice chest, 400 yds. gill net, 1 bag methamphetamine, 3 deer, 7 squirrels, 169 crappie, 12 catfish, 3 buffalo, 1 drum, 4 bass.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
13	Boating
7	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
2	Miscellaneous
40	Recreational Fishing
23	State Hunting/Trapping
5	WMA Rules and Regulations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
0	Big Lake WMA
4	Boeuf WMA
0	Buckhorn WMA
8	Dewey Wills WMA
1	Red River WMA
0	Sicily Island WMA
0	Three Rivers WMA

REGION 5:

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

TOTAL CASES	156	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	5
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
33	Boating
6	Angling W/O A Non. Res. License
53	Angling W/O A Resident License
3	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
6	Take Or Poss. Under Size Black Drum
1	Not Abiding By Comm. Rules/Regulations Comm. Finfish – snapper
1	Failure To Have Comm. License In Possession
1	Take Or Sell Comm. Fish W/O Lic. In Poss.
1	Take Or Poss. Comm. Fish W/O Vessel Lic.
1	Sell &/Buy Fish W/O Wholesale Retail Dealer's Lic.
1	Transport W/O Required License
1	Failure To Comply W/Federal Law EEZ
1	Destroy Legal Crab Traps/Contents
5	Taking Oysters From Unapproved Area (Polluted)
5	Illegal Poss. Of Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Hunting W/O Resident License
2	Hunting From A Moving Vehicle
1	Take Or Poss. Over Limit Of Squirrels
1	Hunting Raccoons Illegally
1	Hunting Ducks/Geese W/O Federal Stamp
3	Hunting MGB W/Unplugged Gun
1	Hunting MGB From Vehicle
1	Wanton Waste
2	Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Zone Only
4	Hunting MGB W/Electronic Calling Device
2	Hunting Geese Closed Season
2	Taking Robins No Season
1	Hunting MGB W/O State Stamp
1	Hunting MGB W/O State Hunting License
1	Hunting MGB From Public Road
3	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations Of WMA
5	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On State Land
2	Other Than Wildlife & Fisheries
1	Adulterated Or Misbranded Seafood

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Miscellaneous Federal Violations

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
1-fishing license, 1- fishing receipt page, 7 sacks oysters RTW, 15 ½ pints oysters, 62 lbs. of red snapper, 19-black drum, RTW, 21-geese, 1-electronic caller, 2-electronic tapes, 1-rabbit, 17-squirrels, 5-robins, 6 shells, 1-12 ga. Shotgun, 1-22 Remington, 1-boat .	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
33	Boating
18	Commercial Fishing
21	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
6	Miscellaneous
68	Recreational Fishing
5	State Hunting/Trapping
5	WMA Rules and Regulations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
5	Rockefeller Refuge
0	Sabine Island Wildlife Management Area
0	West Bay Wildlife Management Area
0	Marshy Bayou
0	State Wildlife Refuge
0	Marsh Island Refuge

REGION 6:

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

TOTAL CASES	149	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	15
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
40	Boating
3	Hunt W/O Muzzleloader License
2	Fail To Comply With Hunter Safety Regulations
4	Hunting W/O Resident License
1	Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
1	Field Possession Of Deer Meat W/O Tag
11	Take Rabbits By Mashing Weeds
2	Hunt With Unplugged Gun
1	Hunt From Moving Vehicle
1	Hunt Wild Quadruped Illegal Hours
1	Hunt From Public Road
34	Angling W/O A License
2	Take/Possess Undersize Black Drum
4	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
1	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
4	Sell/Buy Fish W/O Wholesale Dealer's License
3	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
5	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
3	Sell/Buy Fish W/O A Retail Seafood License
1	Failure To Mark/Tag Nets
3	Fail To Maintain Records
2	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
1	Transport W/O Required License
1	Commercial Truck W/O Display Owner Name/Address
2	Hunt Doves Closed Season
1	Littering
11	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
2	Sanitary Code

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 rifle, 1 outboard motor, 2 black drum, 3 shotguns, 1 bag of shells, 22 doves, 1 black bass, 6 pints of oysters.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
40	Boating
23	Commercial Fishing
2	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
2	Miscellaneous
43	Recreational Fishing
27	State Hunting/Trapping
11	WMA Rules and Regulations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
0	Thistlethwaite Wildlife Management Area
0	Sherburne Wildlife Management Area
15	Attakapas Wildlife Management Area

REGION 7:

