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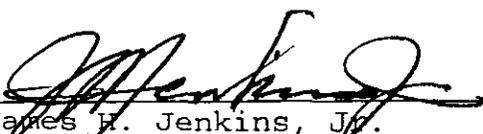
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Turkey season opened in Area A the weekend before the Commission Meeting reminded Mr. Prickett. He then stated he was glad to see cases made for baiting. The preliminary report was that the turkeys were gobbling good and they were still with hens. There was one hunting accident on Three Rivers WMA during the turkey lottery hunt. Commissioner Gattle asked about the turkey baiting regulation. Mr. Prickett explained there used to be a 100 yard rule, but now the wording is "luring and attraction" with no specific distance. Major Spillman stated the regulation now puts the burden of proof on the agents, but the agents are more comfortable making cases now.

Chairman Busbice asked about comments made on hogs and hog season on WMAs. Mr. Prickett stated two individuals recommended a dog season to take hogs on a WMA where there is a resource. Chairman Busbice asked if the Commission could implement a hog hunting license? Mr. Prickett stated hogs are not a game animal, they are considered livestock. Commissioner Babin asked if allowing dogs loose is more a private property issue, or does it fall within the Commission's or local Sheriff's jurisdiction? Secretary Jenkins stated this was an age old problem. He then stated Louisiana does not have uniform trespass laws. The only management tool the Department has is to stop dog hunting in areas where landowners do not want them. Commissioner Babin felt the hunters and/or landowners need to contact their Legislators to get the trespass law addressed. Chairman Busbice commented Louisiana's trespass law is virtually unenforceable. Secretary Jenkins felt allowing people to go on private property to retrieve their dogs was an abuse of people's property rights. An Unidentified Speaker stated 90 percent of the hunting club members are not from East Feliciana Parish. Mr. Prickett stated this is a very sensitive issue and not a biological issue.

After several minutes of discussion, the Commissioners agreed to hold the **August 1999 Meeting** on Thursday, August 5, 1999 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

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There are 6 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.
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Hunting Regulations Recommendations
CHANGES

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Fort Polk WMA- Due to hunter request add 4 days of squirrel hunting.

Biloxi WMA- Establish three camping/boat mooring areas.

Deer Area 1- Grant and Rapides either-sex days. A mistake in the presentation resulted in the
Commission approving seven days instead of nine days of either-sex hunting in the area.
The Dates of Dec. 4-5 were mistakenly remove from the copy the commission acted on.

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

MARCH 1999

REGION 1:

PARISHES: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER,
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WEBSTER

TOTAL CASES	128	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	2
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19	Angling W/O A License
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37	Fishing W/O A Resident Pole License
1	Use Gear W/O A Recreational Gear License
13	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Possession Of Other Non-Game Birds – No Season
2	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
10 black bass; 1 20hp Evinrude motor; 1 mounted black vulture; 1 green jay head; feet of roadrunner; 2 feet, 2 wings, & 1 tail feather of owl; 1 wire net.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1

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43	Boating
14	Commercial Fishing
1	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
68	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
2	WMA Rules and Regulations

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**PARISHES: E. CARROL, JACKSON,
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2	Expired Boat Registration
2	Failure To Comply With PFD Requirements
7	Failure To Have PFD On Person Under 13, While Underway
34	Angle Without A Resident License
1	Angle Without A Non-resident License
3	Fish Without a Resident Pole License
1	Sell Fish W/O Wholesale Dealer's License
1	Take Illegal Size Bass
11	Violations of Rules and Regulations on WMA's
2	Hunt Turkey Closed Season
2	Take Game Fish By Illegal Method
1	Obstruction Of Justice
2	Resist An Officer
1	No Driver's License

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Littering
1	Driving Under Suspension
1	Pass In No Passing Zone
1	Possess Loaded Firearm In State Park
1	Possess Boat With Serial Number Removed
2	Possess Drug Paraphernalia
2	Possession of Marijuana

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2 aluminum boats, 1 Louisiana driver's license, 1 outboard motor and equipment, 27 commercial fish (catfish and gar), 1 crappie, 2 Remington 870 12 gauge shotgun, 1 turkey decoy, 1 turkey call box.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
19	Boating
4	Commercial Fishing
-0-	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
10	Miscellaneous
39	Recreational Fishing
2	State Hunting/Trapping
11	WMA Rules and Regulations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
18	Public Assistance- Aided Boaters and Stranded Motorists

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
8	Russell Sage WMA
3	Ouachita WMA
-0-	Union WMA
-0-	Georgia Pacific WMA

REGION 3:

PARISHES: AVOUELLES, GRANT,
NATCHITOCHEs, RAPIDES
SABINE, VERNON, WINN

TOTAL CASES	129	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	2
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
24	Boating
53	Angling W/O A Resident License In Possession
10	Taking Game Fish Illegal Methods
4	Possess Undersize Freshwater Game Fish
2	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License In Possession
2	Take Or Possess Game Fish Illegally
1	Use Gear W/O Recreation Gear License
1	Block Passage Of Fish
1	Hunt W/O Resident License In Possession
1	Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer
1	Possession Of Wild Quadruped W/O Permit
2	Illegal Spotighting From Public Road
1	Criminal Mischief
13	Littering
7	Criminal Trespass On State Property
1	Take Spoonbill Catfish

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Possess Spoonbill Catfish
4	Standing In Prohibited Place

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 pringles potato chip can, 1 pepsi can, 2 dr. pepper cans, 1 coke can, 5 budweiser cans, 1 7-up can, 1 red and white ice chest, 1 john boat with trailer and outboard motor, 2 rod and reels, 10 hoop nets, 84 crappie, 5 bream, 1 catfish, 7 blue catfish, 1 spoonbill catfish, 3 white bass, 13 black bass, 1 striped bass, 1 doe deer.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
24	Boating
1	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
13	Littering
14	Miscellaneous
72	Recreational Fishing
5	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
2	Spring Bayou W.M.A.

REGION 4:

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

TOTAL CASES	63	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	9
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
12	Boating
20	Angling W/O A License
3	Fishing W/O Resident Pole License
4	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
3	Take Gamefish Illegally
1	Take/Possess Overlimit Of Freshwater Gamefish
4	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
1	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
5	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
1	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Transport W/O Required License
1	Use Lead Nets In Other Than Overflow Region
1	Failure To Mark/Tag Nets
1	Hunting W/O Resident License
1	Failure To Abide By Commission Rules

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Hunt Turkey W/O Turkey Stamp
1	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA
1	Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated
1	Other Than Wildlife & Fisheries (Improper Lane Usage)

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
242 crappie, 1 gar, 1 bass, 1-48 qt. ice chest, 1 hoop net with lead.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
12	Boating
18	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
2	Miscellaneous
27	Recreational Fishing
3	State Hunting/Trapping
1	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
0	Big Lake WMA
3	Boeuf River WMA
0	Buckhorn WMA
4	Dewey Wills WMA
1	Red River WMA
1	Sicity Island WMA
0	Three Rivers WMA

REGION 5:

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

TOTAL CASES	104	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	14
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
39	Boating
18	Angling W/O A License
1	Angling W/O A Non. Res. License
1	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License
1	Use Wire Net Illegal Area
1	Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum
2	Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum
1	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
1	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
3	Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale / Retail Dealer's License
3	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Possess Or Sell Undersize Crabs
1	Use Trawl Exceeding Size Requirements

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
2	Hunt Or Take Deer Closed Season
2	Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours Or With Artificial Light
4	Hunting Ducks W/O Federal Stamps
1	Take Or Possession Of Other Non-Game Birds – No Season
4	Hunt Migratory Game Birds W/O State Stamp
1	Hunt Migratory Game Birds W/O State License
9	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
1	Littering
1	Possession Of Firearm By Convicted Felon

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 – fishing license, 1 – cormorant, 1 – 270 cal. Rifle, 2 – wire fish traps, 6 – trawls, 1 – doe deer, 6 – black drum, 5 – red drum, 100 lbs. crabs RTW, 3879 lbs. shrimp sold for \$6,570, 1 – boat

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
39	Boating
13	Commercial Fishing
10	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
25	Recreational Fishing
6	State Hunting/Trapping
9	WMA Rules and Regulations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
14	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	157	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	1
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
68	Boating
4	Take Crawfish Commercially – Illegal Net Or Trap
3	Buy/Sell Fish W/O Wholesale Retail Seafood Dealers License
3	Buy/Sell Fish W/O Retail Seafood Dealer's License
1	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
2	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
35	Angling W/O Resident License In Possession
2	Hunting W/O Resident License
3	Take Commercial Fish With Non-Approved Devices
3	Fail To Comply With Permit Regulations
5	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
1	Not Abiding By Commission Rules and Regulations
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
6	Fish W/O Resident Pole License

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Hunt W/O Non-Resident License In Possession
1	Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road
1	Littering
1	Take/Possess Game Fish Illegally
2	Discharge Firearm From Public Road
1	Violation Of Sanitary Code
1	Take/Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On Refuge
1	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
2	Take/Possess Gamefish Illegally
2	Use Illegal Mesh/Net Freshwater Gill Net
2	Take/Possess Undersize Comm. Finfish

