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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, May 1, 1997

Chairman Daniel Babin presiding.

Jerald Hanchey  
Tom Gattle  
Norman McCall  
Perry Gisclair  
Joseph Cormier

Secretary James H. Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Commissioner Glynn Carver was absent from the meeting. Chairman Babin expressed sympathy from the Commission to Commissioner Carver on the passing of his mother-in-law.

Chairman Babin called for a motion for approval of the **April 3, 1997 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner McCall and seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. The motion passed with no opposition.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hanchey to move the **Shell Dredging Lease Bid Package, Central Coast** item down on the agenda. This was seconded by Commissioner Cormier and passed with no opposition.

A presentation on the **Declaration of Emergency to Set 1997 Spring Shrimp Season** was given by Mr. Brandt Savoie. Mr. Savoie began acknowledging the effort made by the staff in obtaining the samples needed for the presentation. The discussion began with overheads of production landings by month for 1996 as compared with 1995 and a mean average for years 1987 through 1996; production from 1980 through 1996; catch of shrimp taken in Louisiana waters but landed elsewhere for years 1976 through 1996; and shrimp gear license sales for 1975 through 1996.

Next, Mr. Savoie presented the environmental conditions that impact the spring shrimp crop. Graphs showed rainfall for southeast Louisiana; comparison of rainfall for the year 1996 and the first four months of 1997; amount of discharge for the Mississippi River system. The comparison of Mississippi River discharge for 1996 and the first four months was shown, and Mr. Savoie felt a lot of fishermen were wondering what effect the Bonnet Carre's opening has had. He stated Zone 1, the eastern part of the state, has been affected pretty significantly. The next graphs shown were on the water temperatures by month and by day during April for the southern Barataria Bay system; tidal range for

April; monthly salinity for the northern Barataria Bay system; and acreage of available habitat for brown shrimp for April. The next set of graphs pertained to biological data. These included postlarval catch of shrimp in Barataria Bay; brown shrimp data from 6' trawl tests by numbers and mean size; shrimp catch per effort in trawls by bay system; and shrimp size by bay system. A map showing the three shrimp zones was shown. Then a chart for each zone and a statewide chart was shown predicting when marketable size shrimp (100 count) would cross the 50 percent criteria line. The final graph shown was on May's predicted tidal conditions. Chairman Babin commended Mr. Savoie on his presentation. Commissioner Gisclair asked if this year's habitat loss stayed the same in the central part of the state? Mr. Savoie stated no, a small amount of acreage was lost. Then Commissioner Gisclair asked, when you consider loss of habitat, do you consider erosion and other things in this loss, and what has caused the production to go down on the west side of Bayou Lafourche over the past four or five years? Chairman Babin asked if the statewide 50 percent criteria was May 22 and did it parallel with Zones 1 and 2? He then opened the discussion for public comments.

Mr. Bill Dekemel, East Bank Commercial Fisherman's Association, stated, due to the Corps of Engineers, there will not be much production in the upper part of Zone 1. He suggested a statewide opening of May 26; but if you go with zones, then open Zone 2 on May 19 and Zones 1 and 3 on May 26. The problem in Zone 1 this year was the opening of the spillway and the accidental re-opening of the spillway.

Mr. Gene Adams, Gulf Coast Commercial Fishing Coalition, stated they would like to see Zone 2 open on May 13, but no later than May 19. He felt a statewide opening would be a disaster.

Mr. George Terrebonne, The Seafood Shed, stated the next moon was on May 6, and if they miss the moon on May 22, they would probably miss the whole season. He felt the season should open on May 12.

Ms. Tracy Kuhns, Louisiana Environmental Action Network, requested a Zone 2 opening date no later than May 19. Then she asked that the Commission or Department suspend 3-D seismic activity in inside waters for a minimum of the first two to three weeks of the season so the fishermen could earn an income. Ms. Kuhns then stated Act 1316 allows the Commission to make fisheries management decisions based not only on biology, but also on social and economic reasons as well.

Mr. Roland Trosclair stated he agreed with a May 19 opening for Zones 2 and 1; but asked that Zone 3 be opened on May 26.

Commissioner Cormier asked Mr. Savoie why Zone 3 is so different from the other areas? Mr. Savoie stated Zone 3 was a

different type of estuarine system and the shrimp only had one way in and out of the area. Zone 3 also does not get the wide distribution of shrimp like the other areas do. All the shrimp mature at the same rate and come into the area a little later than in the other parts of the state.

An unidentified speaker stated the date the May shrimp season was opened has nothing to do with next year's season. The only thing the opening has a bearing on for Zone 2 was the closing and the white shrimp season.

Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Gisclair reminded the audience this was their meeting and stressed the importance of continuing to come to the meeting. He then thanked Nicholls State University for allowing the Commission to hold the meeting on campus.

Mr. Timmy Cheramie, a commercial fisherman, stated the season should not be opened any later than May 12 based on the samples being caught now.

Mr. Ricky Griffin, a commercial fisherman, asked if there was any data to indicate how many shrimp are caught before the season opened in Zone 2? Then he stated he would like the season to open on May 19.

Mr. T-Roy Bourg explained what happened with the opening for last year. He asked for the opening to be before the moon in May and not after the moon. Chairman Babin asked Mr. Bourg if he was speaking of the second moon on May 22? Mr. Bourg stated yes, and asked for the opening before the 19th of May also.

Chairman Babin stated when you talk of an average, there would always be larger shrimp and smaller shrimp. He then stated at last year's meeting, 7 people spoke, and from those 7, 6 asked for the date that the season was opened and 1 asked for a week later. He also commented the shrimpers need to speak about what is important to the industry and that decisions are based on what the public requests and what the Department biologists present.

Ms. Carol Terrebonne, The Seafood Shed, recommended opening on May 12.

Chairman Babin asked Mr. Savoie what would happen with the size of the shrimp the longer the season was delayed and how much more recruitment would there be? Mr. Savoie stated hopefully recruitment would continue until the early summer months. The weather conditions would determine when the shrimp would move, which is usually around the tidal cycles associated with the moon phase. Chairman Babin asked Mr. Savoie if he could predict what the overall weather was going to be over the next two or three weeks? Mr. Savoie stated with the weather unstable as it has been

so far, there was a chance for some strange things to happen. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Babin asked for a motion from the Commission in setting the spring shrimp season. Commissioner Gisclair made a motion to open Zones 1 and 2 on May 19 and Zone 3 on May 26. This motion was seconded by Commissioner McCall. Mr. Savoie asked that a specific time be included in the motion. Commissioner Gisclair amended the motion to include 6 AM as the starting time. Reiterating, Chairman Babin stated there was a motion and a second to open Zones 1 and 2 on May 19 at 6 AM and Zone 3 on May 26 at 6 AM. The motion passed with no opposition. Mr. Savoie then read the Declaration of Emergency and the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution.

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

#### RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** the traditional management criteria used by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in recommending the opening dates for the spring inshore shrimp season are based on the population of shrimp in each zone reaching such a size that 50 percent or more of the shrimp are 100 count per pound or larger, and

**WHEREAS,** current biological data show that at least 50 percent of the 1997 brown shrimp crop will meet the 100 count per pound management criteria in shrimp management Zone 1 by May 21, 1997, in Zone 2 by May 21, 1997 and in Zone 3 by May 29, 1997, and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Commission hereby opens the spring inshore shrimp season in Zone 1 at 6:00 a.m., May 19, 1997, Zone 2 at 6:00 a.m., May 19, 1997 and in Zone 3 at 6:00 a.m., May 26, 1997.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Commission hereby grants to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries the authority to close any portion of Louisiana's inshore waters to protect small white shrimp.

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Daniel J. Babin, Chairman  
La. Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
La. Department of Wildlife &  
Fisheries

#### DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters and shall have the authority to open or close outside waters, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1997 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season to open as follows:

Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the Mississippi State Line to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River, to open at 6:00 a.m., May 19, 1997, and

Zone 2, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island, to open at 6:00 a.m., May 19, 1997, and

Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island westward to the Texas State Line, to open at 6:00 a.m., May 26, 1997.

The Commission also hereby grants to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries the authority to close any zone or portion of the State's waters to protect small white shrimp if biological and technical data indicates the need to do so, or enforcement problems develop.

Daniel J. Babin  
Chairman

The next item, **Final Ratification of Experimental Dove Field Leasing Program** was presented by Mr. Hugh Bateman. In December, a Notice of Intent was passed establishing regulations for the dove leasing program on private lands. There have been no public comments received opposing this regulation. Mr. Bateman felt this has been a very popular program. The only problem was finding enough fields for people to hunt on. Chairman Babin asked Mr. Bateman to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. A motion was made by Commissioner Gisclair to adopt the resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Gattle. The motion passed with no opposition.

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

#### RESOLUTION

Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission  
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

May 1, 1997

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Thibodaux, LA, May 1, 1997.

- WHEREAS, dove hunting in Louisiana is a popular sport and lands open to the public for dove hunting are few, and
- WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission endeavors to increase hunting opportunities for the people of Louisiana, and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 56:783, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has the authority to lease and establish public hunting areas, and
- WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is vested with the authority to establish rules and regulations for public hunting areas by L.R.S. 56:109, and
- WHEREAS, this action will provide for safe and orderly hunts, and increase opportunities for Louisiana hunters, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules and regulations for the Experimental Dove Field Leasing Program are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

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Daniel J. Babin, Chairman  
La. Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
La. Department of Wildlife &  
Fisheries

#### RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate rules governing hunting on property leased for public dove hunting by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

#### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

## Part XIX. Hunting

### Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Seasons

#### §107. Experimental Dove Field Leasing Program

A. In recognition of the popularity of dove hunting and the lack of lands available to the general public for dove hunting, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission establishes rules for an experimental public dove hunting program on private lands leased by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

B. The following rules will apply to those lands which dove hunting rights have been leased by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for the day(s) specified in the lease.

1. All hunters are required to have a daily permit. This permit will be available at the field on the day of the hunt. Permits will be issued on a first come - first serve basis. An administrative fee may be charged for daily permits.

2. Leased fields may be closed to additional hunters when a predetermined number of permits have been issued. However, additional hunters may be admitted throughout the day as hunters leave the field and surrender their permits.

3. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed or possessed on the leased property. Persons who appear to be impaired or under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substances will be denied access to the field(s).

4. Shot larger than size 7  $\frac{1}{2}$  is prohibited.

5. Only mourning doves may be taken.

6. Loaded firearms are prohibited in vehicles or at check stations.

7. Persons exhibiting unsafe gun handling shall be removed from the field(s).

8. Vehicles are restricted to designated areas or roads.

9. No littering. Each hunter is responsible for removing his/her trash, including shell hulls, from the leased property.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:783 and 56:109B.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR (May 1997).

Daniel J. Babin  
Chairman

A Declaration of Emergency & Notice of Intent for an Increase in Cost of Non-Resident Louisiana Duck Stamp was handled by Mr. Dave Morrison. The authority has been granted to the Commission to establish fees for non-resident recreational hunting and fishing licenses by the Legislature. In order to continue funding on-going wetland projects in the state, Mr. Morrison felt raising these fees would be the first step in maintaining the operation of the projects. Another reason for the \$6 increase in fees was because Louisiana is a premier waterfowl hunting state and other states in the southeast charge from \$3 to \$16. This change would bring Louisiana's fees more in line with those of other states, stated Mr. Morrison. An increase in the duck stamp fund would be between \$55,000 to \$60,000. The number of people that would have to pay the extra \$6 would be approximately 8,000 to 10,000 people. The reason for the Declaration of Emergency was because the licenses have to be ordered now so the new fees could be implemented for the 1997-98 license year. A 120 day process for the Notice of Intent would follow. Mr. Morrison then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Gattle asked if the Commission was voting to make it effective now or later on in the year? Commissioner McCall made a motion to accept the increase for non-resident duck stamps. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Cormier and unanimously approved.

(The full text of the Resolution, Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

#### RESOLUTION

#### LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

May 1, 1997

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Thibodaux, LA, May 1, 1997.

**WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Duck Stamp Program was established by the legislature in 1988 by Act 632 to raise funds to conserve Louisiana's valuable wetlands, and

**WHEREAS,** the funds raised from the sale of Louisiana duck stamps are deposited in the Louisiana Duck Stamp Fund to be used specifically for the purpose of wetland conservation, and

**WHEREAS,** the Department has been actively involved with acquiring, managing and maintaining numerous wetland projects and providing funding assistance for these efforts on both public and private lands, and

**WHEREAS,** portions of the money utilized for acquisition, management and maintenance of these wetland projects are derived from revenue generated from the sale of Louisiana duck stamps to both resident and non-resident hunters as well as collectors, and

**WHEREAS,** Louisiana's wetlands provide major wintering grounds for migratory birds and hunting opportunity for thousands of non-residents, and

**WHEREAS,** other states in the southeast charge from \$3.00 to \$16.00 for non-resident duck stamps, and

**WHEREAS,** increasing the cost of a non-resident duck stamp by \$6.00 will bring Louisiana's fee more in line with other states and commensurate with hunting opportunity, and

**WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has been granted the authority by the Legislature to establish non-resident fees for recreational hunting and fishing licenses and stamps, and

**WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission wishes to have this license increase in effect for the 1997-98 license year, and

**WHEREAS,** licenses must be ordered now to satisfy the demand for the upcoming license year and be available by July 1, 1997, now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission increases the non-resident \$13.50 by Declaration of Emergency, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a Notice of Intent will be filed to make this license increase effective beyond the 120 days allowed under the provisions of a Declaration of Emergency.

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Daniel J. Babin, Chairman  
La. Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
La. Department of Wildlife &  
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under authority of R.S. 56:6(28), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby increases the fee for the non-resident duck stamp. This increase will be effective for non-resident duck stamps sold beginning with the 1997-98 license year. This action is being taken to allow the Department to order stamps for the 1997-98 license year with these fees duly noted and available by July 1, 1997.

This Declaration of Emergency shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act or until adoption of the final rule, whichever occurs first.

**Title 76**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds**

**Chapter 3. Wild Birds**

**§317. Non-Resident Duck Stamp Fee Increase**

Beginning in the 1997-98 license year, the fee for purchasing a Non-Resident Duck Stamp will be increased from \$7.50 to \$13.50. This change will remain in effect until additional changes are warranted.

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(28).

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

Daniel J. Babin  
Chairman

**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 a rule increasing the fee for non-resident waterfowl stamps.

**Title 76**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

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## Chapter 3. Wild Birds

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(28).

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

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may comment on the proposed rule in writing to Mr. Hugh Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 until 4:30 p.m., July 25, 1997.

Daniel J. Babin  
Chairman

Chairman Babin then asked if there were any **Public Comments on the 1997-98 Resident Game Hunting Seasons?**

Mr. Watson asked the Commission to consider prohibiting dog hunting in an area in southwest Washington Parish. A packet of information was given to the Commissioners which included a letter to Mr. Hugh Bateman which described the area and some other background information. Another letter included in the packet was from the biologist in the area that found no problem with the request. Mr. Watson then went over the exact boundary for this request. He felt they had 75 percent of the landowners in the area sign a petition. A letter from Weyerhaeuser Paper Company was included in the packet which Mr. Watson read. It included prohibiting deer hunting with dogs. Commissioner McCall asked Mr. Watson what land was Weyerhaeuser talking about, their own property or other people's property? Then he asked if the prohibition was to respect Weyerhaeuser's neighbors? Mr. Watson answered yes. Commissioner Gattle asked what was the total acreage that was included on the map? Discussion continued on the availability of land for those that wanted dog hunting and the area requesting prohibiting dog hunting. Commissioner Gattle asked how do you stop a dog from going through a fence on land that prohibits dog hunting? Mr. Watson stated you can not stop a dog. Then

Commissioner Gattle asked what action was taken when a dog does go under a fence? Commissioner McCall asked Mr. Watson if he knew how many dog hunters would be affected by the request? Mr. Watson felt there would be a minimum impact to dog hunters. Commissioner Cormier asked what parish was the area in question in? Mr. Watson stated it was in Washington Parish. Then Commissioner Cormier asked if the Sheriff has been contacted on the trespassing problem and what has the he done to enforce the law? Chairman Babin asked when was the last public comment period before voting on the 1997-98 hunting regulations? Mr. Bateman stated action would have to be taken at the July Commission Meeting. Then Mr. Bateman stated the staff has been working with Mr. Watson over the past few months and it has been a very cooperative effort. Commissioner McCall asked if the proposed changes to the hunting regulations presented at the Commission meetings would have to be voted on separately? Mr. Bateman stated all the issues the Commissioners wanted to change from the original Notice of Intent would require separate action. Commissioner Hanchey asked Mr. Bateman if dogs could be used to hunt on Wildlife Management Areas? Mr. Bateman stated dogs could not be used for deer hunting. Commissioner Hanchey stated, with respect to Senator James David Cain's request, they would like to keep Area 3 as it was last year. Chairman Babin stated he has received numerous phone calls on this issue and they would like for the area to remain as it was. Commissioner Gattle mentioned that Area 5 will have two weeks of either sex hunting for muzzleloader and he recommended it be changed to bucks only. Mr. Bateman stated Commissioner Gattle's request had been discussed and he recommended that it be announced. Then he noted all of the changes would be taken into account when the rule is ratified in July.

**A Declaration of Emergency & Notice of Intent - Black Bass Regulations, Daily Take & Size Limits, John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir** was presented by Mr. Bennie Fontenot. This action would add a new reservoir, John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir, to the list of quality lakes that have special size limits on black bass. The black bass limits are an 8 fish bag with a slot limit of 14 to 17 inches inclusive and no more than 4 fish per day over 17 inches. The new reservoir reached pool stage on August 6, 1996. The staff has been working with the local lake commission and they agree with the black bass regulations. Two years ago, the Commission closed the lake to taking of black bass so the stocked bass could become established in the lake. Bass now are in the 14 to 17 inch slot. The existing moratorium expires on May 31, 1997 and this was the reason for presenting a Declaration of Emergency along with a Notice of Intent. Mr. Fontenot stated the lake was going to be "hot" and there would be really fine fishing in it. Commissioner Gisclair asked what was the majority size of bass being taken out of the lake and is it a catch and release program now? Mr. Fontenot stated it is catch and release, and the fall samples indicated a lot of fish were in the 7 to 8 inch category. The spring samples showed these fish really grew and are now in the slot limit. A copy of a resolution from the Lake Commission was in

the Commissioner's packet for their information. Mr. Fontenot stated a motion was needed for both the Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to accept the Declaration of Emergency. Commissioner Gattle seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Then Commissioner Gattle made a motion to accept the Notice of Intent and it was seconded by Commissioner McCall. This motion also passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby exercise the emergency provision of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) and 49:967(D), and pursuant to its authority under R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 325(C), 326.3 adopts the rule as set forth below. This emergency rule is necessary because the current black bass regulations on John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir will expire on May 31, 1997. Department biologists needed to collect spring 1997 fisheries data before submitting a management proposal to the Commission.

This Declaration of Emergency shall become effective June 1, 1997 and shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act or until adoption of the final rule, whichever occurs first.

## Title 76

### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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

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

#### §149. Black Bass Regulations-Daily Take and Size Limits

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B. In addition, the Commission establishes special size and daily take regulations for black bass on the following water bodies:

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2. Lake Bartholomew (Morehouse and Ouachita parishes), Black Bayou Lake (Bossier Parish), Chicot Lake (Evangeline Parish),

Cross Lake (Caddo Parish), John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir (Red River Parish), Lake Rodemacher (Rapides Parish) and Vernon Lake (Vernon Parish):

a. Size Limit: 14 inch - 17 inch slot. A 14 - 17 inch slot limit means that it is illegal to keep or possess a black bass whose maximum total length is between 14 inches and 17 inches, both measurements inclusive.

b. Daily Take: eight fish of which no more than four fish may exceed 17 inches maximum total length.\*

c. Possession limit:

- i. On water - Same as daily take.
- ii. Off water - Twice the daily take.

\*Maximum total length - The distance in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the most posterior point of the depressed caudal fin as measured with mouth closed on a flat surface.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 14:364 (June 1988), amended LR 17:278 (March 1991), repromulgated LR 17:488 (May 1991), amended LR 17:1122 (November 1991), LR 20:796 (July 1994), LR .

Daniel J. Babin  
Chairman

#### NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to amend a rule for black bass in the John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir.

#### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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

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i. On water - Same as daily take.

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The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may comment on the proposed rule in writing to Mr. Bennie Fontenot, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 until 4:30 p.m., July 3, 1997.

Daniel J. Babin  
Chairman

**A Declaration of Emergency on the Extension of Oyster Season in Calcasieu Parish** was presented by Commissioner Norman McCall. He stated he has received phone calls and personal contacts from oyster fishermen in Calcasieu Lake requesting an extension of the oyster season due to the number of days lost during the season. Commissioner McCall stated he spoke to Mr. Ron Dugas and it was felt this would be a bad thing to do due to the time of the year and the possibility of harming next year's crop. Commissioner McCall stated he would go along with Mr. Dugas' recommendation. Then he asked Mr. Dugas to look into the possibility of what can be done to assist the fishermen next year when they are not able to fish and it affects their pay. Then he asked Mr. Dugas to look into the possibility of what can be done with the large oysters that are so hard to sell to restaurants and maybe see if the oyster reefs could be fished down by increasing the sack limit. Then he asked Mr. Dugas to give a presentation on the number of days that were lost due to rainy conditions. Mr. Dugas stated Commissioner McCall's request to extend the season could not be fulfilled due to the framework for the season. This year's season was opened to the maximum due to the fact there was an available resource and it needed to be utilized. Then Mr. Dugas stated his main concern was the month of May is the critical time for recruitment for oysters and harvesting now could damage or kill a lot of the spat. The West Cove area was not fished 118 days due to health closures imposed within the season's framework. Next year's season would be assessed, commented Mr. Dugas. He then stated, what he did do wrong this season was raising the sack limit only to 15, when it could have gone to 30. Chairman Babin stated someone would have to look at the statute to see if the Commission has the authority to re-open the season more than one time a year. Mr. Dugas stated, if the resource is available, every effort would be made to give the fishermen the maximum amount of time available to fish the resource.

Chairman Babin went back to the item, **Shell Dredging Lease Bid Package, Central Coast** and asked Mrs. Karen Foote to make the presentation. She began stating Commissioner Hanchey chaired the Committee Meeting and asked Ms. Foote to report the results to the full Commission. Two resolutions were presented to the Commission which covered the action passed by the Committee. The actions included bidding out a shell dredging lease for another 3 years in the same tract except increasing the size of tract 2 by the same number of acres that was removed as a result of a Department of Natural Resources Coastal Use Permit. Other action included accepting the bid form and lease package as the staff presented it to them. The minimum royalty was recommended to be 1/8 of \$10 or \$1.25 per cubic yard and setting the Guaranteed Annual Minimum Royalty at \$1,000,000. Commissioner Gisclair asked if the language was the same as that used in the 1994 packet? Chairman Babin asked if two motions, one for each resolution, were needed? Mrs. Foote answered yes. Then she read the first resolution. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to accept this resolution and it was seconded

by Commissioner Cormier. This motion passed with a unanimous vote. Then the second resolution was read by Mrs. Foote. Commissioner McCall made a motion to accept the second resolution. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Gattle and it passed with no opposition.

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

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA

MAY 1, 1997

RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** the recommendations of the Minerals Committee, Counsel and staff having been considered.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that this Commission does hereby adopt the recommendations of the Mineral Committee with regard to the lease form and bid package and specifically adopts the tracts which are described in the lease document and indicated by Department plats; and the Commission, upon approval of the Secretary, requests that an equivalent number of acres be added to the northern portion of Tract 2 as were effectively removed from availability to shell dredging in Tract 1 by the Department of Natural Resources Coastal Use Permit #P960332 in paragraph d, subparagraphs i):(c) and (h).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Commission does hereby instruct the Secretary and staff to carry out all necessary acts for the approval of the lease form including, but not limited to, submission of the lease form to the Mineral Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to make such changes to the lease form and bid package as may be requested by the Mineral Board, or recommended by staff.

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Daniel J. Babin, Chairman  
La. Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
La. Department of Wildlife &  
Fisheries

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA

MAY 1, 1997

RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** the recommendation of the Minerals Committee, Counsel and staff having been considered; and

**WHEREAS,** for purposes of the prospective lease, the Commission is charged with determining the minimum acceptable royalty bid as a fraction of the "selling price of the shell produced" which is defined as the price of the shell FOB dredge site, exclusive of any transportation cost and the guaranteed annual minimum royalty; and

**WHEREAS,** the minimum royalty on the 1994 lease bid package was one-eighth (1/8) of ten dollars and no cents (\$10.00), which yielded a per cubic yard royalty of one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25); and

**WHEREAS,** the guaranteed annual minimum royalty on the 1994 lease bid package was one million dollars (\$1,000,000); and

**WHEREAS,** the Commission desires to maintain the minimum royalty and the guaranteed annual minimum royalty from the 1994 lease bid package for the prospective lease;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Commission does hereby adopt the recommendation of the Minerals Committee and sets the minimum acceptable per cubic yard royalty at one-eighth (1/8) of ten dollars and no cents (\$10.00).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Commission does hereby set the guaranteed annual minimum royalty for the entirety of the proposed acreage at one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Commission does hereby instruct the Secretary and staff to carry out all necessary acts for the soliciting of bids and execution of the lease including, but not limited to: 1) submission of a Notice of Publication to State Lands for advertisement, and 2) submission of the Notice of Publication to all known dredging companies.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that legal counsel and staff are hereby authorized to make modifications to the lease document and bid package contingent upon notification to the Chairman.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Secretary is hereby authorized to set the last day for accepting bids for the lease tract(s) and the bid opening day contingent upon notification to the Chairman.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing resolution was duly passed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on the 1st day of May 1997.

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Daniel J. Babin, Chairman  
La. Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
La. Department of Wildlife &  
Fisheries

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for April** was given by Sgt. Joey Broussard. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of April.

Region I - Minden - 50 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 63 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 138 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 95 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 120 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 145 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 165 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 218 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 160 citations.

SWEP - 27 citations.

Seafood Investigative Unit - 86 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 70 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of April was 1,337.

The aviation report for April 1997 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 82.6 hours for enforcement and 24.4 hours for other divisions and a total of 29 citations were issued.

Commissioner McCall asked how many of the offshore boats were patrolling? Sgt. Broussard stated there are two. Commissioner Gisclair asked if angling without a license was a Class 1 violation? Then he asked, with one-third of the cases being angling without a license violators, is there any way to educate the people in the State that they need a license? Then he commented there was no guarantee these violators would get a

license even after being cited. Commissioner Gisclair then stated with 450 being cited a month, how many thousands are the agents missing? Secretary Jenkins felt one of the answers was there are so many people participating in that activity. He then asked Sgt. Broussard what happened to the 13 grams of marijuana that was confiscated? Chairman Babin asked about the officer from Lake Charles that was assaulted, if he was okay? Then Chairman Babin asked the enforcement agents to be watching for illegal shrimpers before the season opens on May 19. Commissioner Gisclair added, when possible, to take the violators catch.

Secretary Jenkins stated there was no **Division Report** but he wanted to make a Department report. The House Natural Resources Committee voted 10 to 5 to remove the oyster division from Wildlife and Fisheries and transfer it to the Department of Agriculture. The bill still has to go through the rest of the legislative process, but Secretary Jenkins suggested the Commissioners should voice their opinion on this bill. Mr. Odom testified before the Committee that he could handle the oysters. Secretary Jenkins stated he was not certain this move was favored by the majority of the oyster fishermen, but was favored by a few influential people. Then Secretary Jenkins explained how the Department was caught between the federal government, state agencies and the oyster fishermen, with freshwater diversion being a problem for the fishermen. Commissioner Cormier stated he would like to see the Commission take a stand in that the Department has the trained staff and the equipment to do the job properly. Secretary Jenkins explained how the enforcement agents work along the coast with the four agents specifically assigned to the Oyster Task Force. Again, Secretary Jenkins commented this was not the proper thing for the State to do and that this Department is by far the best agency to continue handling the oysters. Then he suggested the Commission may consider sending a resolution to the Legislature. Chairman Babin stated the next step in the process was it would go to the House Floor, then to the Senate Natural Resources Committee. Secretary Jenkins stated there were a number of senators and representatives testifying for the bill and not one person spoke to keep oysters within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Commissioner Gisclair stated that this was coming from actions taken by Secretary Jenkins to do things to the oyster industry and it was something the Commission did not know anything about. Again, Commissioner Gisclair noted there was not proper communication between the Commission and the Secretary's office. Secretary Jenkins felt, in his opinion, this move would be a big mistake for the oyster industry as a whole. Commissioner Cormier explained the process taken a few years back when contaminated oysters were isolated and how the Department helped keep the market alive. If the Department of Agriculture could not continue with the same services as the oyster industry is used to, this could become a detriment to the citizens of the State, stated Commissioner Cormier. Commissioner Cormier also added that the House and Senate should know what the oyster industry is all about.

Secretary Jenkins stated this was a kick in the teeth for the Department. Commissioner Gisclair asked if this change did occur, would the agents not enforce any oyster laws? Then he stated that the job description for the agency has not changed. Chairman Babin agreed that this was an effort by a select group of oyster fishermen and does stem from a decision made by Secretary Jenkins. He also stated the oyster division should stay within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Chairman Babin asked Secretary Jenkins to give them more information and keep them better informed on any issue, whether it is fisheries or wildlife. Secretary Jenkins accepted Chairman Babin's criticism, but added he has never had a Commission as a whole to ask so few questions, make fewer inquiries, hold fewer meetings as the present group. He stated he would make every effort to communicate better with the Commission and he invited them to take a bigger interest in the jobs they have. Chairman Babin asked if there was a motion to go along the lines of Secretary Jenkins' request. Commissioner McCall stated he did not know the proper words, but he made a motion to do something. Chairman Babin stated, what was asked for was that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission oppose the taking the oyster division away from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and placing it in the Department of Agriculture. Commissioner Cormier added that it should be explained the urgency and importance of why the oyster move should not occur. Chairman Babin restated the motion to be, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission would send a letter to the Legislature showing cause why the oyster division should remain under Wildlife and Fisheries and not be moved to the Department of Agriculture. Commissioner Cormier seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Gisclair asked for an update on the legislative bills and what has taken place? Secretary Jenkins stated the Department is tracking approximately 300 bills that affect the Department and it was a challenge to keep up. He then invited the Commissioners to attend a legislative meeting held every Tuesday afternoon to decide where the Department stands on the different bills. Commissioner Gisclair asked, in particular, about the sunset bill. Secretary Jenkins stated that bill passed but was amended with a two year limitation instead of four years. He then asked Mr. Don Puckett to come forward to explain some of the major bills. Mr. Puckett stated a suggestion was made by Mr. John Roussel to invite the Commissioners to the regular staff meetings held every Tuesday at 1:30 PM. Then explained House Bill 1356, House Bill 805, a bill that would affect the shrimp opening dates, a ban on doe hunting in a certain portion of the state, and Senate Bill 1107. Chairman Babin stated he has been to the Senate Committee meetings for the last three weeks and saw how an item could be listed on the agenda, then it would be deferred, pulled, etc. He then stated the Commissioners could not speak on a bill as a Commissioner, but could speak on behalf of their own industry. Commissioner Gattle stated the least they could do as a

Commissioner could be write letters or make phone calls. Chairman Babin also suggested asking constituents make phone calls to their legislators.