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

TOTAL CASES	111	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	7
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
11	Fishing Without Cane Pole License
40	Angle Without Resident License
9	Angle Without a Non-Resident License
27	Boating Violations
4	Scenic River Violations
1	Possession Buckshot in Closed Deer Season
1	R & R – Possession Handgun Larger Than 22 Rifle
1	Possession Slugs on WMA During Closed Deer Season
2	Possession Loaded Gun in Vehicle on WMA
2	Hunt Deer Illegal Hours
2	Hunt Deer From Public Road
2	Hunt Deer From A Moving Vehicle
1	Selling Or Buying Fish Without Retail Seafood License
1	Violate Crab Trap Requirements
1	Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Gear License

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Failure to Have Commercial License
2	Hunting Migratory Game Bird Closed Season
1	Littering
1	Sell Furbearing Without Trappers License
1	Take Robins No-Season

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 green wing teal, 1 crab trap.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
27	Boating
4	Commercial Fishing
3	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
4	Miscellaneous
60	Recreational Fishing
7	State Hunting/Trapping
5	WMA Rules and Regulations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
3	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
5	Pearl River WMA
2	Manchac WMA

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REGION 7-DISTRICT A

ASCENSION, EAST BATON ROUGE, EAST AND WEST FELICIANA PARISHES.

WARNING CITATIONS

TOTAL ISSUED: 44

32 BOATING

10 ANGLING WITHOUT RESIDENT HUNTING LICENSE

1 HUNT WITHOUT RESIDENT HUNTING LICENSE

1 POSSESS BUCKSHOT DURING CLOSED DEER SEASON

REGION 8:

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

TOTAL CASES	227	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	36
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
33	Boating
75	Angling W/O A License
10	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
1	Use Gear W/O A Recreational Gear License
2	Angling W/O A Saltwater License
1	Angling W/O A Non-Resident Saltwater License
1	Take Game Fish Illegally(Perch with Hoop Net)
6	Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum
3	Take Or Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout
5	Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum
4	Take Or Possess Over The Limit Of Spotted Sea Trout
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License(Dip Net)
6	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O A vessel License
1	Sell Or Buy Fish W/O A Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
1	Sell Or Buy Fish W/O A Retail Seafood Dealer's License
5	Use Saltwater Net Illegally (Gill Net)

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Take/Possess Undersize Commercial Catfish
5	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
3	Illegal Removal Of Crab Trap Contents
2	Violate Crab Trap Escape Ring Requirements
3	Tending Crab Traps Illegal Hours
5	Theft Of Crab Traps
2	Use Oversize Trawls
2	Use Skimmers In Closed Season
3	Take Oysters from Unapproved Area
4	Hunt W/O A Resident License
6	Hunt From A Moving Vehicle
3	Hunt With An Unplugged Gun
4	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours
3	Hunt From A Public Road
2	Possession Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season
1	Possessing Fur Bearing Animals W/O A License
1	Take Non-Game Quadrupeds Illegally
4	Violate National Wildlife Refuge Regulations
2	Resisting An Officer

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Criminal Trespass
1	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
3	Illegal Spot Lighting From Public Road
4	Littering
4	Possession Of Marijuana With Intent To Distribute
2	Violate No Wake Zone

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
<p>Seafood sold at bid:-790 pounds of shrimp---\$ 1143.25:---404 pounds of catfish---\$ 141.40 Seafood donated: --120 pounds of catfish-----6 black drum-----4 red drum----110 spotted sea trout-- 16 bream: Seafood returned:: 36 crabs----12 sheepshead----16 black drum----2 red drum----200 pounds of shad ----5 gallons of oysters----1 catfish---:: seafood and game destroyed:: 11 spotted sea trout---3 black drum---1 red drum----4 nutria:::Hardware confiscations:::::3 shotguns-----1 rifle---2 motorboats---4 trawls--- 2 skimmer nets---2 spotlights---3 buckshot shotgun shells---2 rifled slug shotgun shells---1000 feet of gill net---1500 feet of unattended gill net---4.5 pounds of marijuana---1 ice chest</p>

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
33	Boating
40	Commercial Fishing
4	Federal Migratory
4	Littering
14	Miscellaneous
108	Recreational Fishing
24	State Hunting/Trapping
	WMA Rules and Regulations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
19	Biloxi
0	Salvador
17	Pas A Loutre

REGION 9:

**PARISHES: ASSUMPTION, LAFOURCHE,
ST. JAMES, ST. JOHN,
ST. MARTIN, ST. MARY,
TERREBONNE**

TOTAL CASES	287	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	03
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
100	Boating
51	Angling W/O A License
30	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
4	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
2	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
21	Angling W/O Saltwater License
11	Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident
9	Take Undersized Red Drum
1	Take Undersized Spotted Sea Trout (Rec)
7	Take Undersized Black Drum (Rec)
1	Take O/L Black Drum (Rec)
2	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
3	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Crabtrap)
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Oyster)

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Crawfish)
3	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Gill Net)
7	Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
2	Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail License
1	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Transport W/O Required License
1	Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel
1	Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear
1	Take Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
2	Fail To Pay Severance Tax (Shrimp)
1	Failure To Have Written Permission
4	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
2	Taking Oysters From Unapproved Area (Polluted)
2	Fail To Mark Oyster Lease While Harvesting
2	Failure To Display Proper Number On Vessel
2	Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License (Captains Only)
2	Hunting W/O Resident License
1	Hunting W/O Non-Resident License
1	Possession Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Fail To Comply W/Hunter Safety Regulations
1	Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated
1	Violate Crab Trap Escape Ring Requirements
2	Fail To Cull Oysters In Proper Location

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
15 red drum, 18 black drum, 39 sacks oysters, 6 speckled trout, 5 ½ sacks crawfish, 500' gillnet, 13 books shrimp purchase receipts, 1 oyster tong, 1 crab trap, shotgun shells

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
100	Boating
43	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
137	Recreational Fishing
6	State Hunting/Trapping
0	WMA Rules and Regulations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
6	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
3	Pointe Aux Chenes
0	Atchafalaya Delta
0	Manchac
0	Attakapas

REGION –STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE

PARISHES: STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	45	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	17
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
10	Boating
4	Angling W/O A License
2	Angling W/O A License (Non-Resident)
2	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
2	Angling W/O A Saltwater License (Non-Resident)
1	Take/Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout
1	Take/Possess Undersized Red Drum
5	Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
2	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O A Vessel License
2	Harvest Oysters W/O Harvester License
1	Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear
1	Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel
2	Leave Nets Unattended
2	Use Saltwater Net Illegally
2	Fail To Keep Net On Board (Traversing)
1	Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
1	Hunting W/O Resident License
1	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Take/Possess Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Fisherman's License
1	Violate Crab Trap Escape Ring Regs.

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1-1500 feet of gill net, 1-25 foot Lafitte skiff, 1 outboard motorboat, 1 200 horse power Johnson, 7 spotted sea trout, 1 red drum, 10 sacks of oysters, 6 bags of marijuana, 1 package of rolling paper, 1 boat trailer, 1-16 foot lake skiff.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
10	Boating
16	Commercial Fishing
0	Oysters
0	Littering
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12	Recreational Fishing
2	State Hunting/Trapping
0	WMA Rules and Regulations
0	Federal Migratory

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
10	Pointe Au Chien
7	Pass -A-Loutre

REGION –OYSTER STRIKE FORCE**PARISHES: STATEWIDE**

TOTAL CASES	80	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	0
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Boating
60	Lacey Act-Buy And Sell Oysters In Interstate Comm./Violation State Law
1	Obstruction Of Justice/Submitting False Records To A Federal Jury
2	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Waters
2	Take Oysters From Unapproved Area
2	Take Oysters Recreationally W/O Tong License
2	Take Oysters W/O Basic Recreational License
1	Take Oysters W/O Wholesale Dealers License
1	Failure to Maintain Oyster Records
2	Pre-Packaging Oysters W/O Required Certification
2	Hunt Rabbits W/O License
1	Unlawful Removal Of Contents Of Crab Traps
1	Take Crabs W/O Recreational License
1	Take Crabs W/O Recreational Gear License
1	Take Undersize Red Drum

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
4 sacks of oysters, 6 pts. Of oysters, 1 set of oyster tongs, ½ box of crabs, 1 red drum, 7 crab traps.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Boating
76	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
3	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	WMA Rules and Regulations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
0	

S.W.E.P. -COASTAL

PARISHES: STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	29	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	0
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Boating
1	Trawl With Oversize Trawls State Waters
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Vessel License
5	Use Saltwater Gill Net Illegally
2	Leave Gill Nets Unattended
2	Fail To Keep Net On Board While Traversing
4	Possession Overlimit Of Red Drum
1	Possession Overlimit Of Red Drum In Excess Of 27 inches
2	Angling W/O A License
2	Angling W/O A Saltwater License
2	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
1	Possess Undersize Red Drum
1	Possess Undersize Black Drum
1	Take Overlimit Of Black Drum
1	Littering

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2,000 feet of gill net, 1-24 ft. Lake Skiff with 200 Johnson Outboard, 1-20 ft. flat boat with Yamaha motor, 9 black drum, 3 sheephead, 33 red drum, 786 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$1,136.00.