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
9 illegal crawfish traps, 1 crab trap, 1 beer bottle, 5 sacks of crawfish, 4 black bass, 13 garfish, 22 carp, 8 freshwater drum, 8 gill nets, 1 boat, 1 outboard motor, 7 white bass, 5 blue catfish, 6 shad, 6 buffalo, 16lbs. Catfish, 10 lbs. Garfish, 4 pints oysters.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
68	Boating
31	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
4	Miscellaneous
49	Recreational Fishing
3	State Hunting/Trapping
1	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	Sherburne Wildlife Management Area
0	Thistlethwaite Wildlife Management Area
1	Attakapas Wildlife Management Area

REGION 7:

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

TOTAL CASES	115	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	11
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
27	Boating
47	Angling W/O A License
8	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
7	Angling W/O Pole License
2	Failure To Have Commercial License In Possession
2	Failure To Have Commercial Gear License
4	Sell Fish W/O Non-Resident Wholesale/Retail License
1	Hunting W/O Basic Resident License
1	Hunting Turkey W/O Big Game License
4	Hunting Turkey W/O Turkey Stamp
8	Hunting Turkeys Over Bait
1	Not Abiding Rules And Regulations On WMA
1	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
1	Failure To Maintain Records
1	Hunt Turkey W/O Resident License

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
	WARNING CITATIONS 7A MARCH 1999
10	Angling W/O Resident Fishing License
24	Boating
1	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
1	Hunt Turkey W/O Big Game License
36	Total

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
135 crab traps, 3 shotguns, 3 turkey decoys, and 1 turkey.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
27	Boating
10	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
62	Recreational Fishing
15	State Hunting/Trapping
1	WMA Rules and Regulations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
1	Sandy Hollow WMA
1	Ben's Creek WMA
9	Pearl River WMA

REGION 8:

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

TOTAL CASES	146	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT(WMA)REFUGES	45
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
31	Boating
23	Angling W/O A License
15	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
4	Angling W/O A Saltwater License
3	Angling W/O A Saltwater License Non-Resident
5	Take/Possess Overlimit Of Red Drum
2	Take/Possess Undersized Red Drum
2	Take/Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout
2	Take/Possess Undersized Black Drum
1	Take/Possess Over The Limit Of Black Drum
1	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
3	Take/Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Sell Or Buy Fish W/O Retail Seafood Dealers License
4	Fail To Maintain Records
4	Leave Nets Unattended
8	Use Saltwater Gill Net Illegally

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Fail To Keep Net On Board
4	Fail To Comply With Commission Rules And Regs. Concerning Traversing Permit
2	Take/Possess Commercial Finfish
2	Take Salt Water Commercial Fish With Net Closed Season
1	Sell And/Or Buy Game Fish
6	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
3	Destroy Legal Crab Traps Or Removing Contents
1	Fail To Comply With Spotted Sea Trout Take Regulations
1	Theft Of Crab Trap
4	Take Oysters From Unapproved Area (Polluted)
2	Resisting An Officer
1	Aggravated Assault On An Officer
2	Operate A Vehicle
4	Littering
2	Possession Of Stolen Property

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
Seafood sold at bid: spotted sea trout, 2,349 lbs. sold for \$4,580.55-149 lbs. of black drum sold for -\$156.45: 106 lbs. of sheepshead sold for \$31.80, hardware confiscated; 43 crab traps, 2,640 ft of gill net, 4 boats, 1 fishing rod and reel, 1 ice chest, 2 basic resident fishing license, 1 resident saltwater license, 1 resident commercial vessel license.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
31	Boating
47	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
4	Littering
7	Miscellaneous
57	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	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	Salvador
11	Biloxi
34	Pas a Loutre

REGION 9:

PARISHES: ASSUMPTION, LAFOURCHE,
ST. JAMES, ST. JOHN,
ST. MARTIN, ST. MARY,
TERREBONNE

TOTAL CASES	256	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	18
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
112	Boating
36	Angling W/O A License
12	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
3	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
1	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
16	Angling W/O Saltwater License
4	Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident
3	Fail To Comply With Bait Taking Regulations (Dip Net)
3	Fail To Have Intact Fish (Saltwater)
2	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Take Undersize Red Drum
4	Take Undersized Black Drum (Rec.)
1	Take O/L Black Drum (Rec.)
3	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
1	CML Fisherman Sell To Other Than Wholesale/Retail Dealer