**Consideration to Change June 1997 Meeting Date** began with Chairman Babin reminding everyone the meeting was originally set for June 5th. However, the meeting is being held in Alexandria to dedicate the Fish Hatchery at the same time as the meeting. Chairman Babin stated the staff wanted to invite the members of the House and Senate Natural Resources Committees. But since they meet on Thursdays and not on Fridays, the Department has asked the Commission to consider changing the date of the meeting to Friday to accommodate the Senators and Representatives. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to change the June Commission Meeting date from June 5 to June 6. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Cormier and was approved with no opposition.

After several minutes of discussion, Commissioner Cormier made a motion to hold the **September 1997 Meeting** on Thursday, September 4, 1997 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Baton Rouge Headquarters Office. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Gisclair and it passed with no opposition.

Chairman Babin stated the next item, **Discussion & Possible Action of State of Louisiana v. Justice Oil Company, Inc., #410-158A 19th JDC**, Parish of East Baton Rouge needed to be held in Executive Session. Mr. Puckett recited the suit name for the record and stated a motion was needed for the Commission to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to go into Executive Session and it was seconded by Commissioner Gattle. The motion passed with no opposition.

Chairman Babin reconvened the meeting from Executive Session. Mr. Fred Whitrock stated he has received an offer from the defendants in the lawsuit to settle in the amount of \$110,000. The lawsuit pertains to a royalty claim by the Commission on mineral leases for certain properties owned by the Department. Mr. Whitrock stated this was a fair and good settlement for the State and that it should be accepted by the Commission. Commissioner Gattle made a motion to accept the recommendation and it was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. Commissioner Cormier included that the Chairman and Secretary be authorized to sign all paperwork on the settlement. The motion passed.

Chairman Babin then asked if there were any **Public Comments** and none were heard.

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

  
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James H. Jenkins Jr.  
Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, May 1, 1997

Chairman Daniel Babin presiding.

Jerald Hanchey  
Tom Gattle  
Norman McCall  
Perry Gisclair  
Joseph Cormier

Secretary James H. Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Commissioner Glynn Carver was absent from the meeting. Chairman Babin expressed sympathy from the Commission to Commissioner Carver on the passing of his mother-in-law.

Chairman Babin called for a motion for approval of the **April 3, 1997 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner McCall and seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. The motion passed with no opposition.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hanchey to move the **Shell Dredging Lease Bid Package, Central Coast** item down on the agenda. This was seconded by Commissioner Cormier and passed with no opposition.

A presentation on the **Declaration of Emergency to Set 1997 Spring Shrimp Season** was given by Mr. Brandt Savoie. Mr. Savoie began acknowledging the effort made by the staff in obtaining the samples needed for the presentation. The discussion began with overheads of production landings by month for 1996 as compared with 1995 and a mean for years 1987 through 1996; production from 1980 through 1996; catch of shrimp taken in Louisiana waters but landed elsewhere for years 1976 through 1996; and shrimp gear license sales for 1975 through 1996.

AVERAGE  
Elsewhere

Next, Mr. Savoie presented the environmental conditions that impacts the spring shrimp crop. Graphs showed rainfall for southeast Louisiana; comparison of rainfall for the year 1996 and the first four months of 1997; amount of discharge for the Mississippi River system. The comparison of Mississippi River discharge for 1996 and the first four months was shown, and Mr. Savoie felt a lot of fishermen were wondering what effect the Bonnet Carre's opening has had. He stated Zone 1, the eastern part of the state, has been affected pretty significantly. The next graphs shown were on the water temperatures by month and by day during April for the southern Barataria Bay system; tidal range for

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April; monthly salinity for the northern Barataria Bay system; and acreage of available habitat for brown shrimp for April. The next set of graphs pertained to biological data. These included postlarval catch of shrimp in Barataria Bay; brown shrimp data from 6' trawl tests by numbers and mean size; shrimp catch per effort in trawls by bay system; and shrimp size by bay system. A map showing the three shrimp zones was shown. Then a chart for each zone and a statewide chart was shown displaying when marketable size shrimp (100 count) would cross the 50 percent criteria line. The final graph shown was on May's predicted tidal conditions. Chairman Babin commended Mr. Savoie on his presentation. Commissioner Gisclair asked if this year's habitat loss stayed the same in the central part of the state? Mr. Savoie stated no, a small amount of acreage was lost. Then Commissioner Gisclair asked, when you consider loss of habitat, do you consider erosion and other things in this loss, and what has caused the production to go down on the west side of Bayou Lafourche over the past four or five years? Chairman Babin asked if the statewide 50 percent criteria was May 22 and did it parallel with Zones 1 and 2? He then opened the discussion for public comments.

Mr. Bill Dekemel, East Bank Commercial Fisherman's Association, stated, due to the Corps of Engineers, there will not be much production in the upper part of Zone 1. He suggested a statewide opening of May 26; but if you go with zones, then open Zone 2 on May 19 and Zones 1 and 3 on May 26. The problem in Zone 1 this year was the opening of the spillway and the accidental re-opening of the spillway.

Mr. Gene Adams, Gulf Coast Commercial Fishing Coalition, stated they would like to see Zone 2 open on May 13, but no later than May 19. He felt a statewide opening would be a disaster.

Mr. George Terrebonne, The Seafood Shed, stated the next moon was on May 6, and if they ~~would~~ miss the moon on May 22, they would probably miss the whole season. He felt the season should open on May 12.

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Ms. Tracy Kuhns, Louisiana Environmental Action Network, requested a Zone 2 opening date no later than May 19. Then she asked the Commission or Department suspend 3-D seismic activity in inside waters for a minimum of the first two to three weeks of the season so the fishermen could earn an income. Ms. Kuhns then stated Act 1316 allows the Commission to make fisheries management decisions based not only on biology, but also on social and economic reasons as well.

Mr. Roland Trosclair stated he agreed with a May 19 opening for Zones 2 and 1; but asked that Zone 3 be opened on May 26.

Commissioner Cormier asked Mr. Savoie why Zone 3 is so different from the other areas? Mr. Savoie stated Zone 3 was a

different type of estuarine system and the shrimp only had one way in and out of the area. Zone 3 also does not get the wide distribution of shrimp like the other areas do. <sup>all</sup> the shrimp mature at the same rate and come into the area a little later than <sup>in</sup> the other parts of the state.

An unidentified speaker stated <sup>the</sup> ~~no matter what~~ date the May shrimp season was opened has nothing to do with next year's season. The only thing the opening has a bearing on for Zone 2 was the closing and the white shrimp season.

Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Gisclair reminded the audience this was their meeting and stressed the importance of continuing to come to the meeting. He then thanked Nicholls State University for allowing the Commission to hold the meeting on campus.

Mr. Timmy Cheramie, a commercial fisherman, stated the season should not be opened any later than May 12 based on the samples being caught now.

Mr. Ricky Griffin, a commercial fisherman, asked if there was any data to indicate how many shrimp are caught before the season opened in Zone 2? Then he stated he would like the season to open on May 19.

Mr. T-Roy Bourg explained what happened with the opening for last year. He asked for the opening to be before the moon in May and not after the moon. Chairman Babin asked Mr. Bourg if he was speaking of the second moon on May 22? Mr. Bourg stated yes, and asked for the opening before the 19th of May also.

Chairman Babin stated when you talk of an average, there would always be larger shrimp and smaller shrimp. He then stated at last year's meeting, 7 people spoke, and from those 7, 6 asked for the date that the season was opened and 1 asked for a week later. He also commented the shrimpers need to speak about what is important to the industry and that decisions are based on what the public requests and what the Department biologists present.

Ms. Carol Terrebonne, The Seafood Shed, recommended opening on May 12.

Chairman Babin asked Mr. Savoie what would <sup>delayed</sup> happen with the size of the shrimp the longer the season was ~~not opened~~ and how much more recruitment would there be? Mr. Savoie stated hopefully recruitment would continue until the early summer months. The weather conditions would determine when the shrimp would move, which is usually around the tidal cycles associated with the moon phase. Chairman Babin asked Mr. Savoie if he could predict what the overall weather was going to be over the next two or three weeks? Mr. Savoie stated with the weather unstable as it has been

so far, there was a chance for some strange things to happen. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Babin asked for a motion from the Commission in setting the spring shrimp season. Commissioner Gisclair made a motion to open Zones 1 and 2 on May 19 and Zone 3 on May 26. This motion was seconded by Commissioner McCall. Mr. Savoie asked that a specific time be included in the motion. Commissioner Gisclair amended the motion to include 6 AM as the starting time. Reiterating, Chairman Babin stated there was a motion and a second to open Zones 1 and 2 on May 19 at 6 AM and Zone 3 on May 26 at 6 AM. The motion passed with no opposition. Mr. Savoie then read the Declaration of Emergency and the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution.

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

#### RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** the traditional management criteria used by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in recommending the opening dates for the spring inshore shrimp season are based on the population of shrimp in each zone reaching such a size that 50 percent or more of the shrimp are 100 count per pound or larger, and

**WHEREAS,** current biological data show that at least 50 percent of the 1997 brown shrimp crop will meet the 100 count per pound management criteria in shrimp management Zone 1 by May 21, 1997, in Zone 2 by May 21, 1997 and in Zone 3 by May 29, 1997, and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Commission hereby opens the spring inshore shrimp season in Zone 1 at 6:00 a.m., May 19, 1997, Zone 2 at 6:00 a.m., May 19, 1997 and in Zone 3 at 6:00 a.m., May 26, 1997.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Commission hereby grants to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries the authority to close any portion of Louisiana's inshore waters to protect small white shrimp.

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Daniel J. Babin, Chairman  
La. Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
La. Department of Wildlife &  
Fisheries

#### DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters and shall have the authority to open or close outside waters, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1997 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season to open as follows:

Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the Mississippi State Line to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River, to open at 6:00 a.m., May 19, 1997, and

Zone 2, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island, to open at 6:00 a.m., May 19, 1997, and

Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island westward to the Texas State Line, to open at 6:00 a.m., May 26, 1997.

The Commission also hereby grants to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries the authority to close any zone or portion of the State's waters to protect small white shrimp if biological and technical data indicates the need to do so, or enforcement problems develop.

Daniel J. Babin  
Chairman

The next item, **Final Ratification of Experimental Dove Field Leasing Program** was presented by Mr. Hugh Bateman. In December, a Notice of Intent was passed establishing regulations for the dove leasing program on private lands. There have been no public comments received opposing this regulation. Mr. Bateman felt this has been a very popular program. The only problem was finding enough fields for people to hunt on. Chairman Babin asked Mr. Bateman to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. A motion was made by Commissioner Gisclair to adopt the resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Gattle. The motion passed with no opposition.

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

#### RESOLUTION

Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission  
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

May 1, 1997

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Thibodaux, LA, May 1, 1997.

**WHEREAS,** dove hunting in Louisiana is a popular sport and lands open to the public for dove hunting are few, and

**WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission endeavors to increase hunting opportunities for the people of Louisiana, and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to the Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 56:783, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has the authority to lease and establish public hunting areas, and

**WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is vested with the authority to establish rules and regulations for public hunting areas by L.R.S. 56:109, and

**WHEREAS,** this action will provide for safe and orderly hunts, and increase opportunities for Louisiana hunters, now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the attached rules and regulations for the Experimental Dove Field Leasing Program are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

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Daniel J. Babin, Chairman  
La. Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
La. Department of Wildlife &  
Fisheries

**RULE**

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate rules governing hunting on property leased for public dove hunting by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

**Title 76**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**Part XIX. Hunting**

## Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Seasons

### §107. Experimental Dove Field Leasing Program

A. In recognition of the popularity of dove hunting and the lack of lands available to the general public for dove hunting, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission establishes rules for an experimental public dove hunting program on private lands leased by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

B. The following rules will apply to those lands which dove hunting rights have been leased by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for the day(s) specified in the lease.

1. All hunters are required to have a daily permit. This permit will be available at the field on the day of the hunt. Permits will be issued on a first come - first serve basis. An administrative fee may be charged for daily permits.

2. Leased fields may be closed to additional hunters when a predetermined number of permits have been issued. However, additional hunters may be admitted throughout the day as hunters leave the field and surrender their permits.

3. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed or possessed on the leased property. Persons who appear to be impaired or under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substances will be denied access to the field(s).

4. Shot larger than size 7  $\frac{1}{2}$  is prohibited.

5. Only mourning doves may be taken.

6. Loaded firearms are prohibited in vehicles or at check stations.

7. Persons exhibiting unsafe gun handling shall be removed from the field(s).

8. Vehicles are restricted to designated areas or roads.

9. No littering. Each hunter is responsible for removing his/her trash, including shell hulls, from the leased property.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:783 and 56:109B.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR (May 1997).

Daniel J. Babin

Chairman

A Declaration of Emergency & Notice of Intent for an Increase in Cost of Non-Resident Louisiana Duck Stamp was handled by Mr. Dave Morrison. The authority has been granted to the Commission to establish fees for non-resident recreational hunting and fishing licenses by the Legislature. In order to continue funding on-going wetland projects in the state, Mr. Morrison felt raising these fees would be the first step in maintaining the operation of the projects. Another reason for the \$6 increase in fees was because Louisiana is a premier waterfowl hunting state and other states in the southeast charge from \$3 to \$16. This change would bring Louisiana's fees more in line with those of other states, stated Mr. Morrison. An increase in the duck stamp fund would be between \$55,000 to \$60,000. The number of people that would have to pay the extra \$6 would be approximately 8,000 to 10,000 people. The reason for the Declaration of Emergency was because the licenses have to be ordered now so the new fees could be implemented for the 1997-98 license year. A 120 day process for the Notice of Intent would follow. Mr. Morrison then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Gattle asked if the Commission was voting to make it effective now or later on in the year? Commissioner McCall made a motion to accept the increase for non-resident duck stamps. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Cormier and unanimously approved.

(The full text of the Resolution, Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

May 1, 1997

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Thibodaux, LA, May 1, 1997.

**WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Duck Stamp Program was established by the legislature in 1988 by Act 632 to raise funds to conserve Louisiana's valuable wetlands, and

**WHEREAS,** the funds raised from the sale of Louisiana duck stamps are deposited in the Louisiana Duck Stamp Fund to be used specifically for the purpose of wetland conservation, and

**WHEREAS,** the Department has been actively involved with acquiring, managing and maintaining numerous wetland projects and providing funding assistance for these efforts on both public and private lands, and

**WHEREAS,** portions of the money utilized for acquisition, management and maintenance of these wetland projects are derived from revenue generated from the sale of Louisiana duck stamps to both resident and non-resident hunters as well as collectors, and

**WHEREAS,** Louisiana's wetlands provide major wintering grounds for migratory birds and hunting opportunity for thousands of non-residents, and

**WHEREAS,** other states in the southeast charge from \$3.00 to \$16.00 for non-resident duck stamps, and

**WHEREAS,** increasing the cost of a non-resident duck stamp by \$6.00 will bring Louisiana's fee more in line with other states and commensurate with hunting opportunity, and

**WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has been granted the authority by the Legislature to establish non-resident fees for recreational hunting and fishing licenses and stamps, and

**WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission wishes to have this license increase in effect for the 1997-98 license year, and

**WHEREAS,** licenses must be ordered now to satisfy the demand for the upcoming license year and be available by July 1, 1997, now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission increases the non-resident \$13.50 by Declaration of Emergency, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a Notice of Intent will be filed to make this license increase effective beyond the 120 days allowed under the provisions of a Declaration of Emergency.

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Daniel J. Babin, Chairman  
La. Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
La. Department of Wildlife &  
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under authority of R.S. 56:6(28), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby increases the fee for the non-resident duck stamp. This increase will be effective for non-resident duck stamps sold beginning with the 1997-98 license year. This action is being taken to allow the Department to order stamps for the 1997-98 license year with these fees duly noted and available by July 1, 1997.

This Declaration of Emergency shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act or until adoption of the final rule, whichever occurs first.

**Title 76**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds**

**Chapter 3. Wild Birds**

**§317. Non-Resident Duck Stamp Fee Increase**

Beginning in the 1997-98 license year, the fee for purchasing a Non-Resident Duck Stamp will be increased from \$7.50 to \$13.50. This change will remain in effect until additional changes are warranted.

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(28).

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

Daniel J. Babin  
Chairman

**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 a rule increasing the fee for non-resident waterfowl stamps.

**Title 76**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

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The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may comment on the proposed rule in writing to Mr. Hugh Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 until 4:30 p.m., July 25, 1997.

Daniel J. Babin  
Chairman

Chairman Babin then asked if there were any **Public Comments on the 1997-98 Resident Game Hunting Seasons?**

Mr. Watson asked the Commission to consider prohibiting dog hunting in an area in southwest Washington Parish. A packet of information was given to the Commissioners which included a letter to Mr. Hugh Bateman which described the area and some other background information. Another letter included in the packet was from the biologist in the area that found no problem with the request. Mr. Watson then went over the exact boundary for this request. He felt they had 75 percent of the landowners in the area sign a petition. A letter from Weyerhaeuser Paper Company was included in the packet which Mr. Watson read, included prohibiting deer hunting with dogs. Commissioner McCall asked Mr. Watson what land was Weyerhaeuser talking about, their own property or other people's property? Then he asked if the prohibition was to respect Weyerhaeuser's neighbors? Mr. Watson answered yes. Commissioner Gattle asked what was the total acreage that was included on the map? Discussion continued on the availability of land for those that wanted dog hunting and the area requested prohibiting dog hunting. Commissioner Gattle asked how do you stop a dog from going through a fence on land that prohibits dog hunting? Mr. Watson stated you can not stop a dog. Then Commissioner Gattle

asked what action was taken when a dog does go under a fence? Commissioner McCall asked Mr. Watson if he knew how many dog hunters would be affected by the request? Mr. Watson felt there would be a minimum impact to dog hunters. Commissioner Cormier asked what parish was the area in question in? Mr. Watson stated it was in Washington Parish. Then Commissioner Cormier asked if the Sheriff has been contacted on the trespassing problem and what has the he done to enforce the law? Chairman Babin asked when was the last public comment period before voting on the 1997-98 hunting regulations? Mr. Bateman stated action would have to be taken at the July Commission Meeting. Then Mr. Bateman stated the staff has been working with Mr. Watson over the past few months and it has been a very cooperative effort. Commissioner McCall asked if the proposed changes to the hunting regulations presented at the Commission meetings would have to be voted on separately? Mr. Bateman stated all the issues the Commissioners wanted to change from the original Notice of Intent would require separate action. Commissioner Hanchey asked Mr. Bateman if dogs could be used to hunt on Wildlife Management Areas? Mr. Bateman stated dogs could not be used for deer hunting. Commissioner Hanchey stated, with respect to Senator James David Cain's request, they would like to keep Area 3 as it was last year. Chairman Babin stated he has received numerous phone calls on this issue and they would like for the area to remain as it was. Commissioner Gattle mentioned that Area 5 will have two weeks of either sex hunting for muzzleloader and he recommended it be changed to bucks only. Mr. Bateman stated Commissioner Gattle's request had been discussed and he recommended that it be announced. Then he noted all of the changes would be taken into account when the rule is ratified in July.

**A Declaration of Emergency & Notice of Intent - Black Bass Regulations, Daily Take & Size Limits, John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir** was presented by Mr. Bennie Fontenot. This action would add a new reservoir, John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir, to the list of quality lakes that have special size limits on black bass. The black bass limits are an 8 fish bag with a slot limit of 14 to 17 inches inclusive and no more than 4 fish per day over 17 inches. The new reservoir reached pool stage on August 6, 1996. The staff has been working with the local lake commission and they agree with the black bass regulations. Two years ago, the Commission closed the lake to ~~the~~ taking of black bass so the stocked bass could become established in the lake. Bass now are in the 14 to 17 inch slot. The existng moratorium expires on May 31, 1997 and this was the reason for presenting a Declaration of Emergency along with a Notice of Intent. Mr. Fontenot stated the lake was going to be "hot" and there would be really fine fishing in it. Commissioner Gisclair asked what was the majority size of bass being taken out of the lake and is it a catch and release program now? Mr. Fontenot stated it is a catch and release, and the fall samples indicated a lot of fish were in the 7 to 8 inch category. The spring samples showed these fish really grew and are now in the slot limit. A copy of a resolution from the Lake Commission was in

the Commissioner's packet for their information. Mr. Fontenot stated a motion was needed for both the Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to accept the Declaration of Emergency. Commissioner Gattle seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Then Commissioner Gattle made a motion to accept the Notice of Intent and it was seconded by Commissioner McCall. This motion also passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

#### DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

##### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby exercise the emergency provision of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) and 49:967(D), and pursuant to its authority under R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 325(C), 326.3 adopts the rule as set forth below. This emergency rule is necessary because the current black bass regulations on John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir will expire on May 31, 1997. Department biologists needed to collect spring 1997 fisheries data before submitting a management proposal to the Commission.

This Declaration of Emergency shall become effective June 1, 1997 and shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act or until adoption of the final rule, whichever occurs first.

#### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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

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

#### §149. Black Bass Regulations-Daily Take and Size Limits

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Cross Lake (Caddo Parish), John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir (Red River Parish), Lake Rodemacher (Rapides Parish) and Vernon Lake (Vernon Parish):

a. Size Limit: 14 inch - 17 inch slot. A 14 - 17 inch slot limit means that it is illegal to keep or possess a black bass whose maximum total length is between 14 inches and 17 inches, both measurements inclusive.

b. Daily Take: eight fish of which no more than four fish may exceed 17 inches maximum total length.\*

c. Possession limit:

- i. On water - Same as daily take.
- ii. Off water - Twice the daily take.

\*Maximum total length - The distance in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the most posterior point of the depressed caudal fin as measured with mouth closed on a flat surface.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 14:364 (June 1988), amended LR 17:278 (March 1991), repromulgated LR 17:488 (May 1991), amended LR 17:1122 (November 1991), LR 20:796 (July 1994), LR .

Daniel J. Babin  
Chairman

#### NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to amend a rule for black bass in the John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir.

#### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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Interested persons may comment on the proposed rule in writing to Mr. Bennie Fontenot, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 until 4:30 p.m., July 3, 1997.

Daniel J. Babin  
Chairman

**A Declaration of Emergency on the Extension of Oyster Season in Calcasieu Parish** was presented by Commissioner Norman McCall. He stated he has received phone calls and personal contacts from oyster fishermen in Calcasieu Lake requesting an extension of the oyster season due to the number of days lost during the season. Commissioner McCall stated he spoke to Mr. Ron Dugas and it was felt this would be a bad thing to do due to the time of the year and the possibility of harming next year's crop. Commissioner McCall stated he would go along with Mr. Dugas' recommendation. Then he asked Mr. Dugas to look into the possibility of what can be done to assist the fishermen next year when they are not able to fish and it affects their pay. Then he asked Mr. Dugas to look into the possibility of what can be done with the large oysters that are so hard to sell to restaurants and maybe see if the oyster reefs could be fished down by increasing the sack limit. Then he asked Mr. Dugas to give a presentation on the number of days that were lost due to rainy conditions. Mr. Dugas stated Commissioner McCall's request to extend the season could not be fulfilled due to the framework for the season. This year's season was opened to the maximum due to the fact there was an available resource and it needed to be utilized. Then Mr. Dugas stated his main concern was the month of May is the critical time for recruitment for oysters and harvesting now could damage or kill a lot of the spat. The West Cove area was not fished 118 days due to health closures imposed within the season's framework. Next year's season would be assessed, commented Mr. Dugas. He then stated, what he did do wrong this season was raising the sack limit only to 15, when it could have gone to 30. Chairman Babin stated someone would have to look at the statute to see if the Commission has the authority to re-open the season more than one time a year. Mr. Dugas stated, if the resource is available, every effort would be made to give the fishermen the maximum amount of time available to fish the resource.

Chairman Babin went back to the item, **Shell Dredging Lease Bid Package, Central Coast** and asked Mrs. Karen Foote to make the presentation. She began stating Commissioner Hanchey chaired the Committee Meeting and asked Ms. Foote to report the results to the full Commission. Two resolutions were presented to the Commission which covered the action passed by the Committee. The actions included bidding out a shell dredging lease for another 3 years in the same tract except increasing the size of tract 2 by the same number of acres that was removed as a result of a Department of Natural Resources Coastal Use Permit. Other action included accepting the bid form and lease package as the staff presented to them. The minimum royalty was recommended to be 1/8 of \$10 or \$1.25 per cubic yard and setting the Guaranteed Annual Minimum Royalty at \$1,000,000. Commissioner Gisclair asked if the language was the same as that used in 1994 packet? Chairman Babin asked if two motions, one for each resolution, were needed? Mrs. Foote answered yes. Then she read the first resolution. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to accept this resolution and it was seconded

by Commissioner Cormier. This motion passed with a unanimous vote. Then the second resolution was read by Mrs. Foote. Commissioner McCall made a motion to accept the second resolution. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Gattle and it passed with no opposition.

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

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA

MAY 1, 1997

RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** the recommendations of the Minerals Committee, Counsel and staff having been considered.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that this Commission does hereby adopt the recommendations of the Mineral Committee with regard to the lease form and bid package and specifically adopts the tracts which are described in the lease document and indicated by Department plats; and the Commission, upon approval of the Secretary, requests that an equivalent number of acres be added to the northern portion of Tract 2 as were effectively removed from availability to shell dredging in Tract 1 by the Department of Natural Resources Coastal Use Permit #P960332 in paragraph d, subparagraphs i):(c) and (h).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Commission does hereby instruct the Secretary and staff to carry out all necessary acts for the approval of the lease form including, but not limited to, submission of the lease form to the Mineral Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Commission does hereby authorize the Chairman to make such changes to the lease form and bid package as may be requested by the Mineral Board, or recommended by staff.

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Daniel J. Babin, Chairman  
La. Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
La. Department of Wildlife &  
Fisheries

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA

MAY 1, 1997

RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** the recommendation of the Minerals Committee, Counsel and staff having been considered; and

**WHEREAS,** for purposes of the prospective lease, the Commission is charged with determining the minimum acceptable royalty bid as a fraction of the "selling price of the shell produced" which is defined as the price of the shell FOB dredge site, exclusive of any transportation cost and the guaranteed annual minimum royalty; and

**WHEREAS,** the minimum royalty on the 1994 lease bid package was one-eighth (1/8) of ten dollars and no cents (\$10.00), which yielded a per cubic yard royalty of one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25); and

**WHEREAS,** the guaranteed annual minimum royalty on the 1994 lease bid package was one million dollars (\$1,000,000); and

**WHEREAS,** the Commission desires to maintain the minimum royalty and the guaranteed annual minimum royalty from the 1994 lease bid package for the prospective lease;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Commission does hereby adopt the recommendation of the Minerals Committee and sets the minimum acceptable per cubic yard royalty at one-eighth (1/8) of ten dollars and no cents (\$10.00).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Commission does hereby set the guaranteed annual minimum royalty for the entirety of the proposed acreage at one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Commission does hereby instruct the Secretary and staff to carry out all necessary acts for the soliciting of bids and execution of the lease including, but not limited to: 1) submission of a Notice of Publication to State Lands for advertisement, and 2) submission of the Notice of Publication to all known dredging companies.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that legal counsel and staff are hereby authorized to make modifications to the lease document and bid package contingent upon notification to the Chairman.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Secretary is hereby authorized to set the last day for accepting bids for the lease tract(s) and the bid opening day contingent upon notification to the Chairman.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing resolution was duly passed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on the 1st day of May 1997.

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Daniel J. Babin, Chairman  
La. Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
La. Department of Wildlife &  
Fisheries

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for April** was given by Sgt. Joey Broussard. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of April.

Region I - Minden - 50 citations.  
Region II - Monroe - 63 citations.  
Region III - Alexandria - 138 citations.  
Region IV - Ferriday - 95 citations.  
Region V - Lake Charles - 120 citations.  
Region VI - Opelousas - 145 citations.  
Region VII - Baton Rouge - 165 citations.  
Region VIII - New Orleans - 218 citations.  
Region IX - Thibodaux - 160 citations.  
SWEP - 27 citations.  
Seafood Investigative Unit - 86 citations.  
Oyster Strike Force - 70 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of April was 1,337.

The aviation report for April 1997 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 82.6 hours for enforcement and 24.4 hours for other divisions and a total of 29 citations were issued.

Commissioner McCall asked how many of the offshore boats were patrolling? Sgt. Broussard stated there are two. Commissioner Gisclair asked if angling without a license was a Class 1 violation? Then he asked, with one-third of the cases being angling without a license violators, is there any way to educate the people in the State that they need a license? Then he commented there was no guarantee these violators would get a license even after being cited. Commissioner Gisclair then stated

with 450 being cited a month, how many thousands are the agents missing? Secretary Jenkins felt one of the answers was there are so many people participating in that activity. He then asked Sgt. Broussard what happened to the 13 grams of marijuana that was confiscated? Chairman Babin asked about the officer from Lake Charles that was assaulted, if he was okay? Then Chairman Babin asked with the shrimp season opening on May 19, to not allow the fishermen to fish illegally? Commissioner Gisclair added, when possible, to take the violators catch.