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

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Boating
12	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
14	Recreational Fishing
0	State Trapping/Hunting
0	WMA Rules and Regulations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
0	

TOTAL RUNNING HOURS :44**TOTAL BOATS CHECKED:100**

REGION -SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

PARISHES: STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	31	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Possess Over Limit Red Fish
1	Take Fish Without Commercial License
6	No Wholesale/Retail Dealers License
1	No Soft Shell Crab Shredders License
2	No Retail Seafood Dealers License
4	Fail To Maintain Records
2	Transport W/O Required License
1	Leave Nets Unattended
1	Use Saltwater Gill Net Illegally
1	Fail To Keep Net On Board Traversing
2	Fail To Comply With Federal Law In EEZ
2	Buy Fish From Unlicensed Fisherman
2	Fail To Pay Severance Tax
1	Littering
1	Adulterated Or Misbranded Seafood
1	Violate Commission Regs. Commercial Fish

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1,721 lbs. red snapper sold for \$2,581.50, 108 lbs. of bee liner sold for \$205.75, 35 lbs. of lane snapper sold for \$52.50, 3 lbs. of trigger sold for \$3.00, 2 lbs. of silver snapper sold for \$2.00, 2 lbs. of glass eye snapper sold for \$2.00, 29 red fish donated, 62 lbs. of red snapper donated, 687 lbs. of crawfish sold for \$343.00, 5 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$5.00, 15 pints of oysters destroyed.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
28	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
3	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	WMA Rules and Regulations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
0	

TOTAL CASES WMA AND REFUGES - 99
TOTAL CASES -1237

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185-Amph. - 61092	185-Float - 9667Q	210 - 9467Y
Hrs. - 28.6	Hrs. - 43.5	Hrs. - 18.2

Enforcement Hours - 75.0

Other Divisions - 15.3

Total Plane Use - 90.3

Cases Made in Conjunction with Aircraft Use Resulted in Citations issued for:

- 2 - Unlawfully take oysters off a private lease
- 2 - Failure to mark oyster lease while harvesting
- 2 - Fail to cull oysters in proper location
- 1 - Fail to display proper numbers
- 1 - No vessel license in possession
- 1 - No boat registration certificate in possession
- 9 - Total Cases

Confiscations:

14 sacks of oysters returned to water, 3 boxes of crabs returned to water

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?

Giant salvinia, *Salvinia molesta*, is an aquatic fern prohibited in the United States by Federal law.

Status: Currently invading sites in Texas and Louisiana, giant salvinia has the potential to infest aquatic habitats, wetlands and rice fields across the South. Native to South America, its introduction by humans has caused severe economic and ecological problems in many countries including New Zealand, Australia and South Africa.

The Problem: Giant salvinia grows rapidly to cover the surface of lakes and streams, spreading aggressively by vegetative fragments. It forms floating mats that shade and crowd out im-

portant native plants. Thick mats reduce oxygen content and degrade water quality for fish and other aquatic organisms. Mats impede boating, fishing, and swimming and clog water intakes for irrigation and electrical generation.

Characteristics: Oblong floating leaves, 1/2 to 1 1/2 inches long. Young plants have smaller leaves that lie flat on the water surface. As plants mature and aggregate into mats, leaves are folded and compressed into upright chains.

Leaf surfaces have rows of cylindrical hairs topped with four branches that are joined at the tips to form a "cage" (view with hand lens). These hairs give a velvety appearance and repel water. Distinguish from common salvinia, *Salvinia minima*, which has leaf hairs with branches always free at the tips.

Underwater root-like structures conceal stalks with egg-shaped spore cases attached. Spore cases are not found on young plants.

Prevention: Plants can be carried overland on anything entering infested waters. Boaters and anglers can help prevent spread by removing all aquatic plants from propellers, intakes, trailers and gear before leaving a launch area. Always blow out jet ski intakes and wash boats and equipment land-side before traveling to a new waterway.