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License (Minnow Trap)
4	Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License (Set Line)
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License (Dip Net)
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License (Crawfish)
6	Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
3	Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
1	Sell Fish W/O wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
4	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Transport W/O Required License (Resident)
1	Use Purse Seines Illegally In Outside Waters
2	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
3	Remove Contents Of Crab Traps
1	Use Illegal Length Nets-Freshwater (Gill Nets)
1	Failure To Tag Nets
1	Possess Over 20% Undersize Crabs
2	Fail To Pay Severance Tax (Shrimp)
1	Failure To Have Written Permission
3	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
1	Taking Oysters From Unapproved Area (Polluted)

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
5	Failure To Display Proper Number On Vessel
2	Fail To Cull Oysters in Proper Location
1	Possession Of Alligators Closed Season
1	Possession Of Live Alligator W/O Permit
1	Taking Herons-No Season
3	WMA'S
1	Littering
1	Possession Of Firearm By Convicted Felon
1	Violation Of Sanitary Code-Chapter 9 (Vessel Regs)

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
5 bags speckled trout filets, 1 red drum, 27 ½ sacks oysters, 180 lbs. garfish sold \$44.10 black drum, 1 Atlantic croaker, 1000 lbs. crabs, 2 black bass, 75 catfish, 4 sacks crawfish, 1 alligator, 1 alligator head & skin, 10 lbs. alligator meat, 44 crab traps, 4 dip nets, 700 ft gill net, 1 rifle, .22 caliber bullets, 23 purchase receipt books (fail to pay severance tax-shrimp)

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
112	Boating
49	Commercial Fishing
1	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
2	Miscellaneous
86	Recreational Fishing
2	State Hunting/Trapping
3	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
2	Atchafalaya Delta
16	Pointe-Aux-Chenes
0	Manhac

REGION -SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT**PARISHES: STATEWIDE**

TOTAL CASES	39	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	0
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
16	Angle Without A License
4	Angle Without A License-Non-Resident
1	Use Crab Traps Without Required Markings
4	Boating
4	Buy & Sell Fish Without A Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealer's License
1	Buy And Sell Fish Without A Retail Seafood License
6	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data
2	Fail To Pay Severance Tax

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
135 crab traps.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SEAFOOD INVEST. UNIT

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Boating
15	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
20	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
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REGION -STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE

PARISHES: STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	41	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	11
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
11	Boating
4	Angling W/O A License
1	Angling W/O A License (Non-Resident)
1	Take Illegal Size Black Drum
1	Angling W/O A Saltwater License (Non-Resident)
1	Leave Nets Unattended
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
1	Leave Nets Unattended
1	Use Saltwater Net Illegally
1	Fail To Keep Net On Board (Traversing)
1	Possess Net W/O Traversing Permit
1	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Marks
1	Destroy Legal Crab Traps Or Remove Contents
2	Trawl State Waters Closed Season
1	Not Abide By Rules And Regs. On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1-1200 feet of gill net, 400 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$457.80, 2 trawls, 43 crab traps, 1 box crabs, 1 black bass.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
11	Boating
18	Commercial Fishing
2	Oysters
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
7	Recreational Fishing
2	State Hunting/Trapping
1	WMA Rules and Regulations
0	Federal Migratory

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
5	Pointe Au Chien
6	Pass -A-Loutre

S.W.E.P. -COASTAL

PARISHES: STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	17	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	0
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	Angling W/O A License
2	Use Crab Traps Without Regulation Marking
2	No Vessel License
1	No Commercial Fisherman License
1	No Commercial Gear License
6	Trawling In Closed Season
1	Use Trawls Exceeding Size Requirement

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
4,071 lbs. of shrimp seized and sold for \$8,320.00, 150 crab traps, 10 trawls.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR S.W.E.P.

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
13	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
4	State Hunting/Trapping

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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	

45 BOATS CHECKED; 160 ENGINE HOURS RUNNING TIME.

REGION -OYSTER STRIKE FORCE**PARISHES: STATEWIDE**

TOTAL CASES	21	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	0
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Boating
5	Take Oysters From A Polluted Area
2	Harvest Oysters From An Unmarked Lease
2	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Bottoms
1	Failure To Have Written Permission
1	No Commercial License
1	No Commercial Gear License
2	No Commercial Vessel License
1	No Recreational Fishing License
2	Theft From State By Fraud
2	Filing False Public Records

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
132 sacks of oysters, 2 oyster vessels, 2 oyster dredges.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Boating
4	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
4	Miscellaneous
1	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	WMA Rules and Regulations
10	Oysters