Secretary Jenkins stated there was no Division Report but he wanted to make a Department report. The House Natural Resources Committee voted 10 to 5 to remove the oyster division from Wildlife and Fisheries and transfer it to the Department of Agriculture. The bill still has to go through the rest of the legislative process, but Secretary Jenkins suggested the Commissioners should voice their opinion on this bill. Mr. Odom testified before the Committee that he could handle the oysters. Secretary Jenkins stated he was not certain this move was favored by the majority of the oyster fishermen, but was favored by a few influential people. Then Secretary Jenkins explained how the Department was caught between the federal government, state agencies and the oyster fishermen, with freshwater diversion being a problem for the fishermen. Commissioner Cormier stated he would like to see the Commission take a stand in that the Department has the trained staff and the equipment already to do the job properly. Secretary Jenkins explained how the enforcement agents work along the coast along with the four agents specifically assigned to the Oyster Task Force. Again, Secretary Jenkins commented this was not the proper thing for the State to do and that this Department is by far the best agency to continue handling the oysters. Then he suggested the Commission may consider sending a resolution to the Legislature. Chairman Babin stated the next step in the process was it would go to the House Floor, then to the Senate Natural Resources Committee. Secretary Jenkins stated there were a number of senators and representatives testifying for the bill and not one person spoke to keep oysters within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Commissioner Gisclair stated that this was coming from actions taken by Secretary Jenkins to do things to the oyster industry and it was something the Commission did not know anything about. Again, Commissioner Gisclair noted there was not proper communication between the Commission and the Secretary's office. Secretary Jenkins felt, in his opinion, this move would be a big mistake for the oyster industry as a whole. Commissioner Cormier explained the process taken a few years back when contaminated oysters were isolated and how the Department helped keep the market alive. If the Department of Agriculture could not continue with the same services as the oyster industry is used to, this could become a detriment to the citizens of the State, stated Commissioner Cormier. Commissioner Cormier also added that the House and Senate should know what the oyster industry is all about. Secretary Jenkins stated this was a kick in the teeth for the

Department. Commissioner Gisclair asked if this change did occur, would the agents not enforce any oyster laws? Then he stated that the job description for the agency has not changed. Chairman Babin agreed that this was an effort by a select group of oyster fishermen and does stem from a decision made by Secretary Jenkins. He also stated the oyster division should stay within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Chairman Babin asked Secretary Jenkins to give them more information and keep them better informed on any issue, whether it is fisheries or wildlife. Secretary Jenkins accepted Chairman Babin's criticism, but added he has never had a Commission as a whole to ask so few questions, make fewer inquiries, hold fewer meetings as the present group. He stated he would make every effort to communicate better with the Commission and he invited them to take a bigger interest in the jobs they have. Chairman Babin asked if there was a motion to go along the lines of Secretary Jenkins' request. Commissioner McCall stated he did not know the proper words, but he made a motion to do something. Chairman Babin stated, what was asked for was ~~the~~ <sup>that</sup> Wildlife and Fisheries Commission oppose the taking the oyster division away from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and placing it in the Department of Agriculture. Commissioner Cormier added that it should be explained the urgency and importance of why it should not be done. Chairman Babin restated the motion to be, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission would send a letter to the Legislature showing cause why the oyster division should remain under Wildlife and Fisheries and not be moved to the Department of Agriculture. Commissioner Cormier seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Gisclair asked for an update on the legislative bills and what has taken place? Secretary Jenkins stated the Department is tracking approximately 300 bills that affects the Department and it was a challenge to keep up ~~with~~. He then invited the Commissioners to attend a legislative meeting held every Tuesday afternoon to decide where the Department stands on the different bills. Commissioner Gisclair asked, in particular, about the sunset bill. Secretary Jenkins stated that bill passed but was amended with a two year limitation instead of four years. He then asked Mr. Don Puckett to come forward to explain some of the major bills. Mr. Puckett stated a suggestion was made by Mr. John Roussel to invite the Commissioners to the regular staff meetings held every Tuesday at 1:30 PM. Then explained ~~were~~ House Bill 1356, House Bill 805, a bill that would affect the shrimp opening dates, a ban on doe hunting in a certain portion of the state, and Senate Bill 1107. Chairman Babin stated he has been to the Senate Committee meetings for the last three weeks and saw how an item could be listed on the agenda, then it would be deferred, pulled, etc. He then stated the Commissioners could not speak on a bill as a Commissioner, but could speak on behalf of their own industry. Commissioner Gattle stated the least they could do as a Commissioner could be write letters or make phone calls. Chairman

Babin also suggested asking constituents make phone calls to their legislators.

**Consideration to Change June 1997 Meeting Date** began with Chairman Babin reminding everyone the meeting was originally set for June 5th. However, the meeting is being held in Alexandria to dedicate the Fish Hatchery at the same time as the meeting. Chairman Babin stated the staff wanted to invite the members of the House and Senate Natural Resources Committees. But since they meet on Thursdays and not on Fridays, the Department has asked the Commission to consider changing the date of the meeting to Friday to accommodate the Senators and Representatives. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to change the June Commission Meeting date from June 5 to June 6. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Cormier and was approved with no opposition.

After several minutes of discussion, Commissioner Cormier made a motion to hold the **September 1997 Meeting** on Thursday, September 4, 1997 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Baton Rouge Headquarters Office. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Gisclair and it passed with no opposition.

Chairman Babin stated the next item, **Discussion & Possible Action of State of Louisiana v. Justice Oil Company, Inc., #410-158A 19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge** needed to be held in Executive Session. Mr. Puckett recited the suit name for the record and stated a motion was needed for the Commission to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to go into Executive Session and it was seconded by Commissioner Gattle. The motion passed with no opposition.

Chairman Babin reconvened the meeting from Executive Session. Mr. Fred Whitrock stated he has received an offer from the defendants in the lawsuit to settle in the amount of \$110,000. The lawsuit pertains to a royalty claim by the Commission on mineral leases for certain properties owned by the Department. Mr. Whitrock stated this was a fair and good settlement for the State and that it should be accepted by the Commission. Commissioner Gattle made a motion to accept the recommendation and it was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. Commissioner Cormier included that the Chairman and Secretary be authorized to sign all paperwork on the settlement. The motion passed.

Chairman Babin then asked if there were any **Public Comments** and none were heard.

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

# State of Louisiana



James H. Jenkins, Jr.  
Secretary

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M.J. "Mike" Foster  
Governor

May 22, 1997

Members of the Legislature  
Senators

SUBJ: House Bill 1356

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

At its regular meeting on Thursday, May 1, 1997, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission unanimously passed a Resolution opposing the transfer of the oyster leasing program to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry via House Bill 1356.

There are several reasons why such a transfer would be improper and not in the best interests of the State or the oyster industry itself.

The control and supervision of the wildlife of the State, including all aquatic life, is vested in the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. La. Const. Art. IX, Sec. 7. Therefore, such a proposed transfer of responsibilities would arguably be unconstitutional.

Additionally, there are other issues which, when carefully considered, weigh against such a transfer. For nearly 100 years the control, supervision, management, and administration of oysters, oyster production and the oyster industry has been accomplished primarily by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in conjunction with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, or their respective predecessor agencies. The Commission and the Department are by virtue of institutional knowledge, expertise, experience, staffing, and equipment, the only agencies currently in a position to effectively manage oyster production and the

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oyster industry. It would take an indeterminate amount of time and money for another division of state government to acquire adequate manpower, equipment and expertise to perform this important function.

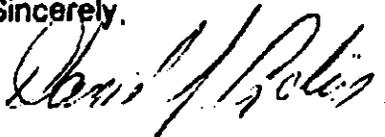
Due to health risks associated with the consumption of raw oysters, the oyster industry is highly regulated by both the federal and state government. Failure of the State of Louisiana to properly manage and regulate the industry could very well result in adverse federal action, which could have dire consequences for the oyster industry itself.

Today the State is faced with the task of balancing the needs of the various user groups of its coastal zone, including oyster lessees, with its coastal restoration effort. It is the goal of both the Commission and the Department to promote and improve the oyster industry, while working with other divisions of state government to further the State's coastal restoration program. Transferring the regulatory authority over the oyster leasing program to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry will do nothing to solve these problems and very well could exacerbate them to the detriment of both the oyster industry of this State and its citizens as a whole.

For the above reasons, I, on behalf of the Commission, urge you to reject House Bill 1356, and leave the oyster program where it has been constitutionally placed and belongs, under the jurisdiction of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Daniel Babin  
Chairman, Louisiana Wildlife  
and Fisheries Commission

# State of Louisiana



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M.J. "Mike" Foster  
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May 6, 1997

Members of the House  
of Representatives

SUBJ: House Bill 1356

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

At its regular meeting on Thursday, May 1, 1997, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission unanimously passed a Resolution opposing the transfer of the oyster leasing program to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry via House Bill 1356.

There are several reasons why such a transfer would be improper and not in the best interests of the State or the oyster industry itself.

The control and supervision of the wildlife of the State, including all aquatic life, is vested in the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. La. Const. Art. IX, Sec. 7. Therefore, such a proposed transfer of responsibilities would arguably be unconstitutional.

Additionally, there are other issues which, when carefully considered, weigh against such a transfer. For nearly 100 years the control, supervision, management, and administration of oysters, oyster production and the oyster industry has been accomplished primarily by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in conjunction with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, or their respective predecessor agencies. The Commission and the Department are by virtue of institutional knowledge, expertise, experience, staffing, and equipment, the only agencies currently in a position to effectively manage oyster production and the

**Members of the House  
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**oyster industry. It would take an indeterminate amount of time and money for another division of state government to acquire adequate manpower, equipment and expertise to perform this important function.**

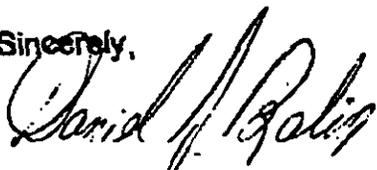
**Due to health risks associated with the consumption of raw oysters, the oyster industry is highly regulated by both the federal and state government. Failure of the State of Louisiana to properly manage and regulate the industry could very well result in adverse federal action, which could have dire consequences for the oyster industry itself.**

**Today the State is faced with the task of balancing the needs of the various user groups of its coastal zone, including oyster lessees, with its coastal restoration effort. It is the goal of both the Commission and the Department to promote and improve the oyster industry, while working with other divisions of state government to further the State's coastal restoration program. Transferring the regulatory authority over the oyster leasing program to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry will do nothing to solve these problems and very well could exacerbate them to the detriment of both the oyster industry of this State and its citizens as a whole.**

**For the above reasons, I, on behalf of the Commission, urge you to reject House Bill 1356, and leave the oyster program where it has been constitutionally placed and belongs, under the jurisdiction of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.**

**Thank you.**

**Sincerely,**



**Daniel Babin  
Chairman, Louisiana Wildlife  
and Fisheries Commission**

COMMISSION MEETING  
ROLL CALL

Thursday, May 1, 1997  
Thibodaux, LA  
Nicholls State University

	Attended	Absent
Danny Babin (Chairman)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Perry Gisclair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Gattle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Jerald Hanchey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Norman McCall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Mr. Chairman:

There are 6 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.  
Secretary Jenkins is also present.

AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
THIBODAUX, LA  
May 1, 1997  
10:00 AM

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# Nicholls State University

April 28, 1997

Mr. James H. Jenkins Jr.  
Secretary  
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
P.O. Box 98000  
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

In reference to your letter dated December 5, 1996, this office has been in contact with Dr. Earl Melancon regarding your Commission's meeting, May 1, 1997, at Nicholls State University. According to Dr. Melancon your request for Peltier Auditorium has been confirmed and booked. The request for 150 parking spaces, in the parking lot near Peltier Auditorium, will be reserved for you and your participants. The request for a small room for a meeting, which is to be held from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., has been reserved. That room will be the Bowie room in the Student Union.

If we can be of further service or help to you, please let us know accordingly.

We are looking forward to your visit. It is always a pleasure to have Wildlife and Fisheries' events on our campus.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Ayo  
President

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pc: Dr. Earl Melancon

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the traditional management criteria used by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in recommending the opening dates for the spring inshore shrimp season are based on the population of shrimp in each zone reaching such a size that 50% or more of the shrimp are 100 count per pound or larger, and

WHEREAS, current biological data show that at least 50% of the 1997 brown shrimp crop will meet the 100 count per pound management criteria in shrimp management Zone 1 by May 21, 1997, in Zone 2 by May 21, 1997 and in Zone 3 by May 29, 1997, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby opens the spring inshore shrimp season in Zone 1 at 6 a.m. May 19, 1997, Zone 2 at 6 a.m. May 19, 1997 and in Zone 3 at 6 a.m. May 26, 1997.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby grants to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the authority to close any portion of Louisiana's inshore waters to protect small white shrimp.



Daniel J. Babin, Chairman  
La. Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission



James H. Jenkins Jr., Secretary  
La. Dept. of Wildlife and  
Fisheries

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION**

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedures Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters and shall have the authority to open or close outside waters, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1997 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season to open as follows:

Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the Mississippi State line to the eastern shore of South pass of the Mississippi River, to open at 6 a.m. May 19, 1997, and

Zone 2, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island, to open at 6 a.m. May 19, 1997, and

Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island westward to the Texas State Line, to open at 6 a.m. May 26, 1997.

The Commission also hereby grants to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries the authority to close any zone or portion of the State's waters to protect small white shrimp if biological and technical data indicates the need to do so, or enforcement problems develop.

RESOLUTION  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
May 1, 1997

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Thibodaux, LA, May 1, 1997.

WHEREAS, dove hunting in Louisiana is a popular sport and lands open to the public for dove hunting are few; and

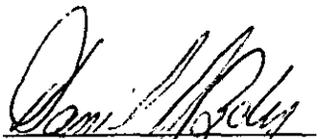
WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission endeavors to increase hunting opportunities for the people of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 56:783, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has the authority to lease and establish public hunting areas; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is vested with the authority to establish rules and regulations for public hunting areas by L.R.S. 56:109B; and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for safe and orderly hunts, and increase opportunities for Louisiana hunters, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules and regulations for the Experimental Dove Field Leasing Program are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

  
Daniel Babin, Chairman  
LA Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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

## RULE

### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate rules governing hunting on property leased for public dove hunting by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

#### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part XIX. Hunting

#### Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Seasons

#### §107. Experimental Dove Field Leasing Program

A. In recognition of the popularity of dove hunting and the lack of lands available to the general public for dove hunting, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission establishes rules for an experimental public dove hunting program on private lands leased by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

B. The following rules will apply to those lands which dove hunting rights have been leased by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for the day(s) specified in the lease.

1. All hunters are required to have a daily permit. This permit will be available at the field on the day of the hunt. Permits will be issued on a first come - first serve basis. An administrative fee may be charged for daily permits.

2. Leased fields may be closed to additional hunters when a predetermined number of permits have been issued. However, additional hunters may be admitted throughout the day as hunters

leave the field and surrender their permits.

3. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed or possessed on the leased property. Persons who appear to be impaired or under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substances will be denied access to the field(s).

4. Shot larger than size 7 1/2 is prohibited.

5. Only mourning doves may be taken.

6. Loaded firearms are prohibited in vehicles or at check stations.

7. Persons exhibiting unsafe gun handling shall be removed from the field(s).

8. Vehicles are restricted to designated areas or roads.

9. No littering. Each hunter is responsible for removing his/her trash, including shell hulls, from the leased property.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:783 and 56:109B.

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

Daniel J. Babin

Chairman

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

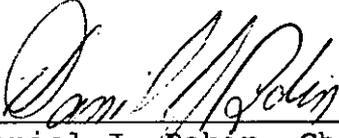
May 1, 1997

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Thibodaux, LA, May 1, 1997.

- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Duck Stamp Program was established by the legislature in 1988 by Act 632 to raise funds to conserve Louisiana's valuable wetlands, and
- WHEREAS,** the funds raised from the sale of Louisiana duck stamps are deposited in the Louisiana Duck Stamp Fund to be used specifically for the purpose of wetland conservation, and
- WHEREAS,** the Department has been actively involved with acquiring, managing and maintaining numerous wetland projects and providing funding assistance for these efforts on both public and private lands, and
- WHEREAS,** portions of the money utilized for acquisition, management and maintenance of these wetland projects are derived from revenue generated from the sale of Louisiana duck stamps to both resident and non-resident hunters as well as collectors, and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana's wetlands provide major wintering grounds for migratory birds and hunting opportunity for thousands of non-residents, and
- WHEREAS,** other states in the southeast charge from \$3.00 to \$16.00 for non-resident duck stamps, and
- WHEREAS,** increasing the cost of a non-resident duck stamp by \$6.00 will bring Louisiana's fee more in line with other states and commensurate with hunting opportunity, and
- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has been granted the authority by the Legislature to establish non-resident fees for recreational hunting and fishing licenses and stamps, and
- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission wishes to have this license increase in effect for the 1997-98 license year, and
- WHEREAS,** licenses must be ordered now to satisfy the demand for the upcoming license year and be available by July 1, 1997, now

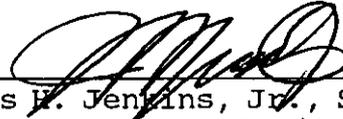
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission increases the non-resident \$13.50 by Declaration of Emergency, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a Notice of Intent will be filed to make this license increase effective beyond the 120 days allowed under the provisions of a Declaration of Emergency.



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Daniel J. Babin, Chairman  
La. Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission



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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
La. Department of Wildlife &  
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under authority of R.S. 56:6(28), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby increases the fee for the non-resident duck stamp. This increase will be effective for non-resident duck stamps sold beginning with the 1997-98 license year. This action is being taken to allow the Department to order stamps for the 1997-98 license year with these fees duly noted and available by July 1, 1997.

This Declaration of Emergency shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act or until adoption of the final rule, whichever occurs first.

**Title 76**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds**

**Chapter 3. Wild Birds**

**§317. Non-Resident Duck Stamp Fee Increase**

Beginning in the 1997-98 license year, the fee for purchasing a Non-Resident Duck Stamp will be increased from \$7.50 to \$13.50. This change will remain in effect until additional changes are warranted.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(28).

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

Daniel J. Babin

Chairman

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 a rule increasing the fee for non-resident waterfowl stamps.

**Title 76**

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The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may comment on the proposed rule in writing to Mr. Hugh Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

until 4:30 p.m., July 25, 1997.

Daniel J. Babin

Chairman

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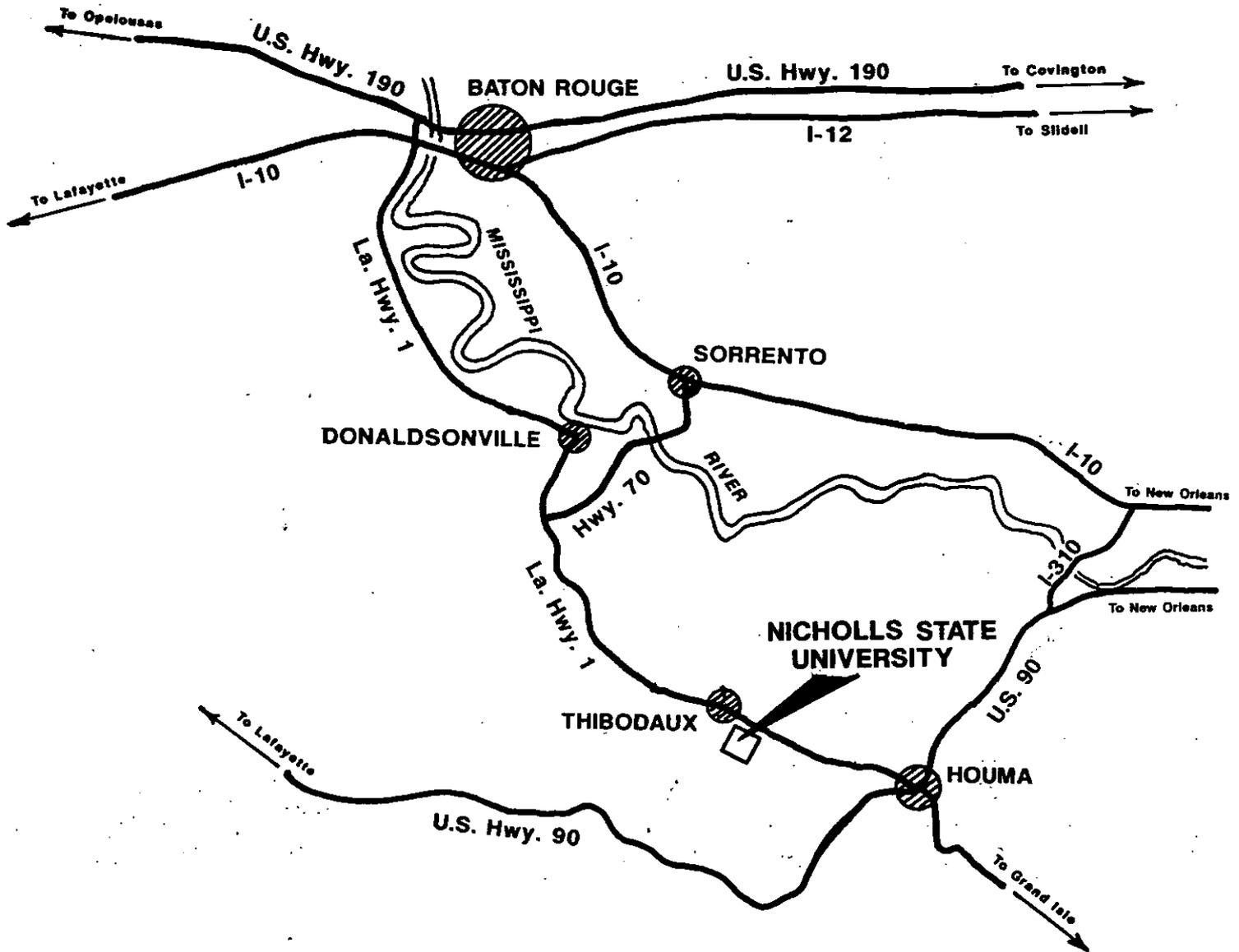
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# Annual Spring Shrimp Meeting

May 1, 1997

10:00 A. M.



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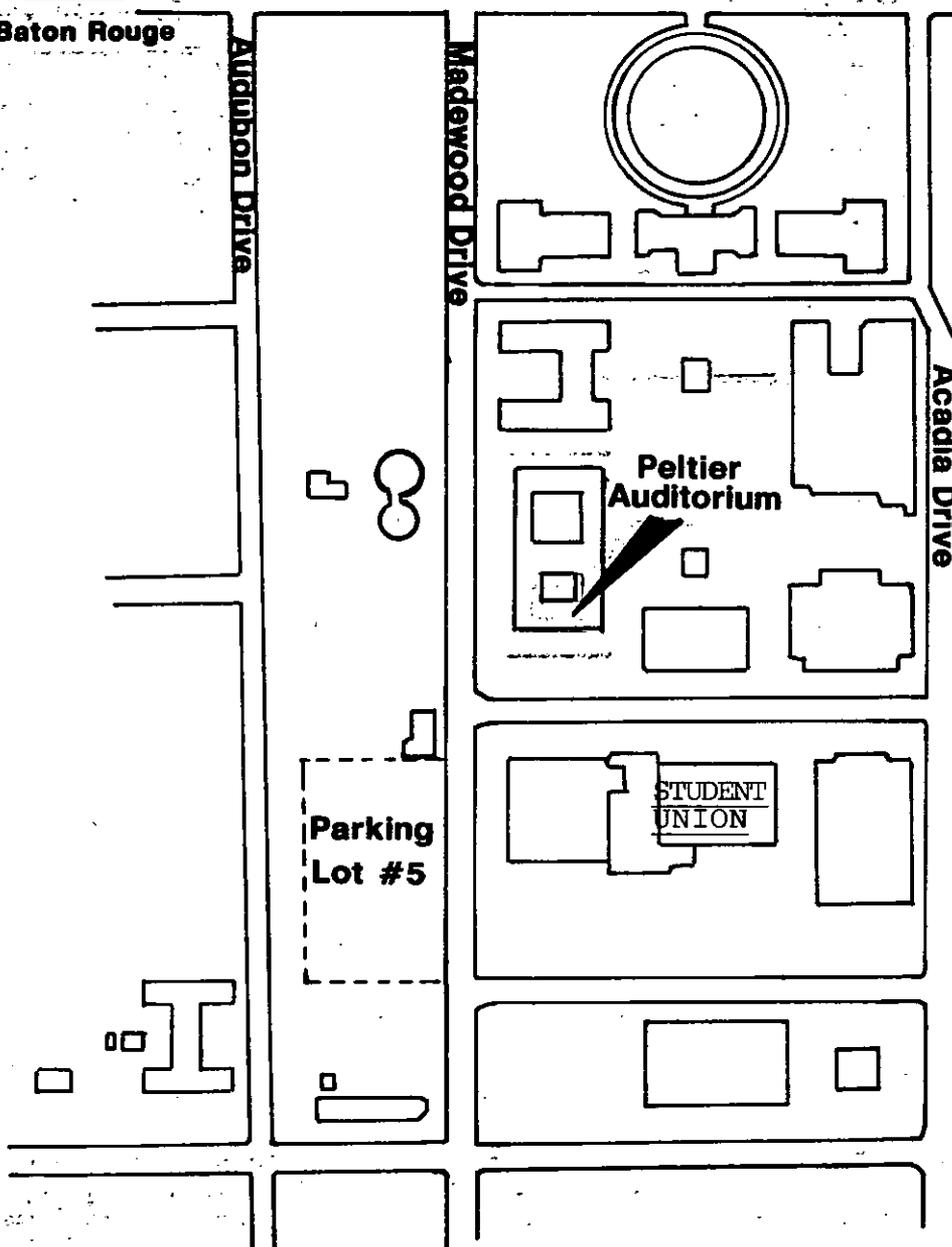
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S H E E T

**To:** Fred Whitrock

**Fax #:**

**Subject:**

**Date:** April 30, 1997

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COMMENTS:

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

La. Dept. Of Wildlife & Fisheries  
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Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

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From: EARL MELANCON

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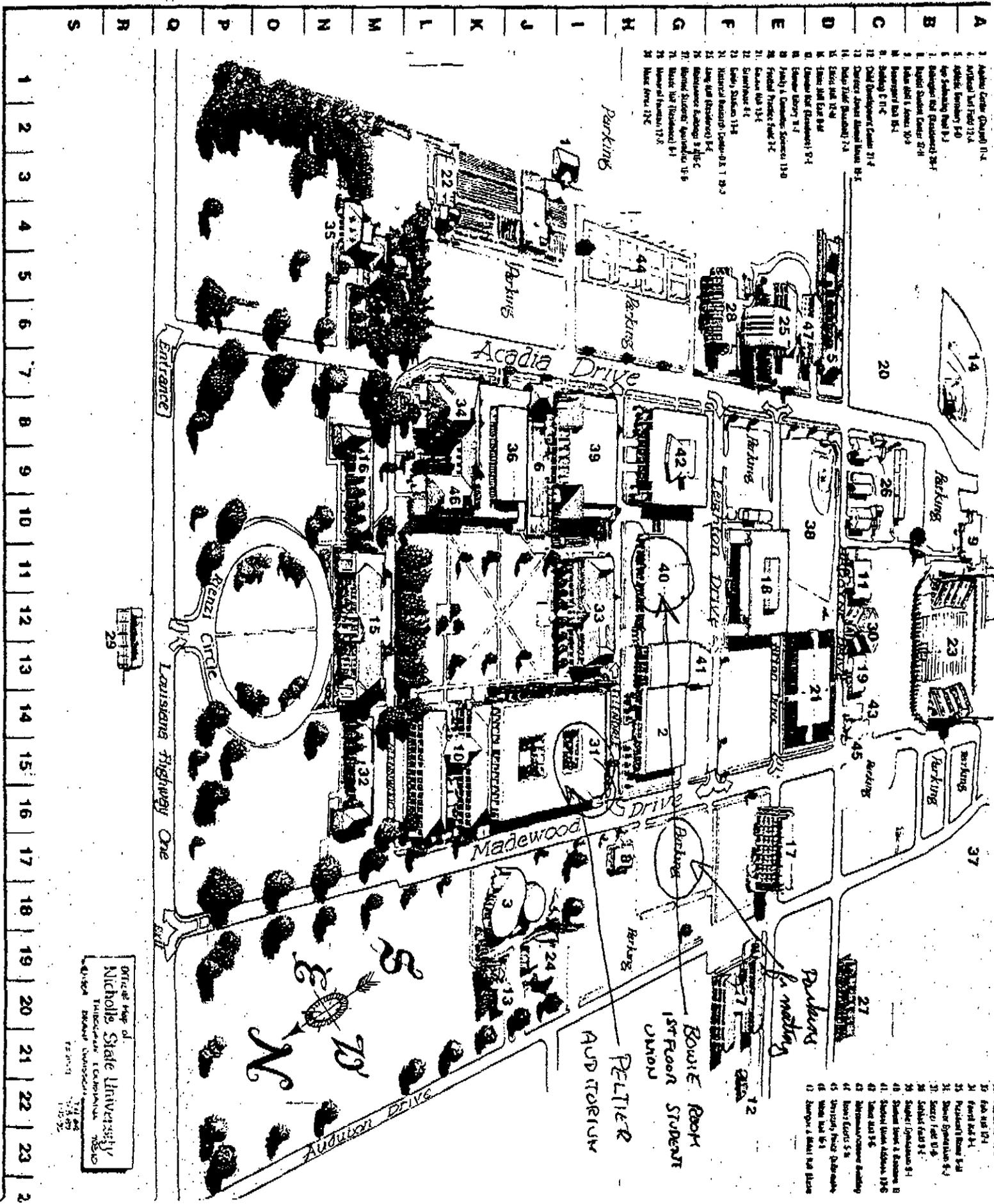
John,

- Bowie Room is in Student Union, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor off of lobby. (#40 on map)
- Parking will be across from Peltier Hall. Give to your Commissioners, DWF personnel and others a copy of the Parking Permit. You can photocopy as many as you need. Permits must be another color other than white.
- Hope all is going well with you.

Take Care!