Help Protect Our Aquatic Resources

Watch Out For And Report Giant Salvinia

Giant salvinia may be introduced with aquarium or water garden plants. If you have seen this plant in cultivation or in the wild, please contact the Nonindigenous Aquatic Species Toll Free Hotline:

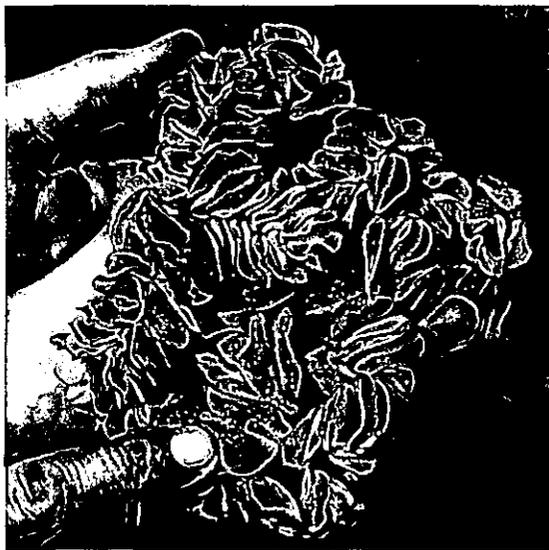
1-877-STOP-ANS

In Louisiana, call -- Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries at 225-765-2332

In Texas, call -- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at 409-384-9965.

In Florida, call -- Florida Department of Environmental Protection at 850-488-5631.

More information on the WWW at <http://nas.er.usgs.gov/ferns>



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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT

CURRENT MONTH: 02/01/1999 TO 02/28/1999
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE: 07/01/1998 TO 02/28/1999
INCEPTION TO DATE: 02/28/1999

	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	45	\$26,236.24	177	\$103,117.62	3,770	\$2,572,775.11		
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	0	\$0.00	19	\$475.00	169	\$4,225.00		
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	331	\$269,865.45-		
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	148	\$71,951.21		

RESTITUTION ASSESSED	45	\$26,236.24	177	\$103,592.62	3,770	\$2,379,085.87		
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PAYMENTS	41	\$12,119.09-	129	\$31,820.72-	2,483	\$429,730.45-		
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	35	\$6,923.61-	110	\$16,939.90-	1,728	\$211,474.12-		
OVERPAYMENTS	4	\$210.94	17	\$883.22	116	\$2,710.62		
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	1	\$209.82	7	\$837.54	45	\$8,197.87		
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$18,449.45-		
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$10,601.49		
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	18	\$78,254.09		
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$36.75		
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS								
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$35.00		
CREDITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	13	\$10,222-		
REASSESSMENTS								
DEBITS	1	\$3.96	2	\$313.48	21	\$6,881.15		
CREDITS	1	\$6.49-	4	\$2,296.01-	58	\$36,391.47-		
WRITE-OFFS	1	\$0.18-	1	\$0.18-	208	\$138,113.82-		
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	6	\$1,399.24-		
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00	0	\$16.00	0	\$4,279.59-		
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	0	\$0.00	2	\$44,940.60-	31	\$72,873.50-		
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00		
** TOTAL OUTSTANDING					1,069	\$1,573,080.98		

FOOTNOTE:

PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	1	\$25.00	5	\$125.00	63	\$11,219.67		
AMOUNT PAID TO COLLECTOR		\$6.25		\$31.25		\$2,804.91		
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	3	\$3,202.60 *		

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CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT

AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

VIOLATION DATE	UNKNOWN			CAN NOT BE INVOICED		
1 - 30 DAYS	0	\$0.00		CURRENT	4	\$650.06
31 - 60 DAYS	1	\$1,138.25		1 - 30 DAYS	36	\$22,537.58
61 - 90 DAYS	3	\$1,323.50			13	\$6,858.59
91 - 120 DAYS	5	\$36,715.55		31 - 90 DAYS	13	\$6,391.47
121 - 150 DAYS	2	\$106.00				
151 - 180 DAYS	18	\$16,250.30		91 - 180 DAYS	12	\$23,966.81
181 - 365 DAYS	9	\$7,554.70		181 - 365 DAYS	19	\$18,611.75
OVER ONE YEAR	101	\$77,875.62		CASES SENT FOR COLLECTION	109	\$506,548.59
OVER TWO YEARS	111	\$71,195.53		OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER THREE YEARS	163	\$153,916.40		OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	863	\$987,518.13
	291	\$214,422.00				
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** TOTAL AGING	704	\$580,497.85		** TOTAL AGING	1,069	\$1,573,082.98