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 - 113
TOTAL CASES -1184

ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT

FEBRUARY, 1999

March

185-Amph. - 61092
Hrs. 42.2

185-Float - 9667Q
Hrs. - 64.4

210 - 9467Y
Hrs. - 12.7

Enforcement Hours - 99.4

Other Divisions - 19.9

Total Plane Use - 119.3

Cases Made in Conjunction with Aircraft Use Resulted in Citations issued for:

- 2 - Not abiding by rules and regulations on WMA
 - 9 - Failure to display proper numbers on oyster vessel
 - 2 - Destroy legal crab traps or removing contents
 - 1 - Failure to comply with P.F.D. requirements
 - 2 - Violation on Sanitary Code Chapter 9 (Vessel Regulations)
 - 4 - Trawl state waters in closed season
- 20- Total Cases

Confiscations:

200 pounds of crabs returned to water, 100 ft. gill net removed from water, 27 sacks of oysters returned to water, 1,175 pounds of shrimp

Rescue of 2 adults and 2 children off of the beach at Rollover Bayou

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Department held four public hearings throughout the state in March. Sites for the public hearings were in Ruston, Alexandria, Lake Charles and New Orleans. A total of 189 people attended the hearings with 69 making comments. The major topics discussed centered on deer seasons and Wildlife Management Areas. The following is a brief synopsis of the major comments. More detailed information and notes concerning the public hearings are attached.

Deer Hunting Comments:

The most discussed issue concerning deer was the Area 2 deer season structure. A total of 8 individuals indicated support for opening Area 2 on the first Saturday in November while 2 were opposed to the change. Four speakers expressed an interest in a season extension on Kistachie National Forest with additional days given in the dog hunting segment. Legalizing magnified scopes during muzzleloader seasons was mentioned by 2 speakers while later seasons in Area 1, 2, and 7 and banning of baiting was also mentioned.

Wildlife Management Area Comments:

Camping/Mooring areas on Biloxi were the most discussed issue for WMAs with 5 speakers expressing a need for more and/or different locations than recommended by the Department. The existing regulation concerning removal of deer stands daily was opposed by 3 speakers as was the new proposed rule that would require hunters to enter the WMA no earlier than 2 hours before legal shooting time. There was also interest expressed by 2 individuals to allow hog hunting with dogs on WMAs.

Miscellaneous:

A wide variety of comments were received on numerous topics. Some comments included later duck season, more law enforcement agents, additional law enforcement on WMAs, pro goose creeping and earlier opening date for squirrel season.

**PUBLIC HEARING
RUSTON
MARCH 8, 1999**

SUMMARY:

There were 58 people in attendance with 11 total speakers. Comments were centered on deer hunting with 11 total comments. The mos discussed issue was the change in Area 2 with 4 speakers in favor of moving the season one week later and one opposed to the change. Two speakers indicated an interest in reestablishing a split in the dog segment while a single comment was made for Quality Deer Management (implement on a parish by parish basis) and additional doe days during the dog segment of the season. One comment was made relative to small game and this was a request to increase dog hunting opportunities fro squirrel and rabbits on Bodcau WMA. Miscellaneous comments were received with respect to clarification of hog hunting regulations, eliminate the ban on shotgun plugs, introduce deer from other states to enhance genetics and more Law Enforcement Agents are needed.

1. Bobby Jones - Ruston
 - A. Season dates addressed by President
 - B. Tagging system needed
 - a. Feasibility needs to be studied

2. Guerin Simms - Jackson Parish
 - A. Bienville Parish-Area 2
 - B. Complimented new season dates
 - a. In tune with cooler weather
 - C. Genetics
 - a. Wisconsin Blues
 - 315 lbs field dressed
 - 13 ½ years old
 - D. Restock these into Louisiana
 - a. Let hunting club buy & restock

3. Eddie Harton
 - A. Claiborne-Parish Area 2
 - B. Put split back in Dog Season
 - C. Questioned why you can have grounds in rifle by only 3 in shotgun

4. Dick Smith
 - A. LDHA
 - B. Happy with all dates
 - C. Last year Steve Hebert did a good job in Bodcau
 - a. Closed deer season for small game opportunity
 - b. Increase small game hunting opportunities

- c. Squirrel dogs, need more
 - Dec. 11-Jan. 14
- d. Rabbit Jan. 15-Feb. 29

5. RA Durham-Claiborne

- A. Change for Area 2 good.
 - a. More productive season as a result
- B. More doe days in dog season
 - a. Why not more?
- C. Regulations not clear on hogs
 - a. Regs on private lands

6. Bill Cooly

- A. More Enforcement/States that Enforcement agents continue to be lost
- B. Opposed to Area 2 changes

7. Bill Jimmerson

- A. SE Bienville Parish (54 members)
- B. Excited about change in dates
- C. Extension of season

8. Johnny Smith

- A. LDHA (Dog Hunter Assoc)
- B. Put the split in dog season but not at risk of days

9. Mike Davis

- A. Lincoln 10,000 Management Unit (Multiple Clubs)
- B. North Louisiana Quality Deer Management Association
 - a. Likes QDM
- C. Understands problems on statewide basis
 - a. Why not implement on parish by parish basis?