Earl





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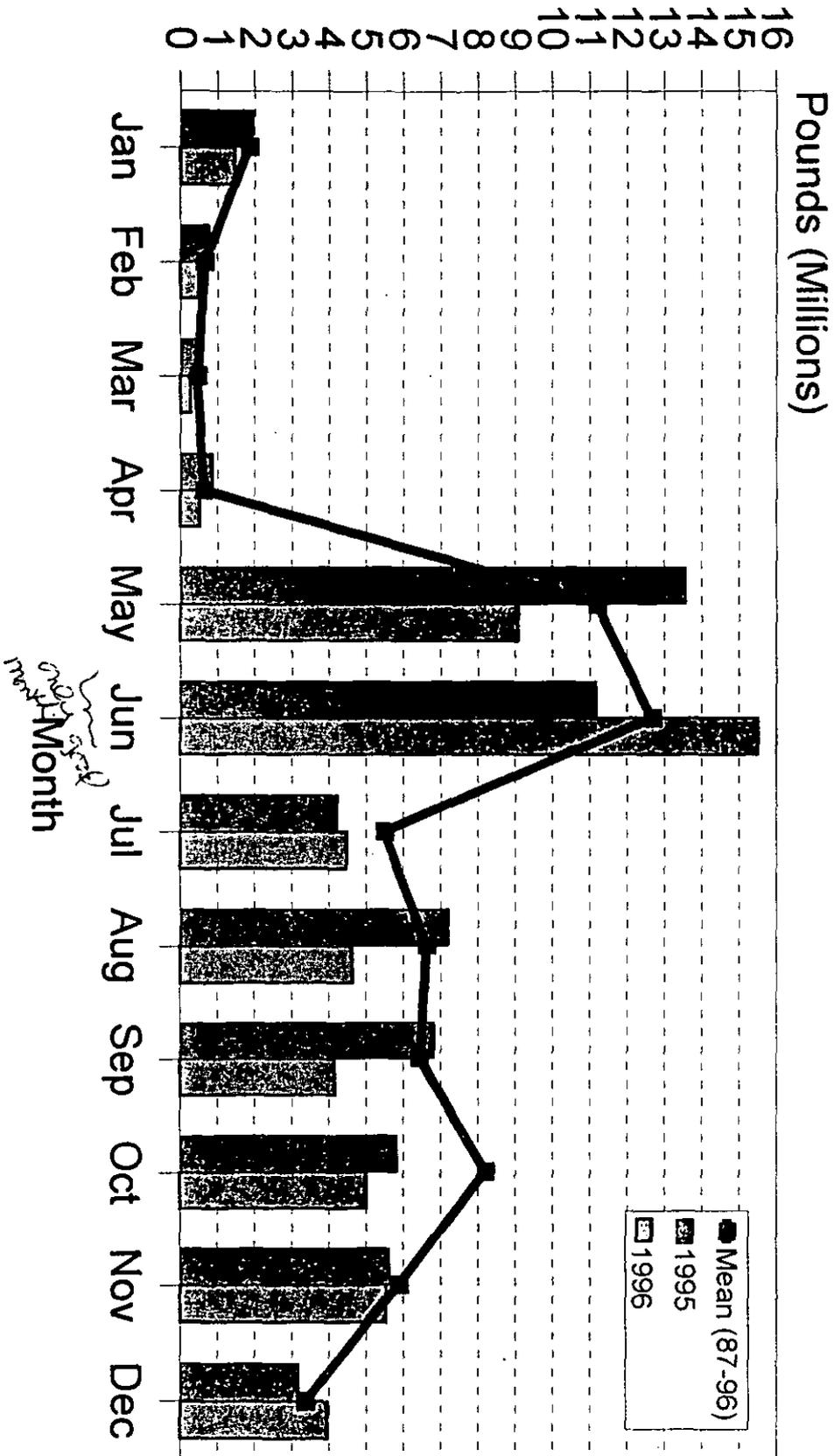
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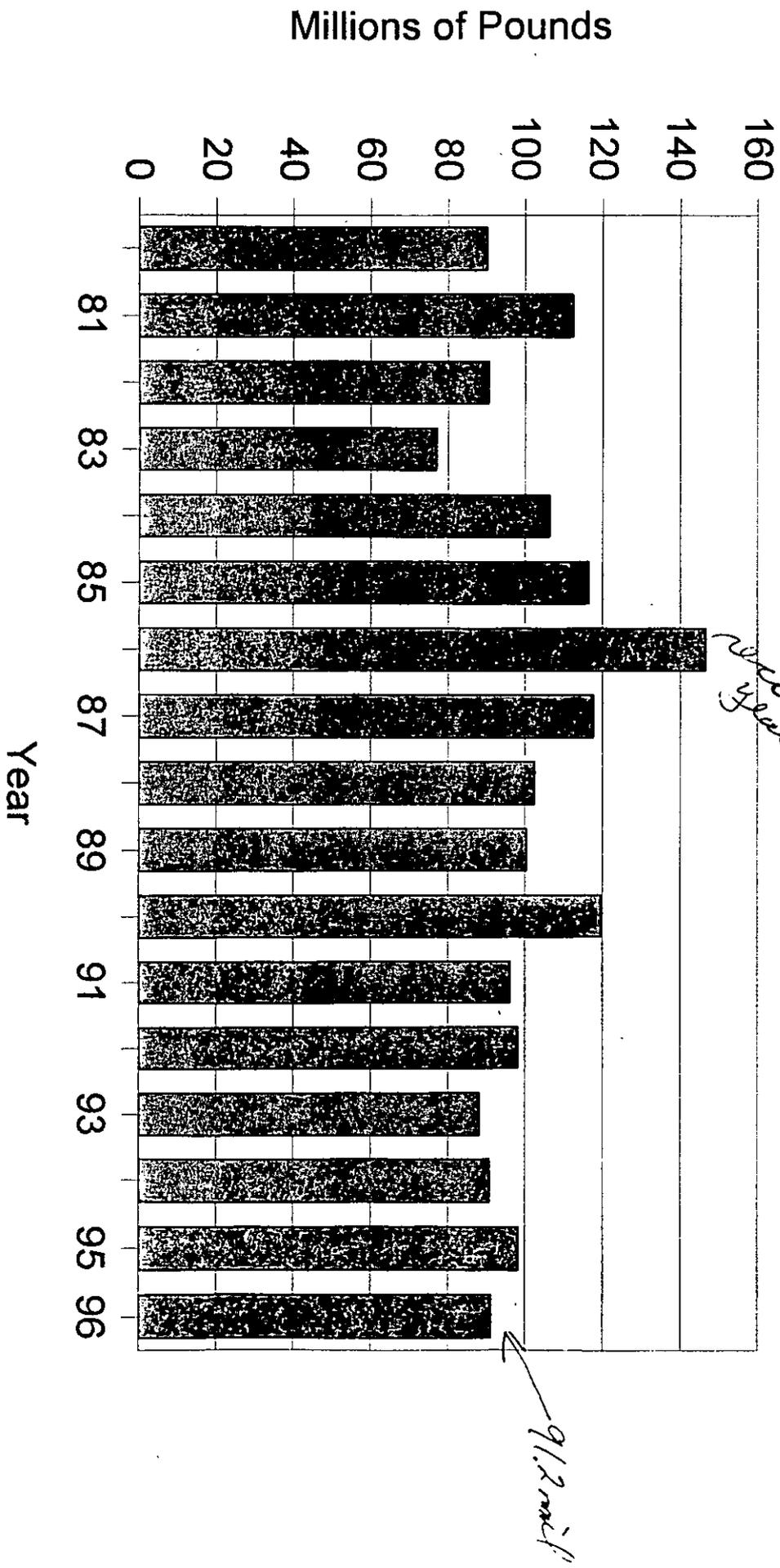
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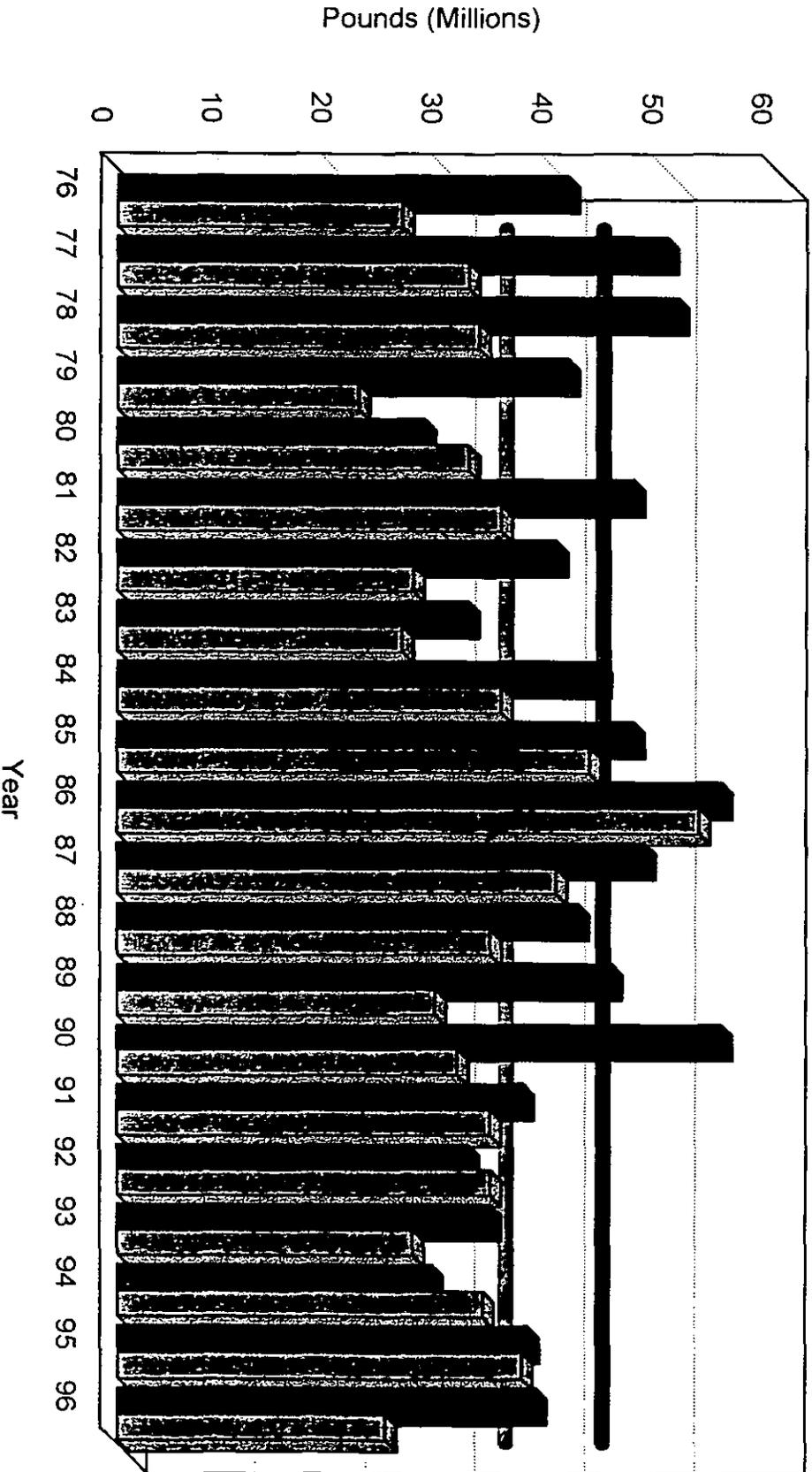
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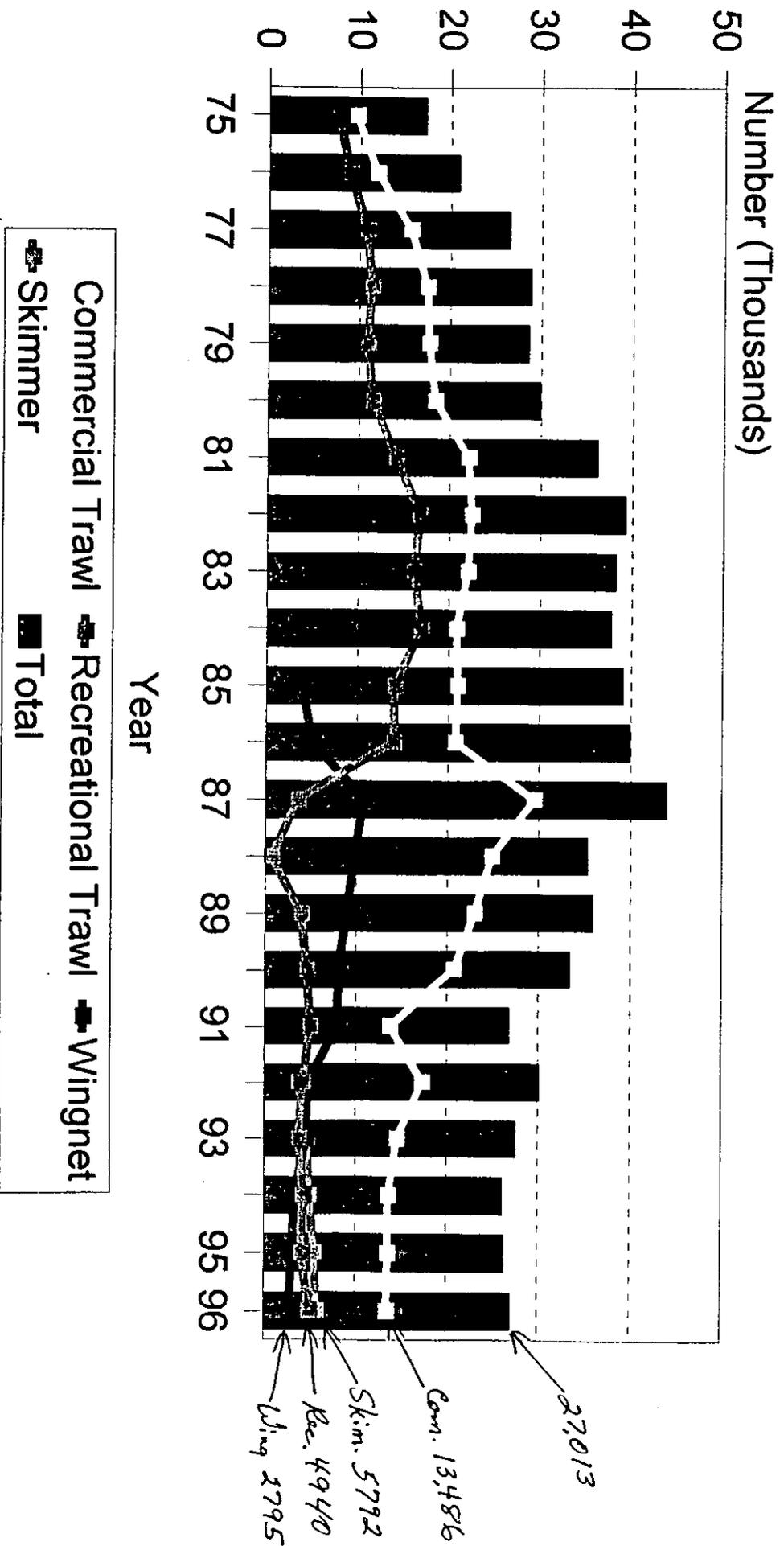
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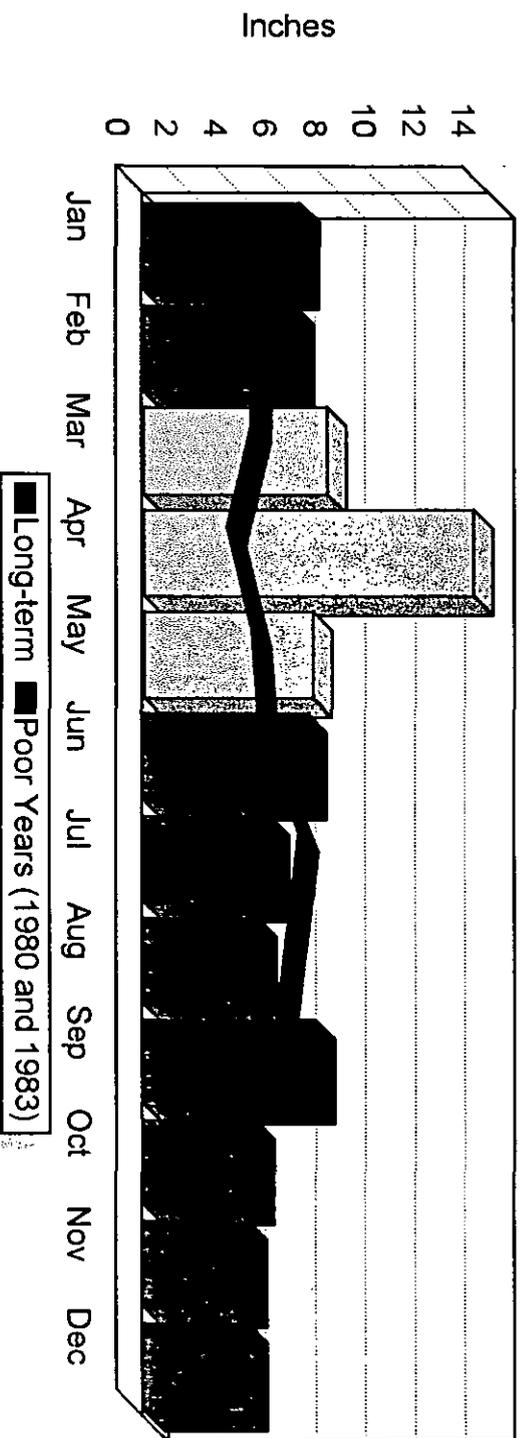
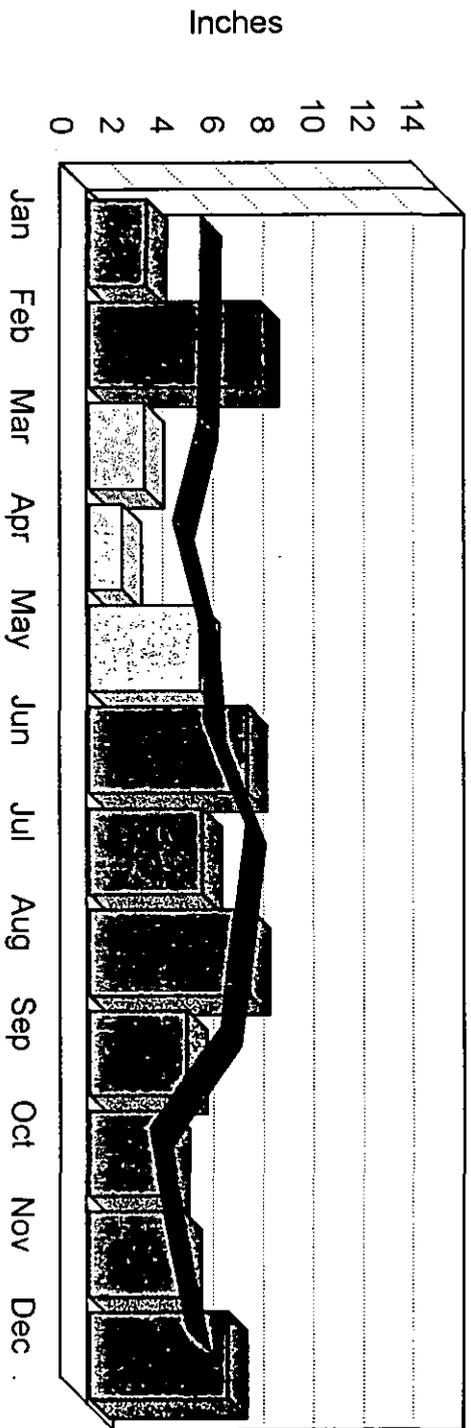
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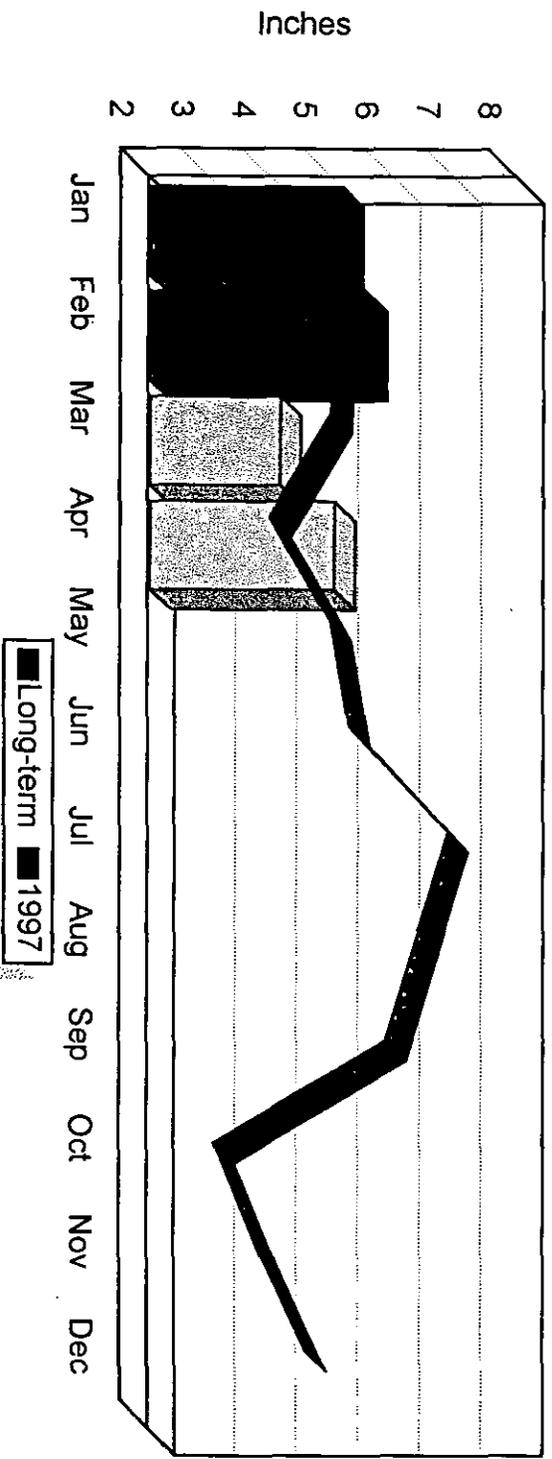
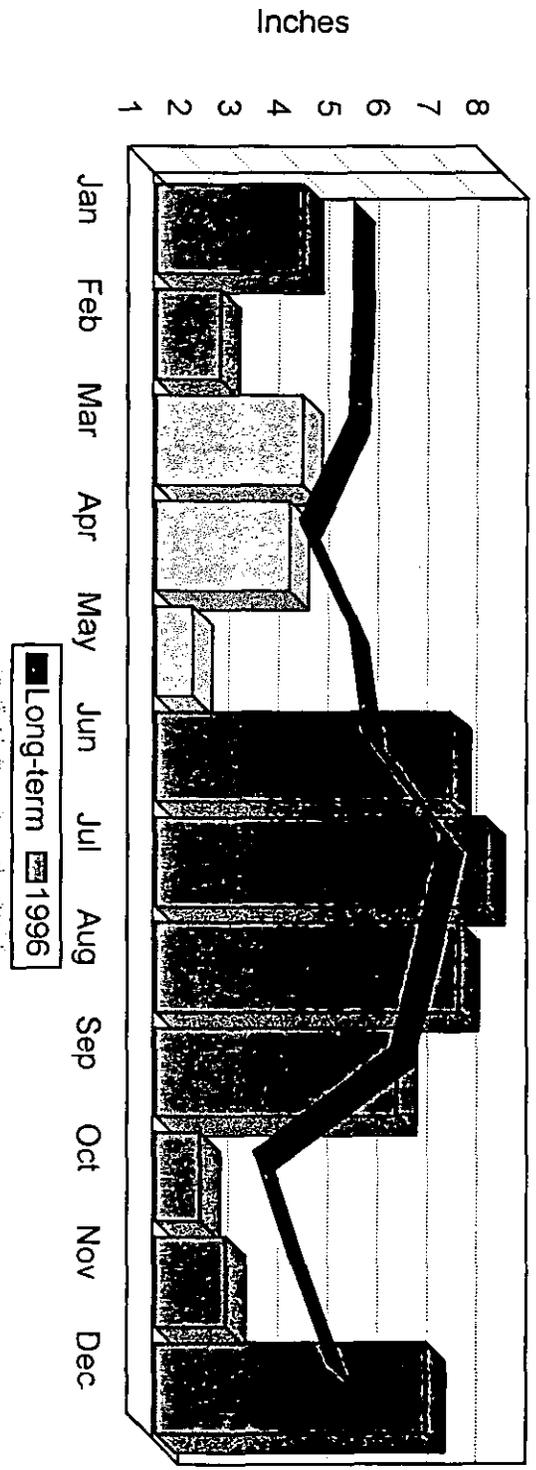
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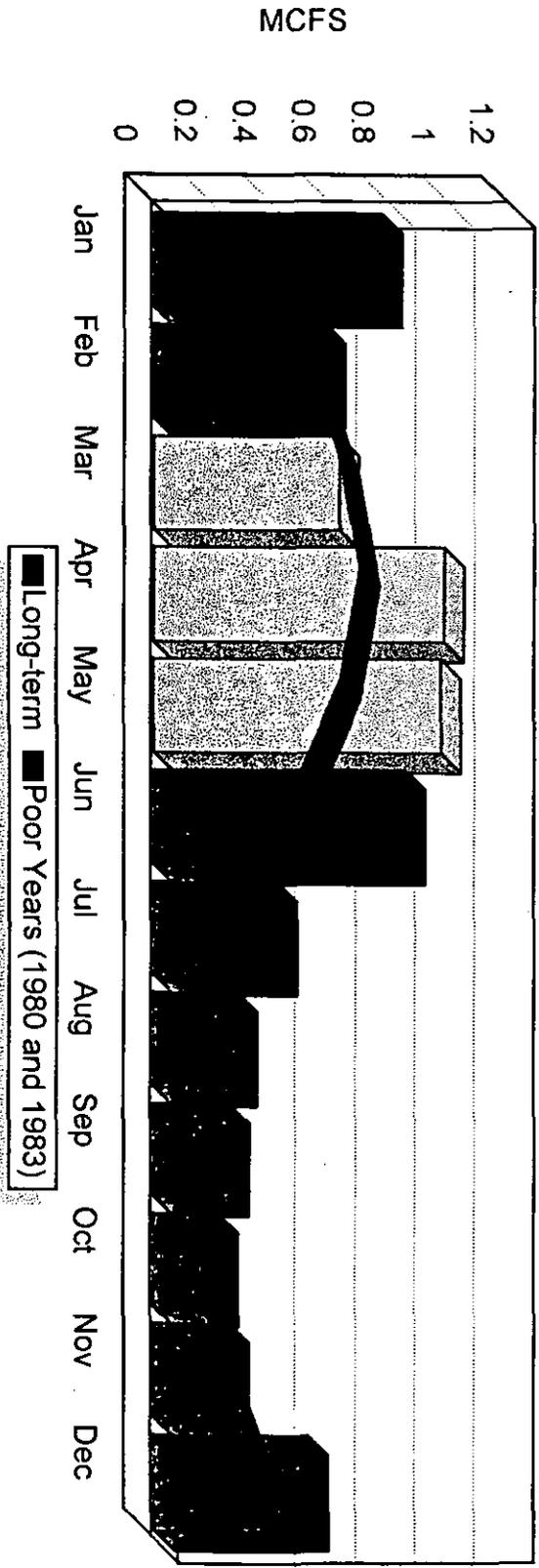
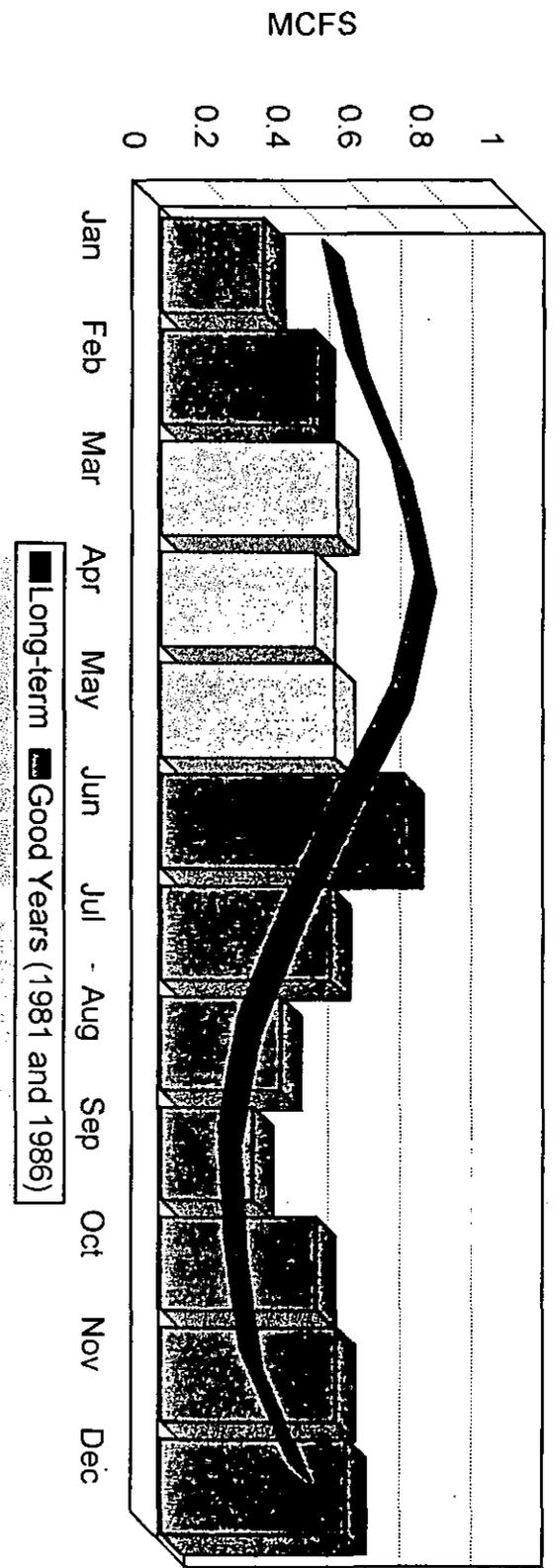
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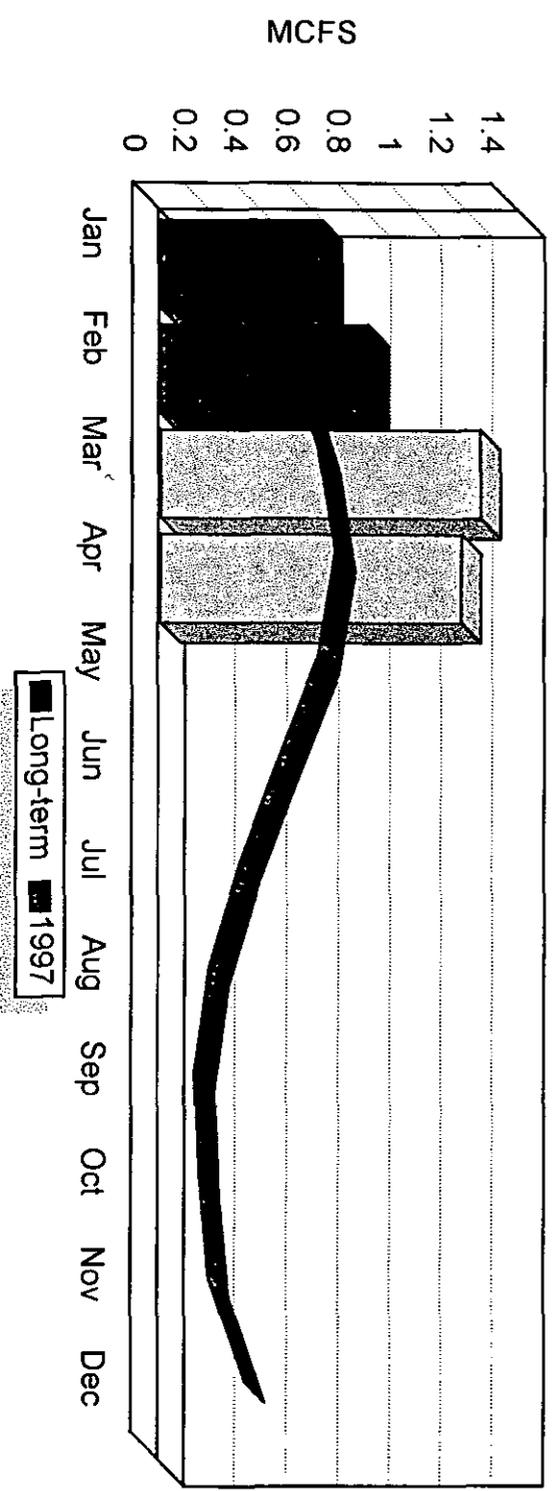
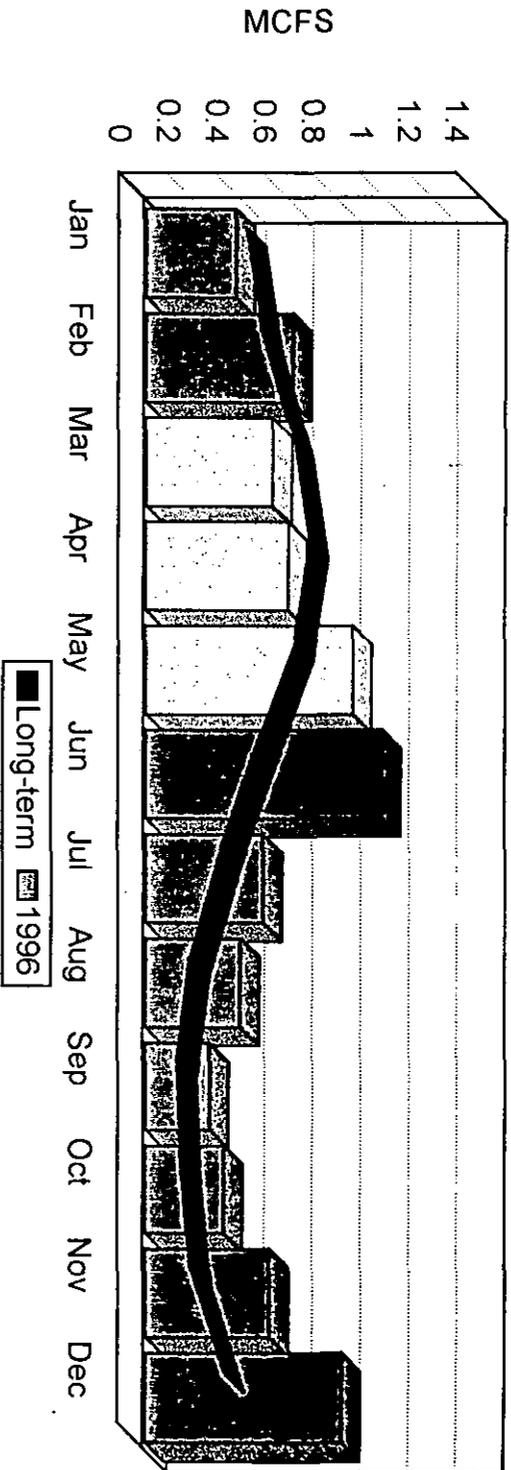
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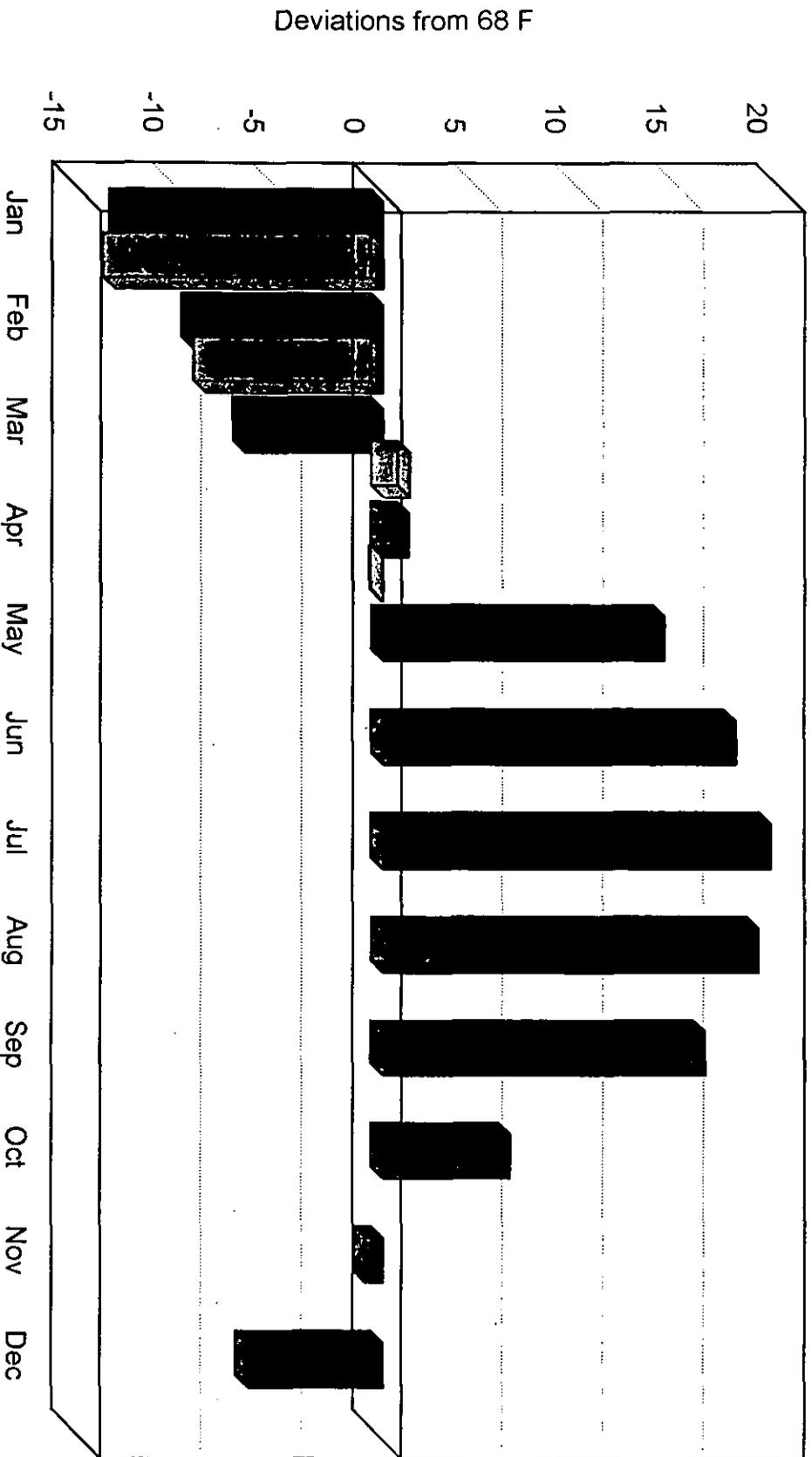
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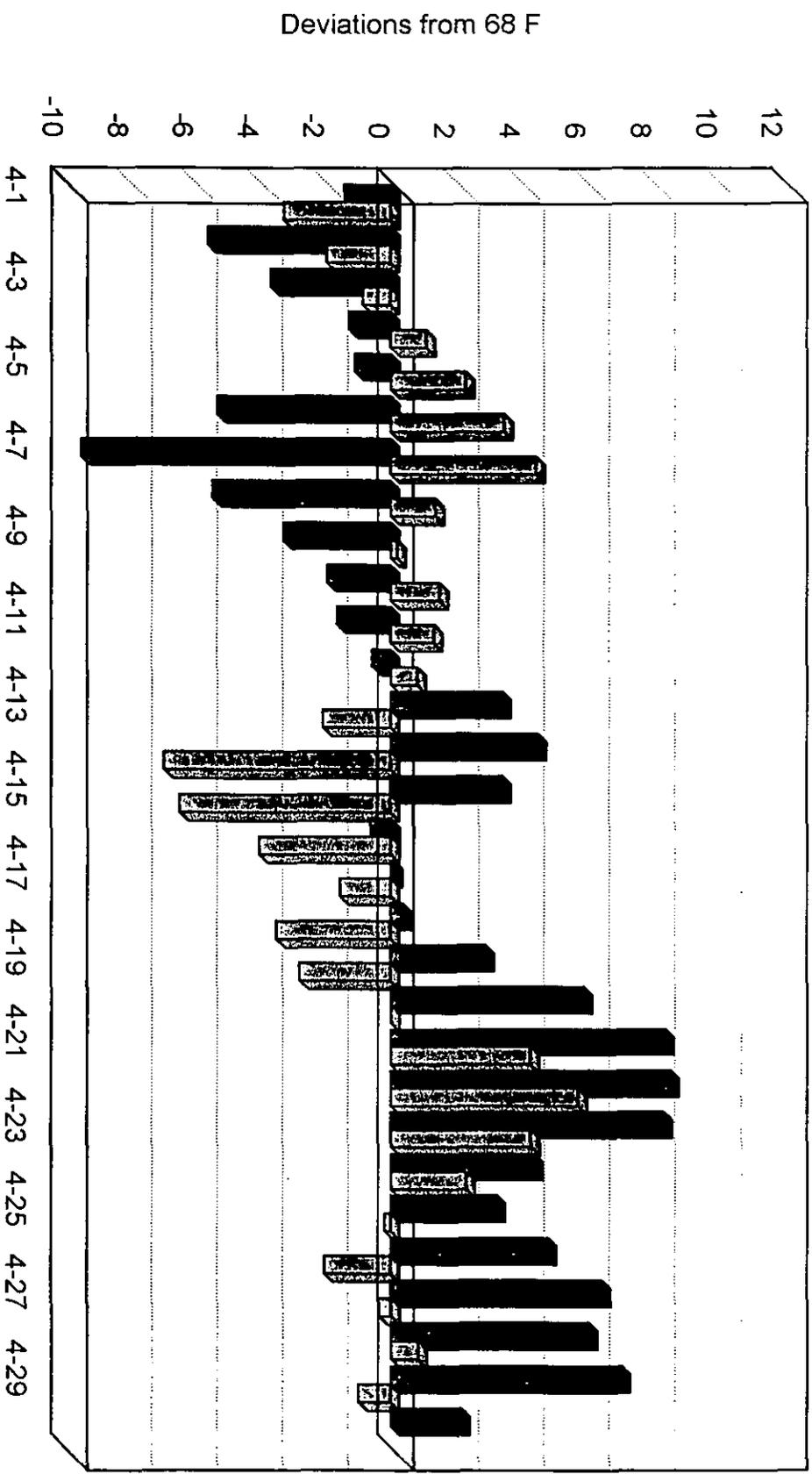
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Source: LDWF and USGS