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT

	CURRENT MONTH 02/01/1999 TO 02/28/1999		FISCAL YEAR TO DATE 07/01/1998 TO 02/28/1999		INCEPTION TO DATE 02/28/1999	
	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	610	\$30,615.00	5,408	\$274,065.00	69,401	\$3,529,262.07
HEARING COSTS	108	\$2,700.00	1,011	\$25,275.00	15,545	\$388,875.00
DEBITS	14	\$350.00-	16	\$500.00-	16	\$4,425.00-
CREDITS						
TOTAL DUE		\$32,965.00		\$298,840.00		\$3,913,712.07

PAID IN FULL	404	\$22,680.00-	3,460	\$185,383.11-	37,911	\$1,964,133.67-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	5	\$195.00-	63	\$2,923.00-	1,100	\$49,709.97-
OVERPAYMENTS	3	\$730.00	35	\$3,055.75	755	\$23,440.34
REFUNDS	2	\$55.00	25	\$930.00	132	\$6,859.31
RETURNED CHECKS	1	\$50.00	4	\$200.00	57	\$3,050.00
MISC CHANGES						
DEBITS	1	\$20.00	4	\$80.00	57	\$965.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00	6	\$4.64-	162	\$151.23-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION						
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	2	\$100.00	112	\$6,700.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	14	\$800.00-
VOIDS	23	\$250.00-	452	\$17,800.00-	3,744	\$158,225.73-
NOT GUILTY	15	\$750.00-	35	\$950.00-	583	\$29,025.00-

TOTAL OUTSTANDING

\$1,752,681.12

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE				AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM HEARING DATE			
	CURRENT	PRE HEARING					
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	23,991	21,662	\$1,539,586.12	21,662	21,662	\$1,414,521.12	\$1,414,521.12
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	23,991	21,662	\$1,539,586.12	21,662	21,662	\$1,414,521.12	\$1,414,521.12
181 - 365 DAYS	1,921	819	\$111,660.00	819	819	\$51,505.00	\$51,505.00
91 - 180 DAYS	764	525	\$42,150.00	525	525	\$32,610.00	\$32,610.00
31 - 90 DAYS	503	1,611	\$26,150.00	1,611	1,611	\$90,985.00	\$90,985.00
1 - 30 DAYS	269	1,609	\$13,700.00	1,609	1,609	\$80,525.00	\$80,525.00
CURRENT	389	1,611	\$19,610.00	1,611	1,611	\$82,710.00	\$82,710.00

MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	Percent Dollars Paid	Percent Cases Paid
FISCAL YEAR 1993-94								
July, 1993	25	21,039	(9,778)	29	4,855	2,545		
Aug., 1993	53	44,922	(1,137)	41	7,950	3,603		
Sept., 1993	42	137,635	(17,938)	35	6,783	3,048		
Oct., 1993	49	21,471	(11,282)	40	3,285	1,519		
Nov., 1993	57	31,207	(13,260)	32	3,053	2,845		
Dec., 1993	53	13,777		27	6,507	6,713		
Jan., 1994	38	18,918		32	4,423	2,831		
Feb., 1994	68	38,131	(8,238)	46	9,124	5,993		
Mar., 1994	38	22,739	(2,482)	51	10,854	6,796		
April, 1994	14	44,732	(1,404)	27	7,307	4,632		
May, 1994	10	4,504	(165)	7	5,447	3,808		
June, 1994	29	26,167	(2,986)	12	1,886	1,214		
Total FY 1994	476	425,242	(68,670)	379	71,474	45,547	27.5%	79.6%
FISCAL YEAR 1994-95								
July, 1994	17	2,127	(335)	23	2,101	1,437		
Aug., 1994	41	96,403	(3,035)	20	1,010	605		
Sept., 1994	34	14,614	(14,002)	26	2,596	2,342		
Oct., 1994	94	17,426	(8,677)	38	2,922	3,179		
Nov., 1994	43	103,592		45	3,992	2,803		
Dec., 1994	68	31,400		35	4,315	2,329		
Jan., 1995	55	27,601		52	7,493	4,921		
Feb., 1995	70	61,119		41	6,472	3,973		
Mar., 1995	31	25,072		44	8,315	4,737		
Apr., 1995	13	15,353		16	3,565	1,538		
May., 1995	23	11,632		16	4,315	654		
June 1995	45	31,008		18	2,630	1,025		
Total FY 1995	534	437,347	(26,049)	374	49,726	29,543	18.1%	70.0%
FICAL YEAR 1995-96								
July, 1995	0	0						
Aug., 1995	46	17,425		27	9,028	1,729		
Sept., 1995	1	125		21	3,093	2,049		
Oct., 1995	122	206,244		29	2,720	1,161		
Nov., 1995	55	23,124		62	10,151	6,383		
Dec., 1995	50	18,607		32	4,781	2,803		
Jan., 1996	49	13,815	(15,296)	36	5,297	3,473		
Feb., 1996	50	14,717		38	5,778	3,417		
Mar., 1996	33	24,937		36	6,035	3,422		
Apr., 1996	30	11,007		36	7,173	2,712		
May., 1996	23	7,989		24	3,942	2,020		
June 1996	50	22,151		16	2,790	1,182		
Total FY 1996	509	360,141	(15,296)	357	60,787	30,350	25.3%	70.1%
FICAL YEAR 1995-96								
July, 1996	40	71,894		32	5,250	2,948		
Aug., 1996	32	5,363		32	6,255	3,784		
Sept., 1996	41	7,210		29	2,260	1,327		
Oct., 1996	29	11,093		25	3,698	2,262		
Nov., 1996	20	10,009		22	1,625	698		
Dec., 1996	13	238,466		22	5,877	2,122		
Jan., 1997	27	11,755		17	4,393	2,377		
Feb., 1997	47	18,521		42	8,580	5,553		
Mar., 1997	26	13,434		27	5,000	2,758		
Apr., 1997	10	2,909		15	2,323	1,299		
May., 1997	20	11,683		15	5,199	1,399		
June 1997	5	8,037		10	2,335	765		
Total FY 1997	310	410,373	0	288	52,794	27,290	19.5%	92.9%
FICAL YEAR 1997 - 98								
July, 1997	10	2,812		8	1,585	823		
Aug., 1997	14	8,741		8	1,496	779		
Sept., 1997	29	19,926		12	2,052	1,278		
Oct., 1997	12	4,717		23	3,185	2,064		
Nov., 1997	23	54,965		10	2,425	1,218		
Dec., 1997	25	36,881		15	4,377	2,776		
Jan., 1998	42	30,026		17	5,300	3,534		
Feb., 1998	37	31,165		29	22,962	8,501		
Mar., 1998	9	13,273		32	9,407	4,372		
Apr., 1998	10	5,628		10	2,603	1,280		
May., 1998	0	225		8	2,885	950		
June 1998	5	2,414		6	1,042	98		
Total FY 1998	216	210,774	0	178	59,317	27,673	41.3%	82.4%
FICAL YEAR 1998 - 99								
July, 1998	9	1,390		8	1,964	717		
Aug., 1998	10	2,241		10	1,048	372		
Sept., 1998	8	2,769		11	2,000	1,148		
Oct., 1998	22	28,705		14	1,860	807		
Nov., 1998	19	9,138		11	1,766	1,092		
Dec., 1998	23	11,959		27	4,441	2,041		
Jan., 1999	41	21,180		18	6,622	3,838		
Feb., 1999	45	26,236		41	12,119	6,924		
Mar., 1999								
Apr., 1999								
May., 1999								
June 1999								
Total FY 1999	177	103,618	0	140	31,821	16,940	47.1%	79.1%

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NEWS RELEASE

James H. Jenkins Jr.
Secretary



CONTACT
504/765-2923

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AGENDA SET FOR MARCH COMMISSION MEETING

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will hold its next regular meeting on Thursday, March 4, 1999 at 10 a.m. The meeting is open to the public and will take place in the Louisiana Room at Department of Wildlife and Fisheries headquarters, 2000 Quail Dr., Baton Rouge.

The agenda follows.

1. Roll call
2. Approval of minutes of Feb. 4, 1999
3. Notice of Intent — 1999-2000 resident game hunting season dates and bag limits
4. Notice of intent — general and WMA hunting rules and regulations
5. National Fishing Week resolution
6. Enforcement and Aviation reports/February
7. Division reports
 - a. Special snow goose hunting regulations update
 - b. New exotic aquatic plant invasion, giant salvinia
 - c. Caney Lake update— artificial reef project
8. Set July 1999 meeting date
9. Public comments
10. Adjournment

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February 24, 1999

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED: _____

AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

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TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
SUBJECT: March Commission Meeting Agenda

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OFFICE OF FISHERIES

INFORMATION & EDUCATION

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WINTON VIDRINE

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DIVISION REPORTS

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JHJ:sch

cc: Jim Patton
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 Don Puckett
 Dennis Kropog
 Division Chiefs

C O V E R

S H E E T



FAX

To: Bill Busbice

Fax #: 318-837-1423

Subject:

Date: February 23, 1999

Pages: 3, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

Please review the attached agenda and then call me. Thanks.