10. Terry Cox

- A. Claiborne-7 Club Association
- B. Earlier in season (Rut)
- C. Harvest does before Rut
- D. Leave dates similar to last year, don't move later
- E. Good season as is

11. Brady Newman (Bienville)

- A. Like change (Area 2)
- B. End dog season on Saturday rather than Friday

**ALEXANDRIA PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 15, 1999**

SUMMARY:

There were 57 people in attendance with 22 total speakers. Comments were centered on deer hunting regulations. Discussions were primarily concerned with the Kisatchie deer season and either sex hunting. Four people commented on the KNF season with all in favor of a season extension and increasing the dog hunting opportunity. It was also requested to add dog days in Area 2 (3 individuals). With respect to either-sex hunting four people commented that there were too many days while one requested to leave it as is. Other comments were to have fewer doe days on KNF and one to have more days during the dog segment. The movement of Area 2 deer season was supported by 3 speakers while was uncertain for the need of an earlier opening in Area 3. Legalizing magnified scopes was requested by 2 individuals while 2 individuals also addressed crossbow permits and the need to provide permits to those that truly needed them. Wildlife Management Areas were commented on by 4 speakers. The 2 hour rule was opposed by 3 people that duck hunt on WMAS and one speaker requested that muzzleloader season be on weekdays rather than weekends. Miscellaneous comments were for more law enforcement (2) and law enforcement for WMA personnel (2).

1. Oscar Kierum
 - Crossbow regulations
 - Amputee
 - Can't pull conventional bow
 - Discriminating

2. Bill Stevens
 - Area 2 - 3
 - Move part of 2 - 3
 - No place to run dogs
 - More dog days KNF
 - More dog days in Area 2

3. Todd Walker
 - Area 2 still hunt only area
 - Move to more dog hunt opportunities
 - Either Sex days
 - Add days to dog segment or restructure days to provide more in dog segment
 - Refer to Kisatchie Season (more dog hunting because no place else to run dogs except on government land)

4. James Cunts - See above
 - Still hunt in Area 2
 - Move to dog season

5. Joseph Bodnett
 - Kisatchie National Forest
 - Day cut in Kisatchie due to low deer density
 - Cut doe days in KNF

6. Eugene Hague
 - Vernon Parish
 - Problem year before
 - Trapping problem
 - Beaver
 - Inform lease holder if this goes on

7. Scott Brinkenhoff
 - WMA's
 - Prohibit road hunting is a positive move
 - Safety is good
 - Duck hunter
 - 2 hour rule
 - Cause problems
 - Bass tournament atmosphere
 - Hunters will be racing to the spot
 - Result in more Hunter confrontation
 - This will punish those people with small outboard

8. Kim Evans
 - Dogs
 - Against Dogs because of the problems associated
 - Road hunters
 - Too many doe days
 - Opening day doe day is not good
 - Turkey
 - Natchidoches Parish needs to be restocked
 - Enforcement
 - Over worked under staffed and need more

9. Gene Robicheaux
 - Crossbow
 - Finger cut off
 - No cross bow permit
 - Common Sense should rule who can hunt with a crossbow
 - Doe Days
 - Doe days too many
 - System to evaluate each area for Either sex days

10. Bobby Moss

- Better public notification for hearings
 - Area 2-
 - Good idea with a later opening
 - Area 3-
 - Early opening is confusing
 - Not sure it makes sense to open one side of the highway 3 weeks earlier than across the highway
11. Richard Schwantz
- Support move of Area 2
 - Deer season
12. Lynn Blond
- Area 1 needs fewer doe days of hunting
 - Muzzleloader
 - Allow magnified scopes
 - Too many doe days
 - Outlaws take does
13. Roy Malone
- Duck hunter
 - 2 hour rule
 - HAVAC for duck hunters
 - Will kill people
 - Loss of specialist is bad (Enforcement)
 - No fear anymore because they are not checked as often
14. RL Springerhoff
- Road Rage will result with the 2 hour rule
 - Against 2 hour rule
 - Always checked when area personnel were law enforcement
 - Not anymore
15. Leon Blaylock
- Doe days
 - Too many
 - More Enforcement
 - WMA specialists need law enforcement as well
16. Tommy Malone
- QDM - Statewide
 - Major change put questionnaire with license for people to answer
17. Al Matthews
- Doe days
 - Use tags instead