# South Barataria Bay April Daily Water Temperature

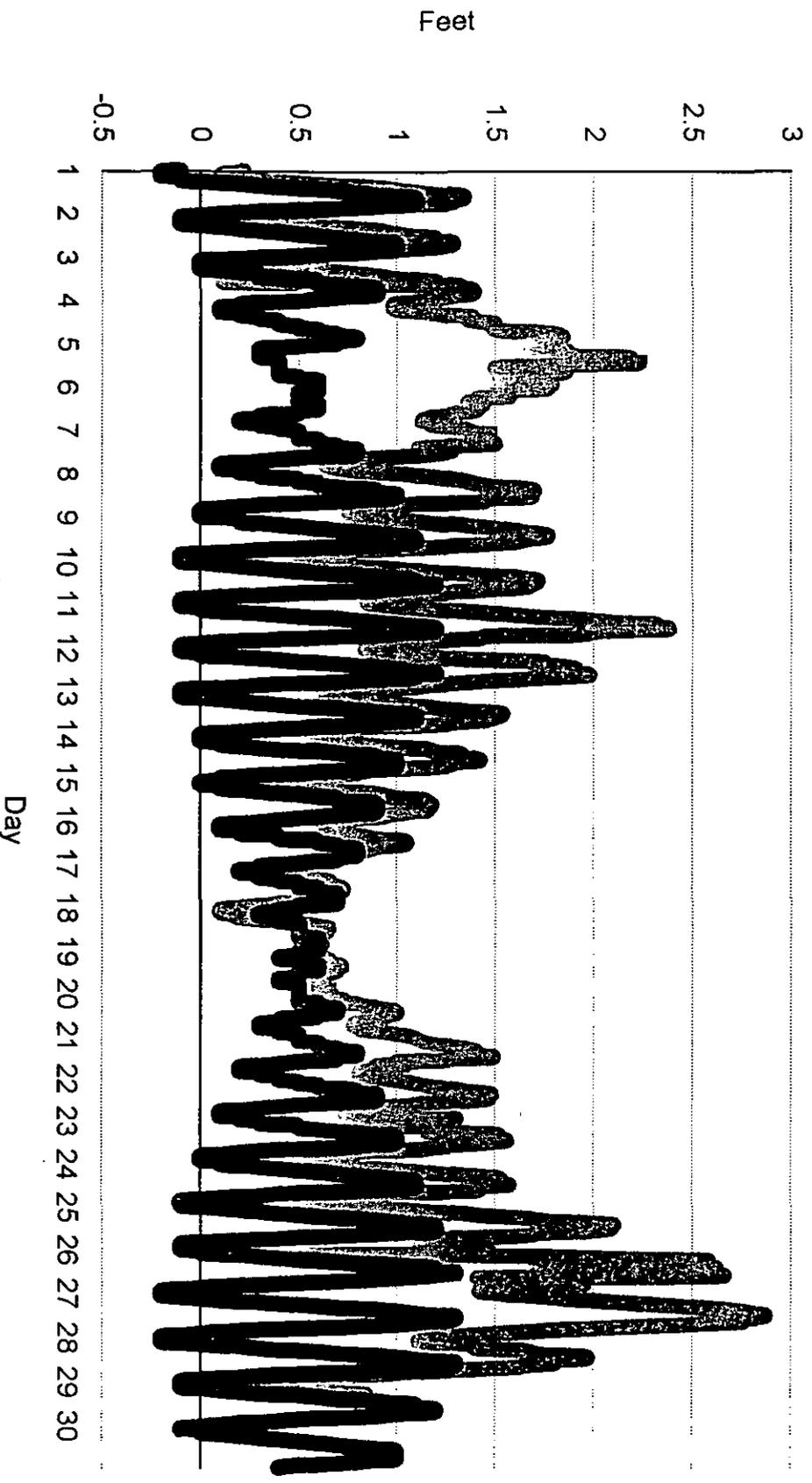
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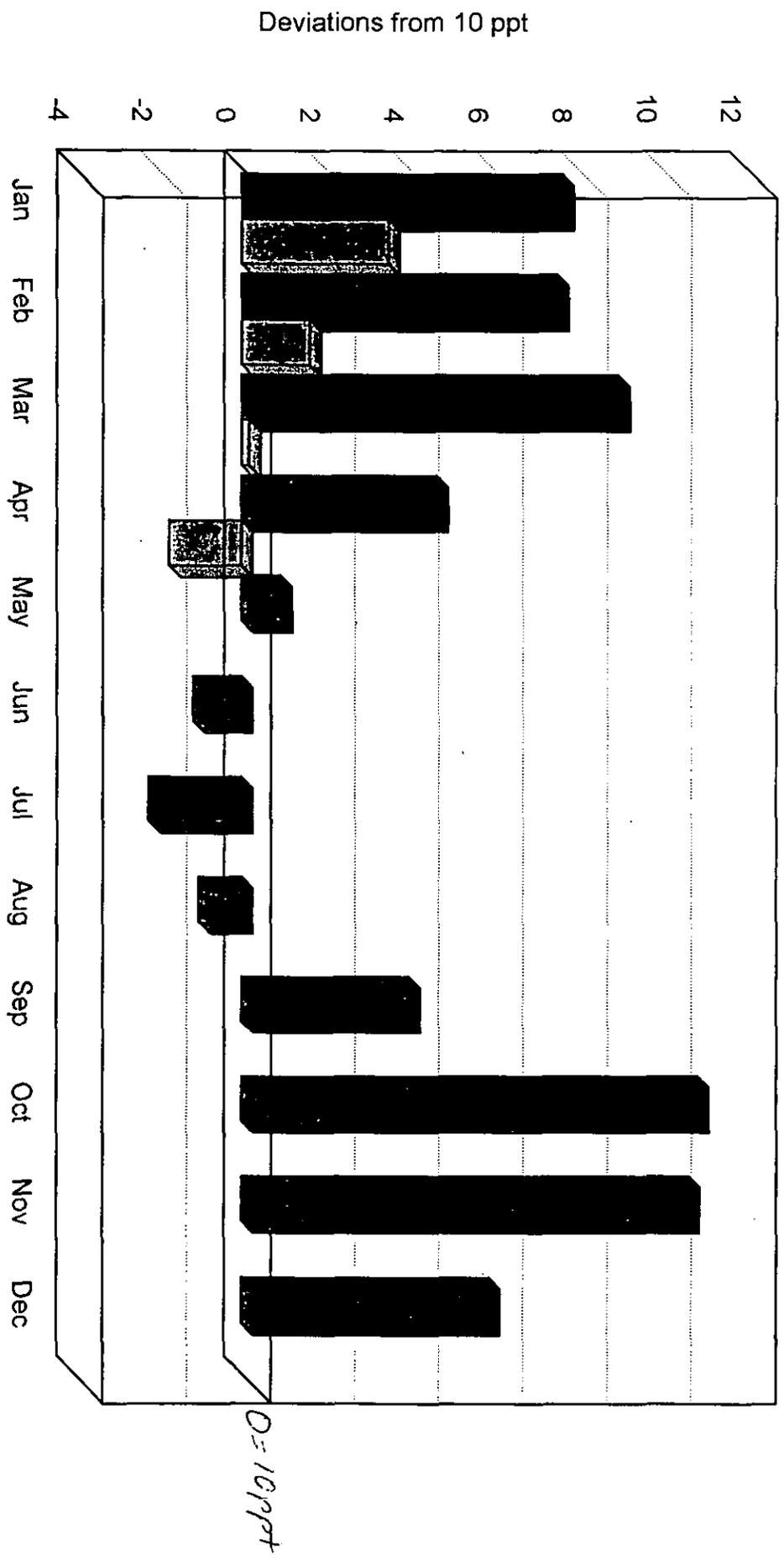
Barataria Pass, Louisiana



Source: LDWF and Nautical Software

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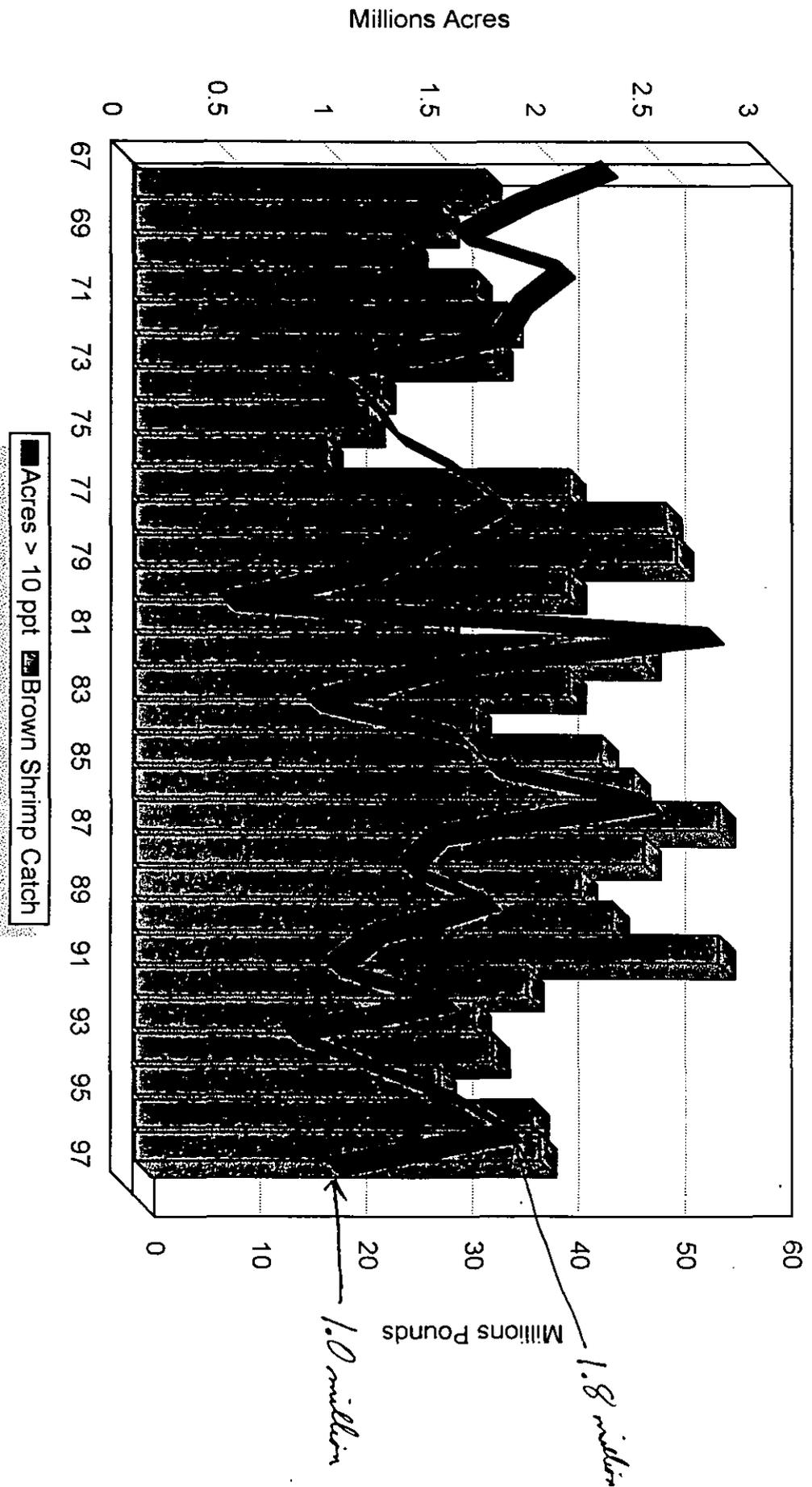
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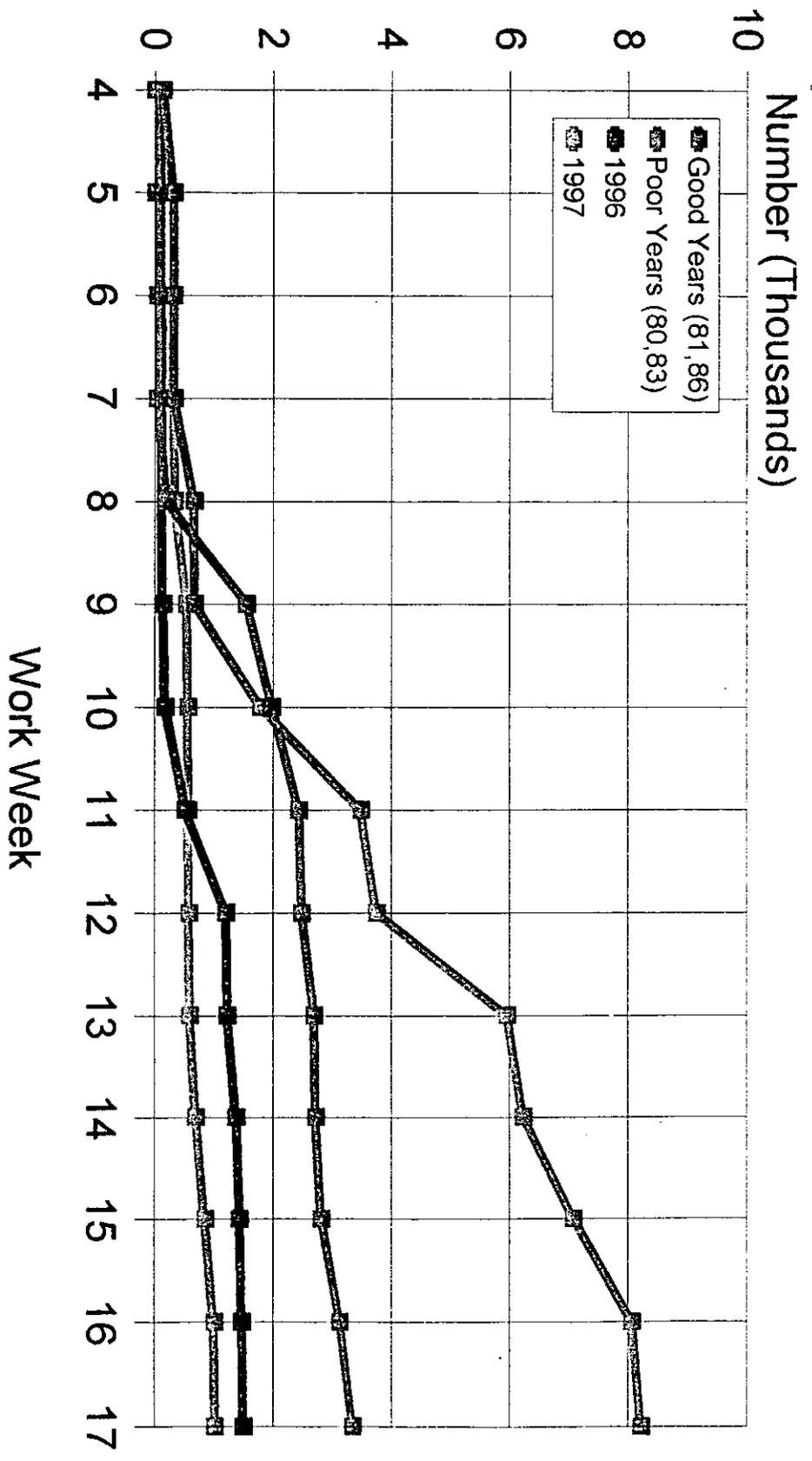
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Source: LDWF and NMFS

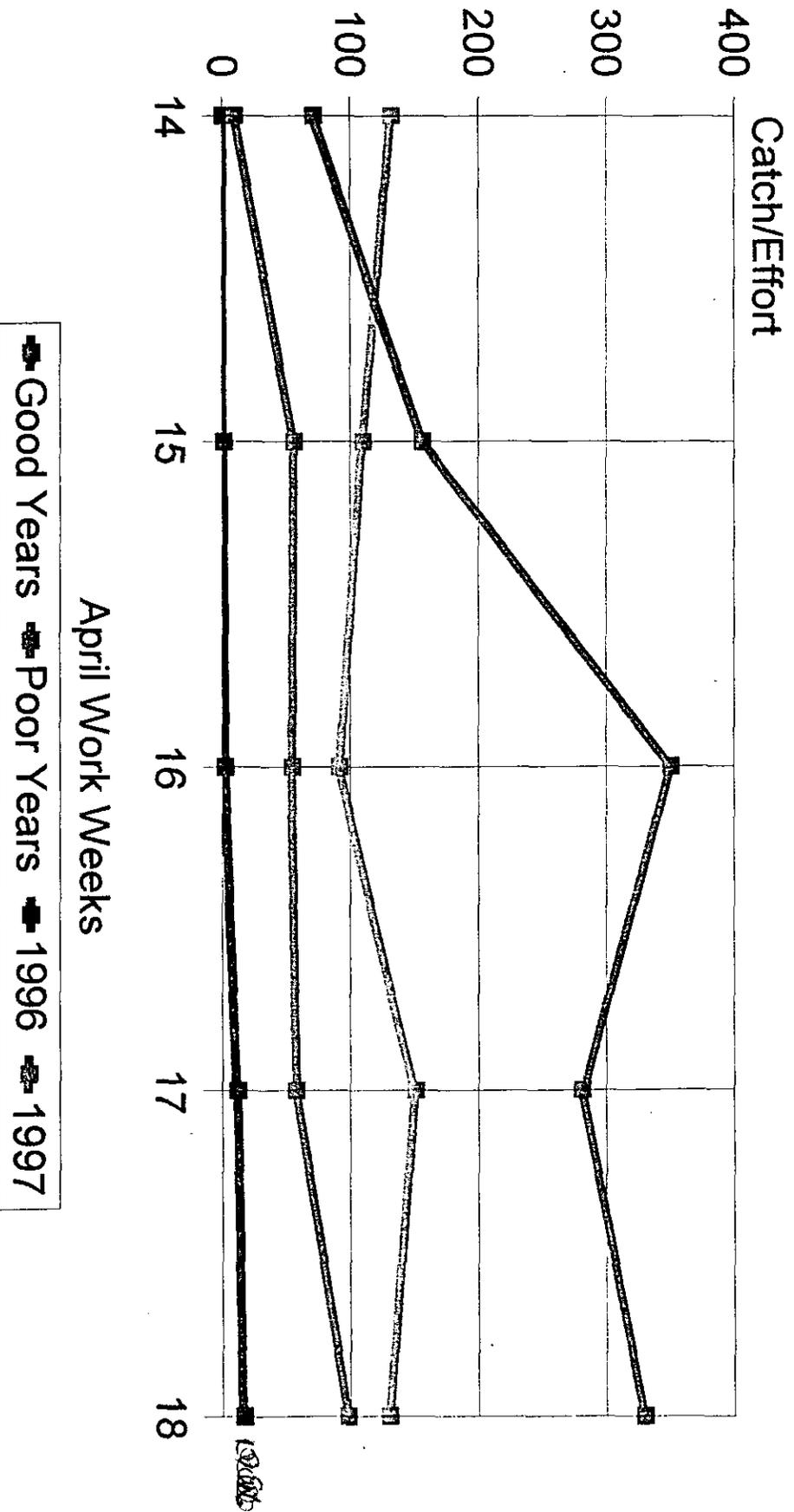
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## Barataria Bay