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

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March 4, 1999 Commission Meeting
Wildlife Division

1- Notice of Intent: 1999-2000 Hunting
+ Regulations for Resident Game: Tommy Pickett
2- (Here are two, see e-mail)
3- Division Reports: Special Snow Goose
Hunting Regulations Update: Robert Halm

H/B

NOI - General + WMA Hunting Regulations

Hawkins, Susan

From: Bateman, Hugh
Sent: Friday, February 05, 1999 12:29 PM
To: Hawkins, Susan
Cc: Bowman, Philip; Prickett, Tommy; Morrison, Dave; Olinde, Mike; Helm, Robert
Subject: March 4 Comm. Meeting, Agenda Items for Wildlife Division

Susan: I am sending your usual memo down with our items listed..... You need to get with **Tommy or Dave Morrison** to sort out the Notice of Intent for Hunting Seasons.... There will be two!!!! He said he had talked to you about the WORDING????

- 1) Notice of Intent, 1999-2000 Resident Game Hunting Regulations - Season Dates: Tommy Prickett.
- 2) Notice of Intent, 1999-2000 Resident Game Hunting Regulations - WMAs: Tommy Prickett.
- 3) Division Reports, Snow Goose Hunting Regulations Update: Robert Helm.

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*National Fishing Week
Resolution - Paul Jackson*

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FEB 18 1999

OFFICE OF WILDLIFE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Hawkins, Susan

From: Hawkins, Susan
Sent: Friday, January 15, 1999 8:37 AM
To: Jackson, Paul
Subject: RE: National Fishing Week

I have the Resolution from last year. I will make the date and name changes. As I am sure you already know, the meeting is scheduled for March 4 here in Baton Rouge. Thanks for the advance notice.

Susan

From: Jackson, Paul
Sent: Friday, January 15, 1999 8:17 AM
To: Hawkins, Susan
Cc: Soniat, Lyle; Huston, Wayne
Subject: National Fishing Week

Susan,

I & E needs to be placed on the agenda for the March Commission meeting with the National Fishing Week/Free Fishing Days Resolution. National Fishing Week will begin on Saturday June 5 and conclude on Sunday June 13. Free fishing days in Louisiana would be June 12 & 13, 1999. I will handle the presentation to the Commission.

Do you need me to send you a copy of the resolution? The only changes will be the dates and the names of the commission members.

Paul

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*The only subject I have
is the ENF Report*

Winton

Hawkins, Susan

From: Foote, Karen
Sent: Monday, February 15, 1999 9:37 AM
To: Roussel, John E
Cc: Hawkins, Susan; Greeson, Cathy
Subject: commission agenda

Marine Fisheries has no agenda items as of this date.

We have passed the date for Oversight on the Billfish rule, and the Secretary has authority to finish the promulgation process.

The final date for the legislature to call for Oversight on the Shark rule is February 24.

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NO ITEMS FROM OMF

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to a member of the Office of Wildlife and Fisheries.

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FEB 18 1999

OFFICE OF WILDLIFE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Hawkins, Susan

From: Hawkins, Susan
Sent: Monday, February 08, 1999 8:27 AM
To: 'Russell Lantier'
Subject: RE: Commission Schedule for Hunting Season Public Hearings

The public hearings are scheduled as follows:

- 1) Ruston Civic Center - Ruston, LA - March 9, 1999
- 2) Alexandria Convention Hall - Alexandria, LA - March 15, 1999
- 3) Burton Coliseum - Lake Charles, LA - March 16, 1999
- 4) East Jefferson Library - New Orleans, LA - March 18, 1999

All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and should end by 10:00 p.m.

From: Russell Lantier[SMTP:rlantier.bsba@worldnet.att.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 06, 1999 9:55 PM
To: Hawkins, Susan
Subject: Commission Schedule for Hunting Season Public Hearings

Susan:

At your convenience, I would appreciate you sending me the schedule for the LDWF Commission Public Hearings on the 1999 - 2000 Hunting Season. We're planning on publishing the schedule in the next issue of our association magazine.

Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Russell Lantier
Bayou State Bowhunters Association

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