- 26 deer a year by one person
- Area 2 later is good

18. Mike Clark

- In line is effective
- Legalize magnified scope for muzzleloaders to reduce crippling loss
- 6 deer too many
 - Reduce buck harvest
 - 2 bucks/yr

19. Joe Cooper

- Area Description need to be better defined
 - 3 times the deer in North LA when compared to Grant parish

20. Ernie Bayer

- Kisatchie National Forest
 - 20 day only
 - Why limited the entire area to fewer days if other areas can support more days
 - Quit burning part of the reason deer numbers down
- Doe days
 - Vernon - Need doe days
 - DMAP
 - Doe tags to kids not used
 - Doe days this year was the only time they could kill enough does
 - 43 members killed 12 does in 11 days
 - Found does were out weighing buck
 - No doe days and the quality of deer will decline

Unknown

- Muzzleloader season on certain WMAS needs to be on weekend and not on weekdays

**LAKE CHARLES PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 16, 1999**

SUMMARY:

There were 35 people in attendance with 13 total speakers. Speakers on waterfowl were most prevalent with electronic calls being effective (2), a 3 way split for duck season (1) and a later season mentioned by 2 people. The change in Area 2 was discussed by two speakers, one supportive and one opposed. Three other comments were made with respect to deer: legalize .41 caliber for muzzleloader hunting (1), dog hunting results in trespass problems (1) and ban baiting for deer hunting. One person requested an earlier opening date for squirrel season.

1. J.W. Raspberry
 - Area 2 - Move season - Later
 - Likes season recommended
 - No does days as the end of the season

2. James Broussard
 - Federal regulations
 - Goose hunting
 - Allow electronic calls earlier. Would even consider giving up some spec hunting for this.

3. Linsey Vassar
 - Move squirrel season opening earlier if possible
 - Area 3 change has helped
 - Late Sept. Would be fine

4. Jim Robinson
 - 3 way split on ducks
 - Early as possible
 - Lake as possible and the rest in the middle

5. Tom Watson
 - Waterfowl
 - End later than now

6. Tim Castle
 - Why no tagging system
 - Explore the possibility
 - Waterfowl season extension
 - Be careful if this is done
 - Goose electronic calls are effective

7. Bobby Edmunson
 - Black powder to include .41 caliber

8. Jack Seales
 - Aflatoxin, corn
 - is opposed to Baiting
 - Ban bait (Commission must have courage to do so)
9. Al Lacey
 - Area 2
 - Season was good without moving back
10. Jim Beale - Canada goose tag rather than permit
11. Cree Owen
 - Area 2
 - DMAP group like D-2
12. Bill Rodson
 - Dog running
 - Trespass problem
13. Jack Surles
 - Hog release not good
 - Law to prohibit hogs in Louisiana

In attendance:

Cree Owen
Bobby Edmaiston
Tim Castle
Tom Watson
Jim Robinson
Winzy Vassar, Jr.
James Broussard
JW Rasbeary

**PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 18, 1999
NEW ORLEANS**

SUMMARY:

There were 39 people in attendance with 23 total speakers. Comments were centered on the WMA regulations. The primary topic was camping/mooring on Biloxi and the need for additional mooring sites. All speakers indicated a need for at least 3 mooring areas rather than 2. Numerous reasons were given with spreading people out being the primary reason as well as locating sites in areas that were accessible yet no disturb wildlife. Other WMA comments were definition of portable toilets (1), allow deer stands to remain on the WMA (3), establish a hog dog season for hog control (2), and 3 other miscellaneous comments (natural vegetation for blinds is working, more ATV trails, agreed with the Hunter Orange hat recommendation and limit Go-devil use on Manchac). Deer hunting comments were directed at closing Area 2 on a Sunday rather than a Friday (2), a later season in both Area 1, 2 and 7 (1 comment for each) and fill in the split in Area 6. Miscellaneous comments were for protocol on how to contact agent if problems occurred (1), mandatory hunter safety for everyone (1) and comments on goose creeping should have been banned sooner.