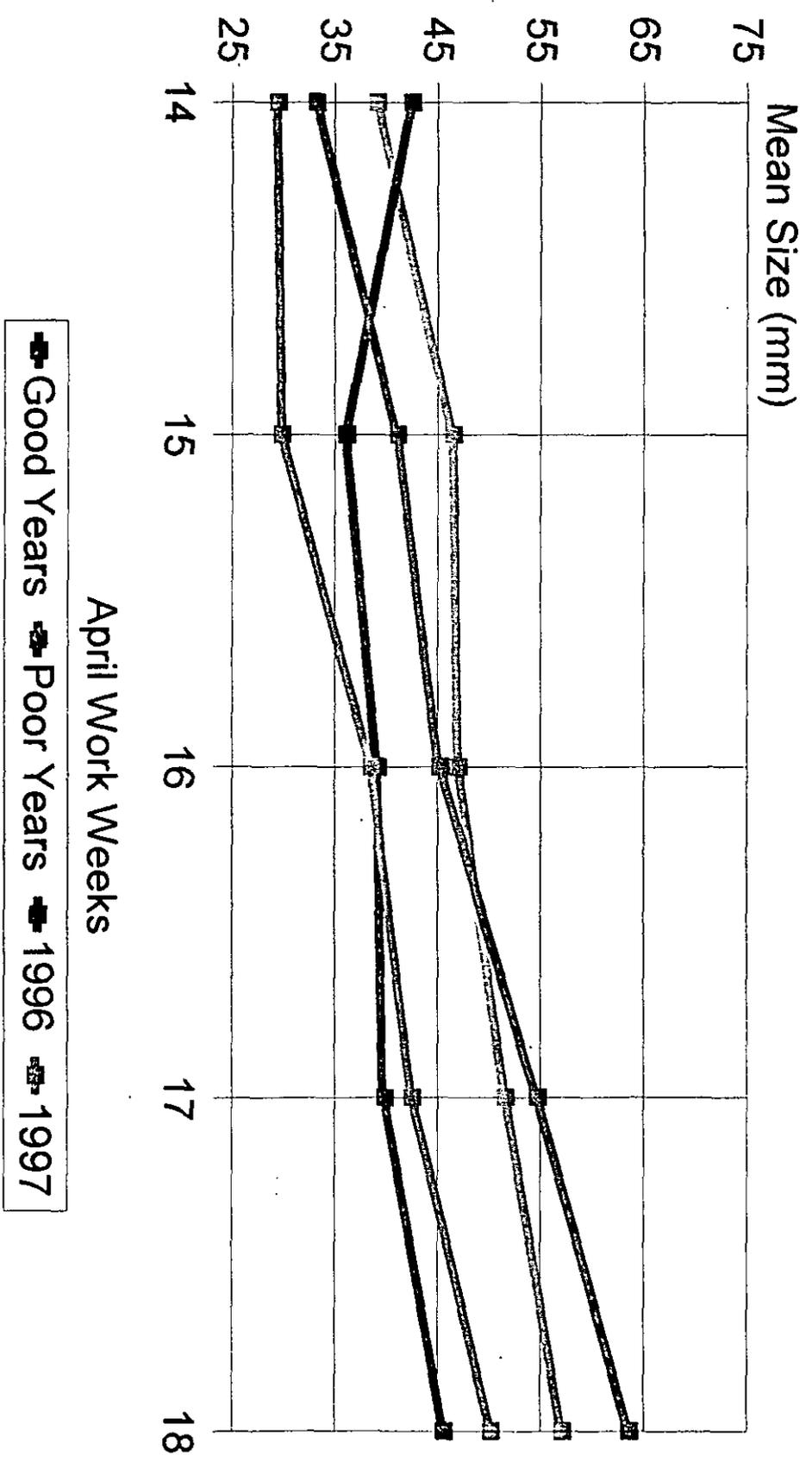
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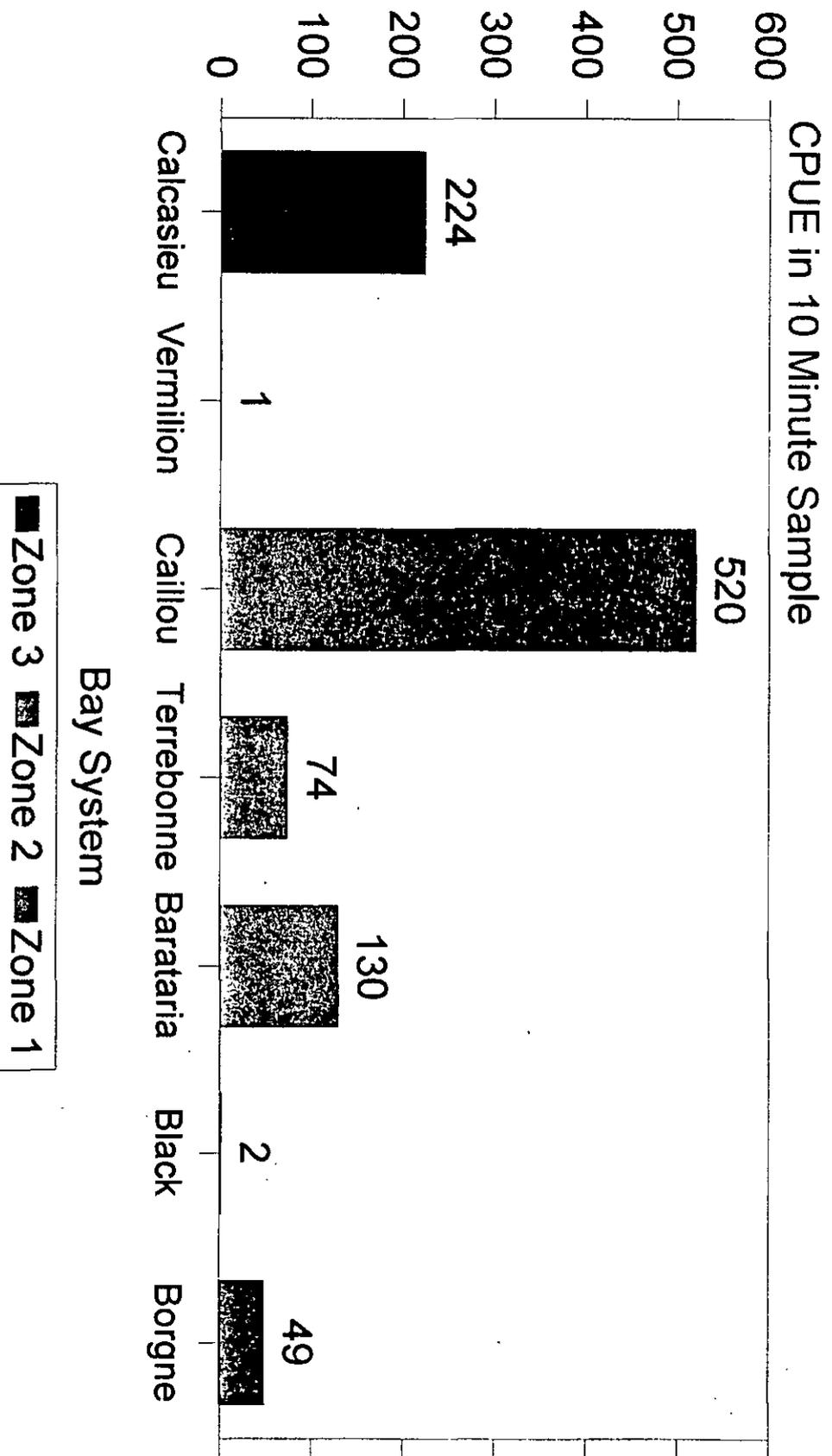
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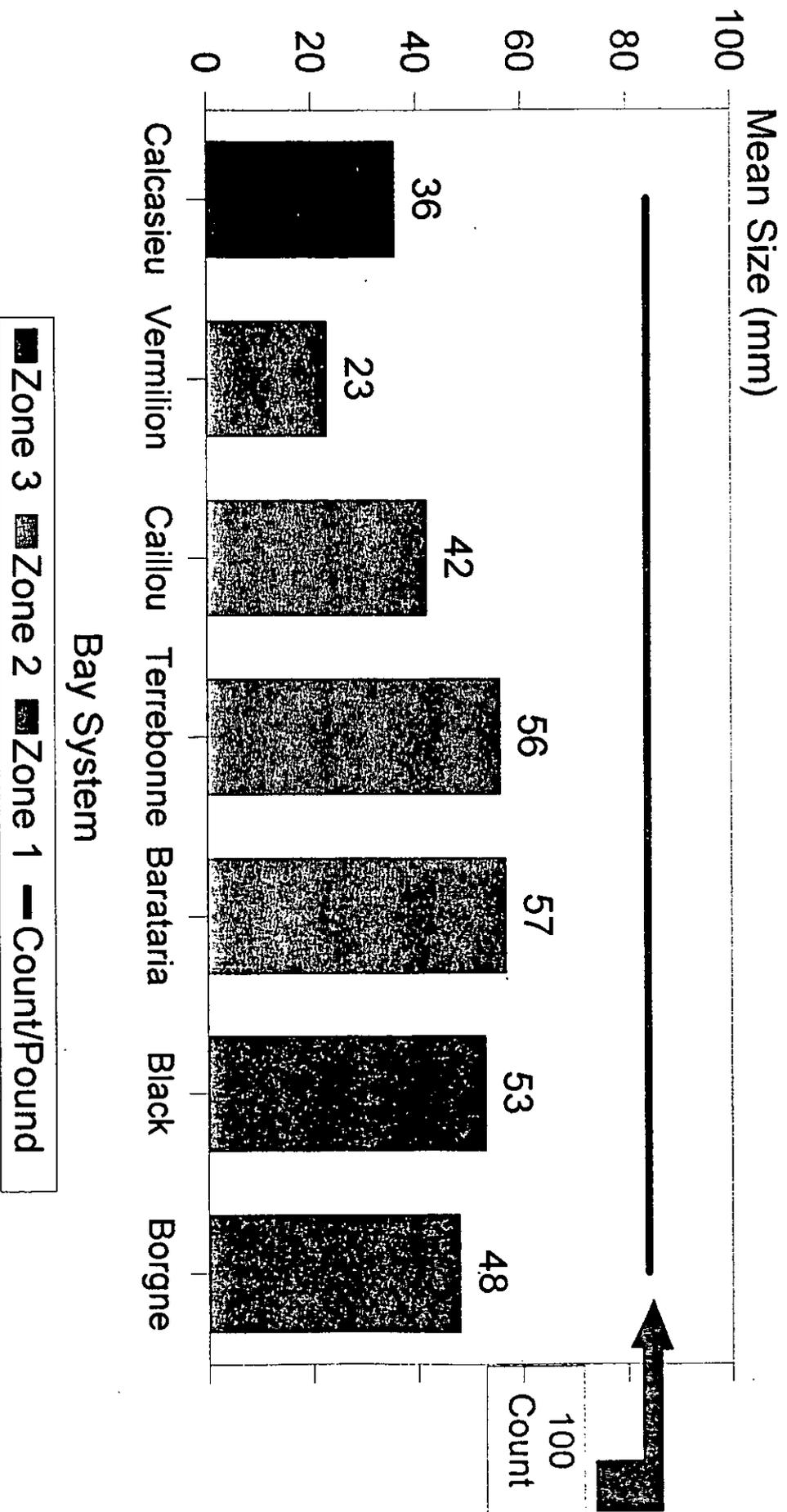
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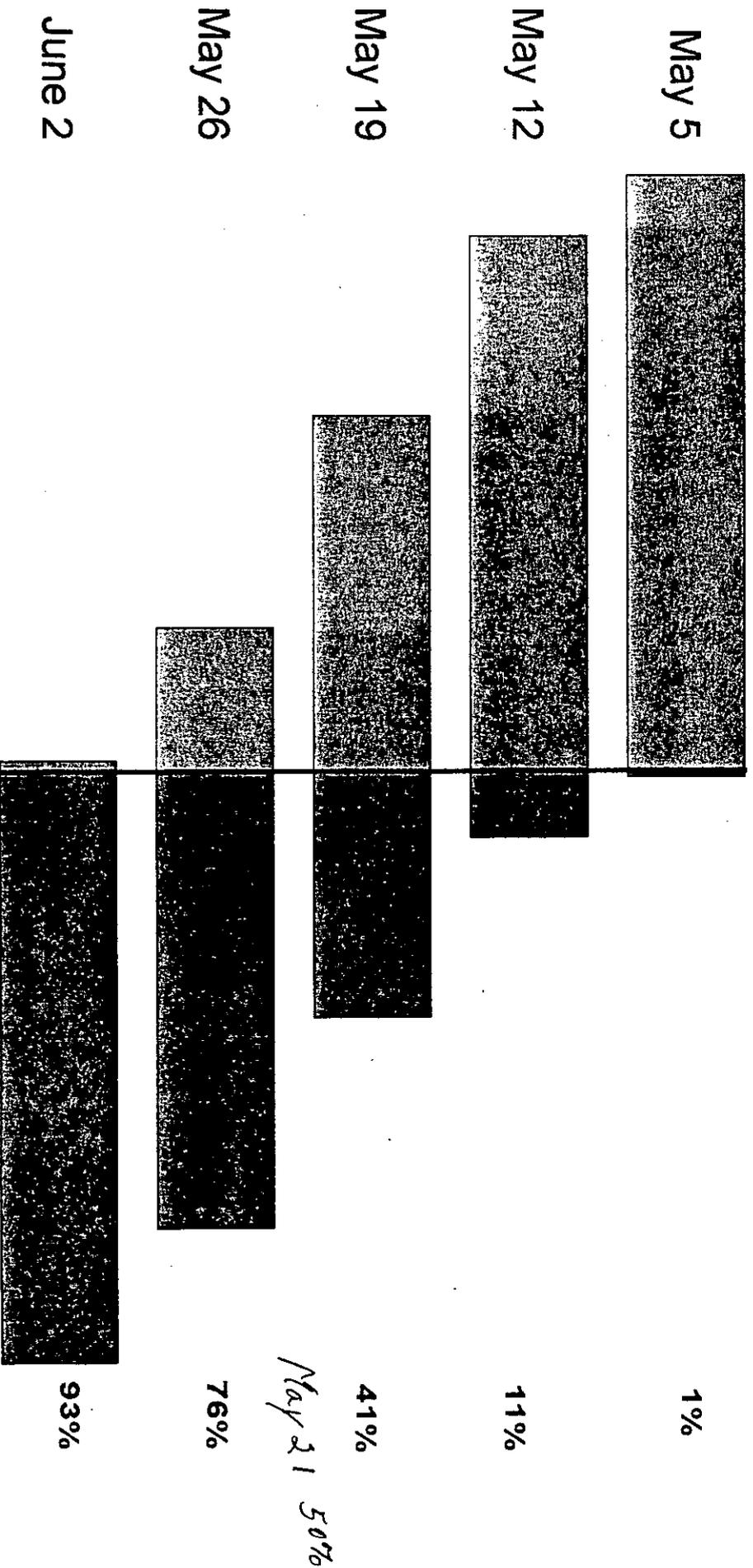
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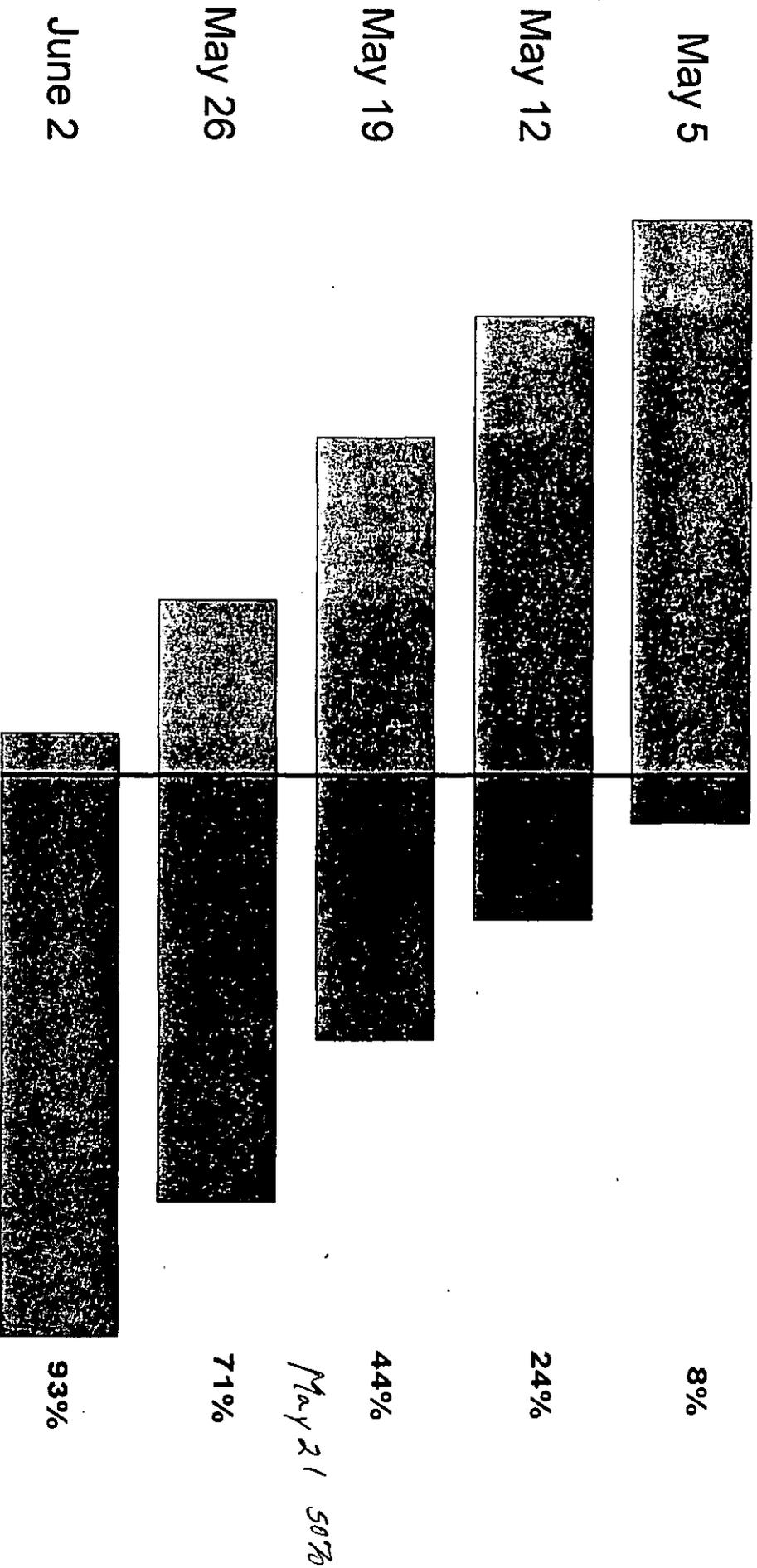
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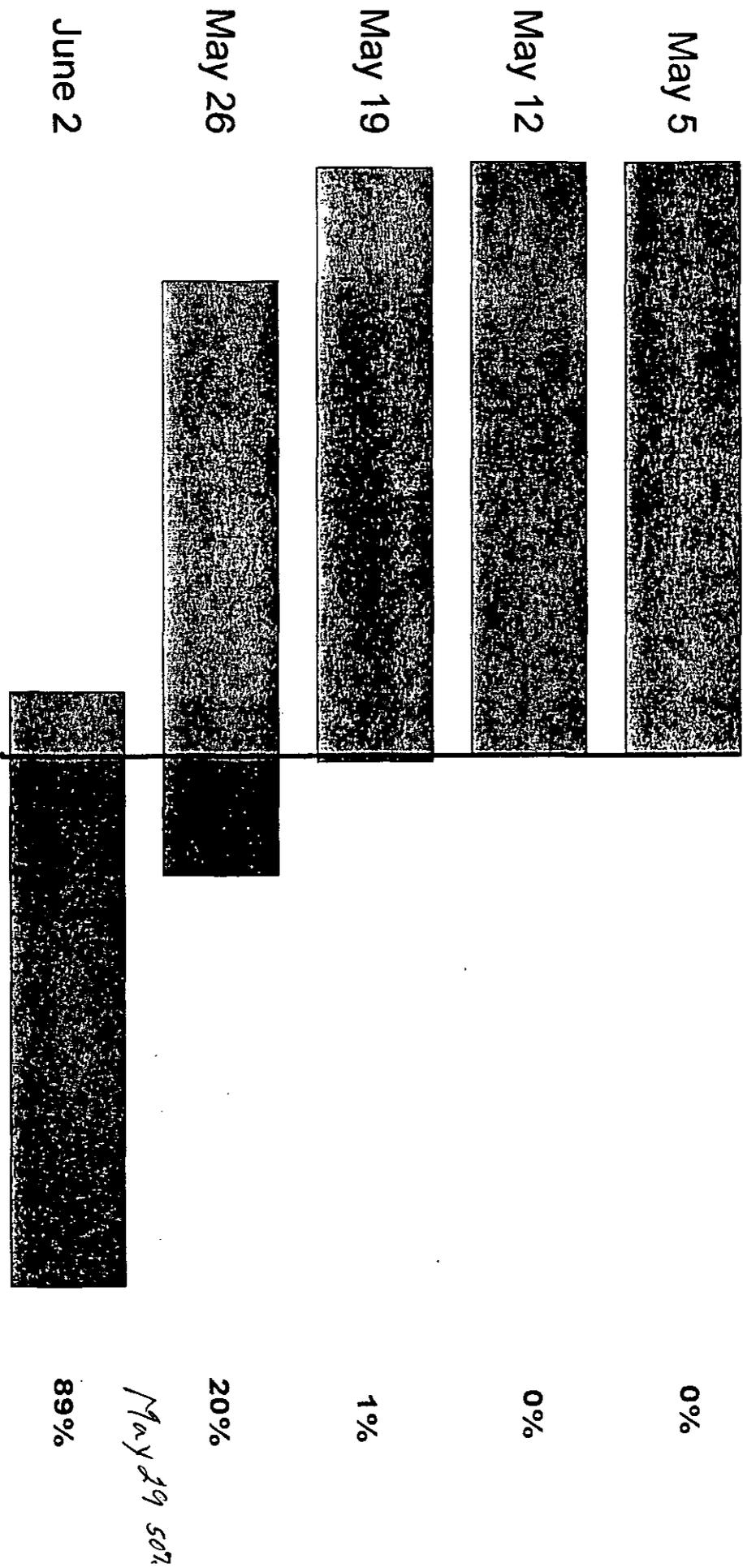
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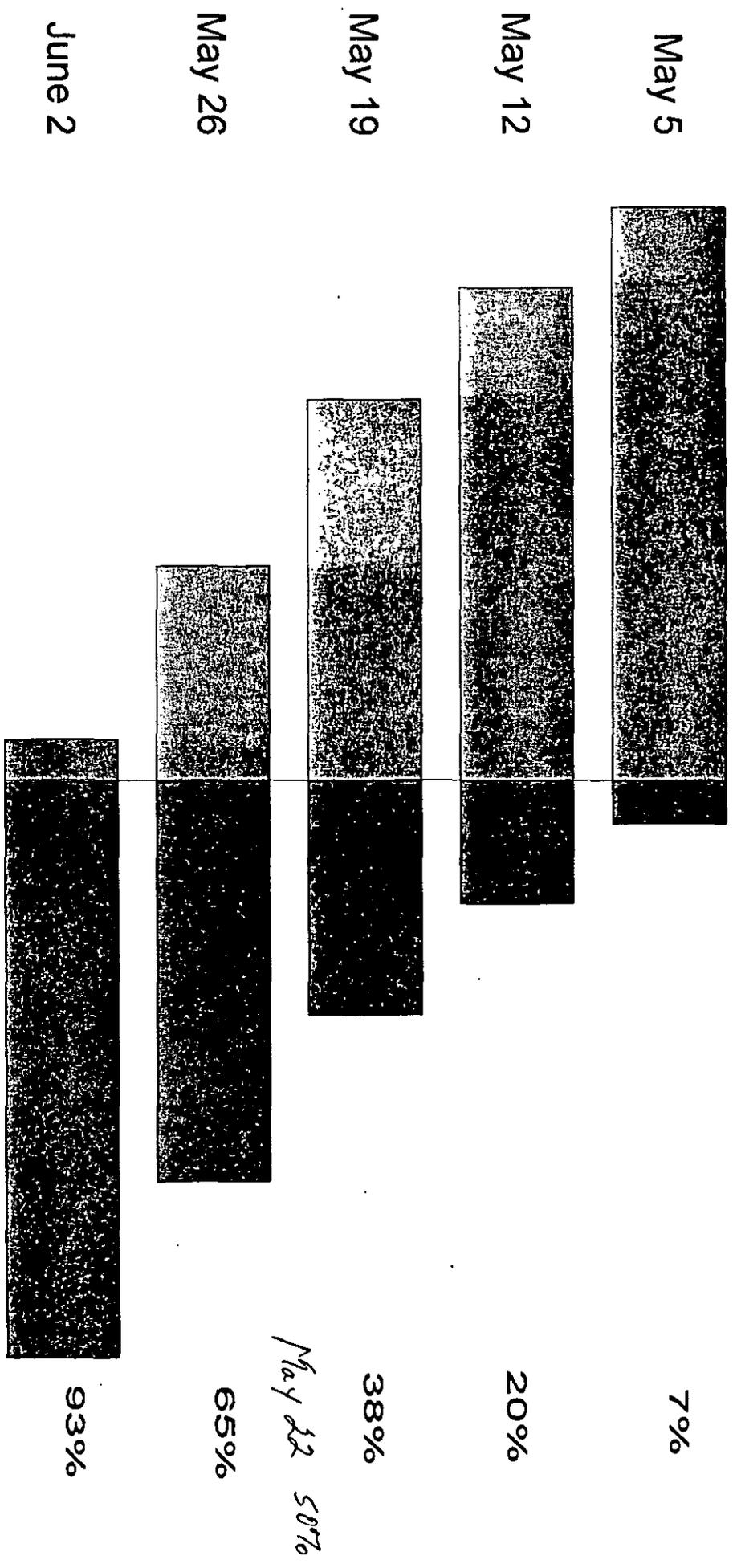
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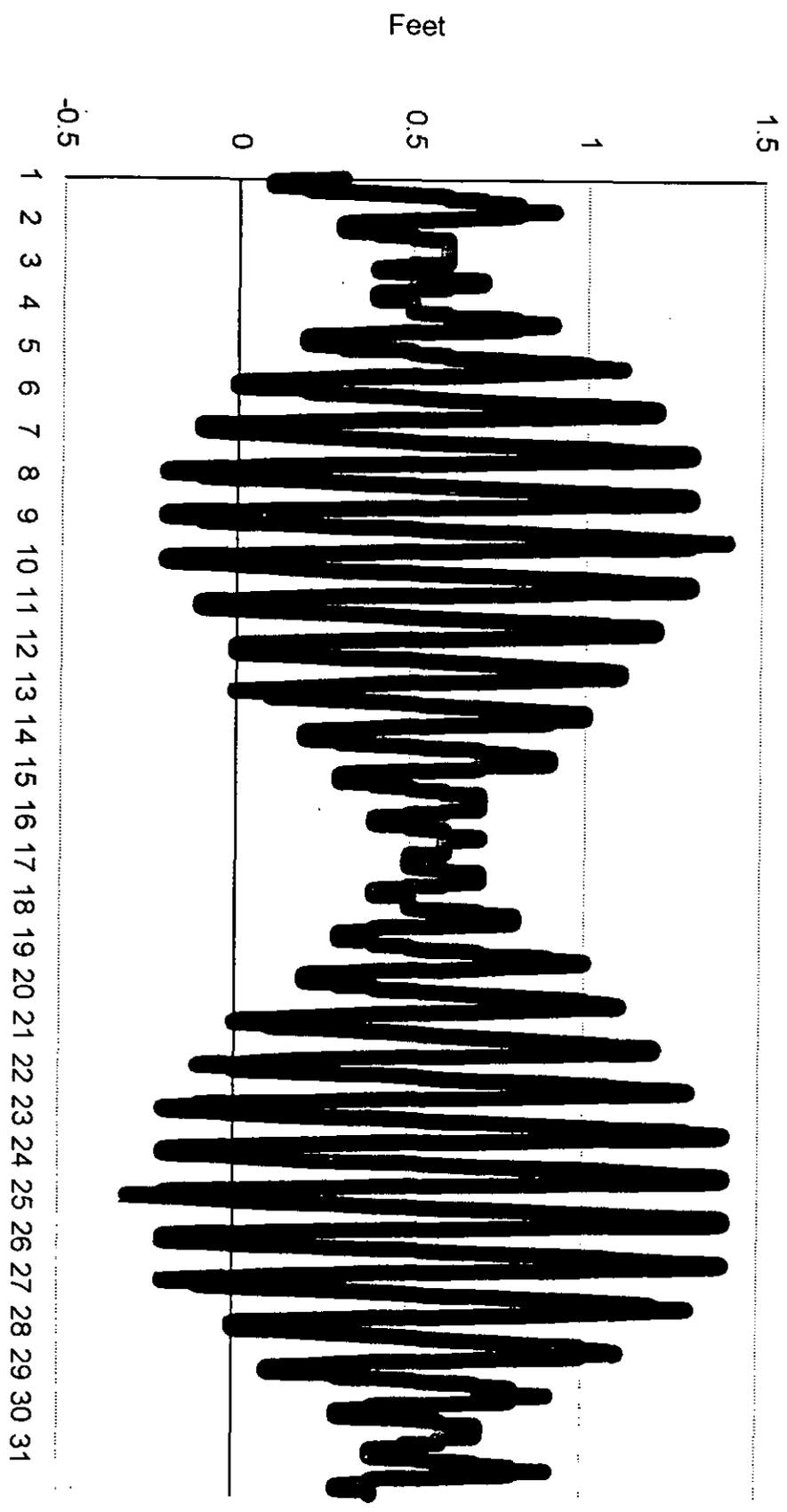
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# May 1997 Tidal Range

Barataria Pass, Louisiana



Source: Nautical Software

*May 6 - full moon*  
*May 22 - new moon*

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the traditional management criteria used by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in recommending the opening dates for the spring inshore shrimp season are based on the population of shrimp in each zone reaching such a size that 50% or more of the shrimp are 100 count per pound or larger, and

WHEREAS, current biological data show that at least 50% of the 1997 brown shrimp crop will meet the 100 count per pound management criteria in shrimp management Zone 1 by May 21, 1997, in Zone 2 by May 21, 1997 and in Zone 3 by May 29, 1997, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby opens the spring inshore shrimp season in Zone 1 at 6 a.m. May 19, 1997, Zone 2 at 6 a.m. May 19, 1997 and in Zone 3 at 6 a.m. May 26, 1997.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby grants to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the authority to close any portion of Louisiana's inshore waters to protect small white shrimp.

Daniel J. Babin, Chairman  
La. Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

James H. Jenkins Jr., Secretary  
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Fisheries

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION**

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedures Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters and shall have the authority to open or close outside waters, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1997 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season to open as follows:

Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the Mississippi State line to the eastern shore of South pass of the Mississippi River, to open at 6 a.m. May 19, 1997, and

Zone 2, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island, to open at 6 a.m. May 19, 1997, and

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RESOLUTION  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
May 1, 1997

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Thibodaux, LA, May 1, 1997.

WHEREAS, dove hunting in Louisiana is a popular sport and lands open to the public for dove hunting are few; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission endeavors to increase hunting opportunities for the people of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 56:783, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has the authority to lease and establish public hunting areas; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is vested with the authority to establish rules and regulations for public hunting areas by L.R.S. 56:109B; and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for safe and orderly hunts, and increase opportunities for Louisiana hunters, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules and regulations for the Experimental Dove Field Leasing Program are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

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Daniel Babin, Chairman  
LA Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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

## RULE

### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate rules governing hunting on property leased for public dove hunting by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

#### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part XIX. Hunting

#### Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Seasons

#### §107. Experimental Dove Field Leasing Program

A. In recognition of the popularity of dove hunting and the lack of lands available to the general public for dove hunting, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission establishes rules for an experimental public dove hunting program on private lands leased by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

B. The following rules will apply to those lands which dove hunting rights have been leased by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for the day(s) specified in the lease.

1. All hunters are required to have a daily permit. This permit will be available at the field on the day of the hunt. Permits will be issued on a first come - first serve basis. An administrative fee may be charged for daily permits.

2. Leased fields may be closed to additional hunters when a predetermined number of permits have been issued. However, additional hunters may be admitted throughout the day as hunters

leave the field and surrender their permits.

3. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed or possessed on the leased property. Persons who appear to be impaired or under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substances will be denied access to the field(s).

4. Shot larger than size 7 1/2 is prohibited.

5. Only mourning doves may be taken.

6. Loaded firearms are prohibited in vehicles or at check stations.

7. Persons exhibiting unsafe gun handling shall be removed from the field(s).

8. Vehicles are restricted to designated areas or roads.

9. No littering. Each hunter is responsible for removing his/her trash, including shell hulls, from the leased property.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:783 and 56:109B.

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

Daniel J. Babin

Chairman

## RESOLUTION

### LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

May 1, 1997

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Thibodaux, LA, May 1, 1997.

**WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Duck Stamp Program was established by the legislature in 1988 by Act 632 to raise funds to conserve Louisiana's valuable wetlands, and

**WHEREAS,** the funds raised from the sale of Louisiana duck stamps are deposited in the Louisiana Duck Stamp Fund to be used specifically for the purpose of wetland conservation, and

**WHEREAS,** the Department has been actively involved with acquiring, managing and maintaining numerous wetland projects and providing funding assistance for these efforts on both public and private lands, and

**WHEREAS,** portions of the money utilized for acquisition, management and maintenance of these wetland projects are derived from revenue generated from the sale of Louisiana duck stamps to both resident and non-resident hunters as well as collectors, and

**WHEREAS,** Louisiana's wetlands provide major wintering grounds for migratory birds and hunting opportunity for thousands of non-residents, and

**WHEREAS,** other states in the southeast charge from \$3.00 to \$16.00 for non-resident duck stamps, and

**WHEREAS,** increasing the cost of a non-resident duck stamp by \$6.00 will bring Louisiana's fee more in line with other states and commensurate with hunting opportunity, and

**WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has been granted the authority by the Legislature to establish non-resident fees for recreational hunting and fishing licenses and stamps, and

**WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission wishes to have this license increase in effect for the 1997-98 license year, and

**WHEREAS,** licenses must be ordered now to satisfy the demand for the upcoming license year and be available by July 1, 1997, now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission increases the non-resident \$13.50 by Declaration of Emergency, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a Notice of Intent will be filed to make this license increase effective beyond the 120 days allowed under the provisions of a Declaration of Emergency.

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Daniel J. Babin, Chairman  
La. Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
La. Department of Wildlife &  
Fisheries

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

**Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under authority of R.S. 56:6(28), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby increases the fee for the non-resident duck stamp. This increase will be effective for non-resident duck stamps sold beginning with the 1997-98 license year. This action is being taken to allow the Department to order stamps for the 1997-98 license year with these fees duly noted and available by July 1, 1997.

This Declaration of Emergency shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act or until adoption of the final rule, whichever occurs first.

**Title 76**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds**

**Chapter 3. Wild Birds**

**§317. Non-Resident Duck Stamp Fee Increase**

Beginning in the 1997-98 license year, the fee for purchasing a Non-Resident Duck Stamp will be increased from \$7.50 to \$13.50. This change will remain in effect until additional changes are warranted.

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(28).

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

Daniel J. Babin

Chairman

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 a rule increasing the fee for non-resident waterfowl stamps.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may comment on the proposed rule in writing to Mr. Hugh Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

until 4:30 p.m., July 25, 1997.

Daniel J. Babin

Chairman

March 11, 1997

Hugh Bateman  
Administrator, Wildlife Division  
P.O. box 98000  
Baton Rouge, LA 70898

Mr. Bateman:

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Respectively submitted,

Landowners Organization (LOO) of Washington Parish

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Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
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(504)765-2800  
April 7, 1997

M.J. "Mike" Foster  
Governor

## MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Norman J. Stafford, Biologist III  
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Biologist III

cc: Hugh Bateman  
Tommy Prickett  
Dave Moreland  
Dave Morrison

NJS:cl

attach A

1009 Holly Road  
Franklinton, LA 70438  
March 4, 1997

Mr. Mike Galloway  
Weyerhaeuser Company  
Hwy. 10  
Bogalusa, LA 70426

Dear Mr. <sup>Mike</sup>Galloway:

I am confident you have received numerous inquiries by individuals and other hunting clubs desiring to lease Weyerhaeuser property previously leased to the Highway 16 Hunting Club of Franklinton. This letter is provided to assist you in considering a new organization to lease this property. This organization consists primarily of the land owners who surround this same property for approximately one mile. We are Weyerhaeuser neighbors who have a vested interest to ensure lease commitments and privileges are honored, law enforcement and fish and game contacts are positive, and our collective and individual actions are a positive reflection of sportsmanship and game management.

We have not identified our organizational name, so please consider us the Land Owners Organization (LOO), until such time as a formal name is adopted. The LOO has undertaken considerable voluntary effort toward ensuring "still hunting" for deer is mandated in an area which surrounds and includes the Weyerhaeuser properties we desire to lease. Attached is a copy of a petition that describes the area which has been circulating several weeks among land owners and Weyerhaeuser neighbors in this same area. The results thus far have been very positive and non-signers the exception.

Our next phase in this petition effort is to expand the area to include all lands west of the Bogue Chitto River and south of LA Hwy. 10 to the Tangipahoa and St. Tammany Parish lines. We will formally provide this petition to the Department of Fish and Game in Baton Rouge and believe this large area, which when identified as still hunting only, will be a more practical consideration to include in the statewide 97-98 F&G regulations. This is a precedent-setting effort by responsible residents to ensure still hunting only is allowed by the state on property in the area described. As a result of our effort to the enlarge this area, a second letter from Weyerhaeuser, describing the area above as still hunting only for deer, would be of great assistance to us. Weyerhaeuser neighbors and others will be meeting with Weyerhaeuser representative Paxton Tate to formally make this request.

Another effort by the LOO was a motion to the Washington Parish Police Jury to abandon the part of the Floyd Fisher Road west of the residence of Morris Fisher. This road leads directly to the Weyerhaeuser property we desire to lease. This motion was approved on February 24, 1997, and our intent is to install a gate to be used by the land owners and Weyerhaeuser. This road has been a major trespassing route, a dumping area, and a loitering site for years, and a substantial nuisance to the residents.

Our organizational goal is to provide an affordable, safe recreational activity for our members, to develop the natural resources, and to honor our agreements. In order to proceed with formalizing our organization, we do need to know if Weyerhaeuser will lease this property to us and the cost involved. Your earliest review in response to our request to lease this property will enable us to assess the costs of our memberships since other lease

March 4, 1997

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agreements are involved. Please contact me personally if I can provide you with additional information or assistance. On behalf of the LOO, I look forward to a positive response.

Sincerely,



Robert I. Jensen  
(504) 839-5523

Enclosure

cc:  
J. Clark  
R. Thames  
J. Stafford  
B. Hoggatt  
R. Watson

# **TOP GUN HUNTING CLUB, INC**

**41367 AMITY RD. PONCHATOULA, LA 70454**

To Whom It May Concern:

We, as members of Top Gun Hunting Club, are strictly still hunters. We have been leasing this tract of land for the last ten years. During that time, we have repeatedly had problems with purposely loosed and unattended dogs entering our lease. Please consider eliminating dogs for the use of deer hunting in Washington Parish.

Thank you



F. G. Waguespack

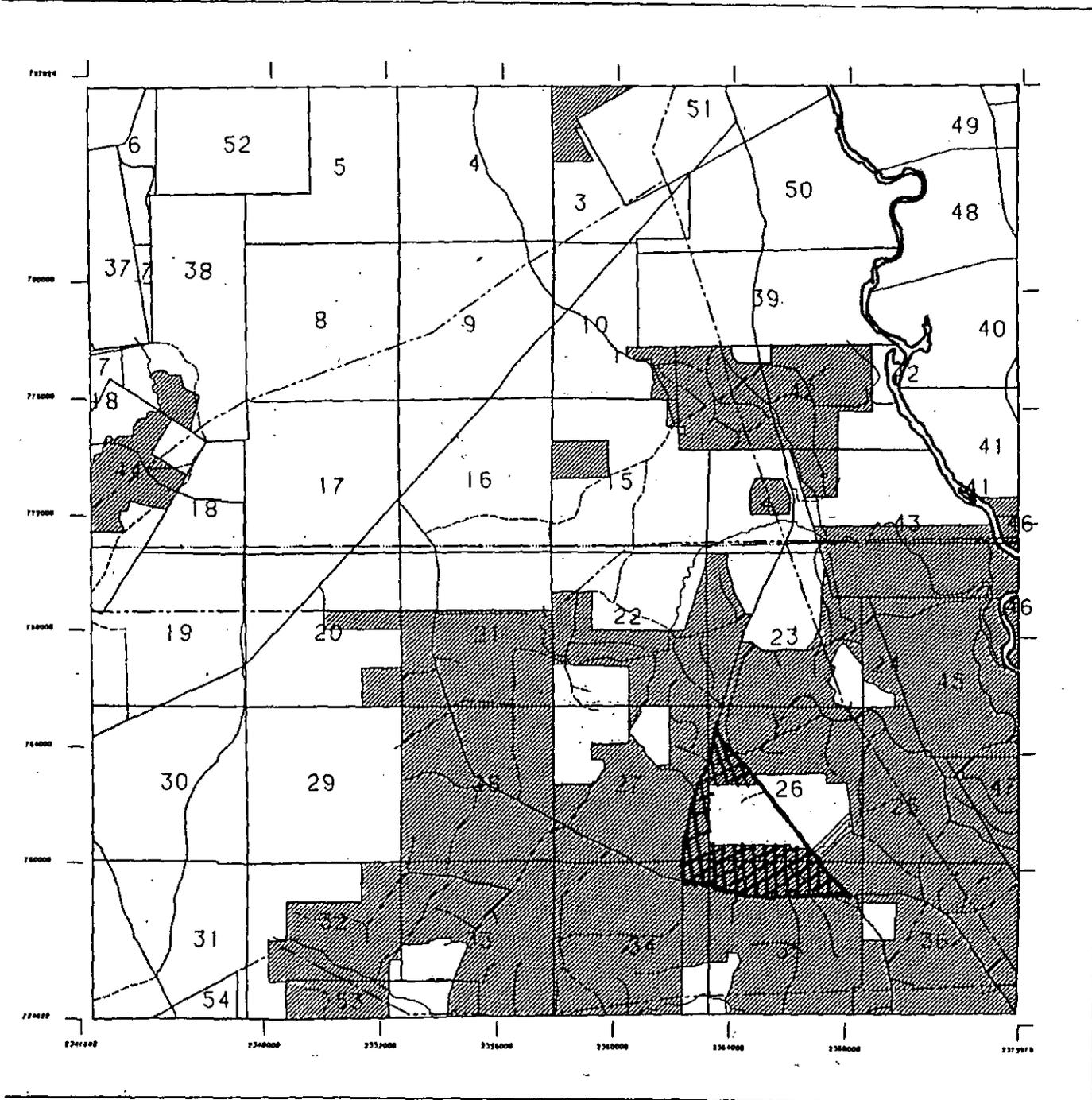
President, Top Gun Hunting Club

(504-386-8919)

CAVENHAM FOREST INDUSTRIES INC.

Washington Par., LA

T03S R10E



ALL PROPERTY LISTED ON THIS MAP IS FORBIDDEN TO RUN DOGS.  
ALSO APPROXIMATELY 200 ADDITIONAL ACRES ADJOINING THIS PROPERTY  
ON THE EAST SIDE IS ALSO FREE OF DOG RUNNING.

*Carley L. Phares*





211 Armstrong Road  
Columbia, Mississippi 39429  
Tel (601) 736-0952  
Fax (601) 736-0423

January 16, 1997

To Whom It May Concern:

Deer hunting with dogs will be prohibited on all Weyerhaeuser company property in Washington Parish, Louisiana west of LA Highway 25 and south of LA highway 10, commencing with the 1997-98 hunting season..

Weyerhaeuser has no desire to ban deer hunting with dogs on all company property. However, we will not tolerate our leasees who abuse or show no respect for the rights of our neighbors.

It is our desire to be good citizens and neighbors in the communities in which we own and manage timberlands.

Sincerely,

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Richard Sones  
Timberlands Manager

RS/tj

cc: Mike Galloway, Area Forester  
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Bogalusa, LA 70426

Dear Mr. <sup>*Mike*</sup>Galloway:

I am confident you have received numerous inquiries by individuals and other hunting clubs desiring to lease Weyerhaeuser property previously leased to the Highway 16 Hunting Club of Franklinton. This letter is provided to assist you in considering a new organization to lease this property. This organization consists primarily of the land owners who surround this same property for approximately one mile. We are Weyerhaeuser neighbors who have a vested interest to ensure lease commitments and privileges are honored, law enforcement and fish and game contacts are positive, and our collective and individual actions are a positive reflection of sportsmanship and game management.

We have not identified our organizational name, so please consider us the Land Owners Organization (LOO), until such time as a formal name is adopted. The LOO has undertaken considerable voluntary effort toward ensuring "still hunting" for deer is mandated in an area which surrounds and includes the Weyerhaeuser properties we desire to lease. Attached is a copy of a petition that describes the area which has been circulating several weeks among land owners and Weyerhaeuser neighbors in this same area. The results thus far have been very positive and non-signers the exception.

Our next phase in this petition effort is to expand the area to include all lands west of the Bogue Chitto River and south of LA Hwy. 10 to the Tangipahoa and St. Tammany Parish lines. We will formally provide this petition to the Department of Fish and Game in Baton Rouge and believe this large area, which when identified as still hunting only, will be a more practical consideration to include in the statewide 97-98 F&G regulations. This is a precedent-setting effort by responsible residents to ensure still hunting only is allowed by the state on property in the area described. As a result of our effort to the enlarge this area, a second letter from Weyerhaeuser, describing the area above as still hunting only for deer, would be of great assistance to us. Weyerhaeuser neighbors and others will be meeting with Weyerhaeuser representative Paxton Tate to formally make this request.

Another effort by the LOO was a motion to the Washington Parish Police Jury to abandon the part of the Floyd Fisher Road west of the residence of Morris Fisher. This road leads directly to the Weyerhaeuser property we desire to lease. This motion was approved on February 24, 1997, and our intent is to install a gate to be used by the land owners and Weyerhaeuser. This road has been a major trespassing route, a dumping area, and a loitering site for years, and a substantial nuisance to the residents.

Our organizational goal is to provide an affordable, safe recreational activity for our members, to develop the natural resources, and to honor our agreements. In order to proceed with formalizing our organization, we do need to know if Weyerhaeuser will lease this property to us and the cost involved. Your earliest review in response to our request to lease this property will enable us to assess the costs of our memberships since other lease

March 4, 1997

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agreements are involved. Please contact me personally if I can provide you with additional information or assistance. On behalf of the LOO, I look forward to a positive response.

Sincerely,



Robert I. Jensen  
(504) 839-5523

Enclosure

cc:  
J. Clark  
R. Thames  
J. Stafford  
B. Hoggatt  
R. Watson

# TOP GUN HUNTING CLUB, INC

41367 AMITY RD. PONCHATOULA, LA 70454

To Whom It May Concern:

We, as members of Top Gun Hunting Club, are strictly still hunters. We have been leasing this tract of land for the last ten years. During that time, we have repeatedly had problems with purposely loosed and unattended dogs entering our lease. Please consider eliminating dogs for the use of deer hunting in Washington Parish.

Thank you



F. G. Waguespack

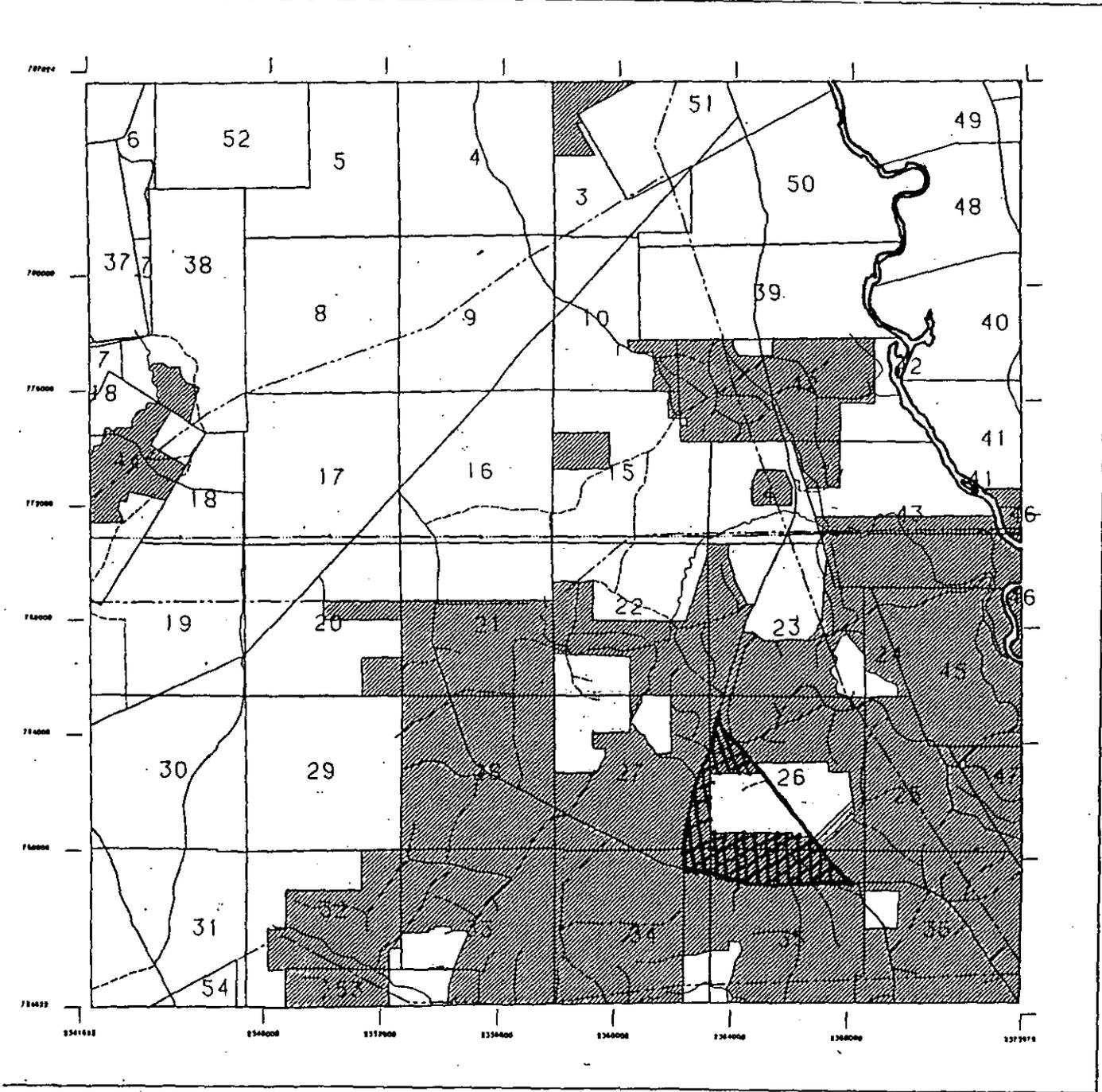
President, Top Gun Hunting Club

(504-386-8919)

CAVENHAM FOREST INDUSTRIES INC.

Washington Par., LA

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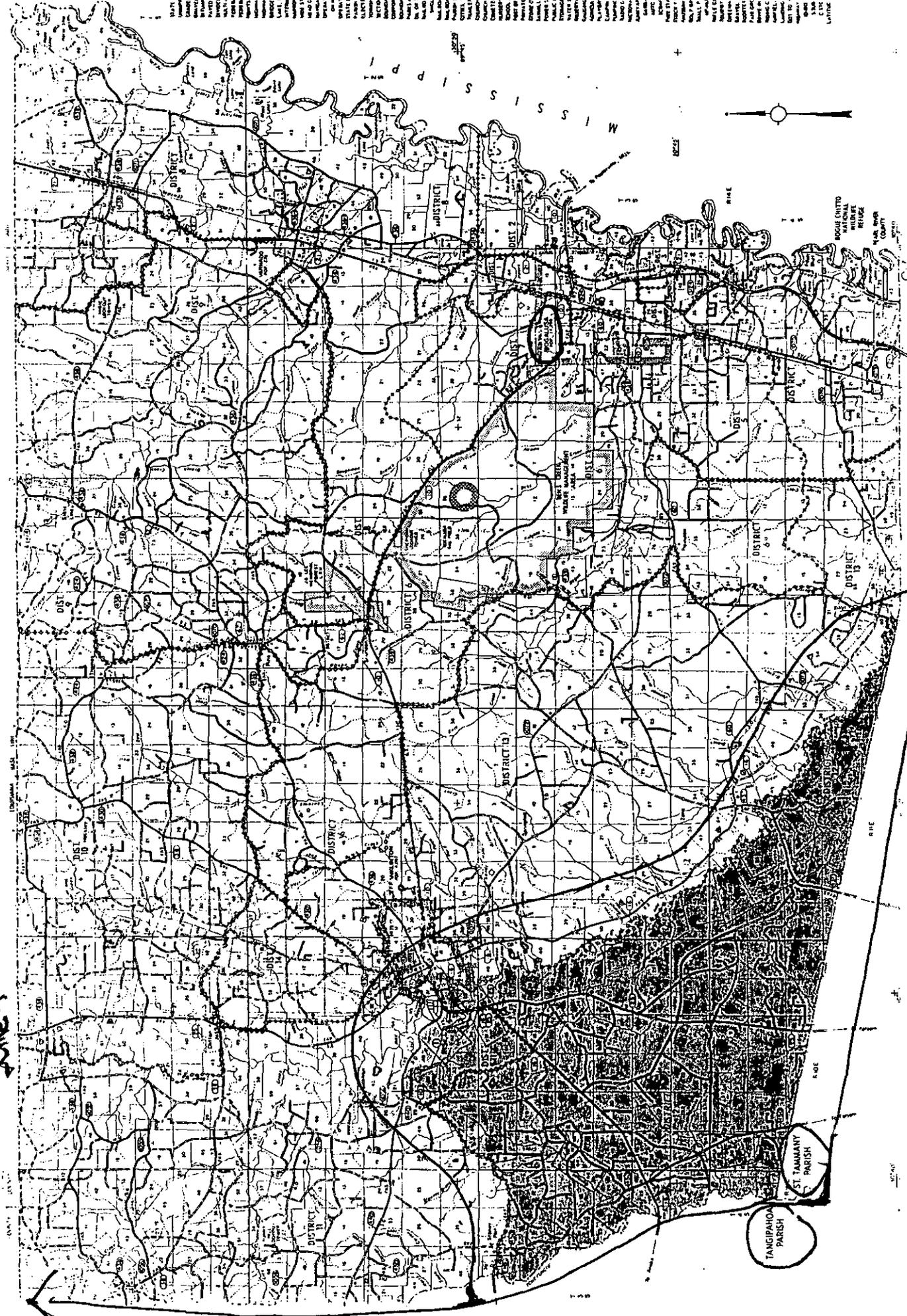


ALL PROPERTY LISTED ON THIS MAP IS FORBIDDEN TO RUN DOGS.  
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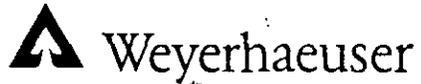
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Attachment C

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 MISSISSIPPI RIVER  
 NORTH ARROW  
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 JUNE 4 1961



211 Armstrong Road  
Columbia, Mississippi 39429  
Tel (601) 736-0952  
Fax (601) 736-0423

January 16, 1997

To Whom It May Concern:

Deer hunting with dogs will be prohibited on all Weyerhaeuser company property in Washington Parish, Louisiana west of LA Highway 25 and south of LA highway 10, commencing with the 1997-98 hunting season..

Weyerhaeuser has no desire to ban deer hunting with dogs on all company property. However, we will not tolerate our leasees who abuse or show no respect for the rights of our neighbors.

It is our desire to be good citizens and neighbors in the communities in which we own and manage timberlands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Sones".

Richard Sones  
Timberlands Manager

RS/tj

cc: Mike Galloway, Area Forester  
Paxton Tate, Area Forester

JOSEPH CORMIER  
804 EAST ALEXANDER STREET  
LAFAYETTE, LA. 70501

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CONCERNED CITIZEN,

Ronald Franklin

CC. JAMES DAVID CAIN

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CONCERNED CITIZEN,

*Angela Ludolph*

CC. JAMES DAVID CAIN

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CONCERNED CITIZEN,

*Robert Holloway*  
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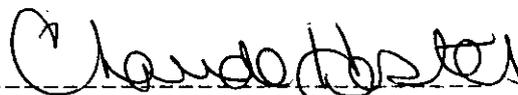
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CONCERNED CITIZEN

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CC JAMES DAVID CAIN

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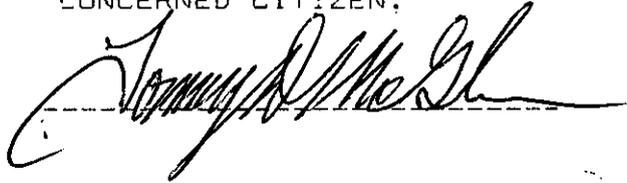
  
Sundown Myers

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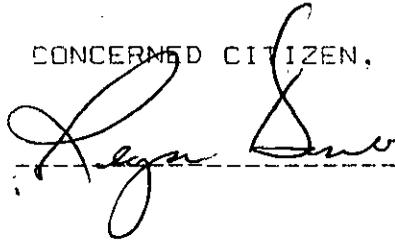
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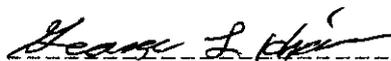
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CONCERNED CITIZEN,

*Elizabeth Radig*-----

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CONCERNED CITIZEN,

Wayne E. Dief

CC. JAMES DAVID CAIN

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CONCERNED CITIZEN,

A handwritten signature in black ink, written over a horizontal dashed line. The signature is cursive and appears to read "Bob E. Morris".

CC. JAMES DAVID CAIN

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CONCERNED CITIZEN,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald E. Cream". The signature is written in black ink and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

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CONCERNED CITIZEN,

*Lucy Paul*  
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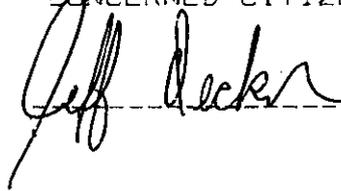
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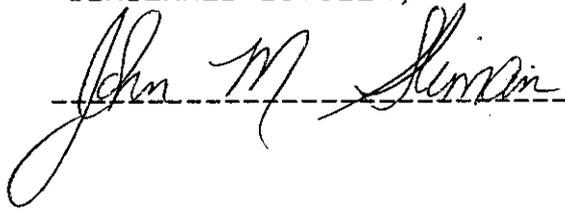
  
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CONCERNED CITIZEN,

*Brian Hest*  
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CONCERNED CITIZEN,

Cecil Wright

CC. JAMES DAVID CAIN

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CONCERNED CITIZEN,

*Jinda Rhodes*

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CONCERNED CITIZEN,

*Stuey*-----

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CONCERNED CITIZEN,

Robert Toothman

CC. JAMES DAVID CAIN



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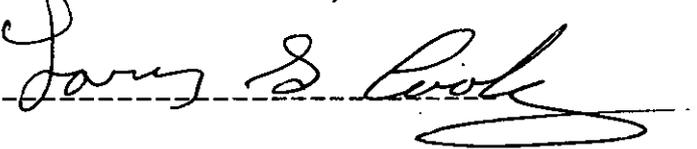
*James C. Singleton Jr*

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CONCERNED CITIZEN,

*Michael Haysen*  
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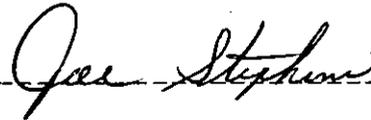
Garland Hipman

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CONCERNED CITIZEN,

*Virginia Decker*  
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CONCERNED CITIZEN,

Codie Tweedel

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*Victoria A. Hickman*

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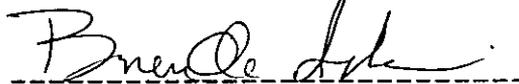
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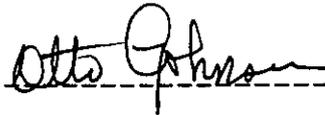
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# State of Louisiana



James H. Jenkins, Jr.  
Secretary

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Post Office Box 98000  
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(504)765-2800

M.J. "Mike" Foster  
Governor

APRIL 11, 1997

Mr. Stan Chapman  
3206 Redbud Road  
Shreveport, La. 71108

Dear Mr. Chapman:

Your letter has been placed in the comment file concerning the proposed 1997/98 hunting season dates. The Commission will review this information prior to approving and finalizing these dates.

You may be interested to know that the Wildlife Division surveyed hunters regarding their opinion as to muzzleloading season dates in the 1996/97 Game Harvest Survey. The results of this survey should be available in June. The wildlife biologists managing deer in Area 2 believe it is important that the gun season opens early to allow that large user group to hunt during the rut.

Thank you for your comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Moreland".

David Moreland, Deer Section

cc: Wildlife and Fisheries Commission ✓  
Wildlife Division  
District 1 Wildlife Supervisor

DEAR COMMISSIONERS,

Johnnie

4-1-97

AS A BOWHUNTER I AM STILL UNHAPPY THAT THE PROPOSED MUZZELOADER SEASON WILL AGAIN BE IN THE MIDDLE OF OCTOBER, IN AREA TWO. THE START OF MODERN FIREARMS SEASON WILL BE OCT. 25.

I WISH YOU WOULD CONSIDER HAVING THE MUZZELOADER SEASON BEGIN THE FIRST WEEK OF NOV.

THE MUZZELOADER IS A GUN! YES IT MAY BE A SINGLE SHOT, BUT MOST DEER ARE KILLED WITH THE FIRST SHOT!

WHY NOT HAVE THE MUZZELOADER BE PART OF THE GUN SEASON, RATHER THAN KNOCK OUT PART OF THE ARCHERY SEASON?

BOWHUNTERS IN AREA TWO, HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO HUNT THE PEAK OF THE RUT. HUNTING BEGINS TO GET BETTER THE LATTER PART OF OCTOBER, BUT THAT IS GUN SEASON NOW.

I KNOW THE BAYOU BOWHUNTERS ASSN. WANTED ARCHERY SEASON EXTENDED THRU THE END OF JAN., BUT MANY OF US WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OCTOBER BACK LIKE WE ONCE HAD!

AFTER GUN SEASON STARTS, BOWHUNTING IS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

SINCERELY,

STAN CHAPMAN

3206 REDBUD

SHREVEPORT, LA. 71108

## **DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

### **Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, does hereby exercise the emergency provision of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953 (B) and 49:967(D), and pursuant to its authority under R.S. 56:6 (25)(a), 325 (C), 326.3 adopts the rule as set forth below. This emergency rule is necessary because the current black bass regulations on John K. Kelly - Grand Bayou Reservoir will expire on May 31, 1997. Department biologists needed to collect spring 1997 fisheries data before submitting a management proposal to the Commission.

This declaration of emergency shall become effective June 1, 1997 and shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act or until adoption of the final rule, whichever occurs first.

### **Title 76**

### **WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

#### **Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life**

#### **Chapter 1. Freshwater Sport and Commercial Fishing**

#### **§149. Black Bass Regulations-Daily Take and Size Limits**

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i. On water - Same as daily take.

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\*Maximum total length - The distance in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the most posterior point of the depressed caudal fin as measured with mouth closed on a flat surface.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 14:364 (June 1988), amended LR 17:278 (March 1991), repromulgated LR 17:488 (May 1991), amended LR 17:1122 (November 1991), LR 20:796 (July 1994), LR \_\_\_\_\_.

Daniel J. Babin

Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to amend a rule for black bass in the John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir.

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The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may comment on the proposed rule in writing to Mr. Bennie Fontenot, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 until 4:30 p.m., July 3, 1997.

Daniel J. Babin

Chairman

DONALD G. HORTON  
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P.O. BOX 649  
COUSHATTA, LOUISIANA 71019

DONALD G. HORTON

PHONE:  
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Additional Comments: Enclosed you will find resolutions adopted by  
the John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir Commission.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks for all the help!

Donald

JOHN K KELLY GRAND BAYOU RESERVOIR COMMISSION

Special Meeting April 22 1997

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS a moratorium is presently in effect on bass fishing which allows only catch and release fishing on the John K Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir in Red River Parish Louisiana

AND WHEREAS said moratorium will expire on June 1 1997

WHEREAS the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries has done extensive testing on the waters of the Reservoir concerning the bass population

WHEREAS the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries has made certain recommendations to the Commission for the implementation of bass limits on said Reservoir

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the John K Kelly Grand Bayou Reservoir Commission that the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission is hereby encouraged to adopt the following management recommendations for the John K Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir which are as follows to wit

- (1) Place said Reservoir in the Quality Lake Program
- (2) Stock Florida Largemouth Bass Fingerlings at the rate of 100 per acre
- (3) Black Bass Regulations to be implemented June 1 1997  
14 17 Slot Limit (stated lengths inclusive)  
8 Fish Daily Creel Limit with no more than 4 Fish over 17
- (4) Continue to monitor population and success of Florida Bass Stocking using standardized sampling procedures
- (5) Initiate Creel Census Survey to determine effects of Regulations and Angle Usage and Harvest

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the John K Kelly Grand Bayou Reservoir Commission wishes to cooperate in all manners necessary with the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries for the implementation of said program

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 22 day of April, 1997

  
MERCER B. DUPREE, CHAIRMAN  
  
JACKIE D. HUCKABAY M.D.  
SECRETARY

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Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr.  
Secretary, La. Dept. of  
Wildlife & Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA

MAY 1, 1997

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*Sam M. Poley*  
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CHAIRMAN

*[Signature]*  
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SECRETARY

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DATE

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THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA

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WHEREAS, the minimum royalty on the 1994 lease bid package was one-eighth (1/8) of ten dollars and no cents (\$10.00), which yielded a per cubic yard royalty of one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25); and

WHEREAS, the guaranteed annual minimum royalty on the 1994 lease bid package was one million dollars (\$1,000,000); and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to maintain the minimum royalty and the guaranteed annual minimum royalty from the 1994 lease bid package for the prospective lease;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission does hereby adopt the recommendation of the Minerals Committee and sets the minimum acceptable per cubic yard royalty at one-eighth (1/8) of ten dollars and no cents (\$10.00).

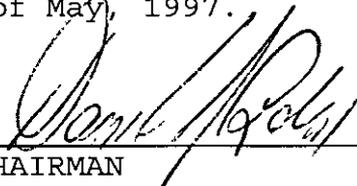
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission does hereby instruct the Secretary and staff to carry out all necessary acts for the soliciting of bids and execution of the lease including, but not limited to: 1) submission of a Notice of Publication to State Lands for advertisement, and 2) submission of the Notice of Publication to all known dredging companies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that legal counsel and staff are hereby authorized to make modifications to the lease document and bid package contingent upon notification to the Chairman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary is hereby authorized to set the last day for accepting bids for the lease tract(s) and the bid opening day contingent upon notification to the Chairman.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing resolution was duly passed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on the 1st day of May, 1997.

  
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CHAIRMAN

  
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SECRETARY

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**ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT**

**APRIL 1997**

**ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT-APRIL 1997**

**REGION I**

**TOTAL CASES-50**

**WMA&REFUGES-4**

**8-Boating**

**12-Angling W/O A License-Resident**

**2-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident**

**23-Fishing W/O Resident Pole License**

**2-Hunt Turkey W/O Turkey Stamp**

**1-Hunt Turkey Over Baited Area**

**1-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On W.A.**

**1-Operated ATV On A Public Road**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

**NONE.**

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION I:**

**8-Boating**

**37-Sport Fishing**

**3-Turkey**

**2-Misc.**

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**REGION 2**

**TOTAL CASES-63**

**WMA&REFUGES-14**

**20-Boating**

**2-Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License**

**1-Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail License**

**1-No Reptile And Amphibian Wholesale & Retail License**

**14-Angling W/O A License**

**4-Angling W/O A Non-Resident License**

**11-Fish W/O A Resident Pole License**

**1-No Resident Recreational Gear License**

**1-Take Illegal Size Black Bass**

**1-Hunt From Public Road**

**1-Hunt Raccoons Illegally**

**5-Not Abide By Rules And Regs. W.A.**

**2-Littering**

**2-Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle**

**1-Discharge Firearm From Public Road**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

**1 resident fishing license, 2 hoop nets, 1 expired commercial fishing license, 1 expired mussel harvester license, 2 guns, 1 spotlight, 11 blue catfish, 11 slat traps, 1 black bass,**

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**REGION 2 CONT'D.**

**CONFISCATIONS CONT'D.**

11 marijuana cigarettes, 1 pack of zig zag papers, 1 bag of plant material.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:**

20-Boating

10-Public Assistance

4-Commercial Fishing

31-Sport Fishing

2-Hunting

8-Other

2-Littering

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**REGION 3**

**TOTAL CASES-138**

**WMA&REFUGES-11**

**30-Boating**

**52-Angling W/O License In Possession**

**2-Angle W/O Non-Resident License In Possession**

**5-Fish W/O Cane Pole License**

**2-Possess Overlimit Of Black Bass**

**4-Possession Undersize Black Bass**

**1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License**

**1-Take Game Fish Illegal Methods**

**1-Hunt Turkey W/O Basic Hunting License**

**1-Hunt Turkey W/O Big Game License**

**1-Hunt Turkey W/O Turkey Stamp**

**3-Hunt W/Unplugged Gun**

**1-Hunt From Public Road**

**3-Hunt Turkeys Closed Area**

**2-Hunt Turkeys Over Baited Area**

**4-Fail To Abide By Rules And Regs. On W.A.**

**15-Criminal Trespass**

**1-Operate ATV On Public Road**

**8-Littering**

**1-Obtain License By Fraud**

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**REGION 3 CONT'D.**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

30 black bass, 1 freshwater drum, 21 bream, 2 shotguns, 2 rods and reels, 1 bream trap,  
1 resident fishing license, 1 outboard motor, 1 turkey bait sample.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:**

30-Boating

8-Littering

68-Sport Fishing

15-Hunting

17-Other

**REGION 4**

**TOTAL CASES-95**

**WMA&REFUGES-28**

**23-Boating**

**20-Angling W/O A Resident License**

**4-Angling W/O A Non-Resident License**

**13-Fishing W/O Resident Pole License**

**4-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License**

**5-Take Or Possess Game Fish Illegally**

**1-Fail To Comply With Bait Taking Regulations**

**7-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License**

**8- Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License**

**2-Hunt Turkey W/O Turkey Stamp**

**1-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On W.A.**

**2-Resisting An Officer**

**3-Littering**

**1-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries**

**1-Flight From An Officer**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

**14 hoop nets with leads, 200 yds. of 2 inch gill net, 153 crappie, 31 bream, 1-14 foot Duracraft, 50 h.p. Mercury Motor, 3 paddles, 3 PFD'S, 1 gas can, 1 battery, 1 plastic bucket.**

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**REGION 4 CONT'D.**

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:**

**62-Fishing**

**3-Littering**

**2-Hunting**

**23-Boating**

**5-Other**

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**REGION 5**

**TOTAL CASES-120**

**WMA&REFUGES-12**

**38-Boating**

**20-Angling W/O A Resident License**

**3-Angling W/O A Non-Resident License**

**1-Possession Undersize Black Drum**

**1-Not Abiding By Commission Rules/Regs. Of Finfish**

**1-Possession Commercial Fish W/O A Vessel License**

**2-Transport W/O Required License**

**1-Illegal Shipping Of Commercial Fish**

**2-Elevated Trot Lines**

**3-Possession Of Undersized Crabs**

**1-Set Traps In Navigable Channel**

**2-Tending Crab Traps Illegal Hours**

**15-Sell Undersize Crabs**

**2-Collect Frogs W/O Basic Fishing License**

**4-Frogging Closed Season**

**3-Hunting At Night With Light And Gun**

**2-Hunting From Public Road**

**2-Hunting Rabbits Closed Season**

**5-Trespassing On Refuge**

**1-Trespassing On State Land**

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**REGION 5 CONT'D.**

**1-Assault On An Officer**

**1-Public Intimidation**

**5-Criminal Trespassing**

**1-Resisting An Officer**

**1-Possession Of Drugs**

**2-No Vessel Log**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

**5 black drum, 150 lbs. Of red snapper, 8 frogs, 2 frog gigs, 3 headlights, 7,150 lbs. Of crabs, 3 rabbits, 1 trotline.**

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:**

**38-Boating**

**24-Hunting**

**58-Fishing**

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**REGION 6**

**TOTAL CASES-145**

**WMA&REFUGES-2**

**69-Boating**

**36-Angling W/O A License**

**2-Angling W/O A Non-Resident License**

**18-Fish Without A Resident Pole License**

**2-Take Illegal Size Black Bass**

**1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession**

**2-Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial License**

**3-Take Commercial Fish Without A Commercial Gear License**

**1-Fail To Maintain Records**

**1-Transport Without Required License**

**1-Possess Undersize Crabs**

**1-Possess Live Alligators Without Permit**

**2-Using Leadshot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only**

**1-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA**

**2-DWI**

**1-Littering**

**1-Improper Lane Usage**

**1-Theft Over \$500.00**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

**1 wave runner, 5 black bass, 1 crate of crabs, 1-15 inch alligator, 1 ice bag, 1,288 lbs. Of**

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**REGION 6 CONT'D.**

**CONFISCATIONS CONT'D.**

black drum, 15 dozen soft shell crabs, 6 gallons of oysters.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:**

69-Boating

1-Littering

58-Sport Fishing

9-Commercial Fishing

2-Alligator

6-Misc.

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**REGION 7**

**TOTAL CASES-165**

**WMA&REFUGES-26**

**51-Boating**

**70-Angling W/O A Resident License**

**10-Angling W/O A Non-Resident License**

**8-Fish W/O Pole License**

**3-Fish W/O Saltwater License**

**3-Fish W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident**

**3-No Commercial License**

**2-No Commercial Gear License Non-Resident**

**2-Use Gill Net Illegally**

**1-Hunt With Unplugged Gun**

**1-Hunt Turkey With Big Game License**

**1-Hunt Turkey Over Bait**

**1-Take Illegal Turkey Open Season**

**1-Illegal Possession Of Alligator Skins**

**2-Possession Of Live Alligator W/O Permit**

**1-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On W.A.**

**1-DWI**

**1-Littering**

**1-No Vessel License**

**4-No Wholesale/Retail Dealer License**

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**REGION 7 CONT'D.**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

3 alligator hides, 4 live alligators, 2 turkeys, 13 black drum, 1 gun, 300 feet of gill net, 1 boat.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:**

51-Boating

1-Littering

12-Commercial Fishing

94-Sport Fishing

6-Hunting

1-Other

**REGION 8**

**TOTAL CASES-218**

**WMA&REFUGES-8**

**30-Boating**

**75-Angling W/O Basic License**

**3-Angle W/O A Non-Resident Basic License**

**1-Fish W/O Resident Pole License**

**1-Use Gear W/O A Recreational Gear License**

**8-Angle W/O A Saltwater License**

**1-Angle W/O A Non-Resident Saltwater License**

**1-Fail To Have Saltwater Stamp As Per 56:13.1E**

**1-Fail To Comply With Bait Taking Regulations**

**1-Possess Over The Limit Of Red Drum**

**1-Possess Over The Limit Of Red Drum In Excess Of 27"**

**1-Take Or Possess Undersize Red Drum**

**1-Take Or Possess Undersize Black Drum**

**2-Possess Over The Limit Of Speckled Trout**

**1-Take Or Possess Over The Limit Of Black Drum**

**2-Not Abiding By Commission Rules Or Regulations**

**1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession**

**2-Take Or Sell Commercial License In Possession**

**5-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License**

**8-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O A Vessel License**

**REGION 8 CONT'D.**

**1-Sell Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealers License**

**1-Leave Nets Unattended**

**1-Use Saltwater Nets Illegally**

**1-Take Saltwater Commercial With Net In Closed Season**

**1-Buy Commercial Fish From Unlicensed Fisherman**

**2-Use Crab Traps W/o Required Markings**

**6-Fail To Mark Crab Containers**

**1-Failure To Mark/Tag Nets**

**6-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs**

**40-Sell Undersized Crabs**

**1-Possess Red Drum Illegally**

**1-Possession Of Untagged Oysters**

**1-Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester's License**

**1-Take Or Possess Non-Game Birds-No Season-Night Heron**

**4-Illegal Possession Of Marijuana**

**4-Violation Of Sanitary Code-Chapter 9**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

**80 speckled trout, 7 bass, 3 black drum, 13 red drum, 12,200 lbs. Of crabs sold for \$1,614.50 at bid, 2 ice chests, 295 feet of unattended gill nets, 1 flounder, 1 alligator, 28 cobia, 170 sacks of oysters, 1 night heron, 13 grams of marijuana.**

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**REGION 8 CONT'D.**

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:**

**30-Boating**

**5-Public Assistance**

**96-Sport Fishing**

**1-MGB**

**78-Commercial Fishing**

**8-Other**

**SHRIMP ACTIVITY REPORT**

**REGION 8**

**APRIL 1997**

**COMPLAINTS**

1. Shrimp activity for this month has been very low. Inside waters have been closed. Breton and Chandeleur Sounds closed, and we received about three complaints of closed season shrimping by Mississippi boats in this area. No complaints of illegal shrimping were received from the passes. One complaint was received of butterfly net boats blocking Grand Bayou at the Gulf Of Mexico, which is being addressed this weekend.

**PATROLS**

2. Due to the time of the year, there was very little utilization of the shrimp resources for this month. On regular saltwater patrols very few shrimpers were seen. A few butterfly net boats are beginning to work the passes, and some Mississippi boats are working the state line. Several patrols were made in West Plaquemine and lower Jefferson parishes.

**INQUIRIES**

1. We received numerous inquiries for TED information, which were referred to the LSU Cooperative Extension Service Fisheries Agent Gerald Horst.
2. We received more calls regarding mesh size, shrimp size, net and frames size, license requirements, and other legal questions. Numerous inquiries were received about the use of bait trawls and small trawls in closed season, which is illegal.

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**REGION 8 SHRIMP ACTIVITY**

**CASES**

**ONE SHRIMP CASE WAS MADE THIS MONTH IN ST. BERNARD PARISH FOR  
USING OVERSIZED TRAWLS AND TRAWLING IN CLOSED SEASON.**

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**REGION 9**

**TOTAL CASES-160**

**WMA&REFUGES-8**

**42-Boating**

**14-Angling W/O A License**

**3-Angling W/O A Saltwater License**

**2-Fail To Have Saltwater Stamp**

**1-Possess Overlimit Of Red Drum**

**1-Take Undersize Black Drum**

**1-Take Overlimit Of Black Drum**

**5-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License**

**9-Take Commercial Fish W/O Gear License**

**8-Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License**

**2-Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealers License**

**1-Fail To Maintain Records**

**2-Sell Game Fish (Crappie)**

**6-Remove Contents Crab Traps**

**1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear**

**1-Fail To Report Commercial Fish Data**

**1-Theft Of Crab Trap**

**15-Possess Undersize Hard Commercial Crabs**

**1-Commercial Truck W/O Display Of Owner Name And Address**

**2-Trawling In Closed Season (Inside Waters)**

**REGION 9 CONT'D.**

**1-Failure To Have Written Permission**

**6-Unlawfully Take Oysters Off Of State Waters**

**3-Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease**

**1-Fail To Mark Oyster Lease**

**2-Unlawfully Stake Off Unleased Water Bottoms**

**3-Failure To Pay Severance Tax**

**4-Failure To Hold Oyster Tags For 60 Days**

**5-Failure To Tag Sacked Oysters**

**1-Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License**

**3-Criminal Trespass**

**1-Littering**

**3-Felony Theft**

**2-Contribute To The Delinquency Of A Minor**

**7-Violation Of Sanitation Code-Chapter 9**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

**15 black drum, 21 sacks of oysters released, 16,569 lbs. Of crabs released, 25 lbs. Of assorted shrimp, crabs released, 8 sacks of oysters released, 6 red drum released, 497 lbs. Of crawfish sold for \$202.60, 40 lbs. Of crawfish, 1 trawl, 2 oyster dredge, 13 commercial receipt books, 1 soda can, 2 boats and motors, (paper seizure), 20 crab traps, 6 crawfish traps.**

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**REGION 9 CONT'D.**

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:**

**42-Boating**

**22-Sport Fishing**

**52-Commercial Fishing**

**2-Trawling**

**26-Oysters**

**16-Other**

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S.W.E.P.

TOTAL CASES-27

BOATS CHECKED-72

ENGINE HOURS RUNNING TIME-89

12-Angling W/O Resident License

1-Angling W/O Non-Resident License

4-Fail To Land Oysters In Louisiana

2-Trawling Inside Waters In Closed Season

2-Use Four Trawls In Two Trawl Area

2-Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial License

2-Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Gear License

1-Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Vessel License

1-Obtain License By Fraud

CONFISCATIONS:

320 lbs. Of shrimp sold for \$459.00.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SWEP

13-Sport Fishing

14-Commercial Fishing

**SEAFOOD INVESTIGATION UNIT AND SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE:**

**TOTAL CASES-86**

**13-Boating**

**32-Angling W/O Basic Fishing License**

**3-Angling W/O Basic Non-Resident License**

**4-Angling W/O A Saltwater Fishing License**

**4-Angling W/O A Saltwater Fishing License Non-Resident**

**1-Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License**

**1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License**

**1-Possess Commercial Fish W/o Vessel License**

**1-Buy And Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail License**

**2-Fail To Maintain Records**

**2-Transport W/O Required License**

**1-Illegal Shipping Of Commercial Fish**

**2-DWI**

**4-Other Than Wildlife**

**1-Take Federal Controlled Fish In Closed Season**

**14-Misc. Federal Violations**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

**10,937 lbs. Of shark, sold for \$5,577.87, 303 lbs. Of shark fins sold for \$3,181.50, 710**

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**SEAFOOD INVESTIGATION UNIT AND SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE CONT'D.**

**CONFISCATIONS CONT'D.**

Lbs. Of blue fin tuna \$4,437.50, 760 lbs. Of yellow fin tuna sold for \$1,520.00, 100 lbs.

Of mahi sold for \$150.00, 6 lbs. Of wahoo sold for \$9.00.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SEAFOOD INVESTIGATION UNIT:**

13-Boating

4-Littering

43-Sport Fishing

9-Commercial Fishing

2-DWI

15-Federal

**OYSTER STRIKE FORCE:**

**TOTAL CASES-70**

**1-Take Oysters From Unapproved Area**

**4-Unlawfully Take Oysters From Private Lease**

**1-Falsify Oyster Tags**

**1-Falsify Harvester Log Book**

**4-Violation Of Sanitation Code-No Vessel Tarp**

**1-Take Oysters Without Vessel License**

**10-Incomplete Harvester Log Book**

**1-Expired Written Permission To Take Oysters From A Private Lease**

**6-Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms**

**1-Failure To Mark Oyster Lease**

**6-Failure To Tag Sacked Oysters**

**1-Failure To Tag Oysters Prior To Leaving Reef**

**1-Harvesting Oysters Without Harvester License**

**11-Adulterated Oysters**

**11-Failure To Refrigerate Oysters**

**1-Take Oysters Without Valid Non-Resident Commercial Fishing License**

**1-Take Oysters Without Valid Non-Resident Harvester License**

**1-Expired Boat Registration Decal**

**3-Failure To Display Numbers On Top Of Oyster Vessel**

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**OYSTER STRIKE FORCE CONT'D.**

**2-Staking Off Unleased Water Bottoms**

**1-Illegal Possession Of Marijuana**

**1-Littering**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

**796 sacks of osyters, 4 oyster dredges.**

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER STRIKE FORCE:**

**67-Commercial Fishing**

**1-Boating**

**1-Other**

**1-Littering**

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**TOTAL ENFORCEMENT-1337**

**TOTAL WMA&REFUGES-113**

ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT

APRIL, 1997

185-Amph. - 61092	185-Float - 70365	210 - 9467Y
Hrs. - 13.3	Hrs. - 41.5	Hrs. - 52.2

Enforcement Hours - 82.6

Other Divisions - 24.4

Total Plane Use - 107.0

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

9 - Boating

1 - Theft of Crab Traps

4 - Removing Contents of Crap Trap

7 - Undersize Crabs

1 - Permit Unlicensed Person to use Commercial Gear License

4 - No Vessel License

2 - No Gear License

1 - No Commercial License

29 - Total Cases

Confiscations: 32 Boxes of Crabs, 30 Crab Cages

1997		June				1997	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Alert - rush Hatchery</i>	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30						

1997		September			1997	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 30-APR-1997

CURRENT MONTH: 04/01/1997 TO 04/30/1997  
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE: 07/01/1996 TO 04/30/1997  
INCEPTION TO DATE: 04/30/1997

	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	10	\$2,583.87	298	\$396,681.19	3,352	\$2,239,913.08
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	13	\$325.00	59	\$1,475.00	128	\$3,200.00
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

	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
RESTITUTION ASSESSED	10	\$2,908.87	298	\$398,156.19	3,352	\$2,045,198.84
PAYMENTS	15	\$2,322.88-	250	\$45,342.49-	2,170	\$331,058.15-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	12	\$1,298.66-	210	\$25,099.68-	1,461	\$164,696.95-
OVERPAYMENTS	1	\$0.67	17	\$128.59	89	\$1,612.25
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	0	\$0.00	6	\$125.08	37	\$7,150.51
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.	1	\$2,300.82	2	\$2,816.42	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	1	\$0.85-	13	\$10.22-
REASSESSMENTS						
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	3	\$632.64	18	\$6,532.69
CREDITS	0	\$0.00	9	\$20,855.69-	52	\$33,593.61-
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00	3	\$576.47-	204	\$112,914.31-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	6	\$1,399.24-
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$58.90-	0	\$58.90-	0	\$58.90-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	0	\$0.00	9	\$3,104.57-	21	\$22,867.51-
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
** TOTAL OUTSTANDING			954	\$1,464,373.28		

FOOTNOTE:

PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	1	\$20.00	8	\$160.00	54	\$11,000.67
AMOUNT PAID TO COLLECTOR		\$5.00		\$40.00		\$2,750.16
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	1	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	1	\$0.00 *

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
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		1 - 30 DAYS	7	\$1,588.77
31 - 60 DAYS	3	\$1,337.60		31 - 60 DAYS	5	\$855.72
61 - 90 DAYS	2	\$528.00		61 - 90 DAYS	17	\$16,238.76
91 - 120 DAYS	9	\$17,689.05		91 - 120 DAYS	16	\$7,230.05
121 - 150 DAYS	7	\$519.25		121 - 150 DAYS	6	\$2,375.48
151 - 180 DAYS	7	\$299.80		151 - 180 DAYS	9	\$5,052.54
181 - 365 DAYS	6	\$1,725.90		181 - 365 DAYS	8	\$5,838.80
OVER ONE YEAR	114	\$131,865.95		CASES SENT FOR COLLECTION	68	\$73,835.44
OVER TWO YEARS	168	\$110,927.78		OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	13	\$159,858.42
OVER THREE YEARS	94	\$73,841.12		OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	0	\$0.00
	49	\$40,099.00			805	\$1,191,499.30
		=====				=====

\*\* TOTAL AGING 459 \$378,833.45 \*\* TOTAL AGING 954 \$1,464,373.28

# 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
<u>FISCAL YEAR 1993-94</u>								
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%
<u>FISCAL YEAR 1994-95</u>								
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%
<u>FISCAL YEAR 1995-96</u>								
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%
<u>FISCAL YEAR 1996-97</u>								
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								
June 1997								
Total FY 1997	285	390,653	0	263	45,260	25,126	18.0%	92.3%

SCHEDULE FOR FINAL RULES TO BE PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER

- MAY-97            RULE - Experimental Dove Field Leasing Program
- JULY-97            RULE - 1997-98 Hunting Season Regulations  
RULE - Spanish Lake State Game & Fishing Preserve  
RULE - Daily Take, Possession & Size Limits Set by  
Commission, Reef Fish
- AUGUST-97          RULE - Black Bass, Atchafalaya Basin Complex  
RULE - Toledo Bend Reservoir Reciprocal Agreement
- SEPT-97            RULE - Non-Resident Duck Stamp Fee  
RULE - Black Bass Regulations, Daily Take & Size  
Limits, John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir
- ?                    RULE - Oyster Lease Moratorium for New Acreage

C O V E R

S H E E T



FAX

**To:** Dr. Earl Melancon  
**Fax #:** 504-448-4923  
**Subject:** Commission Meeting Agenda  
**Date:** April 29, 1997  
**Pages:** 2, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

The attached is a revised agenda for the May 1 Meeting. Please post this new agenda on all doors to the Auditorium.

If you have any questions, please call. Thank you.

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

La. Dept. Of Wildlife & Fisheries  
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# Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

# NEWS RELEASE

James H. Jenkins Jr.  
Secretary



CONTACT  
504/765-2923

97-91a  
4/29/97

## MAY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA REVISED

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has revised the agenda for its next meeting, scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 1997, at 10 a.m. The meeting is open to the public and will take place in Peltier Auditorium, Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, La.

The agenda follows.

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7. Public Comments: 1997-98 resident game hunting seasons.
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9. Declaration of Emergency - Extension of oyster season in Calcasieu Parish.
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13. Set September 1997 meeting date.
14. Discussion and possible action on settlement proposals in *State of Louisiana v. Justice Oil Co. Inc.*, #410-158A 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge (*executive session*).
15. Public comments.
16. Adjourn.

April 28, 1997

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_



AMENDED AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

The next regular public board meeting has been scheduled by the Commission for 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 1, 1997, in Peltier Auditorium at Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA.

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15. Public Comments
16. Adjournment

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FAX

S H E E T

**To:** Dr. Earl Melancon  
**Fax #:** 504-448-4923  
**Subject:** May 1 Commission Meeting  
**Date:** April 25, 1997  
**Pages:** 2, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

Attached is a copy of the May 1 Commission Meeting agenda. Please post this notice on all doors to the Auditorium.

If you have any questions, please call. Thanks for your help.

From the desk of...

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# Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

# NEWS RELEASE

James H. Jenkins Jr.  
Secretary



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97-91

4/25/97

## MAY COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULED

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14. Public comments.
15. Adjourn.

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April 22, 1997

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_



AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

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# State of Louisiana



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M.J. "Mike" Foster  
Governor

April 22, 1997

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission  
FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
SUBJECT: May Commission Meeting Agenda

The next regular Commission meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 1 1997, in Peltier Auditorium at Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA (see attached maps).

The following items will be discussed:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of April 3, 1997

## COMMISSIONER HANCHEY

3. Shell Dredging Lease Bid Package, Central Coast

## OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

4. Final Ratification - Experimental Dove Field Leasing Program
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## OFFICE OF FISHERIES

7. Declaration of Emergency - Set 1997 Spring Shrimp Season
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WINTON VIDRINE

9. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/April
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14. Public Comments

JHJ:sch

C: Clyde Kimball  
Ron Couvillion  
Johnnie Tarver  
John Roussel  
Craig Lamendola  
Don Puckett  
Dennis Kropog  
Division Chiefs

C O V E R



FAX

S H E E T

**To:** Danny Babin  
**Fax #:** 504-563-4202  
**Subject:** May Commission's Agenda  
**Date:** April 21, 1997  
**Pages:** 3, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

Please review the attached agenda for the May 1 Commission Meeting and let me know if okay.

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission  
FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
SUBJECT: May Commission Meeting Agenda

The next regular Commission meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 1 1997, at Nichols State University, Thibodaux, LA.

The following items will be discussed:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of April 3, 1997

COMMISSIONER HANCHEY

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OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

4. Final Ratification - Dove Field Leasing Program
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OFFICE OF FISHERIES

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WINTON VIDRINE

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M.J. "Mike" Foster  
Governor

April 3, 1997

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Deputy Secretary, Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-  
Office of Wildlife, Assistant Secretary-Office of  
Fisheries and ~~Confidential Assistant~~

FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr. *[Signature]* Secretary

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - May 1, 1997

Please write on the bottom of this memo and return to Susan Hawkins by Thursday, April 17th any agenda items your office may have for the Thursday, May 1st Commission Meeting to be held in Thibodaux, Louisiana, in Peltier Auditorium at Nichols State University. This meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on May 1st. If you do not have anything for the agenda, please return memo and indicate so on the bottom of this memo. We cannot add anything to the agenda that requires commission action after we have published the agenda in the state journal.

Resolutions and Notices of Intent should be included with the list of items to be placed on the agenda. Thank you for your cooperation!

JHJ/sch

cc: Commissioners  
Don Puckett  
Winton Vidrine ✓  
Hugh Bateman  
Bennie Fontenot  
Karen Foote  
Wynnette Kees  
Karl Turner  
Lyle Soniat  
James Manning

*Case Report!*  
*W.V.*  
*4/23/97*

# State of Louisiana



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SUSAN,

I need an item placed  
on the Agenda for  
Executive Session. The  
matter is St. of LA. v  
Justice Oil Co. Inc.  
#410-158 A 19th JDC  
Parish of E-B.R.

Discussion + possible  
Action on settlement proposals.

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~~Reconsideration~~  
Consideration  
to Change June  
1997 Meeting  
Date

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April 3, 1997

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deputy Secretary, Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-  
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FROM: James H. Jenkins, Secretary

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Wildlife Div. Agenda Items

- cc: Commissioners
- Don Puckett
- Winton Vidrine
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- Bennie Fontenot
- Karen Foote
- Wynnette Kees
- Karl Turner
- Lyle Soniat
- James Manning

- 1) Final Ratification of Rule on Dove Field-feeding Program - H. Bateman
- 2) Notice of Intent - INCREASE in Cost of Non-Resident La. Duck Stamp H. Bateman
- 3) Public Comment on 97-98 Resident Game Hunting Season Proposals

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April 3, 1997

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Deputy Secretary, Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-  
Office of Wildlife, Assistant Secretary-Office of  
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FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr. *[Signature]* Secretary

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TO:  
BLANCHET  
BOUDREAUX  
BOWMAN  
DUGAS  
HANIFEN  
SAVOIE  
SHEPARD  
Karpynak

*Circulate and return  
by April 15<sup>th</sup>*  
move Shell dredging lease  
move Bid package, Coastal  
Coast - Jerald Handley

move  
move ✓ Hot Spring Springs lawsuit  
move  
move

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EMERGENCY RULE: Black Bass Regulations, Daily Take & Size Limits, John K. Kelly Grand Bayou Reservoir

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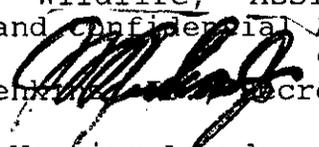
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