1. Jim Green
 - Wildlife Federation Resolution that would require all hunters to be attend Hunter Education Course before they buy a license.
 - This needs to be done

2. Alvin Grant
 - Area 2
 - Close Jan 14, (Move to Sunday) which would require adding 2 days at the end of the season.

3. Eric Byer
 - Camp in Bayou Biloxi
 - Designated camping area
 - Long bayou
 - Four or five areas not listed that should be.
 - More disturbance to wildlife with fewer camping areas
 - Look for more sites to designate mooring areas
 - Money is better spent doing habitat work not putting down pilings

4. Rudy
 - Biloxi WMA
 - Toilets- What is definition of system
 - Goose Hunting regulations
 - Commission was to slow in reinstating goose creeping

5. Jeffrey Dixon
 - Establish a hog dog season on WMAs to control population
6. Michael Richie
 - Problem with poaching (St. Tammany)
 - Protocol to contact agents
 - Area 1
 - Rut later; needs later season
 - Lower portion of Area 1
7. Lawrence
 - Biloxi WMA
 - See Byers comments
 - Spend money on habitat work not on establishing mooring areas
 - Areas designated
 - No entrance from east side
 - Can't get into Lakeshore Bayou
 - Agrees with Eric Byer comments
8. Alvin Myer
 - Salvador
 - Deer stands
 - Need to allow deer stands overnight
 - Unique situation in the coastal area
 - Confiscated all stands on Thanksgiving
 - Go back to old way
 - Motor size needs to be increased on interior marches
 - Only during duck and goose season
9. Clyde Mathern
 - Salvador duck hunter
 - Hyacinth problem (on speaker)
 - Blinds (natural vegetation) has worked
 - Gallinule
 - Same as ducks
10. Jay McKenny
 - WMA ATV
 - Wants more trails
 - Four points or better on WMAs
11. Leon Luttrell
 - Handicapped 75 years old
 - Supports ATV/Road closure upper hunting
 - Camping area are not peoples supervises

- Post signs in camping what rules are
 - 2 hours rule is a must
 - Stand removal needs to be done away with
 - Go back to way it was
12. Curt Himel
 - Salvador needs 2:00 pm closure after duck season
 13. Dave McCloskey
 - Limit go devils a Manchac
 - Galva Canal only
 14. Louis Martin
 - Hunter safety on WMA
 - Hunter Orange hat is positive move
 - What is the wisdom removing deer stands daily
 - Go back to old way
 - Two hour rule
 - Seismic survey on Grassy Lake cause a lot of problems
 - Don't allow this again
 15. Claude Stevens
 - Hog Dog season
 - Permit for hog hunting
 - Also will need to change rules to allow big pistols
 16. Walter Porcrea
 - Biloxi - Same comments as above
 - need more than 2 morning areas
 17. Tom McConnell
 - Biloxi see above
 18. Fred Mason
 - Area 2 Deer area
 - Pushed back even further
 - Thanksgiving until January 31
 - Weekend at end
 19. Keith Gremillion
 - Terrebonne - Deer season (Area 7)
 - Move later
 20. Gary Eker
 - Deer

- Fill in split

21. Biloxi WMA

- Will commercial activities be allowed during the day

22. Biloxi WMA

- Need more mooring area
- Spread out people

23. Biloxi WMA mooring

- Different sites than the ones selected

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SCHEDULE FOR FINAL RULES TO BE PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER

JULY-99

RULE - 1999-2000 Hunting Season Dates

RULE - General & WMA Hunting Rules & Regulations

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NEWS RELEASE

James H. Jenkins Jr.
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CONTACT
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3/26/99

AGENDA SET FOR APRIL COMMISSION MEETING

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March 23, 1999

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TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
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SUBJECT: April Commission Meeting Agenda

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OFFICE OF FISHERIES

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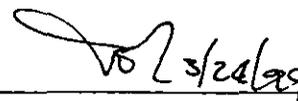
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APPROVED: _____

 3/24/99

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Date: March 23, 1999
Pages: 3, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

Please review the attached agenda for the April 1, 1999 Commission Meeting and then give me a call. Thanks.

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

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Tenny: You should do this one - Thanks HB

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*Dave — Duck Stamp Contest + Annou
Pecce*

Mike — Update on public hearing

*Moreland — Coon tests results from Larry —
I will be gone that week*

Helm — Nothing new

Morrison — Duck Stamp Contest - Annouce Species

Prickett — Public Hearing Results - Division Report

~~*Savage — Statewide Testing Update*~~

Public Comment - Seasons + Limits
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Susan:
I have no agenda
items from inland fish.
→ Amks
Bennie

Hawkins, Susan

From: Foote, Karen
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 1999 12:21 PM
To: Roussel, John E
Cc: Boudreaux, Claude; Hawkins, Susan
Subject: commission agenda

As of this date Marine Fisheries has no agenda items for the April meeting.

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NOTHING FOR THE AGENDA
FROM UMF

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